

decade ago, yesterday's big twister plainly marked its path, the width of which may be measured in feet and inches.

Small Towns Wiped Out. As far as can be ascertained the twister started upon its career of horror somewhere in Cass county, wiping out the town of Yutan and then striking through Waterloo and Halston.

Groeta and Union and Millard felt the force of the wind, but the chief disaster lay in the path of the big wide all powerful cloud which entered Omaha almost exactly at the city limits on Centre street.

The eastern boundary of the death strewn course at this point seemed to be the county hospital and poor farm. Although the main building, with its hundreds of helpless inmates, was spared, all of the barns and outhouses of the various buildings were swept clean.

The western boundary lay along the Falls City branch of the Missouri Pacific until Forty-eighth and Leavenworth streets were reached when the tornado seemed to jump to the Farnam hill residence district.

Path Five Blocks in Width. At this point the path was about five blocks in width and nothing but ruin was left within its confines. From the entrance of the storm into Bemis Park it appeared to have broadened its scope.

In Kountze place the scene of devastation equalled that in any other district. Binney street, recognized as one of the prettiest thoroughfares in Omaha, from the Boulevard east to Sherman avenue is rendered impassable.

Here the street gas lights had been lighted for the evening. The storm carried off the glass covering and demolished the mantles. The results were huge flickering torches of flaming gas that enhanced a ghastly appearance of the whole.

Automobiles picked up bodily from the street and hurled in all directions are to be seen in various stages of demolition in every section of the city. Automobiles will form a large part of the property destruction.

Many streets with retail stores cross this section, with the residence portion of the city scattered in the intervening sections. Many of the best parks of the city are in the district covered and at least two of these were wrecked.

University in Path of Storm. One part of the area covered by the storm is that between Cumine street on the South and Ames avenue on the north and from Twenty-fourth street on the east to fiftieth street on the west.

Hospitals Taxed to Utmost. Every hospital in town is crowded with injured and dead. The dead in 2 P. M. still were being removed in vans from the ruins.

Property Loss \$12,000,000. As nearly as can be judged to-night in addition to the dead and injured there has been a property loss of something like \$12,000,000, mainly in the district in which were the better class homes of the city.

Great Stillness Follows Blast. Electric light and telephone service as well as street car service was abandoned immediately. As soon as the storm passed a great stillness prevailed for a space of ten minutes.

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KOEHLE & CO. Automobile. 32 M. P. Touring and Roadster \$975. FULLY EQUIPPED. Long Stroke Motor, Full Flooding Valve, 3 Speed Sliding Gear, Bosch Magneto.

By the shouts of the uninjured as they joined in the work of rescue. Soon the streets were littered with the wounded and the dead. The streets were covered with debris and the autos and ambulances could make no headway.

Mile Long Viaduct Wrecked. It passed across the Missouri River into Iowa, wrecking the mile long viaduct.

from the arms of its father, C. W. Walsh, and after the storm it was found snugly deposited in the tee of a broken roof, absolutely uninjured and even protected from the rain by the roof of a house which formerly had been several blocks away.

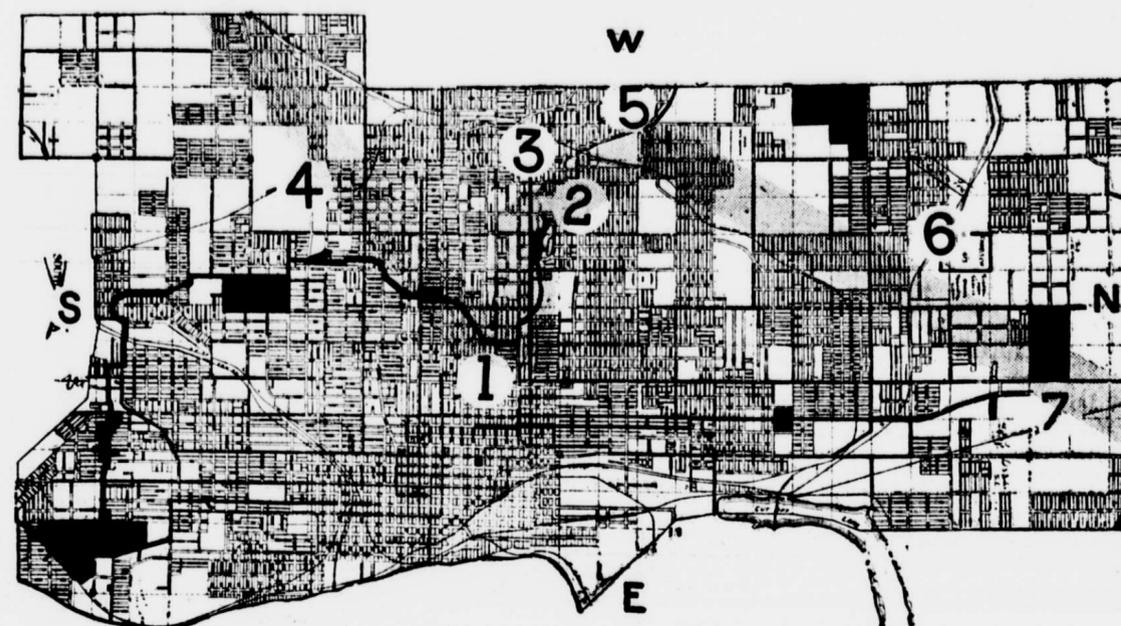
Many Remarkable Escapes. Remarkable escapes are to-day told in a thousand families. Many houses have disappeared completely, leaving not a single vestige of wreckage behind.

The Webster telephone exchange at Twenty-second and Lake streets became a centre for rescue work as soon as the tornado had passed. Physicians and nurses were summoned to the building and army officers' headquarters were established there.

through the cold rain that followed the tornado. For three hours the fires lit up the sky. As the light died down the refugees from the stricken district wandered aimlessly about, unable to command the services of vehicles, unless there was a very badly injured one in the family.

Dr. Bristow's Condition Serious. Dr. A. T. Bristow, a Brooklyn surgeon, who is suffering from blood poisoning in his left arm at his home at 234 Clinton street, was not so well last night. His temperature was higher and his condition was considered very serious.

MAP SHOWING DAMAGED DISTRICTS IN OMAHA



1. Twenty-fourth and Lake streets, where the moving picture show was wrecked. 2. Hamilton and Thirty-first streets, where family was buried. 3. Cummings street, whose length was swept by the storm. 4. County Hospital, to the west of which the storm entered the city. 5. Sacred Heart Convent, damaged by the storm. 6. Fort Omaha, whose soldiers stopped looting. 7. Road to Florence over which storm travelled, destroying that suburb.

duct of the Illinois Central Railroad as it did so. Just before crossing the river the twister struck the Missouri Pacific roundhouse and demolished it together with the locomotives within.

At the Children's Savings Institute one little baby was simply pulled out of the window by the force of the wind and dashed to death a quarter of a mile away.

At Twenty-fourth and Lake streets forty negroes were gathered in a pool hall. The place was completely demolished and six negroes have been taken from the place dead. Thirty others are believed to be beneath the wreckage, but the numbers are not included in the list of two hundred dead.

75 Buried Under Picture Show. Within a block of the same place the Diamond moving picture show was in full blast. The building went down like a house of cards and is believed to have buried at least twenty-five in the ruins.

26 Killed on Iowa Side. Leaving that city the twister moved on into Iowa, leaving death in its wake, and twenty-six deaths have been reported from that side of the stream.

At Yutan, Neb., the storm killed fifteen and injured forty before it struck the city of Omaha. Several other small towns were wrecked and assisted in swelling the death list.

The storm tore down every telephone and telegraph wire entering into Omaha and for nearly twenty-four hours not a single message was sent out except by train. The telegraph offices were besieged by hundreds of frantic people anxious to notify their friends of their safety.

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did not touch the earth, but where it came in contact with houses flames burst out. Fire Spreads Among Ruins. Omaha's fire department, reinforced by citizens, never fought better than last night, but nothing could stop the spread of the blaze.

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THE WEST WRACKED BY 9 DAYS STORM

Biggest Disaster the Climax of Cyclones Piled on Blizzards.

The past nine days have been almost unprecedented for the damage done by rain, wind and snow in the Northwest and the middle West. The loss of life is large, and the property loss will be millions of dollars.

Not a day has passed without the telegraph bringing news of great damage in some part of the country. On March 15 a blizzard swept over the middle West and Northwest from the Dakotas to Illinois.

The next day, March 17, a storm pounced upon Tampa, Fla., and did much damage. For several days in succession the newspapers printed news of bad storms from other parts of the country, mostly in the middle West, in which lives were lost and property destroyed.

On Sunday and Monday the cyclone in Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and the Dakotas caused a immense loss, and early yesterday Illinois and Indiana felt the whirl of the same windstorm, at a cost of many lives near Terre Haute.

FOUND DEAD ON GOLF LINKS. William A. Toles of Boston Had Been Away All Night.

Boston, March 24.—The body of William A. Toles, 45 years old, a retired Boston business man and a resident of Waban, was found this morning on the golf course of the Brae Burn Country Club at West Newton.

Mr. Toles played golf yesterday for the first time this season and started to walk home alone. Apparently he collapsed. At Mr. Toles's home it was said that he had been away all night.

Summoned in Thaw Bribery Case. Summonses went out from the District Attorney's office yesterday for witnesses who testified in the Albany inquiry as to Harry Thaw's alleged attempt to get out of Manhattan through bribery to go to the Grand Central building and talk with Assistant District Attorney De Ford against Einar Christie, counsel for the grievance committee of the Bar Association, who in conference yesterday with District Attorney Whitman, who said the matter rested up to the Grand Jury, as directed by Gov. Sulzer.

CYCLONE KILLS 15 IN TERRE HAUTE

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completely. Five wrecked autos were found on that road. Between Hulman and Voorhees streets, in South Eighth, there is complete devastation. Twenty-five houses were leveled to the ground in this stretch. South Eighth street were completely swept away.

On the Lockport road, south of Idaho, at least sixteen houses were destroyed, but there were no fatalities and few were injured in this immediate neighborhood.

Mother and Child Swept Away. Mrs. Flora Wood was hurled seven feet from her home, her small baby clasped in her arms. They were cared for at the Third United Brethren Church.

The day-old baby of Mrs. Leonard Sloan was found in one corner of the bedroom of their home, while the mother lay in another corner. The entire top of the house had been blown away.

William Rogers, Superintendent of the United Brethren Sunday school, was buried beneath the walls of his home. He died while being carried to the school house.

A large stone boarding house conducted by Mrs. Catherine Loudon was wrecked and the aged woman and her son, Ralph Loudon, were badly injured.

Many houses were wrecked between Third and Fifth streets in Voorhees street. Freight Car Used as Hospital. A freight car was pressed into service as a temporary medical quarter, when the fire wagons with the police and fire departments arrived on the scene.

The live wires and burning debris made it impossible for the ambulances to get within less than two blocks of the scene, and the bodies had to be carried to safety by the rescuers. Six fires broke out in different parts of the devastated district while the rescue work was being carried on.

Family Buried Under Home. Fred King, a glass blower at 2146 Dilman street, was found with his wife and baby covered by the heavy timbers of their home, that had collapsed when the storm struck it.

King had been buried from his bed a distance of ten feet. To heavy timbers had almost crushed the life out of him. His wife was terribly injured. A few feet away the baby was picked up dead. The mother in her death struggles probably tried to save the baby by throwing it away from her.

Near the Greenwood school several more were killed and many were injured. Mrs. E. J. Edwards, wife of a druggist, was knocked down by a heavy timber that broke her leg and pinned her to the ground. When she was found the woman was screaming for her child, and later the little fellow, 8 years old, was picked up dead and carried to the Greenwood school building.

Remarkable escapes were made in the twenty-four hundred block on South Third street, some of the residents of the square being seriously injured. Mr. and Mrs. George Carmichael escaped from their home as it was blown away by the wind.

Child Blown Through Window. Among the strange vagaries of the wind was the case of a baby sleeping with its mother in a South center street house. The child was blown through an open window into the yard, but escaped with a slight cut on the thigh.

At the home of J. H. Snyder, Dr. and Mrs. Wilcox were visiting, and all were in the sitting room. The storm threw Snyder through the window. He was unhurt. Every room in the house was wrecked excepting the one in which the two families were seated.

Many families were separated in the excitement and for two hours after the storm had passed anxious husbands, mothers and children were searching the debris for absent members of their families. Many could not find the wrecked remains of their homes, so helplessly tangled was the wreckage in the streets and on the sidewalks, and in several cases it was difficult even to find the place where the home had stood.

Ambulances and moving vans were used to carry the injured to hospitals and as these were soon filled stables and homes were converted into temporary hospitals. More than 200 persons were placed under the care of doctors, but many were only slightly hurt and in some cases women were found to be suffering merely from fright. These were soon dismissed to make room for those actually suffering.

The scenes at the hospitals were pitiful. The agony of the sufferers was increased by the uncertainty as to the fate and conditions of their families and friends. Little children, lying in bandages about the hospital, cried out in pain and fright. One little fellow with a big gash over his eye cried out for his mother as he was being taken to the operating room. His father sat near him and tried to lend what comfort was possible. A little girl in one of the large rooms of the hospital played and laughed on her bed while three anxious physicians worked with her sister, who had sustained a compound fracture of the leg and a dislocated shoulder.

Victims' Friends Crow Hospital. Friends and relatives of people living in the storm devastated region soon crowded the halls of the hospitals, anxiously inquiring if those dear to them were among the victims. Many learned of the whereabouts of relatives or friends in the rooms of the hospital and crowded in to see them when this was possible, expressing joy that they had escaped from death beneath the falling walls and timbers of their homes. One man, when lifted on the operating table, was found to be dead.

Militiamen Search Ruins. A company of the Indiana National Guard was placed on duty in the devastated district early this morning and the work of searching the ruins for dead is still in progress. Over the entire area are scattered all kinds of household furniture, wearing apparel, beds and bedding.

A heavy rainfall followed the cyclone and it has been raining at intervals all day, ruining what the cyclone scattered and impoverishing hundreds of families. The work of relief began immediately after the storm passed and money was liberally subscribed to-day for the sufferers, but many people are without shelter and food and the suffering is very great.

Looting began within a few moments and the police were at first too busy caring for the injured and removing the debris from the street to protect property, but the members of the National Guard soon established an efficient patrol and the looters have not been in evidence since.

The Known Dead. BROWER, JAMES. BRAYER, M. CARTER, ROBERT. DAVIS, MRS. IDA. EDWARDS, CHANDLER. GRIFFITH, MRS. WILLIAM, of Gardentown. HOOK, J. V., JR. KING, MRS. FRED, and baby. MATHERLY, WILLIAM, of Gardentown. MOORE, DR. MAELON. MYERS, JOHN. ROBERTS, ALEXANDER. TULLY, MISS LIZZIE. Unidentified man.

Reported Dead. CARTER, MRS. M. A., and baby. DAVIS, HARLEY. FOX, JEFFERSON. HINES, FRED. LEFFENS, WILLIAM. YEAGER, NEAL.

The tornado which visited this city struck Perth, in the northern part of Clay county, about 10 o'clock and then vanished in the air. No lives were lost there and only one person was injured. Nearly every building in the little town of 400 population was wrecked or damaged. A brick store building, two story houses and seven cottages of the Congregational church, a schoolhouse, a three story structure, barns and outhouses were completely wrecked.

ASSEMBLY HONORS BLACK

It Adjourns in Respect for the Former Governor.

ALBANY, March 24.—The Assembly adjourned to-night in respect for the memory of ex-Gov. Frank S. Black, whose funeral takes place to-morrow at Troy. The dead statesman was eulogized by Majority Leader Aaron J. Levy and Minority Leader Harold J. Hinman of Albany.

Speaker S. E. Smith appointed these Assemblymen to represent the Assembly at the funeral: Robert B. Bush of Cheyenne, John Kerrigan of New York, C. Fred Schwartz of Troy, Democrat; John L. Sullivan of Chautauque, Thaddeus C. Sweet of Oswego and William C. Baxter of Albany county, Republicans.

Gov. Sulzer and other State officers will attend the funeral.

FINDS PARENTS BOTH DEAD.

Son Breaks Into Home With Policeman—Thought Asphyxiated.

PASSAIC, N. J., March 24.—Accompanied by a policeman, Alvin Muller, an insurance agent of Westington avenue, broke into the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman F. Muller of 86 Semel avenue, Gardfield, to-day and found them dead in a bedroom. County Physician Samuel E. Armstrong thinks that death was accidental.

When the son broke into the house he found his mother, who was 55 years old, dead in bed. His father, 66 years old, was lying dead on the floor near the bed. The son let a range in the kitchen immediately adjoining was wide open, but there was no trace of gas in the room. The police believe the couple were asphyxiated while asleep.

Herman Muller retired recently with a small fortune.

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