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WIPES OUT A TOWN GUINNESS HORROR

Tornado Practically Wipes Out the Town of Bellevue

SEVERAL OTHERS DEVASTATED

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SPRINGFIELD, Neb., May 12.—A tornado late today wrecked the towns of Louisville, Bellevue and Richfield and killed several persons and injured large numbers. The heaviest losses of life and injured are reported from Louisville, the junction point of the Missouri-Pacific and the Burlington Railroads in Cass county. The number of deaths is unknown and no names have been secured, but it is said that between 40 and 60 are injured, many seriously and some fatally. The town of Bellevue is declared practically wiped out, but it is not known that there are any fatalities. Bellevue is the seat of the Presbyterian College.

LINCOLN, May 12.—It is difficult to get any definite news out of Louisville. Reports are to the effect that the town was blown away and the people panic stricken. The Burlington station was torn to bits, most of the business houses were wrecked and 30 residences destroyed. The Missouri Pacific station is standing but both telegraph and telephone wires are down. There were four distinct tornado clouds seen at Springfield. They made their appearance shortly before 5 o'clock. Heavy damage is done in the country and it is feared there is some loss of life. Dispatches received at Lincoln say that there were severe storms along the Missouri River further south at Nemaha City and Falls City.

OMAHA, May 12.—Twelve persons are known to have lost their lives and a score were injured by the tornado which swept over the northern part of Sarpy county at 5 o'clock this afternoon. The storm which gained velocity on its way south started in Omaha about 4:30. At Bellevue the college buildings are damaged to the extent of \$50,000 and several persons were injured none fatally. The storm then moved to Louisville, Litchfield and Springfield where the principal damage and loss of life occurred.

The storm was the most severe that ever struck Eastern Nebraska. At Bellevue the panic stricken students ran to the basement and in this way many fatalities were probably averted. Following south the tornado struck Fort Crook damaging several barrack buildings but nobody was injured. In the town of Fort Crook, however, a number of buildings were wrecked and other damage done.

CONTRACT DENIED.

New York Times Will Not Show the Committee Their Contract.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—The case of the newspaper publishers has been presented to a special committee of the house investigating the wood pulp and print paper question. When the committee adjourned today John Norris, the representative of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association announced that he had finished his statement, but will be on the stand tomorrow as members of the committee desire to question him. The next witnesses to be examined will probably be the paper manufacturers. Norris today described the International Paper Company and claimed the cost of manufacture of

Physicians' Reports Given to a Coroner's Jury

CONTRADICTORY HAPPENINGS

Substantial Progress Was Made Towards Bringing the Case to a State Where it Will be Transferred to the Courts.

LA PORTE, May 12.—The evidence to establish the identity of the three additional victims of Mrs. Guinness was the most positive development of the day filled with contradictory happenings. Both the prosecution and the defense received setbacks from discoveries and revelations but on the whole substantial progress was made toward bringing the case to a state where it will be transferred to the courts. The reports of the four physicians who conducted the post mortem examinations on the bodies found in the ruins of the Guinness home were given to a coroner's jury this morning. They failed to establish the manner in which the women and three children met their death and it is probable that the coroner's jury will return an open verdict regarding them. The procedure in Indiana does not provide for the coroner's juries to consider the individual conclusions of Dr. Mack.

CHICAGO, May 12.—A despatch to the Tribune from LaPorte, Ind., says: A complete solution of the mysteries of the Guinness murder farm is expected within 48 hours. The officials who have been conducting the search for the victims of the house of many deaths practically admitted this fact yesterday.

They refused, however, to make known their purposes further than to say that the final step may be taken today or tomorrow at the latest.

The mystery surrounding four of the fourteen deaths which are known to have occurred at the place is cleared by the allegation that Pay Lamphere, the farm hand prisoner in the county jail set fire to the home of Mrs. Bella Guinness on the morning of April 28 and thereby caused the death of the widow and the three children.

For this, if proven guilty, he is liable, under the provisions of the Indiana state laws, to conviction for murder in the first degree as well as for arson. Indictments against him upon both these charges will be asked of the grand jury on Wednesday.

As to the manner of death of the ten murdered persons whose bodies were uncovered in a little patch of ground guarded by closely woven wire netting the silence of the officers in response to queries as to the arrest of one or more accomplices provides the only answer.

That the victims came to their death through the administration of a deadly amount of chloral has been proven. The places at which the drug was purchased during the last eight years have been found.

That the inanimate corpses then were dismembered either in a chamber of horrors on the second floor of the Guinness home or in the basement has been shown to the satisfaction of the investigators. Two knives, one a six inch dagger and the other a needle-pointed double razor edged surgeon's knife, have found in the ruins.

paper was greater under the consolidation than under the individual ownership of the paper mills.

The contract which the New York Times has with the paper company was denied to the committee and in this connection Chairman Mann took occasion to state that while newspapers are insisting on speedy action

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by Congress, a great majority of the larger papers are showing a disinclination to furnish the committee the necessary information upon which to base any just conclusions. This raised the question in his mind, he said, whether the papers are not well satisfied with the contracts they now have and are putting up this request as matter of bluff.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 12.—James W. Treadwell, a director and the controlling spirit of the defunct California Safe Deposit & Trust Co. was indicted today on a charge of perjury. His indictment was brought about by the testimony given by J. Dalzell Brown. Treadwell swore before a previous grand jury that he knew nothing about the hypothecation of the Colton securities. Brown gave information to the contrary.

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