

# SUNSHINE AND CALM FOLLOW BIG WIND STORM

### Damage in Nebraska Estimated at \$500,000—Miles of Wires Blown Down.

More than 20,000 poles are lying flat on the ground and a property damage estimated at \$500,000 are the results of the cyclonic gale that played havoc throughout the state Sunday, according to officials of the Western Union and the Nebraska Telephone companies. The storm did not suffer the fatalities that Illinois, Ohio and Indiana did. In Nebraska wire service was paralyzed, several thousand telegraph poles being leveled by the winds. In South Dakota rain, wind and hail crippled wire service, but no one was seriously injured. The property loss in the Chicago district may reach a total of \$6,000,000, according to estimates made here yesterday.

## Tornado Plays Grim Jokes in Erratic Course

(Continued From First Page.) had just completed a hearty dinner and had lain down for their regular siesta. Just then the storm struck and their first introduction to the tornado was when half a wagon load of bricks were hurled through the roof and windows. They took refuge in the basement, but the tornado tore down the smokestack and piled it in the basement. Fleeing up the street, they barely escaped death when the roof of the municipal building came hurtling after them and distributed itself over half a block.

### Facetious Merchants Scores.

One facetious hardware merchant in the heart of the devastated district put up a sign: "The tornado has nothing on our washing machines when it comes to cleaning up." The limb of a tree eight inches in diameter was blown entirely through a house in North Evanston, but none of the occupants were injured. In an adjoining house a picture was blown out of a frame, the frame was tossed into the kitchen, while the glass over the portrait was not budged the fraction of an inch from the bracket on which the picture had stood.

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In the state of Georgia 70 persons were killed by the storm, 300 injured, and thousands rendered homeless. Many of the smaller towns are cut off from the rest of the world and the Red Cross workers are meeting with almost every difficulty that nature can place in the way of rescue work. A call for money was sent out through the entire state. Reports from Michigan place the death total at 11, with more than two score injured. In the rural districts swept by the storm a tangled mass of leveled fences, outbuildings, greenhouses, unroofed barns and uprooted trees were left in the wake of the tornado.

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"I realize," he said, "that the air service is probably in its infancy. It may be that airplanes will be as quick as automobiles in a course of time, but I was afraid of it at this time because of the financial condition with which our country is confronted and I doubt the wisdom now of appropriating any money in the postoffice appropriation bill to carry it out."

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London, March 29.—The second reading of the Irish home rule bill was moved in the House of Commons Monday by Ian MacPherson, secretary for Ireland, amid an atmosphere of tenseness, but with little evidence of excitement. Two motions for the rejection of the bill have been prepared, one by the labor party and the other by former Premier Asquith. The speaker has given precedence to the former. Tomorrow Mr. Asquith will speak against the bill and will be answered by Premier Lloyd George. Explaining the bill, Mr. MacPherson stated that recent events in Ireland had only strengthened his view that an undivided Ireland was impossible. Referring to the proposal for an Irish council, he said the government was prepared to listen sympathetically to suggestions for improving the council.

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Chicago, March 29.—Nine hundred stock handlers, cleaners and unloaders, employed by the Union Stock Yards & Transit company, struck Monday, tying up shipments to and from the stock yards. If the strike continues packing company officers admitted they might be forced to close their plants. This would throw 50,000 employees out of work. The men voted to strike Saturday night in violation, it was said, of the agreement that all wage disputes be settled before Judge Alschuler. The men are demanding a wage increase of \$30 a month. According to union officers they now receive from \$90 to \$130 a month.

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