

Hundreds Killed, Thousands Injured By Tornado Which Struck In 5 States Wednesday

GENERAL TOWNS ARE ALMOST DESTROYED

Tornado Started in Missouri, Struck in Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky and Tennessee During Early Night.

SCHOOL CHILDREN AMONG VICTIMS

Frankfort and DeSoto, Mo., Suffered Greatest Loss, Hundreds Being Killed in the Two Towns.

Concord, March 19.—The most devastating storm this country has ever experienced swept portions of six states Wednesday evening, collecting a total of 1,000 deaths and 3,000 injured, according to reports from the states.

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Southern Illinois Presents Tableau of Death and Destruction Today

Murphysboro, Ill., March 19.—(By the Associated Press).—Southern Illinois today presented a vast tableau of death and destruction as the horror-stricken inhabitants awaited more definite reports on the toll of lives taken by yesterday's tornado which swept clear across the southern part of the state.

With the stricken towns almost completely isolated, definite reports as to the general loss of life were lacking, but estimates placed the number well above the 1,000 mark, with many more injured. The amount of the property damaged also lacked definite figures but was several million dollars.

Sweeping across the Mississippi from the lower sections of Missouri, the storm invaded Illinois at Gorham on the Mississippi, and tore its way in almost a straight easterly direction into Indiana, laying waste towns and farms over several hundred square miles.

Murphysboro, West Frankfort, Parrish and DeSoto all situated in Illinois rich coal fields, appeared to have suffered the heaviest loss of lives and the biggest property damage.

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FEAR 1,000 WERE KILLED

Carbondale, Ill., March 19.—Upwards of 1,000 persons are dead and probably 3,000 injured with hundreds of others homeless within a radius of 250 miles of this city as a result of yesterday's tornado, as shown by reports filtering here this morning.

A tabulation based on estimates of persons reaching here from the stricken and devastated towns follows:

Murphysboro with a population of 13,000, reports between 250 and 300 dead, upward of 700 injured, 1,000 to 1,200 wrecked or burned, and 4,000 to 5,000 made homeless.

At 9 o'clock this morning a fire with which the storm burned or wrecked 20 blocks, was still raging, but reported under control after dynamite had been used.

One company of Illinois National guard was on duty in Murphysboro and another was reported to be at West Frankfort.

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LOCAL MENTION

Little Miss Margaret Brown, who has been sick with influenza for the past two weeks, is improving and is able to be up.

The home of J. T. Skidmore on McGill street was sold by Jno. K. Patterson Real Estate Company to J. Robbie Potts yesterday for the sum of \$3,100.

Marriage license has been issued by Register of Deeds Elliott to Reece E. Smith and Miss Jessie E. Rogers, both of Concord.

Waller Brown, who has been confined to his home on Georgia Avenue for several days on account of mumps, is again able to be at work.

Rev. W. P. McCarter, of Gastonia, will preach at the West Concord Baptist Church next Sunday at 11 o'clock and at 7:30 p. m. Everybody is invited to these services.

The Y paper is off the press and copies may be secured at the office of the Secretary. This issue of the paper has more than the usual amount of interesting reading matter.

T. H. Webb and C. W. Byrd are spending the day in Raleigh going down on business for the Locke Cotton Mills. They are making the trip in Mr. Byrd's car and expect to return to Concord tonight.

The Hartsell Realty Company has been moving its offices, from the St. Cloud Hotel building to new quarters on South Union street during the last two days.

The town clock has been running a little fast during the last several days. On Monday the city's timepiece was about five minutes fast and today it had gained three more minutes on Western Union time, and at present is about eight minutes ahead of the standard time.

Approaches to the new bridges on the Concord-Mt. Pleasant road are not being paved now. Fills were built at the bridges and they will not be paved until engineers on the job know they have settled. It probably will be some time before the fills are paved, one of the engineers on the job declared today.

The city has a force of hands at work on Beech street preparatory to laying a cement walk on the property of J. L. Hartsell, Mrs. J. L. McKay and R. P. Benson. Beech street was graded down several feet some months ago when it was paved and the retaining wall is being erected on those properties where the biggest cuts were made in the street.

So far as is known Governor McLean has made no appointment of a successor to the late Judge Ben F. Long. Hon. Frank Armfield, of this city, one of the candidates for the judgeship, is keeping in touch with the situation and he has heard nothing from Raleigh during the campaign in his behalf.

Those teachers of the county schools who are taking the course, "Methods in Teaching," will meet at the court house Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. The meeting will be the last one of the year for this group. On Saturday of next week the group taking the course in "Public School Music" will hold their last meeting of the year.

A typical summer storm blew in on Concord during the night and for more than an hour rain fell in torrents. The rain was carried on the wings of a terrific wind storm which continued for sometime, and there was enough lightning and thunder to give the storm the appearance of a June or July display. However, the sun broke through the remaining clouds this morning, and by noon the skies were clear again.

First reports of the storm in the middle west came to Concord last night from the Associated Press to the Daily Tribune. The message stated that several thousand persons had been killed but none of the particulars which became known today were given in the message. It was at first thought that more than 7,000 persons had been killed in the storm, but it is estimated now that the death list will not run much above 1,000.

A deed filed yesterday records the sale of property in No. 10 township by S. J. Moore to A. M. Farrell for \$1,000 while another deed records the sale of land in the same township by John S. Turner to S. J. Moore. C. H. Graeber and C. D. Alexander have sold property on First street, Kannapolis, to H. A. Allred for \$8,000, according to another deed and M. L. Skidmore on McGill street for \$3,000, still another deed records.

Dr. S. S. Bueber will speak before the Underwriters Association at the Chamber of Commerce in Charlotte, on Friday evening, March 20th. Professor Huebner is a very able man and his address will prove very instructive to every one who hears him. The address will be preceded by dinner at 6:30. F. H. Aden and his staff, H. C. Hahn, J. R. Cress, A. E. Gardner, W. H. Cline, H. E. Widenhouse and C. G. Scott, the local representatives of The Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., are invited guests and will attend.

Richmond-Flowe Company to Have Big Shoe Sale. The Richmond-Flowe Company on Saturday of this week will begin a big shoe sale, the building formerly occupied by Ehrd's having been secured for the sale.

The management of the company carries a page ad in this paper today, the ad being devoted to facts and figures about the sale. Shoes, slippers and pumps for every member of the family will be offered during the sale, and the prices will be unusually low.

In connection with the sale the company will also offer a large stock of hosiery at reduced prices. The hosiery is of good materials and patterns and can be bought during the sale at a big reduction over regular prices. The sale will begin Saturday morning at 9 o'clock and continue until the stock is sold.

RESCUE WORKERS ARE CONTINUING EFFORTS TO SAVE 34 MINERS

Have Been Unable So Far to Reach Men Who Were Entombed In Explosion, But Hope Is Not Abandoned.

FEAR THAT MEN HAVE PERISHED

Explosion Occurred Tuesday and Although the Fans Are Working in Mines It Is Feared Men Are Dead.

Fairmont, W. Va., March 19.—(By the Associated Press).—Tireless rescue workers continued their struggle today to reach the 34 miners entombed by a terrific explosion Tuesday night which wrecked Mine 41 of the Bethlehem Mine Corporation at Barracksville, three miles from here.

Late last night the mine had been penetrated more than 4,000 feet. No bodies have been found, nor were there indications that any of the men caught far in the workings were alive.

Hope that some of the entombed men may be rescued has not been abandoned, but it is the belief of experienced mining men that those in the property at the time of the explosion have perished.

10,000 ARE HOMELESS AFTER FIRES IN TOKIO. 300 Persons Were Injured During Fire and Sixty Persons Are Still Missing.

Tokio, March 19.—Ten thousand persons were made homeless, 300 injured, 60 are missing and 2,000 houses were destroyed as a result of the conflagration that swept over northeast Tokio last night, a police check of the situation reveals. A barracks is being erected to house the homeless, and a subscription list headed by the Emperor is providing immediate funds.

Spring Opening and Before Easter Sale of Parks-Belk Company. The Parks-Belk Co. in this city has completed preparations for the big Spring Opening and Before Easter Sale which will begin tomorrow (Friday) morning, and in two page ads, today the management points out some of the unusual bargains that will be offered during the sale.

Experienced help has been secured for the sale including clerks from the Charlotte store and everything has been planned to make the sale one of the most successful the store has ever conducted.

Spring fabrics, footwear, hosiery, men's shirts, men's suits, and hats, boys' suits, ladies' suits and coats, wash dresses, dresses and the new ensembles will all be offered at prices unusually attractive to the buyer who wants to get the best at the most reasonable prices.

The shopper who is interested in seasonal goods should read carefully the two ads. in this paper.

Rowan Dogs No Longer Allowed Their Liberty. Salisbury, March 18.—War has been declared on the dog population of Salisbury and Rowan county by the county board of health, that is if the canines are allowed to run at large. The health board, whose authority is supreme in the matter of passage of laws and enforcement of rules and regulations has decreed that, beginning Thursday of this week, March 19th, all dogs in the city and county must be kept confined on penalty of death.

This step was taken by the health board because several dogs afflicted with rabies ran amuck in the past several weeks, bit a number of people, some stock and quite a number of dogs.

Dr. Little Sends Thanks to Mr. Blanks. Mr. Luther Little, head of the 20th of May Celebration in Charlotte, has sent his thanks in a letter of recent date to H. W. Blanks for the work he did in getting Cabarrus County to join in with Mecklenburg in the celebration.

In addition to thanking Mr. Blanks and Mr. Morrison Caldwell of this city, Dr. Little asks that persons who will co-operate by entering the pageant, send their names at once to Mr. Blanks so that he may know how many people from Concord are planning to be in the celebration.

John T. Brittain Formally Enters Race For Judgeship. Asheboro, March 18.—John T. Brittain, of Asheboro, has announced definitely that he is a candidate for the judgeship in the 15th judicial district, succeeding Judge B. F. Long.

It has been understood for several days that Mr. Brittain, who is a prominent attorney, would be a candidate but formal announcement was only made today.

Attend Wedding in Gastonia. Among the Concord people attending the wedding of John Durham and Miss Helen Torrence in Gastonia Wednesday evening were: Mrs. J. M. Odell, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Odell and W. R. Odell. A party from Greensboro attending the wedding stopped over in the city to spend Thursday. They were: Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Odell, Misses Maude and Dorothy Merrimon and Miss Mattie Boren.

President Declines Invitation to Speak. Chicago, March 19.—President Coolidge has declined the invitation extended him to address the annual convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World to be held in May at Houston, Texas.

DE MOLAY ORDER HOLDS ITS FIRST INITIATION HERE

Nine New Men Taken Into Local Order.—Charlotte Team Officers at the Ceremonies.

Thirty-five members of the Charle Chapter of the order of DeMolay attended the first initiation of the local chapter and gave the work for degrees to the candidates.

The work was begun in the afternoon when the candidates were forced to do stunts on the streets. Crowds of people gathered to watch the proceedings and to give verbal advice.

The night work was of a more serious order. This was held in the local Masonic Hall and was attended by over 100 Masons from the county. Lodge meeting was opened by the Lewis Hartsell Chapter of the DeMolay and was then turned over to the visiting DeMolay, with L. O. Puckett in charge. Two degrees were given, the Initiatory and the DeMolay.

The work of Smith and Bradley in the DeMolay Degree was especially good. Following the initiation, a luncheon was held in the Carolina Cafe.

Neophytes in the Wednesday night's proceedings were Marvin Wingate, J. F. Harris, Fred Howard, Henry Wincoff, Jr., Luther Gilson, Jr., Dan Ritchie, David Crowell, Walter Calloway and Hiram Caton, Jr.

The Charlotte Chapter will go to High Point Friday night where they will install a chapter in that city.

CHARLES B. MCEACHERN DIED THIS MORNING. Passed Away After An Illness of Only a Few Days—Pneumonia the Cause of Death.

Charles B. McEachern, fifty-two, died at his home on West Depot street this morning at 11 o'clock after an illness of only a few days. The funeral services will be conducted Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Mr. McEachern was taken ill Sunday but was not confined to his bed until Monday. His condition gradually grew worse and on Wednesday his trouble which had been diagnosed earlier as influenza was changed to pneumonia.

He is survived by a widow and two children, Luther and Isabelle. Two brothers also survive, Cornelius and John, both of whom are residents of No. 10 township.

He was born in No. 10 township and spent his early years in that community, coming to Concord 15 years ago. He was married to Miss Lillie Seaborn 22 years ago. During his early years he was a member of Bethel Church but after coming to Concord changed his membership to Epworth Methodist Church of this city. He was engaged in the mercantile business during the greater part of his life and was a member of the Junior Order.

THE COTTON MARKET. Opened Today at Advance of 8 Points to Decline of One Point, With May Reacting to 25.54.

New York, March 19.—The cotton market opened steady today at an advance of 8 points to a decline of 1 point, with near months relatively firm on steady Liverpool cables, and bullish overnight spot advices from the South. Further covering and some trade buying on the advance appeared to be well supplied around 25.58 for May and 25.40 for October. Prices later eased off from the best under realizing. May reacted to 25.54 and October to 25.30 by the end of the first hour, making net declines of about 5 to 8 points. October held relatively steady on the decline, owing to the continued dry weather in the southwest, and the failure of advices to indicate any immediate prospects for rain in that quarter.

Cotton futures opened steady. March 25.30; May 25.58; July 25.91; Oct. 25.40; Dec. 25.38.

Ex-Gov. Morrison Becomes Farm Enthusiast. Raleigh, March 19.—Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte, the only surviving ex-governor of North Carolina, has become a farm enthusiast. In Raleigh this week, he declined to discuss politics in any form and declared that he was highly interested in farming. He had just "set" a hen under which he said he placed fifteen eggs. "I'll tell you, he said, 'in setting a hen you ought always to put an odd number of eggs under her. Don't put too many and don't put thirteen. About fifteen is a sufficient number."

Durham Interested in Stone Mountain Project. Washington, March 17.—Rev. Plato T. Durham, formerly of Charlotte, but now of Atlanta, was here today in his way home from the north. Mr. Durham is trying to bring harmony in the Durham behind the project for the great memorial on Stone Mountain. He conferred with Gutzon Borglum, the sculptor, and believes the work will be resumed and completed. Senator Simmons and other southern statesmen promised to help with the work.

Men's Styles That Win at J. C. Penney Company's. You will find worthwhile values in spring apparel at J. C. Penney Co.'s—styles that win. Their big chain buys for nearly 600 stores and of course can always buy at a great saving. In The Times today you will find a whole page of big values for men. Read every word of it.

The many friends of Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Myers will be interested to know that they will arrive in the city sometime Thursday to be the guests of Mrs. Eugene Morgan and Mrs. Thomas Johnson for several days.

The condition of R. M. Cook, who was injured Wednesday when he jumped from a truck and hit his head on the pavement, is considerably improved. His condition is not now considered serious.

AMOUNT OF COTTON CRUSHED FOR YEAR IS INCREASE

During the Seven Months Period Ending February 28 More Than 3,000,000 Tons Were Crushed.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—Cotton seed crushed in seven months period August 1 to February 28 totaled 3,751,098 tons, compared with 2,743,905 tons in the same period a year ago; and cotton seed on hand at mills at the close of February totaled 590,626 tons, compared with 386,018 tons a year ago, the Census Bureau today announced.

Cotton seed products manufactured in the 7 months period and on hand at the close of February included: Crude oil products 1,120,162,513 pounds, compared with 808,500,654 and on hand 128,744,807 pounds; compared with 128,419,235 pounds. Refined oil produced 902,035,000 pounds, compared with 596,606,700 pounds, and on hand 348,765,673 pounds compared with 204,983,476.

Linters produced 722,686 bales compared with 555,792 and on hand 165,991 bales compared with 173,533.

CATAWBA COLLEGE WILL OPEN SEPTEMBER 14TH. Only Freshman and Sophomore Classes To Be Received First Year.

Salisbury, March 18.—The board of trustees of Catawba College, in session here, decided to open the institution September 14, 1925, in the freshman and sophomore classes. It also accepted revised plans for the new girls' dormitory and decided to proceed at once with the completion of the large administration building and the grading and beautifying of the grounds.

Miss Willie Lantz, formerly of Catawba College, now of Hood College, was announced as registrar and she will arrive and take up her work within the next few weeks.

The summer missionary conference of the Reformed Church in North Carolina, it was announced, will be held in the administration building July 18th to 24th inclusive, this year, and will be attended by about 200 people from many counties in the State.

Gloria Swanson Sails With Hubby for Home. Paris, March 18.—Gloria Swanson, with her husband, the Mifkuf Henri de La Falaise, left today for Havre, stopping lightly aboard the boat train, showing no signs of her recent illness and logging three bouquets and a big box of candy in the bargain.

The film star was clad in a beige three-piece dress of her own design and a gold-embroidered beige cloche hat. She confided that she would certainly return to Paris within a few months "because I have so many friends here."

She expects to spend nine or ten days in New York prior to her arrival and then leave for the Pacific coast.

Annie May Furr. Little Annie May Furr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Furr, was born August 11th, 1918, and died March 14th, 1925, age 6 years, 7 months and 3 days. She leaves her father and mother, one brother, and two sisters, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her departure.

Annie May was a bright and attractive little girl and all who knew her loved her. She was sick only a few days. All that medical skill and loving hands could do was of no avail. God had need of her and when He comes to make up His jewels we trust little Annie May will be among the fairest.

ONE WHO LOVED HER. With Our Advertisers. The Ruth-Kesler Shoe Store has spring models for women, sizes AA to D, at \$3.95 to \$6.95.

Certificates of investment of the Citizens Bank and Trust Co., form an ideal investment.

The No. 32 cultivator manufactured by Oliver is sold here by the York & Wadsworth Co. They have them in stock for immediate delivery.

Want Turner Appointed Judge. Raleigh, March 19.—A delegation of Iredell county citizens, including James A. Hartness, Harry E. Grier and John Lewis, was in Raleigh today to personally present its claims to the Governor in behalf of former Lieut. Gov. W. D. Turner as successor to the late Judge Benjamin Franklin Long on the Superior Court bench.

WHAT SMITTY'S CAT SAYS. Fair and colder tonight; slight to heavy frost in west and central portions; Friday fair, colder along the coast.

