



AWFUL CYCLONE.

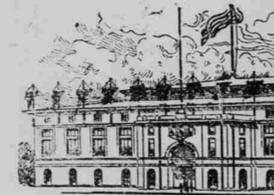
Appalling Loss of Life In and Around St. Louis.

HUNDREDS DEAD OR DYING.

A Whirling Cloud of Death and Destruction.

Great Terrific Sweep Out of the Northwest, Crossing Lower St. Louis, and Followed by Flood and Fire, Destroy Much of East St. Louis—The Edads Bridge Partially Wrecked—Block After Block of Houses Crushed by the Storm—Hundreds of Families Made Homeless—School Children Killed—The Storm Sweeps Over Several States.

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ST. LOUIS AUDITORIUM. (Built for the Republican National Convention which will be held June 16. Committee-men Kereans say the damage it has received will not interfere with the meeting.)

A tornado, terrible in its fury, immeasurable in its destructiveness, struck the city at 11:15 p. m. yesterday and for half an hour it roared and trembled as if a giant earthquake were shaking the earth beneath it. It came from the south, where it scoured a vast extent of country and it wrought unprecedented havoc in this city.

Two tornadoes, one sweeping down from Moberly, Mo., toward the southeast and the other sweeping up from the southwest, met over the Mississippi River at St. Louis. The storm seemed to join forces and death dealt destruction. East St. Louis, on the Illinois side of the river, fared the worse, a swath several blocks wide being cut through the heart of that city.



ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION BUILDING. (The famous structure, where many National Conventions have met, badly damaged.)

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In an hour, and three alarms were sent in from the poorhouse, which building has 1200 inmates. The roof of the poorhouse was blown off and the inmates were scattered.

The Louisville and Nashville east-bound local passenger train had just reached East St. Louis when the storm struck the city. The train was overturned, but miraculously only a few passengers were injured.

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The next General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church will be held in Charlotte, N. C., in the First Church, the third Sunday in May, 1897.

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SABBATH SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON FOR JUNE 7.

Lesson Text: "Warning to the Disciples," Luke xxii., 24-37—Golden Text: Phil. ii., 5.—Commentary.

24. "And there was also a strife among them, which of them should be accounted the greatest. It was the last night before Golgotha. It was the night of Gethsemane and only a few hours before that conflict.

25. "He that is greatest among you let him be as the younger, and he that is chief as he that doth serve." Let gentleness be first among you, and to whom honor is for the present given, let them talk of Lordship and ruling, but let the redeemed of the Lord, who with Him wait for the kingdom.

26. "That you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom and sit on thrones ruling over the twelve tribes of Israel." The Lord Jesus Christ, who is the head of the church, has promised to give to His faithful servants the privilege of ruling with Him in His kingdom.

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DEATH AND DESTRUCTION.

Towns in Iowa and Illinois Almost Wiped Out.

Monday the villages of Valeria, Mingo and Santiago, Iowa, on the Chicago and Great Western Railroad, were nearly wiped from the face of the earth by a cyclone, and adjacent counties were laid waste with considerable loss of life and great destruction of railway and other property.

The list of killed stands as follows: Jasper County, Ia., 10; Polk County, Ia., 8; Rockford, Ill., 4; Elgin, Ill., 1; North McGregor, Ia., 12; Durango, Ia., 5; Fort Scott, Kan., 2.

At Chicago basements were flooded and considerable damage done to property. At Elgin, John Krough, engineer of the State Insane Asylum, was killed by a falling chimney. The Elgin Sewing Machine and Sewing Machine factory was nearly destroyed, four men were injured, a number of them fatally, is the result of the cyclone, besides great loss to property and the complete destruction of crops.

Several Property Drowned and Much Property Destroyed. Two cloudbursts occurred in Newton county, Kansas, at an early hour Saturday morning, one at Kansas City and the other at Seneca. One life was lost at Kansas City and twenty-seven at Seneca.

A DEVASTATING CYCLONE. Kansas Again Visited by a Destructive Storm. A tornado passed through the western part of Neodesha county early Sunday morning. La Fontaine, a village of 200 souls, was almost destroyed.

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