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### DEATH IN A CYCLONE.

#### FIFTY-TWO PERSONS THOUGHT TO HAVE PERISHED.

Wind Does Terrible Work in Iowa—Most Damage Done in the Sioux Center Vicinity—School Houses in Ruins and Children Killed.

Sioux City, Ia., May 4.—At least fifty-two people are believed to have been killed in a terrific cyclone that passed over this part of Iowa yesterday afternoon. Some persons estimate the death toll at 200 to 300, but no one can know how great the loss of life is or how extensive the damage until the work of investigation can be prosecuted in the daylight. Three school-houses are known to have been demolished, two teachers and several pupils killed, and scores of other buildings have been wrecked. Those known to be dead are: CHILD of A. Verhoff; killed near Sioux Center.

HOGGIE, MAMIE S., and five brothers; killed near Sioux Center.  
KERSTER, MRS. JOHN, near Sioux Center; her child blown away and not yet found.  
MARSDEN, ANNA, teacher in the Coombs school, near Ireton.  
MARSDEN, GEORGE, brother to Anna, teacher in another school near Ireton.  
MARSDEN, CHARLES, killed near Sioux Center.

POST, MRS., killed near Sioux Center.  
SCHWERDEFEGER, RUDOLPH, 21 years old; killed by lightning near Sutherland.

STIMMER, PETER, killed in his house near Laurens by lightning.  
TWO CHILDREN of L. B. Coombs.  
WATTERSON, MRS. JOHN, killed near Sibley.

and Sioux Center, but are finding every conceivable obstacle to keep them from reaching the scene of the storm. Late in the evening news was received from Sibley to the effect a storm struck there about 8 p. m. destroying the house of John Watterson, killing Mrs. Watterson, and injuring Watterson and his son. No names can yet be learned of the people injured about Sioux Center and Perkins.

The Sioux City and Northern train brought in several passengers who witnessed the storm. They reported thirteen bodies had been brought into Sioux Center at 6 o'clock. They estimated fifty people must have been killed. The Northern train barely escaped a smash-up near Doon, but was stopped by section men before it passed upon the dangerous territory.

Rudolph Schwerdefeger, 21 years old, was killed by lightning near Sutherland, Iowa.

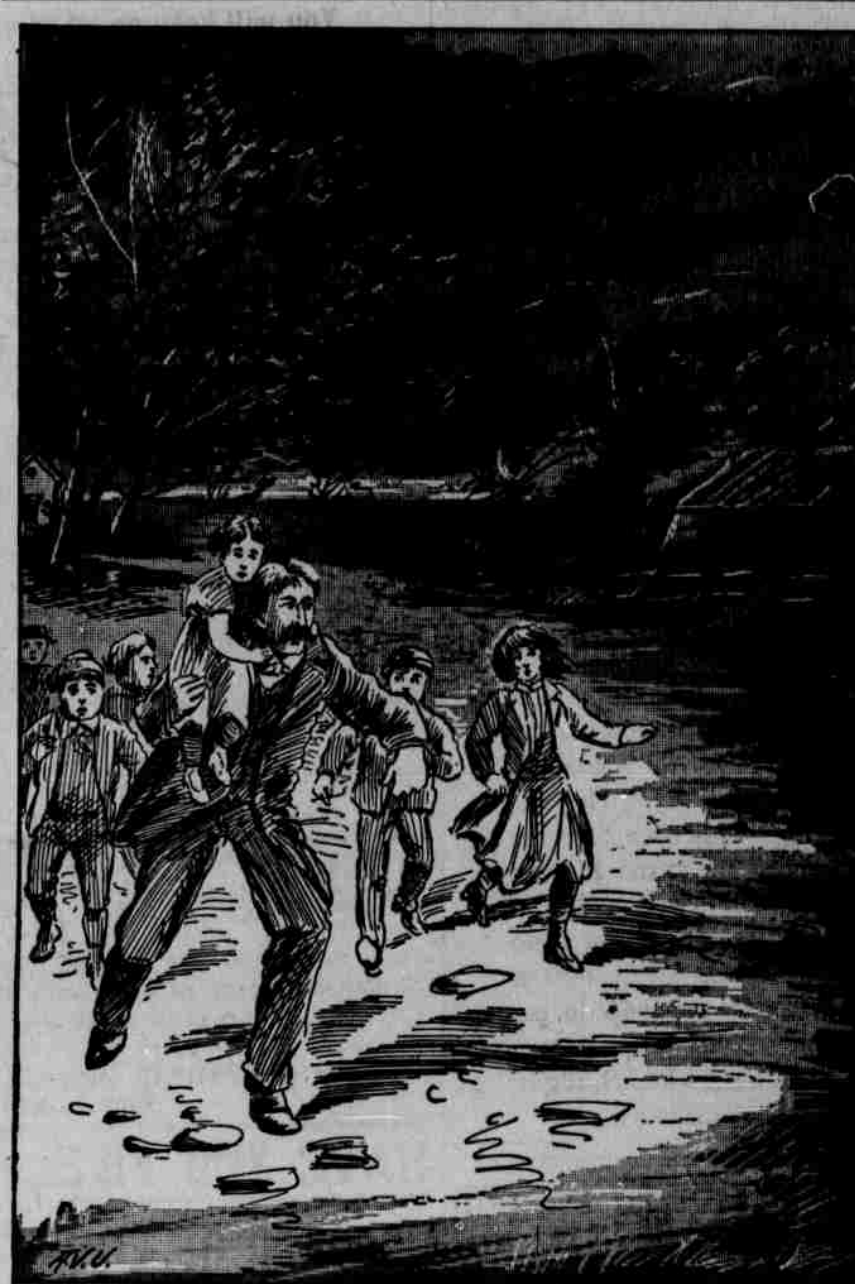
Peter Stimmer, a farmer, near Laurens, Iowa, was killed in his house by lightning.

R. E. Arnold, a traveling man for a Chicago house, who was on the train, says he saw the storm where it passed a half-mile south of Sioux Center. He says fourteen people were killed near there. He says he saw the body of a school teacher and two children who lost their lives.

#### THE STORM'S WORK

Iowa People and Property Suffer from Its Fury.

Sioux Falls, S. D., May 4.—Two inches of rain fell here in one hour yesterday afternoon. For a time the storm had the appearance of a cloud burst. Wheat over the state is six inches high and corn is generally up. West Sioux Falls, a suburb three miles from here, and vicinity, present a forlorn appearance. Late in the afternoon a cyclone dropped to earth and after devastating a mile square went into the air again.



SAVED THE SCHOOL-CHILDREN.—AN INCIDENT OF THE CYCLONE.

The path of the cyclone seems to have been twelve miles long and from three-quarters of a mile to three miles wide. It probably first centered at a point about three miles southwest of Sioux Center, Sioux county, and blew down farm houses, barns, and outbuildings. The Sioux City & Northern agent at Sioux Center reports that three school-houses, three, five, and seven miles from that town were blown down at about 3:15 p. m., and that two teachers and three pupils were killed. Also reports two other women killed and fifteen persons injured. Train on that road just arrived here and the conductor cannot confirm these reports, although he saw houses and barns blown down and unroofed along the track north of Sioux Center.

The first course of the storm cloud was northeast, crossing the Sioux City & Northern track one and one-half miles north of Sioux Center and going a mile east; there it turned and its direction was northwest until it again reached the railway, when it went north two miles along the track, crossing to the west side again. Then it seems to have taken a northeasterly direction until it struck the town of Perkins, where it blew down three houses. Aid and doctors were called for from Orange City, the county seat.

Seven miles southwest of Sioux Center, Miss Anna T. Marsden, a teacher in the Coombs school, and two of her pupils were found dead.

Two miles north of there her brother, also a school teacher, was killed.

The Sioux City & Northern tracks between Perkins and Doon were washed out for several miles. Dispatches from Sioux Center at 8:30 p. m., say that besides the three school-houses at least twenty residences and barns were swept away. Two women were found dead about 6 o'clock not far from the point where one of the school buildings stood.

One man who arrived in Sioux Center late in the evening reported his house was blown away and his family killed. He himself escaped and reports that at least 200 or 300 people must have been killed.

The parties sent out from Hull, Sioux Center, and Orange City, neighboring towns, have recovered a number of bodies, although the exact number can not be learned. It is said Perkins, a small town south between Sioux Center and Doon, was directly in the path of the storm and was wiped out almost entirely. Physicians already have set out from Hull, Orange City,

The big iron bridge was tossed into the river, a big resort was unroofed and twisted, the carriage works, two buildings, and 100 completed buggies were wrecked. The chain mortising works, a three-story building, 300x75 feet, lost the whole third story. The oatmeal mill and water works pump house were unroofed. Barns, trees six inches in diameter, sheds, windmills, and chimneys in reach were twisted and demolished. The damage is placed at \$50,000. A man named Thur is the only person hurt. He sustained a severe cut in the face and had his nose broken.

Ireton, Ia., May 4.—A destructive cyclone passed near this place, going in a northeast direction, yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Four miles northeast of Ireton it struck Coombs school-house, destroying it and killing the teacher, Miss Anna Marsden, injuring all the children more or less, three, it is thought, fatally. About three miles further on it destroyed another school-house and killed the teacher, George Marsden, brother of Anna Marsden, and fatally injured three of the children. Near here John Koster's house was struck, his wife killed, and one child blown away and cannot be found. Several other houses and barns were destroyed, but full particulars have not yet been obtained.

Lemars, Ia., May 4.—A cyclone passed through Sioux County about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. It was seen by passengers from the train between Sheldon and Alton. Near Sioux Center, twenty-five miles north of Lemars, several houses and farm buildings were destroyed and a number of people killed.

Delmar, Ia., May 4.—A heavy thunderstorm with considerable rain passed over here last night. The barn of Mrs. Johanna Ryan, near here, was struck by lightning and burned. Thirty-six head of cattle and thirty-eight sheep were killed by the stroke and burned. The loss is \$2,500; insured for \$1,000. Near Almont M. Shaddock's barn was struck and burned with its contents, including some live stock; loss about \$2,000, partly insured. George Borne, several miles south, had a barn and contents struck and burned.

Clinton, Ia., May 4.—A severe electrical storm passed over Clinton County early yesterday morning. John Ryan's barn, with thirty-six horses and forty sheep, was destroyed. All the barns, sheds and outbuildings, with contents, on the farms of Mason Shaddock and George Browne were also destroyed by fire, caused by lightning. Total loss, \$6,000.

### SEWPT BY FOREST FIRES.

Vicinity of Kettler, Pa., the Scene of Much Destruction.

Bradford, Pa., May 4.—The sky is hazy from the numerous forest fires in this vicinity. Between Kettler and Rasselias along the line of the Erie road the woods are a mass of flame. In that vicinity are millions of feet of hemlock logs and large quantities of timber.

Near Crawford Junction a fire has been burning fiercely and threatens the destruction of oil property. Another fire is raging between McAmbley's and Mount Jewett and in the vicinity of Hazelwood on the Bradford, Bardell & Kinzua road. The woods are on fire on either side of the track. The fire is spreading with great rapidity and it is almost impossible to check the flames. Men are stationed along the railroad to prevent the fire from destroying oil property which is in danger. All springs are dried up and unless it rains soon all work in this field will be seriously interfered with.

### ANOTHER RISE IN LEATHER.

It Means a Pronounced Advance in the Cost of Footwear.

New York, May 4.—Another rise in the price of leather was the unwelcome news that went through the shoe trade yesterday. The advance amounted to 15 per cent, which means that \$4.75 will now be charged for shoes that formerly sold for \$4, while the \$4 shoes will now cost \$4.75. The listed advance was from 30 to 33 cents a pound for sole leather which formerly sold for 29 cents. There were similar advances in nearly every kind of leather, and the manufacturers have been given to understand that the top notch has not yet been reached. All the manufacturers now have agents in the west and south soliciting orders for the fall trade, and to all these word was sent to advance prices 15 per cent. Those that find it impossible to obtain the advanced rates have been ordered to end their tour immediately.

It was said in the leather district here that several factories in this city would surely shut down unless there was a decline in the prices of material.

### SECRETARY GRESHAM BETTER.

He Suffers from Neuralgia of the Stomach and Liver Complications.

Washington, May 4.—Secretary Gresham is reported somewhat better. He is confined to his bed with an attack of acute neuralgia of the stomach, with liver complications, very similar to the attack he experienced about two months ago. Careful nursing and relief from his official duties, it is expected, will restore the secretary to his usual health in a week or ten days. Assistant Secretary Uhl is in charge of affairs at the state department.

### TROUBLE IN COAL DISTRICT.

Many Cars Burned—Gatling Gun Sent to the Scene.

Huntington, W. Va., May 4.—Reports from the mining district along the Norfolk & Western are of a more serious character. Several coal cars are reported burned at different points along the line. About 100 colored miners from the Elk Horn region came to this city last night on a freight train and started east by foot, claiming they were going to the mines on New River. Some think they are lurking in this locality with a view to destroying property. A Gatling gun was sent the Bluefields militia this morning.

### Statesmen Are Indicted.

St. Paul, Minn., May 4.—A sensation was created in political circles here by the indictment for larceny by the grand jury of Lesueur county of Senator Sevastion, of Jackson County, and ex-State Treasurer Charles Kittleson, of Minneapolis. The men are indicted as members of the Gilbert Grain Company, of Owatonna, and J. M. Bartlett is president of the company. It is charged that the company, about two years ago, disposed of about fifteen thousand bushels of grain which had been stored in its elevators at Owatonna by Lesueur County farmers, and that the farmers have never received a cent for their grain. The members of the company do not deny that they disposed of the grain, and that the owners were not paid, nor do they give any reasons for their action.

### Spanish Reports of Cuban Losses.

Havana, May 4.—The government has information of an encounter on the Bandera plantation, in the Province of Santa Ana, between a detachment of Spanish troops under Col. Sandoval and a band of rebels led by Chief Quintin. The insurrectionists are said to have been defeated. Subsequently Col. Sandoval and his men, near Mogote Mountain, in Eastern Cuba, had a fight with another band of rebels, in which the insurrectionist leaders, Marcos and Ramirez, were killed. Rameris is believed to be the rebel of that name who was previously reported to have surrendered himself to the authorities. News is received of the dispersing of a group of fifty rebels near Baracoa, three being reported wounded.

### Supreme Court Adjourns.

Washington, May 4.—Today is the last day on which the United States supreme court will call the docket for argument during the present term, but the final adjournment will not take place until toward the latter part of the month. It generally requires about three weeks to dispose of cases which have been argued after the daily sessions for hearing argument cease, and the court has this time already taken on the extra work of hearing reargument in the income tax cases, which may have the effect of prolonging the session to a somewhat greater extent than usual.

### May Now Make Customs Reprisals.

Berlin, May 4.—The Reichstag yesterday passed the customs tariff amendment bill. The measure includes a paragraph giving the government full powers to impose additional duties as reprisals for the hostile duties of foreign states, but providing that the discriminating duties on goods on the free list shall not exceed 20 per cent ad valorem. The measure raises the duties on perfumes containing alcohol from 200 to 300 marks and imposes a protective duty on Quebracho wood, used for tanning purposes. The new tariffs go into effect July 1.