

TORNADO RAILED BY RUIN AND DEATH

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While northeastern Illinois sustained the principal damage, the tornado, in its freakish career, swept several Indiana towns, killing three persons at Zulu, Ind., causing the death of one man and the injury of several persons in St. Louis, and killing Mrs. Louis Brown at East Troy, Wis.

Country Reports Meager.

Reports from some of the country districts in Illinois and Indiana were meager and it was feared that the death toll would be considerably augmented when isolated rural communities were heard from.

Telephone, telegraph and power wires to nearly all towns in the storm's path were down, and many places were in darkness.

Outside of Chicago, Wauconda, McHenry, Woodstock, Algonquin and Marengo felt the full effect of the storm, but communication with them was cut off.

Edgerton, Ind., 15 miles from Fort Wayne, was reported virtually destroyed.

Several persons were said to have been injured at Ossian, Ind. Heavy property loss was caused in Evanston, Wilmette and other north shore suburbs, while Bellwood, Maywood, Edgemoor, Norwood Park and other villages west of Chicago were damaged.

No fatalities were reported from the latter places, but many were injured by the flying glass and timbers.

The tornado struck Elgin at noon and swept northeast into the Chicago territory through the suburbs, leaving a path of destruction 200 yards wide and a mile and a half long. In ten minutes 175 of the Chicago district were leveled and 400 were damaged.

Roofs Are Torn Ajar.

The wind tore into the business quarter of Melrose Park, ripping roofs from buildings, shattering windows and piling the streets with debris.

The church of the Sacred Heart was severely damaged. The church bell, weighing nearly a ton, was thrown 100 feet away.

The roof of the parish house adjoining was carried away and the house was injured by flying debris. Fire for a time threatened to add to the havoc, but the flames were confined to the wreckage.

The state hospital for the insane at Dunning on the edge of Chicago was converted into an emergency hospital and a place for the refuge of the homeless. More than 200 houses were destroyed at Dunning.

Medical Calls Pour In.

Calls for medical assistance from the suburbs poured into Chicago. Emergency Red Cross stations were established in several of the villages, and physicians and nurses from the municipal sanitarium were hurried to the stricken districts.

A swath 200 yards wide was torn through the main part of Wilmette, and property damage was estimated at near half a million. Among buildings damaged were the town hall and the Episcopal church.

A score of houses in Evanston were demolished, but no fatalities were reported.

The tornado was the first to strike Chicago since 1887, according to Henry J. Cox, weather forecaster for Chicago. The disturbance was a tornado and not a cyclone, he said, asserting that the town's water supply had been cut off and water had to be pumped from wells.

All villages swept by the storm were without fire protection. No electric current was available.

Railway Watchman Injured.

George Mix, a watchman at a railroad crossing in Wilmette, was severely injured when the storm lifted his abutment and rolled it for more than three blocks, carrying him as a prisoner.

One-half of the roof of St. Augustine's Episcopal church at Wilmette was carried more than three blocks by the wind. The parsonage nearby was not damaged.

F. A. Waldner, a Chicago commission merchant, lost trees valued at \$50,000. One of the queerest freaks of the storm occurred when a cow was blown into a haystack in North Evanston. The haystack had to be torn down to free the cow.

MINNESOTA WIRES ARE DOWN

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Wet, heavy snow, driven by a 50-miles-an-hour wind knocked down telephone and telegraph wires, especially in the vicinity of Litchfield, Montevideo, Willmar and Laverne. Five inches of snow was reported at Litchfield.

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Damage to Property Is Estimated at Millions.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 28.—At least 36 lives were lost, a hundred or more persons were injured and property damage possibly running into millions of dollars was caused by tornadoes that swept through Georgia and Alabama late today.

La Grange and West Point, Ga., towns near the Alabama-Georgia border, suffered the heaviest. Twenty-one bodies, six whites and 15 negroes, were found.

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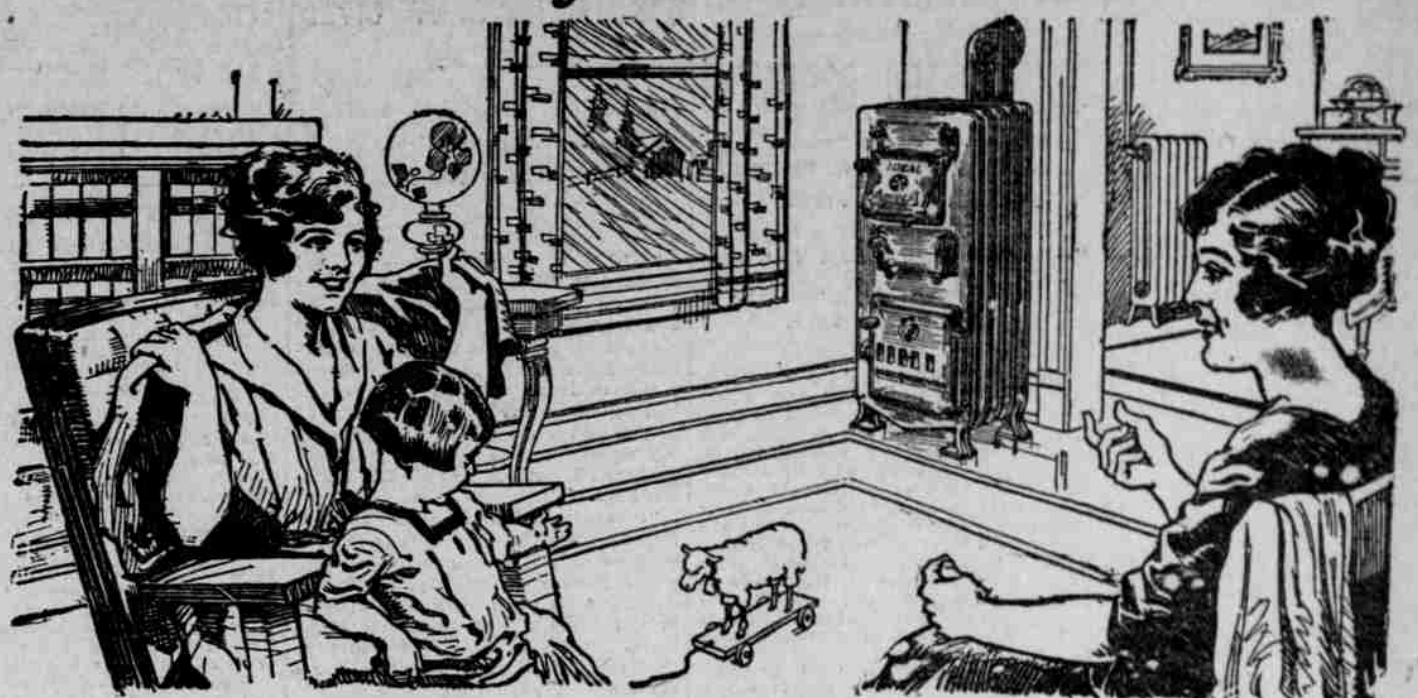
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"Conquest" Plans Received.
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