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CAROLINA KIDDIES TO HELP PURCHASE FRENCH MEMORIAL

Governor Bickett Calls On People Of State To Contribute To Fund.

EACH PERSON IN STATE SHOULD GIVE ONE PENNY

April Sixth Has Been Set Aside As The Day For Contributions.

(Special to The Star.)

Raleigh, March 28.—In behalf of America's gift to France. Governor Bickett today made the following appeal to the people of North Carolina:

"The Statue of Liberty which stands at the entrance to New York harbor was the gift of France to America. It was not the gift of the wealthy, but of all the people. The schools of France led the move, and from every corner in the land millions of contributions poured in.

"America has determined to make a similar gift to France. It will take the form of a heroic statue, and will be erected in the town of Meaux to commemorate the First Battle of the Marne. No large contributions are sought, and none will be accepted. We want France to know this gift is from the people of the United States. I earnestly beg every man, woman and child in North Carolina to give one penny to this beautiful memorial. To this end I am placing the movement in the hands of the school teachers of the state.

"On Tuesday, the 6th of April, which is Tuesday after Easter Monday, I want the school children to carry to their teachers one penny from every member of the family to which they belong.

"The children of France, and their children, will rejoice in such a tribute of admiration and love. The number of contributions from each state will be certified to France, and I want North Carolina, in proportion to our population, to lead all the rest.

"All teachers will please take notice of this appeal, and enlist the sympathy and co-operation of the children."

SEVEN PERSONS ARE DEAD AS RESULT OF COLLISION.

San Antonio, Texas, March 28.—Seven persons are dead as a result of a collision today between a northbound Missouri, Kansas and Texas train and an automobile near Luxello, twenty-five miles north of here. The dead are a mother, her two married daughters and their husbands, an un-married daughter and a three-year-old grand daughter. All were residents of San Antonio.

FORMER GERMAN EMPEROR PREPARES FOR MOVING DAY

Amerongen, March 28.—Part of former Emperor William's personal luggage already has been moved from Bentinck castle, where he is living at present, to Doorn, where he is soon to take up his residence. A large number of trunks, most of which had not been opened since the former emperor's arrival here, have been taken to Doorn in motor trucks. Moving day for Count Hohenzollern is expected to be May 1.

ADOPTS NEW TIME.

New Orleans, March 28.—Directors of the New Orleans cotton exchange announced today that beginning Monday the exchange here would open at 8 o'clock a. m. and close at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, except Saturday when it would close at 10 o'clock in the morning.

AUBRY L. BROOKS IS READY TO RUN AGAINST OVERMAN

Greensboro Lawyer Is Waiting For Suffrage Amendment To Be a Certainty.

(Special to The Star.)

Raleigh, March 28.—Aubry L. Brooks, of Greensboro, in the city on business today, has not yet made up his mind about running for the senatorial nomination against Senator Lee S. Overman—or at least he is not yet ready to make known his decision on the question. Mr. Brooks is interested in the action of the Delaware legislature on the suffragist question, and the probabilities are that he will not announce until after the ratification of the Susan B. Anthony amendment is more nearly a certainty than it is at the present time. He, like Governor Bickett, believes that woman suffrage is "inevitable."

But, unlike the governor, the Greensboro lawyer is not for the cause because he believes it inevitable. He has been in the field, and hopes he has been one of the forces that has helped to make it "inevitable." He appeared before the joint committee of the house and senate when H. S. (Hot Stuff) Ward spoke against the municipal suffrage bill.

Senator Overman was brought into rather embarrassing prominence at that time, because the women and a number of the members of the legislature signed the petition asking the senator to change his mind about woman suffrage and vote for the bill then pending before the house. But Senator Overman was not to be moved by these pleas.

CHURCHMAN SCORES FEMALE DISREGARD ORDINARY MODESTY

Modern Dress Is An Abomination In Minds Of Christian People.

Mobile, Ala., March 28.—Rev. J. H. Shaw, archbishop of New Orleans, a native of Mobile, in a pastoral letter, scores what he terms the "shocking disregard in modern female attire for the elementary principles of ordinary decency."

The letter says in part:

"The shocking disregard in modern female attire for the elementary principles of ordinary decency is simply disgusting. The disgusting realism of the modern fashions is fast extinguishing in the hearts of all noble-minded men that spirit of reverance and chivalry which regarded the women of other days as something almost mystic and divine.

"Oh, the pity and shame of it, that so many of our Catholic women of all classes and of nearly every age, married as well as single, mothers as well as daughters, are the servile imitators of the immodest fashions of the day. To such an extent have some of them lost the natural modesty of their sex that they hesitate not to come before the Holy of Holies and approach the sacred table in such scant attire as must make the angels veil their faces with their wings.

"We have seriously debated with ourselves whether or not we are bound in conscience to exclude such women from the house of God, whose vicar on earth would not tolerate their presence for a single moment."

MAXWELL'S CHANCES GOOD FOR LANDING JOB

North Carolinian Occupies Excellent Strategic Position.

(Special to The Star.)

Raleigh, March 28.—Judge Pell continues to believe that Corporation Commissioner A. J. Maxwell's chances for appointment to the Inter-state Commerce commission are better than those of any other man, if the President makes the appointment on the same basis that other appointments to this commission have been made. While in Washington he found occasion to look over the list of men who have been nominated for the place, and whose names will be sent to the President when the chief executive gives the intimation that he is ready to make the appointment. Judge Pell does not think that a single one of the other candidates stand in the same class with the North Carolina man who is being urged for the place.

COMPULSORY EDUCATION OF ALIENS IS ADVISED.

New York, March 28.—Federal legislation providing compulsory education of every alien in the United States unable to read, write or speak English is advocated by A. S. Prall, president of the board of education, in a letter to Representative Daniel J. Riordan, at Washington. Americanization, he said, "is not a problem to be solved by any agency other than that of the United States government.

BUILD MILITARY HIGHWAY THROUGH SOUTHERN STATES.

Montgomery, Ala., March 28.—Endorsing a movement which has for its purpose the construction of a military highway between Norfolk, Va., and Jacksonville, Fla., and the general plan of federal appropriations for highway construction in the states, were concluding features of the quarterly meeting of the officers of the southern settlement and development organization, which adjourned Saturday to meet in June at Columbia, S. C.

WEST DEFEATS THE EAST.

Berkeley, Calif, March 28.—The west defeated the east in the intersectional tennis series for women, when Miss Helen Baker, of San Francisco, won the fifth and deciding match today from Mrs. George Wightman, of Boston, national woman champion, 2-6, 6-1, 6-4.

STORM WARNINGS ISSUED

Washington, March 28.—Southwest storm warnings were displayed tonight on the Atlantic coast from Charleston to Eastport. The Kansas storm of Saturday night was central tonight over northern Wisconsin with increased energy.

FAIRFAX HARRISON JOINS FIVE PORTS

Will Fight Cancellation Of Export Traffic Rates From Middle West.

Washington, Mach 28.—President Fairfax Harrison, of the Southern railway, has telegraphed R. L. Philips, of Savannah, Ga., head of the South Atlantic Ports association, that the Southern would oppose any effort at cancellation of export traffic rates from the middle west to South Atlantic ports.

"I am glad to reaffirm," Mr. Harrison said in his message, as made public here tonight by the association, "statement recently made to Mobile chamber of commerce that when the export rate question is heard by the interstate commerce commission you will find use there with every ounce of energy we have to resist the selfish proposal of the trunk lines that they shall be protected in a continuing monopoly as against South Atlantic and Gulf ports.

WILLIAM G. M'ADOO WON'T BE CANDIDATE IN OREGON PRIMARY

Thinks Uninstructed Delegates Should Be Sent To Democratic Convention.

New York, March 28.—William G. McAdoo has again expressed himself as opsed personally to being a candidate in a Presidential primary and as advocating that delegates to the next democratic convention should go uninstructed. He made public tonight a telegram to George A. Lovejoy, of Portland, Oregon, which in part said:

Stands On His Position

"I have your telegram advising me that the McAdoo club of Oregon has secured one thousand signatures to place my name before democratic electors in the Oregon Presidential primary election to be held May 21, and expressing the hope that I will grant permission to file the petition.

"I deeply appreciate this generous offer of support from my friends in Oregon, but I earnestly beg them not to enter me as a candidate in this primary. I publicly stated in February last that I believe the next democratic national convention should be composed of uninstructed delegates, who should be free to exercise their unfettered judgment as to platform and candidate.

"I also stated that I am not seeking and will not seek the nomination, although I should regard it as the duty of any man to accept a nomination if tendered to him unsolicited by the free action of a convention composed of free men and women. Holding these deep convictions, I cannot consistently enter the Presidential primary in any state where the object is to instruct the delegates for a particular candidate.

Grave Issues Confront

"The grave issues confronting the country make this a peculiarly inappropriate time for self seeking and self exploitation, a peculiarly impressive time for the subordination of individual ambitions to high principle and the common good, a pecularly exacting time for clean politics and for purity of the ballot in primary and general elections, and a time for strong apprehension of the improper use of money to influence the nomination of the candidates to office."

FIRES OF VIOLENCE WON'T WELD COUNTRY

Tolstoy Says Co-operation Solution Industrial Problems.

Chicago, March 28.—A federated republic similar to the United States was the aim of Russia, Count Ilya Tolstoy, said in an address Saturday.

"Co-operation is the only solution of industrial problems," he said, "but the bolsheviki are endeavoring to enforce co-operation by violence, and are preying upon the lower classes in Russia, exciting their worst elements.

"The aims of the bolsheviki are right, but their methods are wrong. The ultimate failure of the bolsheviki forces lies in the fact that they are trying to force a government by the fires of violence."

CONVICTED NEGRO DIES IN HIS CELL IN JAIL.

Dublin, Ga., March 28.—Hubert Cummins, negro, sentenced to be hanged for the murder of Raymond Cannon, overseas veteran, died early today in the Laurence county jail after an illness of several weeks. The killing of Cannon occurred last fall and was followed by a series of racial disturbances which continued for two months after the crime.

TROOP BANQUET TONIGHT

Members of old Troop C, of the North Carolina cavalry, will hold a banquet in the Masonic Temple tonight at 9 o'clock.

LABOR TO ORGANIZE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN

Hundred And Fifty Thousand Workers To Be Mobilized Into Committees.

Washington, March 28.—Steps to mobilize 150,000 workers into 50,000 committees to prosecute labor's nonpartisan political campaign were taken today by the campaign executive committee, composed of Samuel Gompers, Frank Morrison and James O'Connell. Requests were sent to 40,000 local unions, asking immediate appointment of a committee of three by each to act in conjunction with 10,000 other committees named by city central bodies and other organizations, "all working in harmony under a carefully worked out scheme of co-operation," according to an announcement by American Federation of Labor headquarters.

State conventions have been called by organized labor in West Virginia and New Jersey to make plans for carrying on a vigorous campaign. Organization work in the various states is being supplemented, it was said, by publications of thousands of pieces of literature and the supply of political news regularly to 300 labor journals and magazines."

PRACTICAL FARMER SHOULD BE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

Washington, March 28.—The direct representative of farmers in the President's cabinet, its secretary of agriculture, should be a practical farmer, "not a theorist," according to a letter from Major General Leonard Wood to N. J. Bachelder, of New Hampshire, former master of the national grange, made public today by General Wood's campaign managers.

TORNADOES STRIKE HALF DOZEN STATES; THREE SCORE DEAD

Three Distinct Storms Push East And West Leaving Death And Destruction.

PROPERTY LOSS REACHES MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

Half a Dozen States Suffered And Twice That Many Localities Ravaged.

Tornadoes that struck in half a dozen states today caused a death list that may pass three score, caused property damage reaching many millions of dollars and played havoc with wire and railway service in wide spread districts. The greatest damage was done in Chicago suburbs and Elgin, where the known death list was 25 and a number of other persons were missing. Atlanta reported that the death list in Georgia and Alabama was at least 36.

Apparently there were three distinct storms, one driving northeastward into Illinois and dying out on the shores of Lake Michigan just north of Chicago, one striking in Georgia and Alabama and another striking in Indiana and passing into Ohio and Michigan.

A list of points suffering greatest damage follows:

Chicago suburbs, fifteen killed, hundreds injured a dozen or more missing and damage of upwards a half million dollars done.

Elgin, Illinois, eight known dead, several missing and scores injured; property damage estimated at $4,000,000.

Lagrange, Georgia, a death list reported as high as thirty and heavy property damage.

West Point, Georgia, ten killed.

Near Fort Wayne, Indiana, three killed, heavy property damage.

Agricola, Alabama, five killed.

Greenville and Union city, Ohio, sixteen reported killed.

St. Louis, one killed.

East Troy, Wisconsin, one killed.

Swanton and Ranks Corners, Ohio, a number reported killed.

DISASTROUS FIRE SWEEPS LAKELAND

Loss Nearly Four Million Dollars

Lakeland, Fla., March 28.—Fire swept two city blocks here tonight and touched parts of three others, causing a loss estimated at between $300,000 and $400,000. Only a shift in the high wind, after two water mains bursted, saved the city hall. The fire area is bounded by Missouri and Florida avenues, Main street and the railway. Insurance carried was estimated at not more than thirty per cent.

Among the concerns wiped out were the Lakeland Manufacturing company, in whose lumber yard the fire started; the Shaw hotel, Main Street garage, Todd Hardware company and the Lakeland Steam laundry. The Todd Hardware company saved a large part of its stock.

Water was pumped from the lake after the mains burst.

BITUMINOUS MINE WORKERS WILL HOLD CONFERENCE TODAY

New York, March 28.—Members of the general scale committee of the bituminous mine workers and the operators were gathering here today for a conference tomorrow at which the first steps will be taken to make a new wage agreement, based on the majority report of President Wilson's coal commission. The miners' committee will hold a meeting at 10 a. m., but they will not go into session with the operators until 3 p. m.

WANDERED INTO EVERGLADES

Arcadia, Fla., March 28.—Word reaching here late today stated that the plane of Lieutenant Omar Niergarth had been found abandoned thirty-two miles south of Deep Lake. It is believed Neirgarth wandered away into the Everglades. The search for him is being continued and the hope is expressed that Indians will rescue him.

GEN. LEONARD WOOD ANSWERS SEN. BORAH

Says Charges Unwarranted And Are For Purpose Of Influencing The Voters.

Chicago, March 28.—General Leonard Wood in a statement tonight declared that charges made by Senator Borah concerning the campaign methods of the Wood national committee were unwarranted, and that he was convinced they were made for the purpose of influencing adversely the primary vote in Michigan next Monday.

The statement follows:

"I am convinced that Senator Borah's attack at this time is for the purpose of influencing adversely the primary vote in Michigan next Monday, April 5. A similar attack was reported in the press a few days before the South Dakota primary, and was used throughout that state I believe for a similar purpose.

"Those who are in charge of my campaign stand ready to answer all proper inquiries concerning expenditures. Senator Borah's attack is entirely unwarranted."

SCORES OF PEOPLE ARE KILLED; SEVERAL TOWNS DEMOLISHED BY SOUTH AND WEST TORNADOES

FEDERAL BUREAU TO HELP TEACHERS FIND POSITIONS

Offers Service Free Of Charge To Both Instructors And Schools.

(Special to The Star.)

Raleigh, March 28.—The federal employment service in North Carolina is offering to act as a teachers' employment agency this coming summer, and this service will be furnished free of all costs to either the teachers or the school officials who may be aided in locating teachers. The federal director for the state, M. L. Shipman, has sent out letters to all the county and graded school superintendents in the state explaining the offer and asking that they co-operate with the service in aiding teachers to get located during the summer.

Help Teachers and Schools.

The federal employment bureaus are not making an effort to run the teachers' employment agencies out of business, but they do believe that they can aid in this work with no expense to the teacher or the school officials, and the money thus saved can be used to advantage either by the teachers or the schools. Here is the letter that has been sent out:

"As the end of the present school term approaches, with its inevitable changes in personnel, your attention is called to the opportunities offered by the United States employment service for the schools to secure tteachers for the coming year, and for teachers for the coming year, and for they contemplate a change. This organization offers its services to both the schools and the teachers absolutely free of charge. We are well equipped to act as a clearing house whereby the teacher may be brought in contact with the position and the position in contact with the teacher. Already we are receiving applications from teachers desiring to make a change, also from students who will graduate from colleges this year, prepared to accept positions as teachers of the various grades.

Should File Orders Now.

"If you need or will need teachers for the graded, the county or the high schools, we suggest that you file your order with us. For that purpose we enclose order cards—white for male and blue for female teachers. While we cannot guarantee to supply your needs, we will certainly give the position publicity and will refer to you any applicant whom we consider capable."

This letter is being sent out to the superintendents with the request that they notify their teachers, who may wish to make a change of the service, and in order to acquaint the superintendents with the fact that it is possible that the employment bureaus of the department of labor may be in a position to meet their needs. The letters are also being sent to the colleges.

MILTON WINS AUTO RACE

Los Angeles, March 28.—Tommy Milton, driving fifty miles on the one and one-fourth mile Los Angeles speedway in 26 minutes and 52.20 seconds, won the third final heat and a prize of $5,800 in a series of automobile races today. His average for the fifty miles was 111.8 miles an hour.

WOMAN CONVICTED CAUSING BLINDNESS INFANT CHILDREN

Midwife Neglected To Administer Silver Nitrate After Child Is Born.

(Special to The Star.)

Raleigh, March 28.—For failure to comply with the state law requiring the administration of silver nitrate to the eyes of newly born babies to prevent blindness, Margaret Perry, a midwife, of Edgcombe county, was tried in the local courts at Tarboro, convicted, fined ten dollars and costs of the action and deprived of license to continue practice. The woman had recently had two cases of ophthalnia neonstorum, or babies' sore eyes, in her practice and had not used the silver-nitrate solution required. The consequence is that both the children will probably be blind for life. The case was prosecuted by the state board of health.

The silver nitrate solution is supplied by the state board of health without cost to all physicians and midwives in the state. The state law requires that it be used within two hours after the birth of a child. It is estimated that compliance with this requirement means an annual saving to the state each year of more than fifty thousand dollars that would otherwise be necessary for the education of its blind children, without considering the economic gain of a citizen that can see as compared to one that is blind.

Physicians and midwives of the state have been instructed fully with regard to the provision of this law, and the methods of complying. The state board of health is prepared to prosecute all violations that its officers can discover.

TORNADO SWEEPS MID-WEST STATES, KILLING SCORES

Other Hundreds Are Injured and Towns and Villages Practically Demolished.

PROPERTY DAMAGE WILL REACH INTO MILLIONS

Martial Law Proclaimed At Elgin, Illinois, To Prevent Looting Of Stores.

Chicago, March 28.—A score of persons were killed and a hundred or more injured today by a tornado that swept the county and a number of towns north and west of Chicago and ravaged some of the city's northwestern suburbs. The property damage ran into the millions of dollars, including the demolition of many buildings, and the razing of telegraph and telephone lines. Communication with rural regions was for a time cut off.

Eight persons were killed and a score injured when the storm swept through the center of Elgin, Ill., about thirty miles west of Chicago, causing $4,000,000 damages to property. Melrose Park, a suburb of Chicago, reported six dead, and Dunning, another suburb, and Wilmetts, a North Shore town, each reported several dead.

More than one hundred persons were taken to the Chicago state hospital at Dunning during the afternoon and police and private ambulances were arriving every few minutes with additional victims. About 150 residences and buildings were wrecked at Dunning.

Many Towns Suffer

From Elgin the storm passed on to the northeast. Half a dozen business buildings, two churches and twenty residences were demolished in Elgin. Meagre reports brought in by farmers indicated local damage in a widespread rural region. Falling telegraph and telegraph poles cut off communication, and many trees, uprooted by the twisting winds, so tangled the wires that restoration or communication presented a difficult problem.

The Elgin company, of the state militia, was placed on duty to guard property, laid open to the public by the unroofing and upseting of stores.

At Melrose Park, on the western edge of Chicago, sixty houses were destroyed, the devastated area covering four blocks. The tornado followed in the wake of a severe hail storm.

Tonight six dead had been identified at Melrose Park and it was predicted the fatality list would reach twelve. Scores were injured. Fire followed the collapse of buildings and the fire department of several suburbs were summoned.

A score of houses in Evanston, a northern suburb, were demolished and a number of persons injured, but no fatalities were reported. Roofs were carried from houses and trees were uprooted and carried a half block in some instances.

The damage in Wilmette, another north shore suburb, was estimated at $500,000. Many buildings in the business quarters were damaged, along with the town hall and the Episcopal church. The storm tore a path two hundred yards wide through the main part of Wilmette.

Several Hundred Injured

Mrs. H. Hansen and Edward Jameson were killed, several hundred injured and 1,000 made homeless at Dunning, a northeast suburb. More than 150 houses, mostly frame structures, were destroyed there. Mrs. Hansen and her four cmhildren were in the parlor of their home when the building was blown over by the wind. The children were uninjured. Jameson was buried in the debris of his cottage.

The Chicago state hospital at Dunning was not damaged. The injured were taken to the hospital, which also was converted into a barrack for the homeless.

At Plainfield, a small town west of Chicago, two persons were injured, probably fatally, when their home was blown down. Twelve other persons were less seriously hurt and damage estimated at $25,000 done in the town. One of the injured was Mrs. John Denver, of Joliet, whose automobile was turned upside down by the wind. More than a score of barns in the neighborhood of Plainfield were demolished.

Among nearby towns damaged by the storm, according to reports, were Wauconda, McHenry, Woodstock, Algonquin and Marengo. Dundee was reported to have been passed over by the storm, but damage in the farming country was heavy.

Eight Killed At Elgin

Elgin, Illinois, March 28.—At least eight persons were killed and property damage estimated as high as $4,000,000 caused by a tornado that struck this city shortly after noon today. A large part of the business quarter and a portion of the residential section was in ruins tonight, and it was feared more bodies were under the wreckage. Military law was declared at 5 p. m., and the streets cleared by troops to prevent looting.

Elgin was in darkness tonight. More than 100 persons were injured in this city. Light wires and trolley wires were down. Street car service was suspended. Trains were blocked by uprooted trees, and for a time only one telegraph and telephone wire connected the city with the outside.

On proclaiming military law, Mayor Price called out company D, 10th Illi-

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CYCLONIC STORM PARTIALLY WRECKS GEORGIA CITIES

Lagrange And West Point Both Suffer Material Damage And Loss Of Life.

SCORES WERE INJURED; NUMBER DEAD UNKNOWN

Atlanta Red Cross Has Started Army Trucks To Scene With Supplies.

Atlanta, Ga., March 28.—At least thirty-six lives were lost, a hundred or more persons were injured and property damage possibly running into the millions, was caused by tornadoes that swept through Georgia and Alabama late today.

LaGrange and West Point, Ga., towns near the Alabama-Georgia border, suffered the heaviest, the estimated dead at LaGrange running as high as thirty-six. Twenty-one bodies, six of white and fifteen negroes, were found. West Point, which lost heavily last December from the flooded Chattahoochee, reported ten dead and severe damages in the business section.

The tornado also was felt in Macon, where property damage ran high and some persons were injured. Washington, Ga., a town near Augusta, also felt the effects of a storm, but apparently no lives were lost. Some damage also was thought to have been caused in eastern Alabama.

Wire Service Interferred

Wire service, both telegraph and telephone, was partially paralyzed and it was almost impossibble to ascertain exact damage, or to get reports from many sections of the state that have felt the effects of the storm. Heavy rains fell throughout a great portion of Georgia during the day and it was feared flooded rivers might add to the suffering.

The Red Cross here was preparing tonight to rush supplies to LaGrange by army motor trucks as the Atlanta and West Point railroad reported it could not dispatch a relief train because its wires were down. Its passenger train, New Orleans to Washington, No. 36, was not located late tonight.

Army engineers were preparing to go to West Point to rebuild a pontoon bridge they threw across the Chattahoochee river last December when floods that inundated the town and caused seven millions of dollars' property damage.

Most of the damage in West Point was said to be in the business section, and its effects on merchants and other business men just struggling from the heavy losses of last December were expected to be almost impossibble for them to bear. Half a dozen business structures were said to be severely damaged.

Mill Village Loss Heavy

In LaGrange the chief loss to life and property was said to be in the mill section, but the town was thrown into darkness as the electric lighting plant was partially wrecked. In addition to this the waterworks plant was said to be out of commission and Swift & Co.'s packing plant was reported a wreck.

Hospitals were filled with injured in LaGrange, according to telephone reports, and the courthouse had been made into an emergency hospital. The injured had not been counted tonight, but apparently their numbers ran into the hundreds.

Damage in Macon and Washington, Ga., was chiefly confined to plate glass windows and roofs of buildings, with property loss rather heavy in Macon.

Loss resulting from hail and rain storms was reported from Grantville and Hogansville, towns in the West Point-LaGrange section, a small tornado struck Williamson, Ga., unroofing some houses. There were no injuries or loss of life there as far as was known tonight.

Tornado at Lagrange.

Atlanta, Ga., March 28.—At least twenty-one persons were killed and possibly more in a tornado that tsruck Lagrange, Ga., late today, according to word received here tonight.

The information came from Fuller E. Callaway, capitalist and mill owner of Lagrange, who stated over the telephone that some reports placed the dead as high as twenty-five to thirty-six. Scores were injured, he said, and the court house and churches were being used as hospitals.

The town was left in darkness, as the light and power plant was destroyed or so severely damaged as to be rendered useless. The water works also were put out of commission, while the plant of Swift and company also was partially wrecked.

The chief loss of life and property damage was in what is known as the Hillside mill section of Lagrange, where the tornado twisted, tearing down small residences and smashing nearly everything else in its path. Estimates said at least 100, and possibly 300, small residences were destroyed or heavily damaged.

Mr. Callaway requested aid from Atlanta and the local chapter of the Red Cross arranged to start army trucks with supplies tonight.

Heavy Loss at West Point.

Montgomery, Ala., March 28.—Messages received here from West Point, Ga., over railroad wires, reported the death of ten or more persons and the destruction of the northwestern part

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