

Prediction... Cloudy Friday
Maximum yesterday... 67
Minimum today... 34

Maximum... 57
Minimum... 25

708 KILLED, 3,000 HURT, IN TORNADO

5 MID-WEST STATES ARE SUFFERERS

8000 Homeless, Death Toll Is Highest in History—Children at School Trapped—Twister Short Lived—Small Towns Devastated—Speedy Relief to Stricken Areas.

CHICAGO, Mar. 19.—(By Associated Press.) At four p. m. today the tabulation of casualties and injured from Wednesday's storm and tornado, according to best 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 3000.

CHICAGO, March 19.—If the present reports of casualties stand up, yesterday's disaster will show the largest death toll of any tornado in this country. Previous high records were: 1884—Six hundred dead, southern states; 1898—Five hundred dead St. Louis; 1908—Five hundred dead, southern states.

CHICAGO, March 19.—Estimates of dead in five states from yesterday's tornado stood late this afternoon at 708 minimum and 942 maximum.

(By the Associated Press) Dead estimated at 708 to 942. Injured estimated at 2500 to 3000. Homeless estimated at 8000 to 10,000.

A mid-afternoon tornado, the worst since 1918, struck the west coast of Illinois 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 casualties in lighter dwellings.

Babies in homes were special sufferers. Fires still raging or smoldering and millions of dollars worth of wreckage delayed counts of the large death lists.

The hardest hit places were the small cities in southern Illinois—West Frankfort, Murphysboro and Carbondale.

Nearly all the destruction was in the soft coal fields. Next to Illinois the worst sufferers were in Indiana and Missouri with fatal echoes of the twister coming from Tennessee and Kentucky. Red Cross, state guardsmen, army aviation forces, railroad resources piled into many special trains and private relief from two of the nation's largest cities, Chicago and St. Louis, with a host of contributions from smaller cities, concentrated on southern Illinois.

Two towns in the wake of the tornado were reported to have been virtually erased from the map while a large section of another was laid in ruins. But one home and a school house were the remaining structures in the village of Parrish in Franklin county, Ill., the four dwellings left standing at Griffin, Posey county, Indiana, a town of 750 people were badly damaged. One hundred city blocks at Murphysboro were practically flattened. Seventy blocks in the residential section were swept by flames.

Setting a record for swift legislation, the members of the Illinois (Continued on Page Five)

Babies Lie, Row On Ro win Morgues Of Stricken Section

CHICAGO, March 19.—A Daily News dispatch says: "The bodies of 18 babies were placed side by side in one morgue. The landscape, as far as the eye can reach, is a mass of debris. Houses, wires and poles were mingled. Here a house had been moved from its foundation, there a side had been ripped off, leaving two stories exposed, a bedroom and bedroom furniture in sight. One woman, with blood streaming down her cheeks, talking in a foreign tongue, had her shrieks of grief turned to cries of joy when a man approached her carrying a baby. The baby had come through untouched."

DESOLATION AND DEATH IN WAKE OF STORM FURY

West Frankfort, Ill., Hard Hit By Cyclone, 102 Dead Recovered—Devastation Rivals Battle Scenes France—Militia in Charge.

WEST FRANKFORT, Ill., March 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—One hundred and two bodies have been extricated from the ruins of the buildings wrecked in yesterday's tornado. More than 200 seriously injured were taken to hospitals.

Two hundred and fifty buildings in the north and west sections were leveled. An early estimate by Sheriff Dorris placed the property loss at more than \$2,000,000.

Dawn today presented a picture of desolation that rivaled the war-stricken portions of France. As far as the eye could see the landscape was a huge irregular mass of twisted debris. It was extremely difficult at first to determine accurately details of the picture.

Here a whole house has been moved from its foundation, at another a side had been ripped off, while in other cases, what had once been homes, was nothing but little piles of twisted wreckage. From the field north of the Orient mine, one of the town's chief sources of livelihood, the dark outlines of rescue workers probing the debris for bodies, were visible. Here and there could be heard the pitiful cries of the injured, still pinned beneath the wreckage. Some of these were extricated just before breathing their last, while others died as they were hastened to emergency hospitals or other homes.

One of the most pitiful sights was that of a mother lying in a mangled heap while an infant crying lustily, crawled about her inert form.

At another home the body of a woman was found on the porch, a deep gash in the head. She apparently met her fate while endeavoring to flee from the storm.

A miner still in his pit clothes and carrying the limp form of a five year old child walked dejectedly in the path of rescue workers to a pile of wreckage that until yesterday constituted his home. In the debris were found his wife and another son, both terribly injured. The morgue was filled to overflowing with bodies. On one side of the structure were the bodies of eighteen babies.

Practically every delivery truck in the city was converted into ambulances. Business houses were closed. Two National Guard companies are in charge of the situation. The town, however, has not been placed under martial law.

RELIEF WORK STORM AREA IS STARTED

President Urges Red Cross to Give Aid—Los Angeles Starts Subscriptions—New York Offers Aid—Pullmans for Homeless.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 19.—President Coolidge, who is president of the American Red Cross today suggested to Chairman John Barton Payne that all of the facilities of the organization be put into operation to relieve storm sufferers in the middle west.

"Information has reached me," he said in a communication made public at the Red Cross headquarters, "of the disaster that has overtaken a portion of Missouri, Illinois and Indiana. It is said that many people are homeless and many are injured. I suggest that you put in operation all the facilities of the Red Cross to assist in the required relief. I am sending a telegram to the governor of Illinois that you will do so."

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

NEW YORK, Mar. 19.—Mayor Hylan today telegraphed to governors of Missouri, Illinois and Indiana in behalf of New York City, offers to aid victims of yesterday's tornado.

BOSTON, Mar. 19.—The Christian Science board of directors today announced that it had placed \$40,000 at the disposal of the committee 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.

CHICAGO, Mar. 19.—Women and children made homeless by the tornado will be provided with sleeping cars as temporary shelters and sent to Murphysboro, Ill., at once by the Pullman company.

Sixteen standard sleeping cars with kitchen cars were ordered out of Chicago at 2 p. m. and a similar number from St. Louis is due in Murphysboro at 8 p. m.

CHICAGO, Mar. 19.—Thousands of dollars were pouring into Chicago radio stations today in response to appeals for aid for the families of the dead and injured in the tornado districts.

Pledges totalling \$72,000 were received by the Chicago Herald and Examiner and thousands more were pledged to the Chicago Tribune thru radio appeals.

SENATE QUILTS AND NATION REJOICES

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.

TEAPOT LEASING WAS CONCEALED

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—The leasing of Teapot Dome to Harry F. Sinclair was deliberately concealed from congress and the public, 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. "We concealed what was being done in the Wyoming reserve because we wanted to get it done," Admiral Robinson said in cross-examination conducted by Owen J. Roberts of government counsel.

Baby Daughter of Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth Registers Her First Signature with Her Feet



Here is a copy of the first footprints of the child born about a week ago to the daughter of the late Theodore Roosevelt. The mother has decided upon Paulina as the baby's name.

CULBERSON OF TEXAS, FAMOUS FIGURE, IS DEAD

Long Active in National Affairs, Democratic Circles—Romance of His Daughter With English Soldier Is Recalled.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Former Senator Culbertson of Texas died here early today. He was 70 years old. Senator Charles Allen Culbertson of Texas, one of the strongest political leaders the Lone Star state has produced, was for many years a prominent figure on the democratic side of the senate chamber, which he entered in 1899 after having served his state in a public capacity for nearly 20 years, including a term as attorney general and two terms as governor. His fourth term in the senate completed his political career, for while he sought nomination again in 1922 he failed to survive the primaries, trailing two other candidates, one of whom was former Governor James E. Ferguson.

Although he never lost his firm grip on senate affairs, he was incapacitated for active participation thru a stroke suffered in 1909, when he was the minority leader. The condition, due to a nervous disorder, was partially relieved in 1910 and as a member of the finance committee Senator Culbertson took a prominent part in the anti-trust legislation of that period, but his health again broke down and his nervous trouble developed into palsy, following which he gradually transferred his activities from the capitol to his private suite in the senate office building. He was somewhat sensitive regarding his physical condition, his associates said, and hesitated to appear frequently in public.

He continued, however, to participate generally in committee work, which he always had been active, and played a prominent part in framing the Espionage Act of 1917 as well as numerous other war measures. He also served as chairman of the appropriations committee during the democratic regime from 1913 to 1915. Senator Culbertson was born in Dadeville, Tallapoosa county, Alabama Oct. 16, 1855, the son of David B. and Eugenia (Kimball) Culbertson. When three years of age he was taken to Texas where his father became a prominent figure in public life, serving as an adjutant-general in the Confederate army, a member of the state legislature and a representative in congress from the 44th to the 49th session.

Senator Culbertson was sent to the Virginia Military Institute when he had completed his studies in the grade schools, and upon his graduation in 1874 spent two years studying law in the University of Virginia, where he became a judge of the student law court and orator of the Jefferson Literary society, both exceptional honors.

He was admitted to the bar in 1877 and at once took a high place as an attorney and practitioner. In 1882, (Continued on Page Six)

MURPHYSBORO, ILL. COUNTS 106 DEAD, MORE IN DEBRIS

MURPHYSBORO, Ill., Mar. 19.—(By Associated Press.) As the aftermath of a spring tornado which wrecked this city, Murphysboro today counted 106 dead in morgues, accounted for fifty others dead but not yet brought to the improvised receiving rooms and searched for an estimated 150 to 200 buried in the debris of the 1000 homes and 100 downtown buildings.

Injured persons were beyond count, but various hospitals, hastily improvised first aid stations and homes reported hundreds of injured. Of that number it was feared that many would die.

The city proper with its 15,000 inhabitants, covered five and one-half square miles. Today more than two square miles was littered only with charred debris.

The electric light and gas plants here were destroyed. Heart rending scenes were enacted as the dead were taken to morgues and injured to relief stations.

Virtually every one of the hundred and six bodies counted was torn and battered. In many instances huge splinters and pieces of planks had been driven through them. Hardly a body lay in the long lines in the morgues but which had broken and twisted limbs. In some instances nearly every bone in a body would be broken, indicating the tornado had picked up the body and hurled it thru space.

3 INDIANA TOWNS IN STORM'S PATH

EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 19.—Three Indiana towns, Princeton, Owensville and Griffin, today were engaged in the work of digging their dead and injured from the wreckage of homes, stores and office buildings leveled by the tornado.

Upwards of 200 persons were reported killed and hundreds injured. At Princeton twenty were reported killed and sixty injured.

At Griffin six were reported killed and many injured while at Owensville the casualties will run nearly as high.

Failure of the electric light plants in the stricken cities and fires which destroyed nearly every building in the stricken portions worked additional hardships upon the rescue workers.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—American farmers intend to plant 13.9 per cent more spring wheat and 2.3 per cent more corn this spring than the acreage harvested last year, the department of agriculture announced today after a canvass just completed.

Florida Playground of Rich Swept By Fire; Loss Is \$4,000,000

PALM BEACH, Fla., March 19.—More than four million dollars worth of property lay in ruins here today after the fire of last night which swept through the Breakers and Palm Beach hotels, destroying several shops and cottages and for a time threatening the destruction of that entire section of the city. Smoldering ashes was all that remained of two noted hotels of the playground of millionaires as steps were made to check the damage to property and verify rumors that there had been a loss of life.

No confirmation had come early today that an elderly man and woman had lost their lives in the Breakers.

CHILDREN DIE BY SCORES IN TORNADO FURY

Parents Seek Missing Tots in Morgue—Village of 500 Is Hard Hit—Fires Still Burn at Murphysboro—Property Damage in Millions.

CHICAGO, March 19.—DeSoto, a village of 500, had hardly a family unscathed by the storm tragedy. With ruthless hand the storm laid the town flat and today the bodies of thirty school children from there lay in Carbondale morgues while stricken parents hurried from one scene of death to another fearful of what they might find.

In Carbondale morgues bodies lay row upon row upon improvised biers while a steady stream of people filed past in an effort to identify the victims. Baby twins lay side by side and a stricken mother was taken away after she had seen her babies and fainted.

Murphysboro, probably hardest hit by the tornado, suffered a physical damage of upward of \$3,000,000 from wind and fire. At noon twelve fires were still burning in various parts of the town. Upward of fifty city blocks in the town of 13,000 were laid waste and many bodies were burned beyond identification. Two square miles were laid waste. Two buildings were dynamited in an effort to check the spread of the flames. The Mobile and Ohio shops, employing 1400 men, were destroyed by fire, an \$85,000 Baptist church in ruins and a \$267,000 addition to the high school was two-thirds destroyed. Yesterday when the tornado broke Joe Bostof, chief of police, rushed to the school building to help take out the children. The first tot he found was his own. She was dead.

Valiant efforts were being made to give care to the injured. Carbondale hospital, lodges and homes were thrown open to the injured from DeSoto and other nearby towns.

SALEM, Ore., March 19.—Governor Pierce today issued a requisition on the governor of Washington for the extradition of George S. Hval, who is wanted in Lane county to answer to a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses. He is under arrest in Seattle. Valer Svavud, a Lane county deputy sheriff, will go to Seattle to return the prisoner to this state.

The number of persons burned in their homes after being crushed is undetermined, according to Major Robert Davis.

An Associated Press correspondent made a tour of the city at 3 a. m. and counted 85 wrecked automobiles. Fires everywhere still glowed and flared with increasing fury and the streets were filled with homeless people. Food is scarce. Restaurants that were not wrecked were trying to obtain food from Carbondale. (Continued on Page Five)

COUNTLESS NIGH FAINTS AND BRITISH HIGH LIFE TRIAL GROWS BITTER

LONDON, March 19.—The Dowager Countess Carnarvon today took the stand in the sensational Dennistoun case. Once during her testimony she nearly fainted, but was revived with smelling salts.

The increasing bitterness with which the Dennistoun case is being fought was noticeable during the continuation of cross examination of a defendant today and there were heated exchanges between Lieutenant Colonel Dennistoun and Sir Ellis Hume Williams. Dennistoun asserted that the introduction of money matters into the case was "pure invention on the part of his former wife, not only to show up me, but to show up my wife, the Dowager Countess Carnarvon."

Sir Ellis persisted in attempts to get the witness to admit he had borrowed various sums of money from his former wife after the divorce, but Colonel Dennistoun, while admitting he had received sums of money from her, declared she sent them "out of generosity on her part," and not as loans. When Sir Ellis asked if the Countess of Carnarvon had given Dennistoun 100,000 pounds upon their marriage to "preserve your dignity," and the witness replied "yes, sir"—Sir Ellis flashed back "do you think that after you had accepted 20,000 pounds and a flat from another man's wife you had much dignity to preserve?" Colonel Dennistoun, who had testified that Countess Carnarvon gave him this amount in 1922, which was before the Earl of Carnarvon died, turned to the court protesting "my lord, this is blackmail." The court, however, ruled that the question was permissible.

TABLEAU OF RUIN MARKS STORM FURY

Southern Illinois Towns Swept By Disaster—Fire Adds to Horror—Many Children Perish—Martial Law Prevails—Food Scarce.

MURPHYSBORO, Ill., March 19.—(By the 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.

With the stricken towns almost completely isolated, definite reports as to loss of life were lacking, but estimates placed the number well above the 1000 mark, with many more injured, some of whom were dying.

The amount of the property damage also lacked definite figures, but was believed to have mounted to over several million dollars.

Sweeping across the Mississippi from the lower section of Missouri, the hurricane invaded Illinois at Gorham on the Mississippi and wended its way in an almost straight easterly direction into Indiana, laying waste towns and farms in an area over several hundred square miles.

Murphysboro, West Frankfort, DeSoto and Parrish, 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 smoldering ruins while its citizens still search the ruins for other dead. Rescue work was greatly hampered by fire and it was said that many of the injured were cremated in the blazing debris.

This 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 parts were taken to the basement of the Presbyterian church which was not destroyed.

Bert Scooby, an undertaker from Marion, Ill., who came through West Frankfort en route here, estimated that one undertaker there had sixty or seventy bodies and another undertaker probably had the same amount.

"The whole northwest corner of West Frankfort is razed and conditions there are as bad as they are here," Scooby said. "Three school buildings were virtually destroyed. The tornado scooped out the center of the high school, turned houses over end and devastated block after block."

"The wind carried automobiles great distances," he said. "It turned one house almost at right angles to its foundation."

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SHEPHERD, GERM SLAYER SUSPECT, HELD IN PRISON CELL LOEB, JR. OCCUPIED

CHICAGO, Mar. 19.—William D. Shepherd, foster father of William McClintock, orphan millionaire today occupied the same cell in which Nathan Loeb, Jr., avoided 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 him may have come from the city health department. They established a connection between two health department employees and the National University of Sciences, whose head Charles C. Falman, named with Shepherd in the indictment, charging Mc-

Clintock's murder, said he gave the germs to Shepherd for administering to McClintock.

Included in the list of the faculty of the Falman school were the names of Winfield S. Hoerger, a health inspector, and Dr. Harry Rand, formerly in the bureau of diptheria control. Until a month ago, prosecutors said Hoerger's duties had been to receive typhoid and other germ cultures at the city laboratory.

He denied being a faculty member of the school and said he was only a student there. Dr. Rand was listed as the medical director of Falman's school.