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EXTRA! EXTRA! FIFTY MAY BE KILLED IN THE COOS BAY TIMES BULLETIN AND NEAR TERRA HAUTE, IOWA

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

Terrific loss of Life and Property in Omaha, Nebr. in Tornado Last Night—Many Towns in Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, Illinois and Indiana Destroyed.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

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 hundreds by hundreds and leaving hundreds of wrecked residences in the path of the storm.

A train which pulled into Omaha at 6 o'clock took aboard the dead bodies and many of the injured.

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.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

OMAHA, March 24.—The first and fiercest 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. The storm's path was eight miles long and from four to six

blocks wide, and lay just north of the business district and included two of the fashionable residence sections known as West Farnam and Bemis Park. Practically all the buildings in this district were demolished. According to the best available figures, thirty persons were killed in the collapse of the 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

Large Section of Residence Section Devastated and Many Nearby Towns Affected—Lightning Starts Many Fires But Heavy Rain Extinguishes Them.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

TERRA HAUTE, Ind., March 24.—With a known death list of sixteen, reports brought by messengers on horseback from the south part of Vigo county indicate dearly today that the toll of the tornado which struck here yesterday would be increased to fifty.

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 200 homes in the south portion of Terre Haute, Princeton, 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.

GALESBURG IS HIT.

Several Buildings Demoralized But No One Injured.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

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

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 Farnam 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.

WILSON TENDERS SERVICE

President Wives Sympathy to Dablman of Omaha.
WASHINGTON, March 24.—President Wilson telegraphed Mrs. C. Dahlman of Omaha as follows: "I am deeply distressed at the news received from Nebraska. Can I help in any way?"

NEBRASKA TOWN HIT. Two Known Dead at Yutan and May Reach 15.

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 denness that residents were compelled to seek shelter and cellars. A relief train with doctors arrived from Lincoln and turned with some of the injured.

It is rumored that Bertha, a large fifty miles south of Omaha also wiped out.

RED CROSS AID.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Dr. P. Bycknel, director of American National Red Cross, has telegraphed Governor Morehead of Nebraska tendering the services of the Red Cross.

Bycknel also wired other states where the storm resulted in loss of life, tendering assistance.

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

OMAHA MAYOR SAYS 200 DEAD

OMAHA, March 24.—Mayor Morehead, Mayor Dahlman, Police Commissioner Ryder and others today that at least 200 were killed in yesterday evening's storm. The list of injured is expected to reach seven hundred. Many are missing.

Mayor Dahlman issued a proclamation: "To the People of Omaha: A great calamity has befallen our city. Many lives and homes have been destroyed. The storm, with the assistance of Major Hartman of Fort Omaha, and his troops, are doing all that can be done to guard the property of the dead and injured."