

WIND HITS INDIANA

TWENTY-FIVE LIVES LOST AND 200 HOMES DESTROYED AT TERRE HAUTE.

DRIVES 400 MILES IN STORM

Aged Woman Makes Perilous Trip to Carry Out Wishes of Her Dying Husband—To Study the Storm.

Terre Haute, Ind.—Twenty-four victims of a tornado, which swept the south part of this place and Vigo county late Sunday night have been identified and more than seventy-five injured are being cared for in improvised hospitals.

Will Study the Storm.

Lincoln.—To study the storm, its path, its unique phases and features, Professors E. H. Barbour and E. F. Schramm, both of the geology department of the state university, left Lincoln for Omaha Monday morning.

TO OBEY HUSBAND'S DYING WISH

Norfolk, Neb.—Obeying the dying request of her husband that she go to Grand Island, Neb., to take care of their dead daughter's children, Mrs. Mary Busham, aged sixty-five, drove overland from Benson, N. D., to this city and almost perished in the blizzard from cold and hunger.

May End Legal Hangings in Nebraska.

Lincoln.—That the death of Albert Prince marked the end of legal executions in Nebraska is the opinion of many members of the state senate, who feel that the upper house will concur in the bill which passed the house providing for abolition.

Many Missing in Chicago.

Chicago.—Several persons missing and perhaps killed in the wreckage of buildings, many houses unroofed, fires in many parts of the city and plate glass windows broken in the stores in St. Louis street were some of the effects of the storm in Chicago.

Constantine Assumes Office.

Athens, Greece.—King Constantine of Greece took the constitutional oath of office in the chamber of deputies in the presence of the highest officers of state and the Greek parliament.

Declines French Ambassadorship.

Washington.—William F. McCombs, chairman of the national democratic committee has issued a statement announcing that he had declined to become ambassador to France.

Naco, Ariz.—Bearing a demand for the surrender of Naco, Sonora, a messenger from General Obregon, commander of the state forces, to General Ojeda, the federal commander at Naco, was shot and killed inside the federal outpost.

DEATH LIST WILL REACH HUNDREDS

DEVASTATION WROUGHT BY AWFUL VISITATION OF SUNDAY'S STORM.

FAMILIES HOMELESS

Fatalities in Omaha Estimated at 152 ---Five Millions of Property Damages---Pathetic Incidents of the Storm---Relief Work Progressing.

Totals of dead and injured in the track of Sunday's storm so far reported are as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Location, Total. Includes Omaha and suburbs (152), Terre Haute, Ind. (18), Chicago (5), Yutan, Neb. (8), Berlin, Neb. (7), etc.

Table with 2 columns: Category, Total. Includes Lives lost (229), Persons injured (715), Houses demolished (150), Churches wrecked (11), Schools wrecked (8), Houses damaged (250).

Omaha.—It took Omaha and the surrounding county forty-eight hours to begin to appreciate the enormity of the devastation wrought by the Easter evening storm of wind and rain.

Number of Known Dead. The number of known dead within the area covered by the storm is estimated at 202, of whom 152 were residents of Omaha.

The remaining dead are scattered over a considerable range of territory, with Council Bluffs reporting 12; Yutan, Neb., 16; Berlin, Neb., 7; Greenwood, Ia., 5; Neola, Ia., 2; and Bartlett, Ia., 3.

Aside from this, hundreds of buildings were more or less damaged, many of these being church edifices and school buildings. Eight of Omaha's public schools were wrecked.

All forms of communication were almost annihilated by the wind and only two or three wires were in working condition when daylight relieved a night of high tension, which almost became panic at times.

The greatest loss of life occurred sectionally, and three points in the path of the storm offered the greatest sacrifices.

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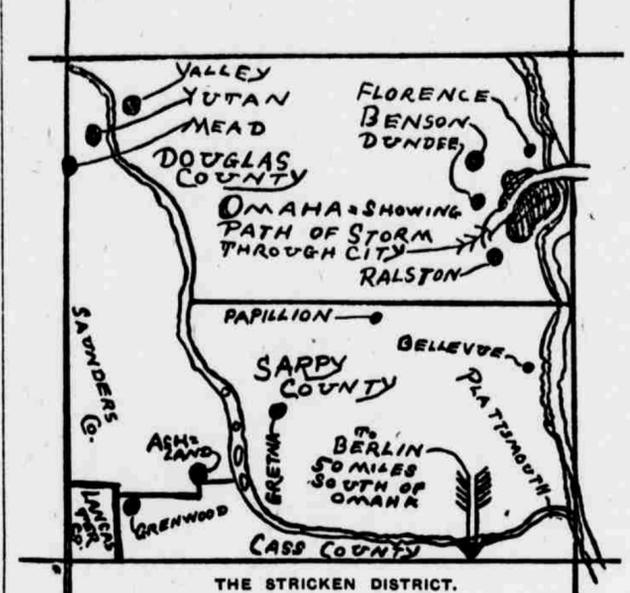
Storm Southwest.

Beatrice, Neb.—A severe wind and hail storm passed through this place Sunday evening and much damage was done to property. Thus far there have been no casualties reported.

Lincoln.—At Yutan there are 18 known dead and many injured. At Valley there were ten missing and it was feared that they had been killed.

Two tornadoes formed shortly after 5 o'clock at Greenwood, one going directly north, touching near Ashland, Memphis, Yutan and Valley and heading to the northwest. The other took an easterly direction, and it was supposed to be this one which demolished Omaha suburbs and entered the city.

It was from Yutan that the first reports of life and property losses were received. The Burlington officials immediately organized a relief train carrying a number of physicians. The train was hurried to Yutan, where it was found that neighboring towns had also sent aid.



A Pathetic Incident.

Omaha.—The child saving institute was a veritable death house after the storm. Every available room was pressed into service and one after another of the dead and injured were brought into the house.

A pathetic sight was that of a young girl keeping watch over the dead body of her mother. The mother, Mrs. John Newman, had been killed instantly.

Omaha.—A frightful scene of havoc abounded in the vicinity of Fortieth and Farnam streets. As far as the eye could see in the darkness in every direction not a building remained intact.

The convent of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart, at Thirty-sixth and Burt streets, was reported a total wreck.

It has been impossible so far to find out how many deaths had resulted at this place. A large number of girls were attending the convent and the loss of life may have been considerable.

Call For Militia.

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Peace Prospects Brighter.

London.—The developments of the last week appear to make the conclusion of the Balkan war a matter of only a few days. Turkey, having no hopes of obtaining more money, has entrusted her interests to the good offices of the powers and the allies have accepted the powers' office of mediation.

Olympia, Wash.—Governor Lester has signed the bill which is designed to put trading stamp companies out of business by imposing a prohibitory license of \$6,000 a year in taxes.

IMMENSE PROPERTY LOSS.

Over Two Hundred Residences Wrecked by Sunday's Storm.

Omaha.—It is estimated that 200 houses throughout all of the western part of the city were totally or partially demolished.

Through the Bemis park district it swept, tearing down the houses right and left.

Along Lincoln boulevard at Thirty-fourth street nearly up to Myrtle avenue the houses were practically all demolished.

Trees in the park were uprooted and twisted as if they were reeds.

At least 200 houses were destroyed by the twister or by the fires which originated in the furnaces of the wrecked buildings.

Fires broke out all along the course of the tornado and sent calls to the firemen so numerously that they were bewildered.

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MANY PERISH

Fire Follows in Wake of Tornado That Causes Havoc at Omaha, Nebraska.

TROOPS GUARD CITY

Persons Attending Motion Picture Theater Lose Lives When Roof Falls.

SCORES HURT BY TWISTER

Telephone Girls in Exchange Are Killed—Illinois Central Bridge Over the Missouri River Destroyed—State Troops Guard Nebraska Town Against Vandals Seeking Loot in Wrecked Buildings.

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Many of the citizens have fled to other cities, a majority of those seeking refuge going to Lincoln. Omaha is under martial law as a result of precautions against looters.

Special trains and troops are being rushed to the scene, and the telegraph companies are making every effort to restore communication.

At least six states suffered heavy damage. Terre Haute, Ind., reports a death list in that vicinity which may reach fifty.

Forty blocks in Omaha's residence section were swept by the tornado. Some of the famous buildings of the city were destroyed.

Many persons were buried in the ruins of houses and scores were fatally injured by falling debris.

In a picture theater the entire audience of fifty was buried when the building collapsed under the weight of the wind.

United States troops from Fort Omaha were immediately called out. It was said, and the stricken zone put under martial law.

Omaha is Under Martial Law. Lincoln, Neb., March 25.—From 100 to 200 are dead, twice as many more injured, some fatally, by a death-dealing tornado which devastated Omaha and its environs.

It demolished telegraph and telephone service and cut off Omaha from communication with the outside world. Property damage will mount up into the hundreds of thousands.

The tornado swept in from the southwest and zigzagged to the northeast over the residence portion of the city, leaving in its wake destruction and carnage from two to four blocks wide.

The police were unable to properly protect the stricken district, and the soldiers from Fort Omaha were called out.

The tornado zone is practically under martial law. Partial List of Dead at Omaha.

- WILLIAM FISHER. MABEL M'BRIDE. NELS LARSON. C. F. COPLEY. WALTER PETERSON. SAM DENGELER. P. B. HARRIS. MARY HARRIS.

The Known Injured. The known injured are: Miss Davis, dangerously injured; will probably die.

Mrs. E. R. Van de Ven, unconscious from blow on head. Mrs. Edward Baggott, Chicago, badly hurt.

Mrs. Ben Gallagher, dangerously hurt. Mrs. McBride, 4115 Farnam, injured by flying bricks.

D. Daggett, head cut by flying glass. Charles Black and family, slight bruises. E. W. Dixon, slight bruises.

M. A. Hall, injured by flying planks. Mrs. Arthur Lavidge and baby, mortally injured. M. W. Halm, slightly hurt.

W. H. McDonald, bad scalp wound. Mrs. Calpin, badly cut. Mrs. E. C. Sells, injured internally and gash on the head.

D. E. Baum, head cut and ankle broken. Thomas McPherson, badly bruised and internally injured. Henry Jensen, head cut. Baby of Mrs. Babcock.

Child of Henry Starman, leg broken. W. H. Steinbaugh, badly hurt. Utah Hayden, head cut. Walter Hayden, leg broken.

Mrs. Fred Hayden, badly hurt. Fred Ohms and child, badly hurt. Homes Are Demolished.

Omaha's suburbs suffered heavily from the storm. In the southwest of Omaha a half score or more are dead.

East Omaha, which felt the tail of the twister, reported houses demolished, but no lives lost. Council Bluffs, Ia., suffered nine dead, a score or more injured and great damage to property.

The worst damage was done, and the largest toll of lives was exacted in the western part of Omaha and in the vicinity of Twenty-fourth and Lake streets, and from there northeast to Sixteenth and Binney.

This is the residence portion, and the destruction wrought was well-nigh appalling. Whole blocks of homes were picked up and dashed into a shapeless mass.

Street cars were hurled from the tracks and demolished. Killed in Picture Show.

A moving picture show at Twenty-fourth and Lake was destroyed. Ten dead and eight injured have thus far been removed from the ruins.

About fifty persons were in the theater at the time of the disaster and it is feared that most of these are buried in the debris.

The final film was just being put on when the showhouse was struck. The roof of the building fell in and in the rush which was made through the only exits open, many of those who were not before injured were trampled and crushed.

The rush continued over the bodies of the dead and a few of the attendants escaped. Bemis Park, one of the prettiest residence districts in Omaha, was razed to the ground and fire completed the destructive work of the tornado.

Among the show places of the city which felt the baneful effects of the storm was the Joslyn castle. The roof was torn off and the trees and shrubbery uprooted.

Convent is Unroofed. The Convent of the Poor Clares at Twenty-ninth and Hamilton streets was unroofed and the grounds were littered with debris.

A report said that the Sacred Heart academy at Thirty-sixth and Bart streets was demolished.

The storm so paralyzed the telegraph service that early in the day no reports of the disaster could be communicated to the outside world.

The Omaha telegraph offices sent their Press messages to Lincoln on an early morning train in an effort to get them east.

At 1:30 a. m. Omaha presented a sorry spectacle as a result of the terrific storm. From the Field club, which is in the western part of the city, to the Carter Lake club, situated at the northeast extremity, is one mass of debris from two to six blocks wide.

Buildings Twisted to Pieces. The tornado struck the better residence parts of the city at six o'clock. Residences were taken from their foundations and twisted to pieces by the wind.

The Woodmen of the World building, the highest structure in the city, was damaged to a great extent, every piece of glass from two sides being blown out.

It was reported that the Illinois Central railroad bridge over the Missouri river was destroyed. This report was not confirmed by passengers.

A big fire was reported raging at Seventeenth and Cash streets, and other smaller blazes had started in the residence district.

What is known as the Venus valley district was leveled by the wind. Refugees Flock to City.

Refugees by the hundreds flocked to the business section. They were taken care of in the principal hotels. The hospitals were full of patients, according to E. G. Swift of Chicago, who arrived here. When he left Omaha every ambulance in the city rapidly was swelling the congestion of the wards.

Thirty Killed in Picture Show. The only point at which the force of the storm struck the business section was Twenty-fourth and Lake streets. Here the Diamond theater, a moving picture concern, well filled, was wrecked.

According to the best available figures, at least thirty of its patrons were killed. Between forty and fifty more were killed in the wreck of a pool hall near by which was patronized by negroes.

Beleagued Morgues and Hospitals. The morgues and hospitals were besieged all morning by friends and relatives of the dead and injured and others made frantic efforts to learn the fate of loved ones.

Although a line of soldiers and police were thrown around the path of the storm soon after it had passed, much looting was reported. Governor Goes to Scene.

The governor left on a special train for the scene of the disaster. At Fortieth and Farnam streets a garage was destroyed, and a large strip of territory south and east of that corner was seriously damaged.

The Illinois Central bridge over the Missouri river was destroyed. President Wilson Wires Mayor. Washington, March 25.—President Wilson telegraphed Mayor James C. Dahlman, mayor of Omaha, as follows: "I am deeply distressed at the news received from Nebraska. Can we help in any way?"