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TORNADO AND CYCLONE SWEEP THE MIDDLE WEST

BETWEEN 100 AND 200 DEAD AND 1,000 INJURED IN CYCLONE

OMAHA MAYOR SAYS 200 ARE DEAD AND OVER 700 INJURED

FIFTY MAY BE KILLED IN AND NEAR TERRE HAUTE, IND.

STORM ESTIMATES

ASSOCIATED PRESS OFFICE, OMAHA (telephone to Sioux City) March 24.—At noon reliable reports gave the number of dead as ninety with 240 injured. More than 150 residences were destroyed and 250 badly damaged.

CHICAGO, March 24.—The Western Union was advised by the Omaha office that the damage from the tornado was more than \$2,000,000 and that more than 100 lives were lost.

LATEST ESTIMATE.

(By Associated Press.) OMAHA, March 24.—An estimate at 3 o'clock this afternoon gives the death list from last night's storm at 140 with 240 injured. It is thought that 350 houses were demolished and a total of 1250 buildings damaged.

OMAHA, March 24.—Fully one hundred killed, twice that number probably injured and hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of property destroyed briefly tells the story of the tornado which swept through Omaha and its suburbs at 6 o'clock last evening, over an almost straight path from four to six blocks wide and more than eight miles long.

It was by far the most appalling catastrophe that ever has passed Omaha. Throughout the stricken district the streets are filled with masses of debris from wrecked buildings and uprooted trees and tangled electric wires making street car service impossible, wagon and auto travel almost so, and offering serious obstacles to pedestrians.

The list of known dead although already a long one, is believed by those who have been over a good portion of the devastated territory to be but a beginning.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 24.—One hundred are dead and twice as many more were injured, some fatally, by a death-dealing tornado which devastated Omaha and its environs early last night.

From 30 to 40 blocks of the residence section are said to have been swept by the storm, killing and injuring people by hundreds and leaving hundreds of wrecked residences in the path of the storm.

The villages of Benson, Dundee and Florence, suburbs of Omaha, were wiped out.

Rain after the tornado was all that saved the wreckage and bodies beneath it from being burned.

Governor Morehead has ordered several companies of militia to Omaha to prevent looting. The governor himself left for Omaha in a special train at once.

One railroad wire was left standing and this was not available for press reports and it is therefore impossible to give any details of the exact situation, but the railroad people admit the situation is very grave. Passengers arriving here say the hospitals are full of injured.

Many towns in Iowa, Nebraska, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa were hit by cyclones and the loss of life will probably exceed 200 with property losses totalling millions.

OMAHA, (via long distance telephone to Denver.)—March 24.—Omaha and vicinity was swept by two distinct wind storms late yesterday, both of cyclonic intensity, which spread death and destruction in their wakes.

Fires which broke out in many of the wrecked buildings added to the horrors. At 8 a. m., the best available figures place the number of dead between 100 and 200, with not less than 1,000 injured.

OMAHA, March 24.—The first and principle storm struck Ralston, three miles south of Omaha, shortly before 6 last evening and moved in a northeasterly direction through the main portion of the city, leaving in its wake death and destruction.

Diamond theater, a moving picture show.

Between forty and fifty negroes were killed in the wreck of a pool hall nearby.

The well defined path of the storm ended at Carter Lake, near the Missouri river, north of the city.

To add to the horrors fires broke out in many wrecked buildings. The streets were littered with debris and were practically impassable for fire apparatus and the fires burned themselves out, except in instances where the flames were brought under control by volunteer "bucket brigades."

The second storm swept across the Missouri river at about 6.20, doing considerable damage at Council Bluffs. The known dead in Council Bluffs is nine and a score were injured. A heavy rain storm saved a large portion of the city from burning, quenching fires which could not be put out by the department of bucket brigades.

The police were unable to properly protect the stricken district and soldiers from Fort Omaha were called out. The town is practically under martial law.

The villages of Benson, Dundee and Florence, suburbs of Omaha, were practically wiped out. It is said.

Only the fact that a heavy rain fell saved the mass of wreckage and many bodies from burning.

The Webster street telephone station which contained a score of girls was struck and in a moment twisted down. Several girls were killed and many injured.

Governor Morehead has arrived on a special train.

At Ralston ten or more persons are dead.

The worst damage was done and the heaviest toll of lives occurred in the western part of Omaha.

In the vicinity of Twenty-fourth and Lake streets and from there northeast to Sixteenth and Binney streets is a residence district and the destruction there was tremendous. Whole blocks of homes were picked up and dashed into a shapeless mass. Street cars were hurled from the tracks and demolished. Bemis Park, one of the best residence districts in Omaha, was razed and fires completed the destruction.

A garage at Fortieth and Farnum streets was destroyed and a large strip of territory east of that corner was seriously damaged.

The Illinois Central bridge over the Missouri river was destroyed.

Only a few names of the known dead and injured are available.

CONTAGION IS FEARED.

U. S. Health Department Offers Assistance.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Surgeon General Blue of the Public Health Service, has ordered Surgeon J. O. Cobb of the United States Marine hospital in Chicago, to hold himself in readiness to go to Omaha to assist the health authorities in preventing the spread of disease which might follow the disaster there.

LANGFORD AND M'VEY A DRAW

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SYDNEY, N. S. W., March 24.—Johnny Summers of England knocked out Frank Picato of Los Angeles in the nineteenth round of a twenty round go here.

OMAHA, March 24.—Governor Morehead, Mayor Dahlman and Police Commissioner Ryder stated at noon today that at least 200 were killed in yesterday evening's storm.

The list of injured is expected to reach seven hundred. Many persons are missing.

Mayor Dahlman issued the following proclamation: "To the People of Omaha: A great calamity has struck our city. Many lives and homes have been destroyed. The authorities, with the assistance of Major C. F. Hartman of Fort Omaha, with 200 troops, are doing all that can be done to guard the property and res-

CHICAGO IS STORM SWEEPED

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) CHICAGO, March 24.—One person is known to have been killed and 87 injured, a few seriously, in a wind and rain storm that swept this city this morning. Fully a score of houses were blown over and others moved from their foundations. Roofs and porches were torn off.

In several instances lightning set fire to structures. Many reports of missing persons have been received at police headquarters.

RELATIVES ON BAY ANXIOUS

A large number of Coos Bay people are eagerly awaiting advices from the storm swept district in Nebraska, Iowa, Indiana and Illinois. All day The Times has been besieged by telephone inquiries, following the extra issued this morning, which gave a brief account of it.

Mrs. Charles La Chapelle of South Broadway has a brother in Omaha.

Mrs. Hugh Sneddon of South Broadway has a brother-in-law and sister in Omaha and her folks live at Elba, Neb., about 50 miles from there.

Rev. R. E. Browning's brother, Harry Browning, who visited here a few years ago, is in Omaha, having charge of the street car advertising agency there.

W. E. Kohn of the local railway and now acting agent at Coquille is from near Omaha.

Supt. W. F. Miller was formerly stationed near Omaha on the Union Pacific.

H. J. Mohr of the local railway is from near Omaha.

E. J. Morrow of Omaha, who is in the city on business, was greatly interested and somewhat worried over the cyclone news from that section. His wife and three grown children are at his home in Omaha. His alarm was increased when one of the Associated Press dispatches to The Times told of thirty being killed in Bemis Park. Mr. Morrow's home being just three blocks from the stricken section of the city. He is now anxiously awaiting a telegram from home telling him that his loved ones are safe and unharmed. He also has a brother and sister and other relatives living in different parts of the city.

Mr. Morrow stated that the home of Thos. I. Nolan of Omaha, well known in Marshfield, is on the high hill just west of Dundee, which has been reported wiped out in the Associated Press dispatches to The Times.

The news of the storm brought much anxiety to Harry Kimball of Bradshaw and Kimball, whose parents live in Creighton, Nebraska, a short distance north of Omaha. He is expecting a telegram momentarily from his father telling of the extent of the storm. Mr. Kimball says he will try and bring them to God's country on Coos Bay so they may spend their final days without fear of cyclones.

Mrs. C. Syme, another visitor in the city, is anxiously awaiting detail news of the storm, as her parents and other relatives are living at Osceola, Nebraska.

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cuing the dead and injured.

"It will be necessary to patrol this district, which extends over several miles of territory, until matters can be adjusted so that property may be protected and men have an opportunity to clear the wreckage. No one will be allowed inside of these lines unless properly authorized, so I will call on the public generally to be patient. Thousands of volunteers are doing all they can. I appeal to the people in this hour of distress to house and feed all needy until other arrangements can be made.

(Signed) "JAMES C. DAHLMAN, Mayor."

TROOPS GUARD STORM PATH

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) OMAHA, March 24.—After visiting the scene of the storm, Governor Morehead issued orders for the mobilization of three companies of militia from outside the city. The local companies are already at work assisting the police and regular soldiers from Fort Crook, together with the city firemen in work of rescue. Three hundred regulars were called out. Just as soon as the enormity of the disaster was understood by citizens here a relief fund was started and within an hour thousands of dollars were contributed.

Public buildings were thrown open as a place of refuge for sufferers. The commodious rooms of the Commercial club were thus utilized. Nearly every home within a dozen miles of the stricken district was filled with unfortunates. All the hospitals in three cities, Omaha, South Omaha and Council Bluffs are crowded to capacity and in many of them the halls and corridors are filled with cots.

Morgues and hospitals were besieged all day by friends and relatives of the dead and injured and others who made frantic efforts to learn the fate of missing loved ones.

Although a line of soldiers and police was thrown around the path of the storm soon after it had passed, much looting is reported.

THREE KILLED IN MISSOURI

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) ST. JOSEPH, Mo., March 24.—The village of Flag Shrine, north of here, was practically demolished by a tornado last night, according to reports here. There were three deaths.

NEBRASKA TOWN HIT.

Two Known Dead at Yutan and List May Reach 15.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) YUTAN, Neb., March 24.—Two are known to be dead and it is believed that the death list will reach 15 here.

The storm broke with such suddenness that residents were unprepared to seek shelter and safety in cellars. A relief train with physicians arrived from Lincoln and returned with some of the injured.

It is rumored that Berlin, a village fifty miles south of Omaha was also wiped out.

RED CROSS AID.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, March 24.—Ernest P. Byckne, director of the American National Red Cross society, has telegraphed Governor Morehead of Nebraska tendering the services of the red cross.

Byckne also wired other towns where the storm reported caused loss of life, tendering assistance.

He planned to send relief trains to Omaha with nurses and doctors as soon as possible.

RAY PENNOCK, son of Justice Pennock, arrived here today on the Breakwater from Portland and will make his home here, probably. He has been absent from the Bay for about ten years. He is a plumber. He says that while Portland is growing, the influx of workmen has been great and there are two men for every job. His family will arrive later.

FIRE ADDS TO STORM HORROR

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) CHICAGO, March 24.—An official dispatch to the Burlington road from Omaha, received this afternoon, placed the number of buildings destroyed at 100 and states that six fires, four of them under control, were raging in Omaha when the message was filed. The report puts the number of dead at 75 and the injured at several hundred.

GALESBURG IS HIT.

Several Buildings Demoralized But No One Injured.

PEORIA, Ill., March 24.—A tornado struck Galesburg, Illinois, today. Several dwellings were demolished, but no one was injured.

WILSON TENDERS SERVICES.

President Wires Sympathy to Mayor Dahlman of Omaha.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—President Wilson telegraphed Mayor J. C. Dahlman of Omaha as follows: "I am deeply distressed at the news received from Nebraska. Can we help any way?"

HORTON FAMILY NOT INJURED

The anxiety felt over the possible fate of M. C. Horton and family in the storm last Thursday, which was reported to have done great damage at their new home, Poplar Bluff, Mo., was relieved this morning by the receipt of the following telegram from John Ferguson from Mr. Horton.

"Family all well. No loss of life, but considerable property damage, mostly in the country. Reports are greatly exaggerated."

Mr. Ferguson wired Mr. Horton Saturday night but owing to the wires being down, the message was delayed and the answer not received until today.

That the family escaped injury will be the source of much relief to the many friends here.

ELIOT DECLINES POST.

President of Harvard Does Not Want to Be Ambassador to Great Britain.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Official announcement was made at the White House today that President Eliot of Harvard has declined Wilson's offer of ambassador to Great Britain. Eliot wired his thanks and said that he thought he could be more service to his country at home, working in a familiar field than abroad.

GIFT TO TAFT.

Augusta Boy Scouts Present Knife to Former President.

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 24.—The Boy Scouts of Augusta presented former President Taft with a gold knife. Taft expressed deep appreciation of the gift and told the committee that he would be back here next March to see how they were progressing.

PATROL FOR ICEBERGS.

England Will Have Vessel Guard North Atlantic Steamship Route.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—The United States probably will not patrol the North Atlantic steamship line for icebergs in view of the action of the British Board of Trade and the British steamship interests in sending the whaler Scotia for patrol duty. The New York Maritime exchange strongly urged the Treasury Department to assign revenue cutters to the work, but Secretary McAdoo thinks the British action is sufficient.

COOS TAX PAYMENT.

Deputy Sheriff Gage on Tuesday turned over to County Treasurer Dimmick \$75,000 of tax collections, making a total of \$126,000 turned over to date.—Coquille Sentinel.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 24.—Twenty-four victims of the tornado which swept the southern part of Terre Haute and Vigo county late last night have been identified today. More than 75 have been injured and are being cared for in improvised hospitals. Several bodies are expected to be found in the ruins of 200 homes which were destroyed by the storm when they were cleared away. At the request of Mayor Gerardt, Governor Ralston today ordered out Company B of the Indiana National Guards to patrol the devastated district and help in the rescue work.

It may be several days before the exact number of dead will be known as many are believed to be buried in the ruins of their homes. The property loss will exceed half a million.

In addition to destroying about 300 homes in the south portion of Terre Haute, Prairieton, a small town six miles south of here was destroyed and intervening territory devastated.

The injured will number 300 at least, many of whom are in a serious condition. The hospitals are filled to their capacity.

On Voorhees, between Third and Fifth streets, every house was leveled to the ground. When the ambulances and autos which were pressed into service reached the devastated district, the injured had to be carried two blocks because of the debris which blocked the streets.

Crossed wires and lightning started fires throughout the debris but they were quenched by the heavy rain.

STORM LOSS HEAVY

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) CHICAGO, March 22.—It is estimated that the damage to the wires from the storm will aggregate \$2,000,000, the heaviest loss telegraph and telephone companies have suffered in storms in the last five years.

OPEN BATTLE AT CANANEA

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NACO, Mexico, March 24.—The state troops under General Obregon and Colonel Cabral attacked the American mining town of Cananea this morning, according to advices received here. The attack was made simultaneously from two directions with artillery and hand grenades.

The federal garrison of 350 men entrenched in an old packing plant and withstood the first assault.

Reports reaching here state that approximately 2000 working men who have been thrown out of work by the closing of the Cananea Consolidated Copper Co.'s plant, are preparing to engage in the struggle in behalf of the state troops.

FIGHT CONTINUES.

The fighting continued into the afternoon and the federals returned the fire with spirit. There was no perceptible advantage on either side. Idle miners remained under cover and although many of them were armed, they did not participate in the fight. The barracks and packing plant where the federals are fortified are withstanding well the artillery and rifle fire of the constitutionalists. Although the attackers numbered about 1000, Colonel Moreno boldly met the assault with only 350 federal regulars. All the American miners were removed to places of safety. Most of the foreign women and children were sent to the border last week.

FIGHT IN MEXICO.

General Ojeda and State Troops Meet Near Naco.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) NACO, Ariz., March 22.—The combined state troops forces began at noon today to move against Naco, Sonora. Following his precedent of last week, General Ojeda at once left the border town and set out to meet the enemy. His ranks are depleted by desertions and the Huerta Commander has no more than 350 men, while the four groups of state troops aggregate 1600 men.