

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

SEVERAL TOWNS ARE ALMOST DESTROYED

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

SCHOOL CHILDREN AMONG VICTIMS

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

(By the Associated Press) Chicago, March 19.—The most devastating storm this country has ever experienced swept portions of six states Wednesday evening, collecting a total of dead and injured estimated upward of 4,000 and causing property damage of many millions.

So prostrated are portions of Illinois and Indiana in which the tornado traveled in a series of erratic swirls that definite figures on loss of life and property damage were impossible to ascertain early today although available reports which trickled in from the territory in which communication virtually was cut off, added to the early casualty list.

At dawn the reported deaths stood at 1,000 approximately, with 3,000 injured. Several towns in the path of the twister, which apparently came out of the Ozark hills due to low barometric pressure in Arkansas, first striking at Annapolis, Missouri, were virtually wiped out while in many places added horror to the havoc.

So terrific was the force of the storm that bodies were reported carried a mile while timber in the wrecked towns of Desoto, Illinois, was found in Duquoin, 15 miles away.

The greatest loss of life, according to available reports, occurred in southern Illinois, where more than 500 were reported killed, as the tornado dove in from the northwest, striking at Murphysboro, West Frankfort, Desoto and other larger towns in the area.

At Desoto a schoolhouse was razed, only three of the 250 occupants reported escaping without injuries, while 88 bodies had been taken from the ruins last night.

The main path of the tornado was less than 200 miles in length but divisions of the twister hopped in several directions. Starting from Annapolis, the storm moved northwesterly and after hitting two other towns on the Missouri side of the Mississippi river jumped into Illinois, traversed that state, divided near the Indiana line and spent its force in southern Indiana and northern Kentucky.

Another line appeared to move southward from Annapolis through Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and struck isolated portions of north central Tennessee and Kentucky. A wind storm also reported from Potomac, Ohio, without serious damage.

In spite of the wide sweep of the storm after crossing the Mississippi river, several of the best trains running between the southern resorts and Chicago escaped its fury so far as reports showed tonight, but the scores of passengers were delayed somewhat in reaching their destinations as the trains had to feel their way through the storm region for fear that timbers might have been thrown across the tracks or bridges torn down. Churches and schools were razed at various places and 200 persons; mostly children, were killed or injured when the elements ripped open the Joiner school at Murphysboro.

By a margin of only a few miles the tornado swept to the north of Herrin, Ill., where troops have been called so frequently to quiet fighting among its citizens. Hundreds of telegraph poles were twisted off and many orchards, the storm mowed like wheat, while coal mine tipples were twisted into masses of splintered timbers.

Before the twister descended on Murphysboro it had gained much more strength and literally tore down solid blocks when it hit that city. Its energy continued for several miles while it wrought havoc at Gorham, Desoto, Bush, and surrounding territory and then seemed to be at its maximum violence when it struck the mining town of West Frankfort with a population of nearly 4,000.

After sweeping Benton and Logan, the full force of the tornado was displayed again at Parrish where, out of a population of 500 only three were reported to have escaped death or injury, and one building was left undamaged.

While the fury of the storm continued through Thompsonville, McLeansboro and Carmi, as it raced towards the Indiana line, the casualties were not quite so heavy. Carmi with a population of 2,667, reported only two killed, although the demand was made at first that the preliminary estimates gave the casualties at 150. As the wind swept into Indiana it seemed to divide as one twister whirled northward and another southeast. The northward storm struck at Princeton, Ind., which has a population of 7,132, tore down or twisted out of shape a number of buildings, took a toll of life estimated at 100, with twice that many injured.

More Than 1,000 Dead. Chicago, March 19.—(By the Associated Press).—Casualties from Wednesday eve-

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.

Swinging 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 prop-

erty damage. Smoke still poured from the debris of Murphysboro's smoldering ruins, while its citizens searched for the dead.

Carbondale, Ill., March 19.—(Upward 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, reported 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 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.

West Frankfort, March 19.—(By the Associated Press).—The loss of life and property damage in this town was reported to be the heaviest in the order in which the tornado swept through them: Annapolis, Missouri—Three dead and 50 injured.

Dibbleli, Missouri—Ten dead and 50 injured. Cape Girardeau—One dead and 10 injured. Cape Girardeau—Seven dead and 52 injured.

Gorham—Seven dead and 50 injured. Bush—Fifteen dead and 200 injured. Hurst—Six dead and 40 injured. Benton—Fifty injured. Logan—Three dead and 20 injured. Thompsonville—Five dead and 60 injured.

McLeansboro—Seventeen dead and 85 injured. Corni—Two dead and 25 injured. Crawfordsville—One dead and 10 injured. Poseville—Five dead and 30 injured. Elizabeth—Three dead.

Witham, Tenn.—Twenty-three dead and 50 injured. Lexington, Ky.—One dead. Springfield, Ky.—Two dead and 25 injured.

Murphysboro, Dead 250 to 300; injured 300 to 500. West Frankfort, dead 100 to 350; injured 600 to 800. Parrish, dead 80 to 350; injured 125 to 300.

DeSoto, dead 150 to 400; injured 400 upward. Griffin, Ind., dead 6, injured 60. Owensville, Ind., dead 6, injured 50. Princeton, Ind., dead 20, injured 60.

Twenty Dead at Princeton. Princeton, Ind., March 19.—Twenty in Princeton as a result of yesterday's tornado was the figure placed today by officers of two companies of the State troops, which took charge of the city late last night. The number of dead may be increased slightly as reports are received from the countryside.

Nine Persons Are Killed When Storm Hits Tennessee. Gallatin, Tenn., March 19.—Nine persons were killed at Witham, Tenn., about 16 miles north of here, in a storm early tonight which blew down many houses in that section, according to reports here. Wires were down, making it impossible to obtain detailed accounts of the damage. Several persons were reported missing.

There was considerable damage at Anglo, Tenn., near Witham, it is reported. Sixteen Killed in Kentucky. Louisville, Ky., March 19.—At least 16 persons were killed and scores injured, several probably fatally in a series of storms in Kentucky yesterday afternoon, according to reports to the Associated Press here today.

Thirty Killed in Tennessee Town. Gallatin, Tenn., March 19.—Thirty dead and 30 or 40 injured was the estimated toll this morning of the tornado which swept the northern section of this, Sumner county, late yesterday. Communication has not been established with that section, meager reports bringing the only available information.

Red Cross Brings Relief. Chicago, March 19 (By the Associated Press).—The American Red Cross today is in command of one of its greatest works in the homeland in bringing help to the families of the dead and injured in the tornado swept portions of five states.

Supported by the U. S. regular army, the National Guard, railroads, churches, lodges, radio, broadcasting stations and volunteers, the Red Cross is sending doctors and nurses and tons of supplies into Murphysboro, West Frankfort and DeSoto, Ill., the worst stricken cities, and to other communities hit by the storm.

GOVERNOR IN FACT NOW AS WELL AS IN THEORY Will Be in Active Charge of State's Fiscal and Financial Policies.

(By the Associated Press) Raleigh, March 19.—As the result of legislation enacted at the 1925 session the Governor of North Carolina will become the chief executive of the State, in fact as well as in theory. Chief among legislation conferring definite powers upon him, besides those vaguely named in the constitution and statutorily conferred from time to time, was that which provided for an executive budget, to be directed personally by the governor, with such assistance as he may name. The law provides for an assistant director and for the appointment of a budget commission.

Another power conferred upon the governor is that relating to wages. He is to appoint a wage commission, whose duty it will be to bring about certain adjustments, based on efficiency. Also, the chief executive was empowered to name a commission to thoroughly investigate the public school system and to make recommendations whereby duplication of effort will be eliminated. The laws governing the appointment of members of various institutional boards was so revised as to give the governor the power to appoint them for four-year terms. This will eliminate interim expirations and place the institutions on a basis that will make them answerable to each governor. There will be few hold-over appointments under the new systems. All terms will expire at approximately the same time. Heretofore, expirations have occurred irregularly.

Thus, the governor will be in active charge of the State's financial and fiscal policies, through the medium of the executive budget. He will, through the wage commission, be in a position to get an insight into the earning capacity and the efficiency of various State employees; and, through the educational commission, he will be advised as to the status and operation of the State's school system, in detail.

There was a bill introduced to give the governor the veto power. This, however, was introduced not at the request of the governor but by a member of the house who thought that the North Carolina executive should have this right. The bill calling for the submission of a constitutional amendment transferring the pardon power to a board was held in abeyance, pending a tryout of the pardon commissioner idea.

Governor McLean's recommendations to the general assembly went through almost 100 per cent. He recommended the establishment of an executive budget and the other measures referred to.

FORMER SENATOR CULBERSON DEAD AT WASHINGTON. Had Been Ill for Years and Death Was Due to Attack of Influenza. (By the Associated Press) Washington, March 18.—Former Senator Culberston, of Texas, died here early today.

Mr. Culberston, who had been in ill health for years, suffered an attack of influenza last Sunday and virtually no hope has been held for his recovery since that time.

Earl of Ypres Undergoes Operation. London, March 19.—(By the Associated Press).—The Earl of Ypres, who as Field Marshal French, commanded the British army in the field during the great war, underwent a severe and prolonged operation today. A medical bulletin says: "Lord Ypres's condition, says the bulletin, 'is as satisfactory as could be expected, but it must of necessity give rise to anxiety for some time.'"

M. F. Ritchie as ring bearer in the "Womanless Wedding" at High School tonight, will bring down the house.

TEAPOT DOME LEASE WAS COMPLETED IN SECRECY This Is Testimony of Rear Admiral Robertson as Read at Trial to Annul the Lease. Cheyenne, Wyo., March 19 (By the Associated Press).—The leasing of Teapot Dome to Harry F. Sinclair was deliberately concealed from Congress and the public, according to testimony read here today from the deposition of Rear Admiral J. K. Robertson, chief of the naval engineering.

"We concealed what was being done in the Wyoming reserves because we wanted to get it done," Admiral Robertson says in cross examination conducted by Owen J. Roberts of the government counsel.

SIMMONS AND OVERMAN WILL RETURN TO HOMES Both Have Declined Engagements to Speak.—They Will Seek Needed Rest. Washington, March 18.—Senators Overman and Simmons will remain here a week or longer to close up some departmental matters. Then they will go to their respective homes at Salisbury and Newport News, Va. They have received numerous invitations to speak, but neither expects to accept at this time.

Senator Simmons, as has been reported, will in the fall make a tour of reclamation projects in the west with the senate committee on irrigation.

Senator Overman has declined invitations to go to Panama and Hawaii, but will travel with the forestry commission this summer to look over various purchases in North and South Carolina and Georgia, in the South, and the White Mountains of New England.

Senator Overman served notice on the Republicans today that he would stay here indefinitely before he could consent to the confirmation of Thomas F. Woodruff for Interstate Commerce Commissioner. He thinks that a southerner should be named.

The nomination went over without confirmation.

Boll Weevils Survive the Winter. Raleigh, March 19.—The first live boll weevils to emerge from hibernation this spring were two husky specimens coming from the hibernation cages of the division of entomology's field station, near Aberdeen, N. C. They were discovered by Dr. R. W. Leiby, entomologist in charge of this station.

Dr. Leiby has charge of the Aberdeen peach insect and boll-weevil laboratory of the North Carolina experiment station. Last fall he placed several thousand live weevils in wire cages with suitable trash cotton stalks and leaves. The object of the tests was to learn what per centage of the weevils passed the winter successfully and what time the weevils wake up in the spring to go cotton hunting.

The fact that two live weevils have already aroused themselves from their winter slumbers indicates an early emergence and a heavy survival," said Dr. Leiby.

"Last year," he continued, "only a single weevil out of several thousand survived the winter when placed in our cages. We, therefore, expect a light death rate this winter and a heavy crop of weevils to start injuring the cotton early this season."

Dr. Leiby and his associates in the division of entomology point out that the amount of actual damage will be largely determined by weather conditions during the early part of July.

Want Turner Appointed Judge. (By the Associated Press) Raleigh, March 19.—A delegation of Iredell county citizens, including James A. Hartness, Harry P. 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.

Hendersonville Times Sold. (By the Associated Press) Asheville, March 19.—The Hendersonville Times has been sold by E. W. Eubank to J. T. Fain, of Spartanburg, S. C., according to an announcement by The Times today. Mr. Fain was one of the founders of the Spartanburg Sun, but recently left that paper.

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).—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. 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.

POOLROOMS WILL ABANDON THE FIGHT Spartanburg Appeal Dismissed on Petition of Operators.

Washington, March 18.—An appeal brought by W. F. Clegg and others to test in the Supreme Court the validity of the ordinance of Spartanburg, S. C., to prohibit public poolrooms has been dismissed on motion of the plaintiffs.

Poolrooms Will Close. Spartanburg, S. C., March 18.—Spartanburg poolrooms will close their doors permanently on or before June 1st, messages from Washington this afternoon disclosing that the Supreme Court of the United States has dismissed the appeal of poolroom owners on motion of Spartanburg and Greenville attorneys for the operators themselves.

Dismissal of the appeal by the nation's supreme tribunal terminates a court battle that was continued for more than two years. Attorneys engaged in the case stated this afternoon that it will require thirty days for the Supreme Court mandate to be transmitted to the State tribunal, and another ten days will elapse before the State court forwards its remittitur to the circuit court.

Litigation over the privilege of operating poolrooms in Spartanburg originated from passage on an ordinance by city council more than two years ago prohibiting poolrooms from existing within the city limits. Several poolrooms here closed immediately, and operators at Greenville joined the local owners and the matter was carried to the State supreme court, where it was decided in favor of the city. Consequently it was carried to the United States Supreme Court.

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.

Mecklenburg Murderer Gets a Week's Parole. Raleigh, March 18.—L. B. King, sentenced from Mecklenburg county in August, 1923, to five years in the State prison for second degree murder, was paroled today into the custody of J. D. McCall, his attorney, in order that he might go home for seven days to make provision for his wife and children, who are reported in "desperate circumstances."

At the end of the seven-day period he must return to the prison to serve out the sentence imposed by the court.

President Declines Invitation to Speak. (Special to The Tribune.) 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.

Go to the Womanless Wedding Tonight. If you would enjoy yourself thoroughly, go to the High School auditorium tonight and witness the Womanless Wedding. Nothing more interesting has been given here. The admission price is only a quarter, and it will be worth much more. Eight o'clock is the hour.

Ship Catches Fire. (By the Associated Press) New Orleans, March 19.—The new Southern Pacific liner Bienville caught fire as she lay near the naval station here today, and despite the efforts of the entire waterfront fire fighting equipment it was feared she would be a total loss.

Rush Holland Resigns. (By the Associated Press) Washington, March 19.—Rush Holland, of Ohio, who has served since 1921 as assistant attorney general in charge of administrative work in the justice department, has resigned and will resume the practice of law in Washington.

DEMOLOY ORDER HOLDS ITS FIRST INITIATION HERE Nine New Men Taken Into Local Order.—Charlotte Team Officializes at the Ceremonies.

Thirty-five members of the Charlotte Chapter of the order of DeMolay at the first initiation of the local order and gave the work for degrees to 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. Pickett 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 Catron, 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 Seahorn 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.

AMOUNT OF COTTON SEED CRUSHED FOR YEAR IS INCREASE

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

MUCH ACTIVITY DURING THE YEAR

More Cotton Seed on Hand at Close of February Than There Was Last Year, the Record Shows.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, March 19.—Cotton seed crushed in seven months period August 1 to February 28, totalled 3,751,098 tons, compared with 2,743,305 tons in the same period a year ago; and cotton seed on hand at mill at the close of February totalled 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 1,129,162,513 pounds, compared with 808,500,654 and on hand 126,744,807 pounds; compared with 128,419,237 pounds. Refined oil produced 902,605,009 pounds, compared with 596,696,709 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 173,333.

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 ground.

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 supplies in the State.

With Our Advertisers. Extra nice rice and buck shad Friday and Saturday at the Sanitary Grocery Company. Also fancy speckled trout. The Ruth-Kesler Shoe Store has spring models for women, sizes AA to D, at \$8.95 to \$6.95.

Shur-on spectacles and eye glasses at Starnes-Miller-Parker Co. Certificates of investment of the Citizens Bank and Trust Co., form an ideal investment.

Why don't you get ready for a rainy day by taking some stock in the new series of the Cabarrus County B. L. and S. Association now open? The Dodge Ross Type R Sedan is popular with the women. See Carl Motor Co. Phone 630.

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

Twelve Gillette blades for your safety razor, only 50 cents at the Pearl Drug Co. Friday and Saturday only. Every color of the rainbow is represented in the hats at the new Elford store. You will find a style to suit every face and every pocketbook.

Gloria Swanson Sails With Hubby for Home. Paris, March 18.—Gloria Swanson, with her husband, the Marquis Henri de La Fainaise, left today for Havre, stepping lightly aboard the boat train, showing no signs of her recent illness and lugging 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 brown-dyed ermine cloak with 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 after her arrival and then leave for the Pacific coast.

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.

Miss Mary King Hethcox is confined to her home on North Spring street with mumps.

WHAT SMITTY'S CAT SAYS

Fair and colder tonight's night, to heavy frost in west and central portions Friday fair, colder along the coast.

FOR A RAINY DAY

If an umbrella and over-shoes are all you have saved for a "rainy day," you are going to get painfully wet. Why don't you really prepare for it by building up a worth-while fund of money? Sooner or later you are sure to need it.

Open a thrift account with this institution today by taking some shares in series No. 55 now open. Running shares 25 cents per share per week. Prepaid Shares \$72.25 per share. All stock is non-taxable. Shares have been maturing in 328 weeks.

NOW IS THE TIME CABARRUS COUNTY B. L. & SAVINGS ASSOCIATION

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