

STORMS AND FLOODS SWEEP INTO E-WEST

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More Than 100 Hurt.

HOUSES ARE DEMOLISHED

Heavy Rains Swell Streams and
Inundate Vast Area of Rich
Agricultural Lands.

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The death and property toll may be higher. The heavy rains continued all over the state today and in more than a dozen instances high winds developed into tornadoes, leaving death and ruin in their wake.

Relief was being rushed to stricken districts tonight. Most of the damage was in rural districts. Buildings and trees fell before heavy winds. There was scarcely an Indiana stream within its banks tonight. Flood stages equalling the high marks of 1913 were reported from several points.

Two belts were struck by the tornadoes. In southern Indiana there was no loss of life. North of Indianapolis, however, from Danville, Ill., to Summitville, Ind., two distinct tornadoes caused a severe loss of life.

Reports of Indiana death reaching here tonight were as follows:
Hedrick (Warren county) 8, Williamsport (Warren county) 4, Jasper county 1, Alexander (Madison county) 2, Creston (Madison county) 1, one drowning at Noblesville and one drowning at Hammond.

HEDRICK, IND., HAS TWISTER

Sloan Also Is in Path of Tornado.
Many Persons Injured.

LA FAYETTE, Ind., April 17.—Late reports from Hedrick indicate that the death toll of the tornado had been raised to 10 and that at least 100 were seriously injured in Hedrick and Sloan, a small town northeast of Hedrick. Several others were reported dead and many injured at farmhouses within a five-mile radius of Hedrick.

Two women were killed and an unidentified man was injured probably fatally in Newton county.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., April 17.—Reports from Newton, Ill., told of the death of one man and serious injury to a number of persons in a tornado which swept northern Jasper county at 2 o'clock this morning. Loss of livestock and property was roughly estimated at \$75,000.

WILLIAMSPORT, Ind., April 17.—Three persons were killed and 17 were reported seriously injured in two tornadoes which struck near Hedrick, Ind., this afternoon.

The first tornado came at 2:30 o'clock and before residents had time to recover a second tornado as fierce as the first struck the town and countryside at 4 o'clock. Property damage was heavy.

Reports here of the tornado were meager. All wires were down and roads were virtually impassable. Railroad service has been suspended. It was reported.

RELIEF WORKERS ARE BUSY

Homeless and Injured Cared For
Following Tornado.

IRVINGTON, Ill., April 17.—Relief workers from Centralia and surrounding towns, including a corps of Red Cross workers, were here tonight caring for homeless and injured persons following the tornado early today, which practically erased this town from the map. Four persons are dead and about 40 others are seriously injured, according to a check-up by relief workers.

Damage caused by the tornado is estimated at approximately \$200,000 in this town of about 100 homes and business houses, and where the tornado cut a path through Marion, Washington and Johnson counties.

The scene here tonight was one of desolation. Half of the homes have been demolished. A strip of more than 25 miles long and about 100 yards wide was swept clean by the twister, which flattened itself to the earth and shattered everything in its course.

Transportation by road is practically at a standstill due to the torrential rains which followed the tornado.

AID RUSHED TO SUFFERERS

Frantic Appeals From Stricken
Districts Get Response.

CHICAGO, April 17.—Aid for the storm and flood victims of Illinois, Indiana, and Missouri was being rushed tonight by the central division of the Red Cross in answer to frantic appeals from the stricken districts.

All residents of Naples, Ill., have been driven from their homes by the rising waters, according to reports received today, and most of them have taken refuge in tents and burlap.

Fifty tents have been sent to Cairo and conveyed to the northern section of the city where many homes are submerged. Prisoners in the city jail helped to set up the tents for the sufferers, using the doors from grain cars for floors.

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Farmers in Illinois Are Forced to
Abandon Homes.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 17.—Flood conditions along the Illinois river

APPLY SULPHUR TO HEAL UP YOUR SKIN

Broken Out Skin and Itching Eczema
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For unsightly skin eruptions, rash or blotches on face, neck, arms or body, you do not have to wait for relief from torture or embarrassment. declares a noted skin specialist. Apply a little Mentho-Sulphur and improvement shows next day.

Because of its germ-destroying properties, nothing has ever been found to take the place of this sulphur preparation. The moment you apply it healing begins. Only those who have had unsightly skin troubles can know the relief this Mentho-Sulphur brings. Even fiery, itching eczema is soothed right up.

Get a small jar from any good druggist and use it like cold cream—adv.

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