

TORNADO KILLS HUNDREDS

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Several Towns Almost Completely Obliterated By Stormy Wind; With Wires Down, Full Extent Of Havoc Has Not Been Determined

KNOWN DEAD OVER 900 WITH LIST INCREASING 2,674 PERSONS INJURED

In Town of Parish, Only Three Out of Population of 500 Escape Death or Injury—Eighty-Eight Bodies in Ruins of School Building at Desota—Late Report Says 700 Killed at Parish and West Frankfort Alone.

CHICAGO, March 18.—A tornado tore through southern Illinois today after lashing western Missouri and then caused considerable damage in Indian before it died out to the northeast after collecting a reported toll of 3,631 persons, dead or injured, on the basis of estimates available tonight from the storm swept region where communication largely was destroyed.

While darkness and prostrated wires made collection of data difficult, estimates which came in through various sources with ever increasing totals, placed the total dead at 957 and the injured at 2,674 before midnight.

The destruction of property was enormous, several towns being almost entirely wiped out and such populous places as West Frankfort and Murphysboro having lost whole blocks of buildings.

In the town of Parish, only three persons were said to have escaped death or injury out of a population of 500.

BODIES CARRIED A MILE

The storm was so strong at Parish that bodies were carried more than a mile, it was reported. At Murphysboro, where the dead totaled 100, a schoolhouse was blown over the heads of 245 pupils while at Desota, late estimates placed the dead at 100 and the injured at 300 out of a total population of 705.

A special schoolhouse at Desota also was razed and only three of the 250 occupants escaped unhurt, while eighty-eight bodies already have been taken from the ruins. The latest reports say that 700 persons were killed at Parish and West Frankfort alone, but other information placed the loss in these towns somewhat lower.

WIND CLOSE TO EARTH

It was around 3 o'clock when the tornado again touched earth with its mighty swish, swinging through Murphysboro and Desota and laying those places waste in the twinkling of an eye. The wind rushed on close to the earth for 15 or 20 miles and then apparently lifted until it came to Carmi, Ill., near the Indiana line.

After taking its toll in that district, the storm again arose only to descend more than 20 miles west of the state line at Princeton, Ill.

Among other towns and cities to report damage and loss of life were Desota, Illinois, with 150 casualties reported; Parish, Ill., with all but three of a population of 500, reported either killed or injured; Princeton, Indiana, with an estimate of 100 casualties; Griffin, Indiana, with 20; Groham, Ill., with 87; Carmi, Ill., with 150, and Crossville, Bush and Hurst, Illinois, reporting serious damage and numerous casualties.

MURPHYSBORO IN FLAMES

S. LOUIS, March 18.—Passengers arriving in St. Louis at 8:45 tonight on a Mobile and Ohio train, which passed through Murphysboro, Ill., two hours previous, reported that the city is "completely in flames." Water mains have burst, they said, and there are no lights. As the train stopped to take on 50 refugees, citizens by the hundreds were seen running frantically through the streets, clad only in blankets. Estimates of the dead in Murphysboro ranging from 100 to 180.

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\$4,000,000 FIRE IN PALM BEACH, FLORIDA

Mystery Still Enshrouds Brutal Slaying

850 DEAD

CHICAGO, March 18.—A preliminary tabulation at 9 p. m. of towns that had made reports of the casualties in Illinois, Indiana and Missouri gave a total of 850 dead and 2,699 injured, with virtually no record of the heavy damage in rural regions.

KNOWN DEAD IN GREAT DISASTER NOW NEARLY 900

West Frankfort Reports 350 Persons Killed and 650 Injured

PRINCETON TOLL WAS 100 Parish, Illinois, Said to Have Lost Seventy-Five and Over 400 Hurt

CHICAGO, March 18. (AP)—Great destruction of property and many casualties resulted from a tornado that swept through Murphysboro, Ill., and other southern Illinois towns late today. Wires were down to the places affected, but reports from surrounding territory indicated that the dead and injured might number more than 4,000.

The storm apparently centered at Murphysboro, where the streets are reported full of wreckage. Fire is said to have broken out in the debris, while hospitals at Desota are filled with injured. Other towns reported stricken are West Frankfort, Desota, Hurst, Parish, Benton and Bush.

Princeton, Ind., also was reported severely damaged, with upward of three score people killed or injured.

Early Casualty Table

Town	Dead	Injured
Annapolis, Mo.	2	40
Altonburg	1	10
Murphysboro, Ill.	100	300
Graham, Ill.	7	80
Desota	35	100
Bush	5	60
Hurst	6	40
West Frankfort	350	650
Benton	0	50
Logan	6	30
Parish	75	422
Thompsonville	8	40
McLeansboro	17	80
Carmi	2	45
Crossville	1	10
Griffin, Ind.	60	70
Princeton	100	200
Elizabeth	0	12
Totals	800	2,699

NEW YORK, March 18.—Spot cotton quiet. Middling 25.65. Cotton futures closed steady. March 25.32; May 25.60; July 25.87; Oct. 25.35; Dec. 25.35.

MURPHYSBORO AMONG WORST HIT BY STORM

Town With a Population of 11,000 Suffers Severely From Tornado

RURAL DAMAGE UNKNOWN Darkness Descends Over Stricken Section With Population Panic Stricken

CHICAGO, March 18. (AP)—More than 1,500 persons are reported killed or injured by a tornado which swept through southern Illinois and Indiana late today, causing great property damage, and virtually wiping out two or three towns in its path, from Missouri to the northeast. Wires were down in every direction under the fury of the wind, and it was impossible to get the reported casualties tonight.

Murphysboro, 30 miles southwest of West Frankfort, with a population of 11,000, suffered severely with a casualty list as high as 250. Great havoc was wrought to buildings in this city, and the broke out in the debris. On reports of this situation an offer was made by Governor Len Small to send troops to Murphysboro when relief trains and Red Cross workers prepared to depart from Chicago and St. Louis for the storm area.

People Frighten

While railroad dispatchers from previous experience, thought that first estimates of the casualties might prove excessive, it seemed certain from reports originating in many places on the edge of the storm's path that the dead might number in the hundreds. No reports had been received at a late hour of damage in the rural regions.

Darkness descended over the area shortly after the wind had shifted its way to the northeast, and the streets of the demolished towns were filled with frantic inhabitants, clamoring over the piles of wreckage, seeking missing friends and relatives. From the recesses of the twisted timbers came the cries of injured persons, pained beneath the wreckage, while the bodies of the dead could be seen far down the debris where it was impossible to extricate them. The twisting wind apparently assumed its generous proportions in eastern Missouri shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon. It wiped out most of Annapolis, Mo., and then tore its way across the Mississippi river into Illinois, apparently lifting its devastating force and spreading out like a never delta until the various twisters descended, some 25 miles west of the Mississippi.

GLORIA SWANSON SAILS FOR U. S. PARIS, March 18.—Gloria Swanson, film star, and her husband, Marquis Henri de la Palaise, are booked to sail on the liner Paris, for New York today.

Officers Scour Country Search For New Clues

June Potter, First Suspect, Arrested, is Still Being Held, Although Neither Hinson or Ivey Are Able to Identify Him as Companion of the Slain Man

A dark shroud of mystery still hovers over the brutal slaying Sunday night or early Monday morning of Dave Hobson, local barber, and while county and city officers are leaving no stone unturned in the effort to land the guilty party behind prison bars, there have been little further developments in the case.

All day yesterday Deputy "Chink" Rhodes was busy scouring the byways and beaches for bits of evidence connected with the horrible murder, placing loose threads together, and summoning witnesses who might shed some light on the affair. Sheriff W. D. Grant emerged from a sick bed, following a recent attack of appendicitis, to lend his aid in running the criminal to earth.

Officers Reticent

Both Sheriff Grant and Deputy Rhodes were reticent when questioned concerning the latest developments in the case that aroused the interest of the entire section. The sheriff said that for obvious reasons he would not be in a position to make an announcement in the press for perhaps several days, and for this reason newspaper accounts of the latest angles to the tragedy are not official, but are based on reports emanating from unofficial circles.

June Potter, arrested Monday morning following the crime, is being held as a suspect pending a thorough investigation of certain features that are alleged to have a bearing on the slaying of Hobson. He still maintains a sternal indifference, and denies any knowledge whatsoever of the crime or that he knew the dead man or had ever seen him to his knowledge. However, officers attach no little significance to the fact that on the morning after the murder, Potter drove to LaGrange and made a statement to friends in that place that "he had been accused of killing a man, and had to get straightened out." He is also said to have gone with LaGrange to Jason, and to have made the same statement there. It was reported that he made these statements before he had been convicted with the tragedy.

Potter Retains Attorney

Paul Waters and Robert Sutton, who are alleged to be the men to whom Potter made the statement of being accused of murder, were notified.

Committee Finds All Croat Elections Void

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, March 18.—The election committee of the chamber declared invalid the elections of all the candidates of the Croatian agrarian party, an opposition group. The elections took place last month, the Croatian party, led by Stefan Raditch, winning nearly 70 seats.

Hedjaz Troops Kill 300 Wahabis in Battle

CAIRO, EGYPT, March 18.—A dispatch from Jeddah reports that troops of the Kingdom of the Hedjaz on Sunday severely defeated the Wahabi tribesmen, who lost 300 in killed. The Hedjaz troops are said to have suffered nine killed and 30 wounded.

AGED COUPLE LOSE LIVES IN HOTEL BLAZE

The Breakers and Palm Beach, Two Noted Hotels, Reduced to Piles of Ashes

CITY WAS THREATENED Firemen, However, Got Fire Under Control Before It Became General

PALM BEACH, March 18.—Fire, which for a time threatened to wipe out an entire section of this famous winter pleasure resort, was brought under control after two big hotels, the Breakers and Palm Beach, had been reduced to piles of glowing ashes. Property damage was estimated in excess of \$4,000,000.

Earlier in the night the fire threatened to extend to the Royal Poinciana, another great hotel nearby, and guests were ordered to leave as a precautionary move. Blowing embers from the fire were blown across the water to West Palm Beach and the entire north end of Palm Beach was considered in grave danger for a time.

Four Cottages Destroyed

Fire-fighting forces from Palm Beach, West Palm Beach and Lake Worth fought the flames. Four cottages belonging to the burned Breakers hotel and lying immediately south of it, were burning at 7 o'clock tonight. One of these were occupied by Leonard Ahi, and another by Charles F. Schantz, Jr., both of Boston.

A number of yachts lying along the north lake (lake) in the vicinity of the Palm Beach hotel also were burned. A young girl was run over and killed in West Palm Beach by an automobile being driven rapidly to the fire.

First reports of loss of life in the fire, which destroyed the famous Breakers Hotel in Palm Beach today together with the Palm Beach hotel, was made by the authorities tonight. It was announced that an elderly man and woman whose identity is still unknown were burned to death. It is believed by the investigating officers that other names will be included in the death toll when the final accounting is made.

Thomas O'Sullivan Weds in Connecticut

GREENWICH, Conn., March 18.—Thomas O'Sullivan, of New York, who was assistant to Joseph Tammaly, as secretary to the late President Wilson, today married Miss Virginia Cram, of Chicago. The couple had planned to be married in June, but they slipped away and were secretly married in the Pickwick Arms, by a Justice of the peace.

Nurse's Error Blamed For Death of Hero

LOS ANGELES, Calif., March 18.—Coroner Frank Nance announced here tonight, following an autopsy on the body of Sam Dreben, known in two hemispheres for his daredevilries and as a soldier of fortune, that the picturesque fighting man came to his death last Sunday as a result of medicine "erroneously administered" at the office of Dr. Walter V. Brem. An inquest will be held tomorrow.

According to Nance, a nurse at the physician's office became confused regarding the medicine which was to be administered to Dreben. Bottles in the physician's cabinet were mistaken because of similarity.

POISON BOOZE IS SOLD HERE

Analysis of the contents of a pint bottle, sold for whiskey, revealed yesterday that at least one negro bootlegger in Goldsboro is selling denatured alcohol. The specimen of the poison, submitted to a local chemist for analysis, was the remains of a pint of alleged whiskey that temporarily paralyzed a well-known citizen of the community earlier in the morning.

The bootlegger, whose name

has not yet been revealed, is believed to have been the one who sold the poisoned liquor Saturday that came very near resulting in the death of the purchaser, a man from Durham.

The Goldsboro citizen, whose name was not divulged, is accustomed to arising about 4 o'clock in the morning. After making a fire in the kitchen stove, he is said to have taken a drink out of the pint bottle, which he purchased

the evening before from a negro bootlegger in Little Washington. He had hardly sat down before his body became paralyzed, rendering him unconscious.

His wife, arising about 8 o'clock found him in this condition when she went to the kitchen, but after shaking him for several minutes and applying restoratives, was able to arouse him. Convinced that the liquor was poison, since

he had taken but one drink, the man brought a specimen of the booze to a local druggist, who is also a chemist, for analysis. The result of his examination showed that the water and denatured alcohol, used extensively for external applications on the body.

Denatured alcohol, while not so deadly as wood alcohol, it was pointed out, is poisonous, and in large doses usually proves fatal.