

# VICTIMS OF TORNAO CREMATED IN RUINS

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**RAIN TODAY**  
And tonight, Friday cloudy; moderate temperature; strong south, shifting to west winds tonight.  
Local: Max., 55; min., 37; river, 3.2 falling; rain, .19; atmos., cloudy; wind, south.

FORTY-SEVENTH YEAR No. 67 SALEM, OREGON, THURSDAY, MARCH, 19, 1925 PRICE THREE CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS FIVE CENTS

# DEATH TOLL IS NEARLY 1000

## ILLINOIS IS HARDEST HIT FIRE FOLLOWING IN WAKE OF

### CHILDREN IN WRECKAGE OF SCHOOLS DIE

**Smouldering Ruins Give Up Bodies; Food Scarce And Supplies of All Kinds Badly Needed.**

Murphysboro, Ill., Mar. 19.—(By Associated Press.)—Southern Illinois early today presented a vast tableau of death and destruction and its horror-stricken inhabitants waited anxiously for more definite reports on the toll of lives taken by yesterday's tornado which swept clear across the central southern part of the state.

Murphysboro, West Frankfort, Parrish and DeSoto, all situated in Illinois rich coal fields, appeared to have suffered the heaviest loss of life and the biggest property damage. Smoke still poured from the debris of Murphysboro's smouldering ruins, while its citizens searched the ruins for other dead. Rescue work was greatly hampered by the fire and it was said that many of the injured were cremated in the blazing debris.

**Fires Still Burning**  
The city early today was burning in many places. The main business section was virtually wrecked and streets were filled with poles and debris and wrecked automobiles.

Many doctors and nurses who arrived from all points were taken to the basement of the Presbyterian church which was not destroyed.

**Scores of Autos Wrecked**  
"The wind carried automobiles great distances," he said. "It turned one house almost at right angle to its foundation."

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### Coast Hoop Tournament Abandoned

Plans for a Pacific coast tournament to be held in Salem were definitely abandoned this afternoon upon receipt of a communication by telephone from high school authorities at Rupert, Idaho, stating that the Rupert basketball team cannot arrange to enter the meet. Rupert holds the state championship of Idaho, and without Rupert the tournament would not involve the interstate championship.

### TEAPOT DEAL KEPT IN DARK

**Negotiations For Lease Deliberately Concealed To Prevent Interference Says Witness.**

Cheyenne, Wyo., March 19.—(By Associated Press.)—The leasing of Teapot Dome to Harry F. Sinclair was deliberately concealed, according to testimony read at the naval oil lease annulment suit here today from the deposition of Rear Admiral J. K. Robinson, chief of navy engineering.

### ROOMING HOUSE ORDERED CLOSED

The Bellevue hotel, which has been under the scrutiny of the police department and the city council for some time, was today ordered closed by Chief of Police Minto pending decision of the police committee of the council as to whether it will be allowed to have a license to operate.

### Shepherd Occupies Cell Where Franks Formerly Confined

Chicago, Mar. 15.—William D. Shepherd, father of William D. Shepherd, orphan millionaire today occupied the same county jail cell in which Nathan Leopold, Jr., awaited trial nine months ago for killing Robert Franks, while prosecutors investigated a theory that the typhoid germs he is accused of giving McClintock to kill may have come from the city health department.

### BODIES OF 116 RECOVERED IN ILLINOIS CITY

**Two Hundred and Fifty Buildings Leveled In West Frankfort; Loss Over \$2,000,000.**

West Frankfort, Ill., March 19.—(By Associated Press.)—The known dead as a result of yesterday's tornado reached 116 here today, 13 at Benton, 14 at Logan, 25 at Parrish and at least 35 at DeSoto, according to tabulation.

West Frankfort, Ill., Mar. 19.—(By Associated Press.)—One hundred and two bodies have been extricated from the ruins of the buildings wrecked in yesterday's tornado.

### THEFT OF CHILD CHARGED TO MAN PICKED UP HERE

On a warrant from Fresno, Cal., Roy Campbell was arrested here last night on a charge of child stealing. He was taken at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Campbell, 450 South Fourteenth street. Campbell arrived in Salem about 10 days ago, bringing with him a little girl 14 months old.

The complaining witness in the case is Campbell's wife. He is held in the city jail, being unable to put up bail of \$2500 which was fixed late yesterday by Justice of the Peace Small.

### SAYS DANGER OF JAP INFLUX NIL

"I don't believe there is much reason to be afraid of an influx of Japanese into this country," the statement made by Clarence W. Noble, recently returned from a year's business visit to Japan and China, in a speech before the Marion-Polk County Realtors' association at the Marion hotel this noon.

### BODIES OF 18 BABIES TAKEN TO ONE MORGUE

Chicago, Mar. 19.—The Chicago Daily News published a special dispatch today from West Frankfort saying that one hundred bodies of storm victims had been found in West Frankfort, Ill., and immediate vicinity.

### \$830 RAISED TO SEND TEAM

**Half of Amount Needed To Finance Expenses of High School Five To Chicago Raised.**

CONTRIBUTIONS	
Capital Journal	\$ 25.00
Ladd and Bush	50.00
U. S. National	50.00
First National	50.00
P. P. Bishop	25.00
D. K. Gregory	25.00
Frank Myers	25.00
White House	15.00
Restaurant	15.00
Royal Cafeteria	10.00
D. K. Barber's Shop	15.00
Secretary of State's	50.00
501 tickets subscribed to high school dance at 5c.	275.55
High school organizations	230.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$830.55</b>
<b>Yet to Go</b>	<b>\$869.45</b>

The campaign to raise funds to send the Salem high school basketball team east to Chicago was carried in earnest today. Business men of the city were asked to subscribe to the trip, with gratifying results nearly everywhere, according to report issued at an early hour this afternoon.

A committee appointed by the Salem Kiwanis club went to the high school yesterday and made arrangements to pitch into the campaign. Harry Levy, Ralph Cooley and Carl Gabrielson, who compose the committee, stated that their intention is to divide the Kiwanian roster among 10 men, to be selected by the committee, and see that every member of the club is given a good chance to subscribe a substantial sum toward the team's expenses on the proposed trip.

Indications today were that every member of every one of the three service clubs in the city will have an opportunity to do his part in support of the trip. With the single exception of Tom Kay, president of the Rotary club, who occupies the somewhat embarrassing position of being father in law to Hollis Huntington, coach of the team, the head of every service club and of the Salem chamber of commerce has come out in hearty support of the trip to Chicago.

"There is no question in the mind of anyone," said C. H. McCullough, president of the Kiwanis club, "but what this is a mighty fine thing. This is a mighty fine, clean bunch of boys—a bunch any town would be proud to be represented by."

### TOWNS ARE ENTIRELY WIPED OUT

**Late Reports Tell Details Of Disaster; Hundreds Are Left Homeless And Suffering.**

Carbondale, Ill., Mar. 19.—Upwards of one thousand persons are dead and probably three thousand injured with hundreds of others homeless within a radius of 25 miles of this city in yesterday's tornado, according to report today.

Gorham was isolated and reported virtually wiped out. In the village of 500, seventy five were reported dead and scarcely a person escaped injury.

DeSoto, a little town of 500, was reported virtually wiped off the map. The village, six miles from Carbondale, did not have a dozen homes left intact today with from 100 to 125 reported dead and 150 more injured. Nearly 30 school children were killed at DeSoto when the school house collapsed as the pupils struggled to escape.

Several were reported dead and injured at Ziegler and Christopher, small mining towns and many were hurt at Bush, Hurst, Parrish, Royalton and Benton, according to meagre reports.

Carbondale was crowded with the dead and injured. More than forty bodies were brought here.

The damage in West Frankfort was believed to be more than \$1,000,000 with the total damage within a radius of 25 to 30 miles of Carbondale running between \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000.

### CONGRESS OVER UNTIL DECEMBER

Washington, March 19.—Memorable for its breach with the White House over the Warren nomination, the special session of the senate which convened March 4 had passed into history today after pursuing its turbulent way to the very closing hours. With the senate's adjournment sine die yesterday congress has closed its doors until the convening of the regular session on the first Monday in December unless called in special session. Of this President Coolidge has indicated no intention.

### TORNADO SWEEPING THROUGH 5 STATES ADDS TO DISASTER

#### Casualties

Chicago, March 19.—(By Associated Press.)—Early today casualties for Wednesday evening's tornado listed in the order in which the tornado swept through showed:

Dead	Injured
Annapolis, Mo.	3 100
Belle Meade	10 50
Altenburg	1 10
Cape Girardeau	7 52
Gerrard, Ill.	50 50
Murphysboro	250-300 300-500
Gorham	50-100 150
DeSoto	35-50 150-200
Hurst	5 50
West Frankfort	115-150 300-400
Benton	13 50-75
Logan	14 30-50
Parrish	25-50 100-150
Enfield, Ill.	12 35-60
Thompsonville	8 50
McLeansboro	17 85-100
Carmel	2 25
Crossville	1 10
Griffin, Ind.	40-100 250
Owensville	15 50-100
Princeton	25 60-100
Poseyville	5 30
Elizabeth	3 10-20
Witham, Tenn.	30 50
Lexington, Ky.	1 2
Glasgow, Ky.	2 25
Springfield, Ky.	1 8
Scottsville	4 4

Upwards of 2,500 Persons Injured, Some Fatally, In Path of Twister Thru Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Tennessee and Kentucky; Children Trapped In Wreckage of Schools

Chicago, March 19.—(By Associated Press.)—At 4 o'clock tabulation of casualties and injured from Wednesday's storm and tornado, according to the latest available reports showed a minimum estimate of 742 deaths and a maximum of 900. The minimum estimate of injured was 2192 and the maximum exceeded 3,000.

Dead estimated at 500 to 1,000. Injured estimated at 2,500 to 3,000. Homeless estimated at 8,000 to 10,000.

A mid-afternoon tornado, the worst hour to strike, when children were packed in schools and workers in stores and shops, yesterday's storm in five mid-western states still held many victims buried and unreported this afternoon.

Where it did the worst damage, the tornado lasted less than five minutes.

It flattened heavily constructed schools and business buildings with worse results than the casualty in lighter dwellings. Babies in homes were special sufferers.

Fires still raging or smouldering and millions of dollars worth of wreckage delayed counts of the larger death lists.

### NO LIVES LOST IN PALM BEACH HOSTELRY FIRE

Palm Beach, Fla., March 19.—A check-up of hotel registers, almost completed today, failed to reveal that any lives were lost in the fire which last night destroyed two hotels and other buildings here.

Authorities continued to investigate rumors that the Breakers hotel, the first building to be attacked by the flames, was set off as a part of a plot to loot the hotel rooms for jewelry and money. Police have arrested a score of persons charged with looting.

### RELIEF OFFERS ARE EXTENDED

Los Angeles, Cal., March 19.—The Los Angeles chamber of commerce early today opened subscription lists for a relief for the tornado-stricken areas of Indiana, Illinois and Missouri.

Boston, Mass., March 19.—The Christian Science board of directors today announced that it had placed \$40,000 at the disposal of the committees of the church for the relief of tornado sufferers in the middle west and that contributions for relief might be sent by the public through the mother church relief fund.

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