

FOUR HUNDRED DEAD.

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St. Louis Proper and East St. Louis Suffer Fearful Loss of Life and Destruction of Property Amounting into Millions—Bodies in the Ruins that It Will Take Many Days to Extricate—Ravages of the Storm Elsewhere.

A Terribly Destructive Tornado.

St. Louis, Mo., May 29.—When the sun rose on St. Louis and vicinity this morning it showed a scene of terrible ruin and disaster, wind, rain and fire having combined in a mission of destruction.

At least 200 lives were lost in this city, and as many more in East St. Louis, while thousands were injured, many so severely that they cannot recover. The exact number of dead and injured will, however, not be known for many days for the debris of ruined buildings undoubtedly covers scores of people.

The damage and destruction of property will aggregate many millions of dollars, but the exact amount cannot be estimated with any degree of certainty.

The tornado, which caused this destruction, struck the city yesterday afternoon at 5:15 o'clock and soon swept to East St. Louis. The greatest damage on this side of the river was inflicted within a three mile strip along the Mississippi. Many buildings were totally wrecked by the force of the wind and others were unroofed, while very few escaped some injury. Signs and cornices were torn off. Shade trees and everything else suffered.

200 DEAD—THOUSANDS INJURED.

Health Commissioner Starkloff, two hours after the tornado had passed, feared that the dead would reach 200 and that not fewer than 1,000 persons had sustained serious injuries. By midnight reporters had visited all of the stricken portions of the city and suburbs and Dr. Starkloff's estimates were fully confirmed. The dead were found in all parts of the devastated section, while crushed beneath falling walls, hurled against the sides of buildings, struck by flying timbers, cut by the shattered glass, shocked by the network of down wires humanity suffered in ways innumerable and the names of all the injured will never be known. Enough were recorded at the dispensaries last night to show how widespread were the tornado's effects.

Of the destruction of property there can be no satisfactory estimate given. The loss in extent and in character is beyond conception.

In South St. Louis the storm spent its force. All the way from Papin street to Carondelet it put a stamp on the face of the city that will not be effaced for years. Big, strong buildings fell before the wind like houses made of cards.

From where it entered the city, out in the southwestern suburbs, to where it left it, somewhere near the Eads bridge, there is a wide path of ruins. Factory after factory, down and ruins of brick and timber mark the spots on which they stood. Dwellings were picked up and thrown in every direction. Business houses were flattened. There was no chance for the escape of the occupants. The ruins covered bruised and mangled bodies that reached the ground until a systematic search is made. Hundreds of families in South St. Louis are homeless, practically, and the temporary hospitals shelter scores and hundreds.

THE COURSE OF THE STORM.

The tornado proper was preceded by a severe blow from the east. Strong and steadily the wind came and then it swelled to a hurricane and there were three distinct attacks which tore off roofs and commenced the general destruction which followed. When this wind and rain came from the southwest the tornado was born, and, returning, began its work of destruction. It struck St. Louis on the southwest at a point just north of Tower Grove park and ran in a northeasterly direction until it reached its main avenue.

From there it followed Mill creek valley clear to the river, veering slightly to the north when it reached Tenth street.

At the levee it swung around almost at a right angle, and swept straight up the river to beyond Venice and Madison, where it veered to the east again.

Judging from the reports of the greatest damage done the path of the storm was on an average of ten or twelve blocks in width.

The worst damage was done in a path about six blocks wide, extending eastward from Grand avenue to Tenth street. From Lafayette avenue on the south to the railroad tracks on the north, about every other block the wind seemed to reach out and crush a few buildings and unroof a few residences outside its main path.

Every where along Chouteau avenue from Grand avenue east to Twelfth street was down and the poles and their heavy weight of cables were scattered along the streets.

All streets from Park avenue to Chouteau were in a similar condition. None of them were passable with a horse or vehicle, and walking was a difficult and dangerous experiment.

Fire added much to the loss account. Down wires, wild currents of electricity, crushed buildings, all contributed to this element of destruction. The alarm system was paralyzed. Approaches were blocked. A \$200,000 conflagration on the St. Louis side was supplemented by a dozen lesser fires. In East St. Louis a mill was burned and two other considerable losses were sustained. To the enormous total, fires added at least \$500,000. Such another night of horror may St. Louis never know.

THE CITY HOSPITAL'S DAMAGE.

In the flashes of lightning the city hospital looked like a ruin. The new surgical ward was partly demolished. Portions of the other buildings were unroofed. Walls were cracked. Even in the darkness the physicians began the removal of patients to temporary quarters, fearful that the strained structure would go down in a general collapse. There were 450 sick people in the hospital when the storm came.

ON THE RIVER FRONT.

Only One Boat Escaped Danger—Scores of Lives Undoubtedly Lost.

St. Louis, May 29.—The tornado vented its greatest fury along the river front, and the levee for miles up and down was devastated and laid waste. Great steamers were torn from their moorings at the first blast and were driven down the river for miles.

Of all the craft that lined the river for miles, but one remains to tell the story of the disaster. It hung steadily to its moorings throughout.

When the tornado struck the river the light of day vanished in a moment, and those at work on the levee could barely discern the forms of the steamers as, one after another, they pitched and tossed and finally, with a crash, were blown out into the dark water and disappeared.

The steamer J. J. Odell of the Illinois River packet line, was blown out from its wharf at the foot of Morgan street, crashed into the second pillar of the Eads bridge and sank. Her boilers blew up before she disappeared. She had a crew of twelve, and three women passengers, besides her captain, George Townsend, an old river man. Three of her crew, Jack Morrissey, Pat Moran and a man by the name of Moore, reached land in safety. The two former jumped before the explosion and caught drift-wood. Moore was blown overboard by the explosion and was cut about the head, but managed to swim to the shore. Three others of the crew clung to the pier and made their way up to the bridge proper.

There is no way of estimating the number of lives that were lost on the river craft that happened to be near when the tornado came. Hundreds of barges were moored all along the river bank. In some instances as many as ten or twelve persons were on board when the anchorage gave way under the terrible strain. Men were blown into the water and the destruction of life will be large.

The storms swept diagonally across the river and struck the Illinois bank with increased fury. The loss of life in the water on the east side seems to be light, as everybody was cautioned not to jump, everybody was carried safely to land.

The City of Providence was blown up on the Illinois bank. The St. Louis and St. Paul Packet Company's steamer St. Paul had started for Keokuk when the tornado struck the city. She has not been heard from since. She had a full cabin list. The Belle of Calhoun and the Libbie Conger, which were moored near Chouteau avenue, were almost totally broken up.

The Ellen G. Smith, the harbor boat, was blown away down the river and was wrecked near Arsenal Island. It is thought no lives were lost on this boat.

The steamer Ed Harvester of the Missouri Valley Transportation Company was torn from its dock and carried down the river.

A TUG OVERTURNED.

Six Coaches Struck by the Tornado, But Only One Man Killed.

St. Louis, Mo., May 29.—As train No. 68 of the Merchants' Terminal pulled out of Granite City, Ill., at 6:10 o'clock yesterday afternoon it was struck by the second division of the hurricane and was carried from the track and six coaches, containing 340 passengers, were overturned.

The train is known as the "working train" and carries employes to and from their work at the Niedringhaus rolling mills and Stamping works at Granite City.

Robert Miller, foreman of the rolling department, sustained injuries from which he died. Miss Nellie Hageman received injuries which may prove fatal. All the other passengers escaped without injury, except about forty, who received a few scratches.

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THIRTY PATIENTS MISSING.

Fifty More Hospital Patients Are Buried in the Debris.

St. Louis, Mo., May 30.—While the storm was at its height fully thirty patients at the city hospital ran away. They have not been heard from since.

The most horrible work of the storm was the destruction of divisions Nos. 8 and 9. These were the largest buildings in the west central portion of the hospital proper. The wind passed completely through the building, blowing out the east and west eaves. The roof and great piles of bricks and timbers fell on top of fifty helpless patients, completely burying them. Not one of them has yet been rescued, and their rescuers have about despaired of getting them out alive.

The consumptive ward is at the extreme southwest corner of the building. More than thirty patients were confined there, and every one of them had a narrow escape from an instant and horrible death.

When the wind struck the building it fell apart as if it had been so much cardboard. Luckily the south wall fell outward. The wind switched around and carried the west wall outward. It took twenty patients with it at the same time, and deposited them in the yard fifty feet below. The wall hit the ground before the patients did, and while a number were badly injured by the fall, only one was killed. His name was James Dunn. He was taken out of the ruins half an hour later. Every bone in his body was crushed, and he was only identified after the roster of the surviving patients was taken.

CONVENTION HALL NOT WRECKED.

Will Be in Order for the Republican Convention.

St. Louis, Mo., May 30.—The following official statement has been issued: "The convention auditorium was practically uninjured by the great storm, the only damage being that some of the light roof covering on the southeast corner of the building is off. The damage can all be repaired in a very few days. There is not the slightest doubt but that the building will be perfectly restored and in first-class condition long before the day the convention is to meet."

SENATE WORK LAID OUT.

The Bills to Be Pushed Ahead Upon by the Republican Caucus.

WASHINGTON, May 30.—The Republican Senators held a caucus to-day and decided upon the order in which bills on the calendar should be taken up. There was a general understanding that nothing should interfere with the consideration of conference reports on the appropriation bills, and that no obstacle should be placed in the way of reaching a vote on the Butler bond bill. Other bills are to be taken up and disposed of in the following order: Filled cheese, alcohol in the arts, fruit brandy, immigration, 5 per cent bond bill, labor commission, election of senators by the people, bankruptcy, contempt of courts, courts in the Indian Territory, reorganization of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, Alabama election investigation, animal industry and New Hampshire war claims.

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THE SEASON'S GLOVES.

With evening gowns the suede gloves are worn.

They come in all the delicate shades and match the costume in color, or form a pretty contrast. As to length, they are marvelous. A novelty for holding them in place is the new glove fastener. It is a tiny jeweled butterfly, concealing a convenient little clasp, which is attached to the glove. From this a ribbon, the same shade as the glove, arranged that it may be sewed to the sleeve and thus hold the glove securely in place.

Gloves for calling are in glace kid, and are given a distinguished air by an embroidery in silver or gold. Pearl gray gloves have silver stitching and silver buttons, and canary colored gloves are embroidered with gold threads.

Hall's Catarrh Cure Is a constitutional cure. Price, 75c.

Rhubarb and Orange Jam.

As soon as rhubarb is a little lower in price and before oranges are gone, every housewife who is fond of either fruit should make a few pots of the delicious jam that combines them both.

Put the rhubarb until clean and dry, and cut it into fine pieces without peeling. Peel half a dozen oranges, cut away all the white under-skin, take out the seeds, and divide the oranges into quarters. Open each carpel that holds the pulp and take that out, being careful to save all the juice. Put the rhubarb, orange pulp and juice with a pound and a half of granulated sugar, stir until the sugar is melted, then cook slowly until a fine mass. When it begins to thicken cool a little in a saucer. Put away in tumblers and cover with waxed or oiled paper. A very good jam of the rhubarb is also made without the oranges. Use one pound of sugar to each pound of the fruit, and flavor each pound with the grated yellow rind of half a large lemon. Stir and skim frequently while cooking.—New York Post.

Rutabagas for Fodder.

It is gratifying to see so many American farmers putting their waste places or spare pieces of land into rutabagas and turnips for early fall or long winter feeding. They are getting the European idea of root crops. There the turnips and rutabagas are sown broadcast as are almost all grains, and if not desired as roots, the foliage then is used for green food. Just imagine the results of a twenty-acre oatpatch treated in this way! Think of the tremendous amount of green fodder, magnificent fodder too, coming into full play during hot August and September. Why, a field of rutabagas and turnips, there, for cattle food is worth almost as much as the oats gathered therefrom! Another good plan is to sow rutabaga seed, especially the variety known as Salzer's LaCrosse, Wis., Mammoth Russian variety, or his Milk Globe turnip sort, at the rate of one-half pound per acre, into the cornfield, just before the last cultivation. This will give you two good crops—one of corn, the other of roots from the same land! One advantage of the rutabaga is that it can be sown at any time of the summer for green food, while a sowing the latter part of July is the best in northern states for big, sweet, juicy roots for winter storage and use.

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