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THOUSANDS HOMELESS IN OHIO, INDIANA FLOODS

Tornado Kills 15 in Illinois Town; Rains Following Cyclone Cause Millions Loss

DAYTON UNDER 5 FEET OF WATER; LEVEES BREAK; 10,000 FAMILIES HOMELESS IN INDIANA TOWNS; SEVEN DIE IN WATERS AT DELAWARE, OHIO, DISASTER

MIAMI RIVER CUTS OFF DAYTON WHEN LEVEE GOES; LOSS UNKNOWN

Believed That Some Were Drowned Although Timely Warning Saved Thousands.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Columbus, Ohio, March 25.—Governor Cox issued the following statement this afternoon:

"Stupendous steps must be taken by the state after the water subsides to alleviate the suffering of thousands in Ohio. The suffering for want of food, clothes and homes promises to be terrible.

"From reports reaching me I judge the situation is worse at Dayton, Sydney and Fiqua. We are doing all possible to rush supplies to these points from nearby cities."

Mayor Heer of Middletown, Ohio, today wired Mayor Hunt of Cincinnati to rush boats on a special train, adding: "Do it quick, as necessary to save lives." The special train was sent at once.

Through Safety Director Cash of Cincinnati, the Chamber of Commerce at Hamilton, Ohio, today asked that Governor Cox be requested to order a battalion of militia to Hamilton. That body also adopted a resolution asking Governor Cox to declare Hamilton under martial law.

Three bridges over the Miami river at Hamilton have collapsed. A bill appropriating \$100,000 for the relief of the flood sufferers was introduced into the Ohio legislature today. It is estimated that there are 5000 people homeless in the state.

Dayton Facing Ruin. (United Press Leased Wire.) Phoneton, Ohio, March 25.—(Six miles north of Dayton.)—Almost the entire city of Dayton is under from two to seven feet of water as the result of the breaking of a levee on the Miami river. Thousands have been forced to flee and

THOUSANDS FLEE AS STREAMS OVERFLOW; MANY ARE DROWNED

Akron Under Water; 700 Are Driven Out of Mount Vernon; Traffic Abandoned.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Cleveland, Ohio, March 25.—Washouts are reported everywhere, and all interurban and railroad traffic is at a standstill.

The Cuyahoga river is badly swollen. In Muskingum county a boy was drowned while attempting to ford the stream in a buggy.

Police Captain McGowan was drowned at Findlay while trying to rescue marooned families in the low lying districts. Two feet of water is reported in several Findlay districts.

At Cincinnati, Valentine Boeh, 22 years old, was drowned in the Miami and Erie canal.

The Scioto river at Columbus is far above the flood stage, and is rising rapidly. Scores of factories are closed. More than 500 residents were forced to abandon their homes at Akron today. Several parts of the city are under water.

Seven hundred families were driven from their homes at Mount Vernon when the Kookosing river broke through the dike.

Hears Disaster Rumor.

Cleveland, Ohio, March 25.—The offices of the Big Four railroad talked for a few moments this afternoon with Springfield, Ohio. The operator at Springfield said many persons had met death in Dayton. It is not known where the operator got his information, as the wire broke before this could be learned.

Many Towns Flooded.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 25.—Half a dozen towns north of here are inundated. Youngstown, Meadville and Newcastle are flooded, and the industrial plants there are closed.

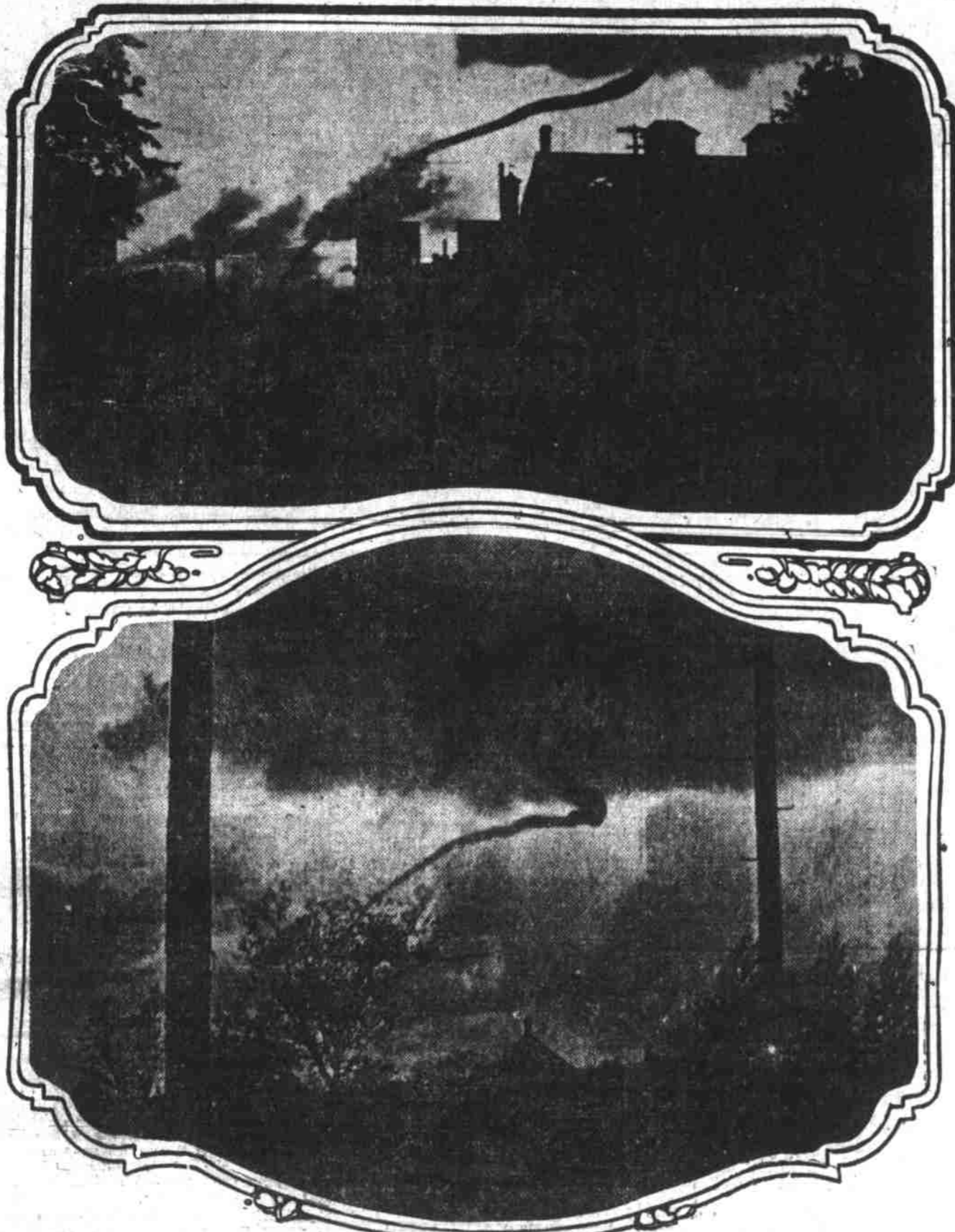
State Reservoir Breaks.

Akron, Ohio, March 25.—Akron's business section will be flooded if the banks of Long lake burst. They already are brimming over, through receiving a great torrent from the state reservoir south of Akron, which already has broken.

Desert Their Homes.

Middletown, Ohio, March 25.—Residents of more than 200 houses had deserted their homes here at noon and were fleeing for safety before the rapidly rising waters of the Miami river. Dayton, it is reported here, is sure to be deluged.

PRAIRIE CYCLONES LOOK LIKE THIS



Remarkable pictures of an actually approaching cyclone, taken during a great storm in southern Minnesota. The Nebraska cyclone Sunday night resembled this. During a cyclone the air becomes black with dust.

PORTLAND'S PURSE IS OPEN AND WAITING A CALL FROM OMAHA

Chamber of Commerce, Commercial Club, and Mayor Ready to Extend Aid.

With purse open, Portland today is awaiting replies from stricken Omaha as to what measures of relief are needed. Immediately upon the receipt of telegraphic information yesterday giving an idea of the immensity of the disaster, telegrams were sent to the Omaha Chamber of Commerce and Mayor Dahlman, from the Portland Chamber of Commerce, the Commercial club and Mayor Rushlight, offering to forward money or do whatever is wished to allay suffering and want.

Up to noon today no replies had been received here to these messages, but it is anticipated that there will be soon. Should Omaha ask for aid, President Averill of the chamber of commerce said today that a relief bureau will be organized and money raised along the same lines as was followed in 1905, when the chamber raised \$245,000 for the relief of the fire and earthquake victims of San Francisco.

Mayor Rushlight said he would take the matter up with the city council at its meeting tomorrow, provided Omaha asks for relief, with a view of securing an appropriation to forward to Omaha. "I have talked with the majority of councilmen and they feel as I do, that we have a right to appropriate funds under such distressing circumstances as this," said the mayor.

President Piper of the Commercial club said the club stands ready to extend whatever aid it can also in event it is needed, and he wired this in effect to Mayor Dahlman yesterday.

Scores of local Nebraskans who have relatives and friends residing in Omaha were relieved of anxiety regarding their fate today by the receipt of telegrams from Omaha advising them of their safety.

Yesterday the wires of the telegraph

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Facts About Dayton, O.

Four streams come together at Dayton, Ohio, the great Miami and Mad rivers, and Stillwater and Wolf creeks. They form the Miami river.

By the 1910 census, Dayton is given a population of 116,577 persons. The city of Dayton is the county seat of Montgomery county, and is 67 miles southwest of Columbus and 60 miles north of Cincinnati. It has an area of 10 1/2 square miles.

Dayton is one of the older cities of the United States. Laid out in 1795 by General Isaac Ludlow, it was named after General Jonathan Dayton. The first real settlement of the townsite began in 1796. It is the third largest manufacturing city in Ohio.

In 1905, based on government figures, the value of its product was \$60,378,000. Situated in the fertile Miami valley, it is the marketing point for great crops annually of corn, wheat, tobacco, and is a shipping center for much livestock.

The people of the city have sought to minimize the flood danger by building many miles of storm sewers. Figures compiled several years ago gave the town 67.9 miles of these storm sewers.

Dayton's manufacturing interests are widely diversified. One of the big plants there is the National Cash Register company. Its manufacturing establishments likewise include plants for making railroad cars, water wheels, agricultural implements, sewing machines and foundries. Many of these plants are so large that they employ from 500 to 2500 persons.

Dayton is a large railroad center, especially for electric interurban lines. Nine of these lines, with a total mileage of 285 miles, radiate from the city. It is also situated on the main line of a large railroad system, and 125 trains enter the city daily. In 1910 its clearing house transactions aggregated \$111,063,109, and its internal revenue receipts amount to about \$3,000,000 annually. There are estimated to be 20,000 homes in the city.

Dayton is a city noted for its culture as well as its industrial accomplishments. It had the first library incorporated in Ohio, which was established in 1805. There are five daily newspapers and 17 church and other publications published in the city.

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DOCK COMMISSION IN SESSION CONSIDERING PROPOSED BOND ISSUE

\$1,250,000 Issue May Be Authorized to Run 30 Years; To Condemn Property.

For the purpose of taking up the question of issuing \$1,250,000 bonds to secure funds to defray the cost of constructing municipal docks and paying for dock properties that will be condemned, the commission of public docks is holding a meeting in its offices in the Worcester building this afternoon. There is every prospect that the bonds will be authorized. They will run for 30 years and draw 4 1/2 per cent interest annually.

This afternoon's meeting follows a decision of the commission made last night to condemn the Martin dock property, at the foot of Seventeenth street, adjoining the west side slip of the Lower Albina ferry, and release the American Can company's property at the foot of Fourteenth street from further proceedings in connection with a condemnation suit filed against it by the commission several months ago.

The Martin dock site is owned by the Martin estate and a strip of it, having a frontage of about 60 feet on the Willamette river, by the Northern Pacific Terminal company.

Assessed at \$78,000.

In all it has a frontage of approximately 390 feet on the river, and extends back to Front street, a distance of about 400 feet. It is assessed at \$200 per front foot, giving it an assessed valuation of practically \$78,000. The site at present is occupied by the North Pacific Steamship company's dock and warehouses and the dock and warehouses of the International Harvester company.

The commission already has filed condemnation suits against the Star Sand company's property and the holdings of the Pacific Milling & Elevator company, adjoining, and with all three properties condemned the city will come into possession of lands giving it a frontage of something over 1800 feet on the river.

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NEW CYCLONE IN ILLINOIS KILLS 15, PICKS UP A TRAIN

Makanda Wrecked by Wind, Followed by Torrential Rain; 25 Cars Are Blown From Track; Crew Injured.

SLEET STORM SWEEPS SOUTHERN MICHIGAN

Wires Down and Damage Can Not Be Learned; Terre Haute Suffering.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Anna, Ill., March 25.—Fifteen persons met death in a cyclone at Makanda, Ill., last night, according to reports received here. A fast freight train was blown from the Illinois Central tracks and 25 cars dumped into a ditch.

A torrential rain followed the cyclone. Engineers Waggoner and Fireman Andrews of the wrecked train are known to have been injured.

Michigan Has Blizzard.

Detroit, Mich., March 25.—With a 60 mile gale sweeping the northern section and a terrific sleet storm holding the southern part of the state in its grip, Michigan is shivering today by one of the worst blizzards of the winter. All wires to a number of cities and towns are down, and it is impossible to get accurate details of the damage or the list of casualties, if any.

It was estimated this afternoon that the damage in Michigan by floods and storms would reach \$1,000,000. Hundreds of dams are out in the northern counties, paralyzing numerous industries. All railroad and interurban traffic in these districts is at a standstill.

As the result of the weakened roadbed a passenger car on the Jackson & Lansing division of the Michigan United Traction company's lines, was wrecked today. One person was killed and eight seriously hurt.

300 Homeless in Terre Haute.

Terre Haute, Ind., March 25.—With 20 known to be dead, five missing, and 100 injured, Terre Haute today is slowly recovering from the effects of Sunday's cyclone. More than 300 persons are homeless, the city housing the destitute in the public schools.

Mayor Gerhardt today was forced to issue a threat to prosecute storekeepers who were caught charging exorbitant prices for food. They had increased their prices in some cases nearly 100 per cent.

The working class district here was wiped out. The militia is patrolling the district and searching the debris for bodies. A relief fund has been started for the sufferers but subscriptions are coming in slowly.

Two Women Killed.

Murphysboro, Ill., March 25.—Mrs. Bud Walker and Miss Reba Patrick were killed and several were injured in a cyclone 12 miles south of here last night.

RECOVER BODIES OF 99 IN OMAHA TORNADO DEBRIS

Fatalities Increase in Small Towns of Nebraska as Reports Come In; Much Stock Killed by Cyclone.

MANY FARMERS KILLED; CANNOT SECURE HELP

Negroes Died as Gambling Club Collapsed; One Looter Is Reported Shot.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Omaha, Neb., March 25.—With only one fifth of the homes wrecked by Sunday's cyclone examined, a careful check of city morgues today disclosed 110 dead in Omaha alone. The relief committee, headed by Governor Morehead and Mayor Dahlman, declare that 1669 homes, exclusive of churches, schools and mercantile institutions, were either wrecked or partially destroyed, and it is feared that today's explorations will bring the list of fatalities in Omaha up close to 200.

Shelter stations today cared for 2173 homeless men, women and children. Of this number, 263 reported themselves destitute and entirely dependent on state and county aid. Scores of wagons were lined about the relief stations at daybreak to carry supplies to the destitute.

Yesterday's estimate of \$10,000,000 damage in Omaha still stood today. City officials fixed the loss to homes alone at \$5,000,000, mercantile institutions, churches, schools and club buildings dividing the remaining loss.

Snow Hides Ruins.

A two-inch fall of snow during the night hampered the work of the rescuers today, and it is now feared that it will require the remainder of the week to explore the remaining wrecked and partially wrecked residences. A regiment of militia is patrolling the stricken districts, but very little looting has been reported. Only two looters so far have been arrested. They gave the names of John Fletcher and Arnold Dillon.

Fourteen of the 110 bodies choking the various morgues are still unidentified, and relatives and friends of the missing are flocking there to view the remains. A score of funerals were planned today but most of the victims will be buried tomorrow and Thursday.

Plans for the rebuilding of the stricken district already have started. It is expected that Omaha's big corporations and financial institutions will form an organization to loan money to the cyclone sufferers on easy terms. A score of newly built residences in the city's most fashionable district were demolished, but not one carried tornado insurance. The mansion of George Johnson, multi-millionaire, was wrecked. He will not rebuild.

"Dead" Negro Bites.

Fourteen hours after the storm and while the soldiers were digging in the

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FLOODS IN INDIANA WORST IN HISTORY; CITIES INUNDATED

Thousands of Homes Submerged in Kokomo, Muncie, Terre Haute and Peru; People Take Refuge in Trees.

WHITE RIVER HIGHEST IN YEARS; STILL RISING

Damage Already Amounts to Many Millions; Dams Go Out, Industries Halted.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Indianapolis, Ind., March 25.—Ten thousand families are homeless in Indiana today as the result of the worst flood in the history of the state. The property loss runs into millions, and all industry, including transportation facilities, is suspended.

Four persons are known to have been drowned. Other large sections of the state are isolated, and it is feared the death list will be materially increased when communication is restored.

Some of the largest cities in the state will be in darkness tonight, the flood waters of various rivers putting electric light and water plants out of commission. The floods follow a two days' downpour, which was general in Indiana as well as adjoining states.

Five hundred persons are homeless at Marion, Ind. At Mississinewa, Ind., the river burst the levee on the east side of the city, and factories there were forced to shut down. Kokomo is without light and water, and a mile square area in the center of the city is flooded.

The schools are closed there and the militia are patrolling the streets.

The known drowned in the state up to noon were Ray Barthelburger and his brother, Roscoe, Frankfort; Wallace Garrison, Burlington; John Dagner, Newcastile.

Wabash Threatens Terre Haute.

Terre Haute, Ind., March 25.—With the Wabash river already three feet over the danger line and rising at the rate of six inches hourly, Terre Haute, barely recovered from Sunday's cyclone, today faces one of the worst floods in its history. The flood waters already have driven 2000 persons from their homes at Taylorville, a suburb.

Muncie Is Flooded.

Muncie, Ind., March 25.—The White river is the highest in its history here today and is rising four inches hourly. The railroad throughout the district are crippled and the situation is fast becoming critical. Hundreds are homeless here.

The pumping station is flooded, cutting off the city's water supply. It is

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RUSHLIGHT FILES HIS CAMPAIGN PLATFORM IN MAYORALTY RACE

Incumbent Stands on Record in Office; Indorses Commission Form of Government.

Standing on his record of the past 21 months as mayor of the city, A. G. Rushlight today filed a declaration of his intention to become a candidate for reelection to the office.

In making this declaration, Mayor Rushlight calls attention to the promises he made in a similar statement before the primaries in 1911 and he leaves to the citizens the question of whether he has or has not carried out the promises then made.

Principal among the new features advocated by him on his present platform are commission form of government, a

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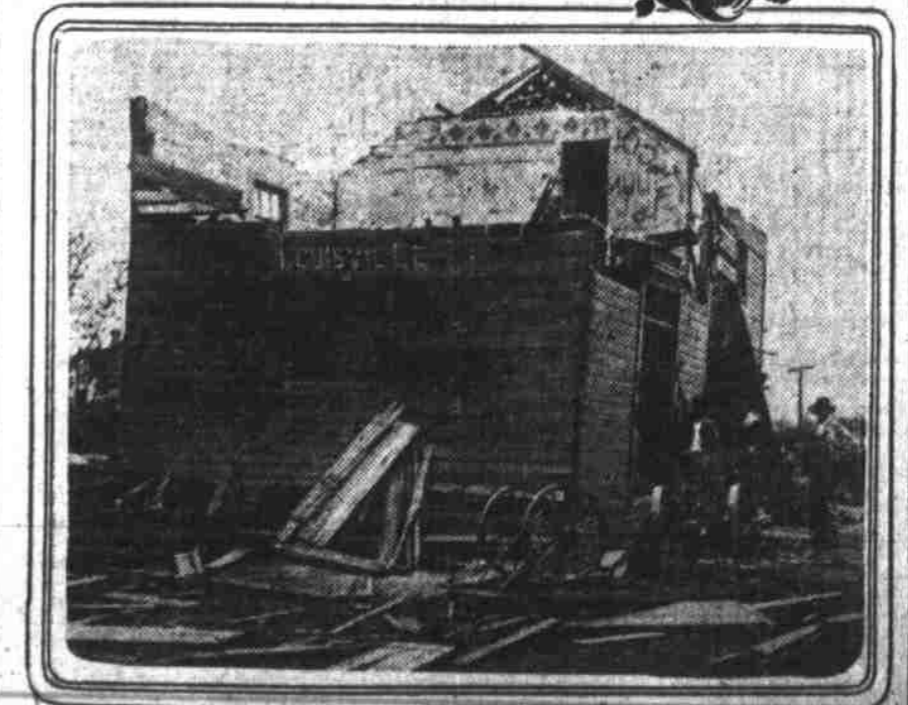
JENNIE CROCKER NOT IN OMAHA STORM AREA

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, March 25.—Charles Templeton Crocker, brother of Mrs. Malcolm Whitman, declared here today there is no chance that she suffered in the Omaha disaster. Mrs. Whitman's train was located yesterday at Laramie, Wyo., and she and her two stepchildren were safe.

Husband Was Worried.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Brooklyn, Mass., March 25.—That Mrs. Malcolm Whitman, formerly Jennie Crocker of San Francisco, may be among the victims of the Omaha cyclone was feared by her husband, Charles Templeton Crocker, when he learned that she was in Omaha. It was believed the former San Francisco belle, with her two children, was in her room when the storm struck on Sunday when the storm struck.

HAVOC OF NEBRASKA STORM



These views were taken after a tornado had laid waste the town of Louisville, Neb., several years ago and give a general idea to the western people of a tornado's devastation.