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FOUR HUNDRED DEAD IN ST. LOUIS ALONE

Awful Extent of the Cyclone's Work Can Not Yet Be Told.

SIX HUNDRED INJURED

City Was Again in Darkness and the Search for the Dead Was Continued Throughout the Night—East St. Louis Citizens Appeal to the Country for Aid—Troops Have Been Dispatched to the Scene to Protect Property—No Accurate Estimate of the Dead and Injured Can Yet Be Made—Country Girls Flock to the City to Offer Their Services as Nurses—Details of the Appalling Loss of Life on the Water.

St. Louis, Mo., May 28.—A pall of gloom and death hangs over the Mound City tonight.

Twenty-four hours have scarce been sufficient to bring its people to a realization of the horror with which it has been visited and they are yet dazed and stupified.

Save for the fitful glare of the gas jets in the windows of the saloons and restaurants and the electric lights of the few hotels and other concerns that operate their own plants, the entire city is in darkness. In the devastated district, the search for the dead, buried in the ruins, is being carried on by the aid of torches and locomotive headlights.

Details of police keep the crowds at a distance, while the air is filled with the shrieks and sobs and hysterical lamentations of bereaved. Ever and anon the clang of a gong is heard in the distance, and vehicles and street cars come to a stop while an ambulance dashes by to add one more victim to the record of the dead at one or another of the extemporized morgues.

The streets in the center of the city, usually active with pedestrians until midnight, are deserted, save for those whose avocations keep them from their families or friends while the summer gardens and other points of entertainment are bare of patrons.

Grief, mourning, and stupification have taken possession of the city. Careful tabulations of the information gathered by the United Press from all official sources shows that at 8 o'clock tonight there were 114 victims that had been identified, while fifteen await identification.

HUNDREDS ARE MISSING.

Most of the bodies claimed have been removed to their late homes. The number missing, the majority supposedly being in the ruins of the industrial establishments, and residences that were totally demolished is variously estimated at from 50 to 500.

Only a complete search of the acres of ruins can tell the true story, for the people in the stricken regions are utterly unable to tell a coherent story. Men and women reported as among the missing are continually putting in appearance, while on the other hand many believed to be safe turn out to be among the missing.

In the matter of age, the dead range from a male baby of three months to a great-great-grandmother of ninety-two.

The number of injured reported to the police up to the same hour footed up 189. Of these five are unconscious and unidentified. The injuries range from slight cuts and contusions to one unfortunate who is reported as having sustained the loss of both eyes and the fracture of his skull, both arms and legs and ribs. Of the list of injured, and which is about one-fourth of the probable total, the overwhelming majority of these caught in the tornado and having found their way to their homes and thus escaped, nearly one hundred are reported by the physicians as "fatally" injured or "injured internally," which is practically the same thing.

ESTIMATE OF THE DEAD.

These figures relate to the city proper. On the other side of the river, in East St. Louis, Ill., where the elements gathered themselves together for a supreme effort toward destruction of life and property, the latest reports to the United Press place the total of deaths and missing at 205 and the injured at seventy-one. Another tabulation made this evening by the St. Louis Chronicle gives these figures:

Identified dead in St. Louis, 121; unidentified, 30; injured, 447.

East St. Louis, dead, 119 unidentified, 125; injured, 158.

The total number of families who are without homes, and whose every article of household effects was swept away by the storm is variously estimated at from 500 to 810.

It will be several days before a complete and reliable roster can be made.

Almost a reign of terror prevails in East St. Louis tonight. Save for a tug and a few row boats placed at the service of newspaper men and others whose duties called them to the scene, the place has been cut off from communication with this city since last night, a section of the upper or railroad portion of the Eads bridge having been carried away, while guards were stationed at either end to prevent pedestrians using the foot bridge.

The thieves and toughs of the city, however, reinforced by scores from the surrounding country, started in this afternoon to pillage the overturned trucks in the streets and the freight cars on the sidings, and which were filled with valuable merchandise, groceries, and provisions.

The small police force had been detailed to aid the injured and assist in the task of searching the ruins, and realizing that they were powerless to preserve order, or prevent the pillaging, Mayor Bader called upon Governor Altgeld for aid.

He quickly responded by ordering two companies of militia to the scene. The first company arrived from Belleville at 9 o'clock, and the second is en route from Greenville on a special train, and will be on the ground at 1 a. m.

The Governor himself arrived late tonight, and directed the detailing of the troops about the various properties to be protected.

FIFTEEN HUNDRED INJURED.

Many injured on both sides of the river are beyond hope of recovery. The list of injured reported numbers over fifteen hundred, and a great many were located at home and no report made. Two schoolhouses in East St. Louis serve as temporary hospitals, while on this side the Armory does the same service. Every private hospital is crowded.

A district in this city bounded north by Choteau avenue, west by Grand avenue, south to the city limits, and east to the river, is virtually a mass of ruins. Not an electric light has burned, nor a car run in that section, comprising 720 city blocks, since 5:20 p. m. yesterday. Within this territory, scarcely a building has escaped injury and thousands of them are in ruins.

On surveying the desolate scene one marvels that the deaths are not much greater. Beginning at the western boundary of the scene is the handsome and exclusive residence section, known as Compton Hill, the home of the fourth generation of the early French settlers of St. Louis.

This aristocratic home place is strewn with debris. Just east lies Lafayette Park. There the trees, shrubbery, fountains, and statuary that have been the pride of the city, were caught by the wind and the place is shaven bare as with a great scythe.

THOUSANDS ARE HOMELESS.

Farther east and south to the city limits were the homes of thrifty German-Americans who have given a distinct character to the district.

Tonight thousands of them are homeless many of them lying like nomads among the ruins, or sharing the roofs of their hospitable and more fortunate neighbors. Interspersed in this latter section and on east to the river are mills, breweries and numberless manufacturing concerns.

These were fair targets for the storm and they suffered. It was this class of losses that add most to the wiping out of what is conservatively stated to be four million dollars invested capital.

There are sixteen breweries within these boundaries, worth four millions, and while none are destroyed, all are damaged. The losses fall heaviest on those least able to bear them.

After the storm had laid its heavy hand upon the southern half of the city fire came to complete the work of destruction. Five columns of flame shot up, but thanks to the deluge of rain, the blaze was mainly confined to its starting point. In three instances engines were unable to get nearer than a block from the fires.

Unsolicited, the work of relief began here at once by the whole people. A meeting of the citizens was held at noon at the Merchants' Exchange. After brief addresses by Rev. Dr. W. W. Boyd and Mayor C. P. Walbridge, contributions were asked for.

Within forty minutes, or as fast as the sums given could be acknowledged, $14,000 was in the secretary's hands. Contributions continued after adjournment. It is not proposed to go outside the city for aid, though no offering will be refused.

President C. H. Spencer, president of the Merchants' Exchange, was made chairman of the committee on distribution, and set to work at once to place the relief money.

TALES OF DESTRUCTION.

The storm was most destructive in force when it crossed Seventh street from the east. The eddying currents of wind again and again returned to make that street a wilderness.

At least forty people were killed along this thoroughfare and the streets immediately adjacent. House after house was totally demolished, and the wonder grows with extended investigation, that the number of deaths is not far in excess of what it now appears to be.

Sally's saloon at South Seventh street was a total wreck. When it fell it was full of men who had taken refuge there, and from fifteen to twenty were killed. One poor fellow has been taken out dead and ten others seriously injured.

It is thought others are still in the brick-choked basement, and a gang of men is busy digging into the debris. The force of the wind was so frightful along here that the iron trolley supporting poles of the southwestern electric line are bent over the ground. They did not break, but bent like copper wire.

Of course all the telegraph poles are down, many of them snapped in twain with the top-heavy heads hanging over the street, held aloft by the wires, which still cling to them. At the Vermont Marble Works, 1125 South Seventh street, the wreck was complete. It was here that Harry Ross, a driver for the concern, was killed. He was buried beneath tons of the great blocks of stone.

BURIED IN A FLASH.

Here had stood the three-story brick saloon and boarding-house of Frederick Mockenheimer. It was occupied by twenty families, the full number of souls reaching at least eighty.

When the storm struck it it went up like a dry puff ball, burying the inmates. No one knows how many dead its ruined brick and mortar conceal. Eleven persons have been taken out dead and more than a dozen more or less injured.

The body of a gray-haired woman was discovered and removed, but her name could not be learned.

A company of firemen was assigned to the work of rescue and they kept at it manfully. They were assisted by relatives of those who are supposed to be beneath the debris.

Henry Planchek was there hunting for his father. He was pale and sick, but he kept at it. His father, William, had been in the saloon, he said, when the building fell.

The crowd about the corner was enormous and hard to handle. The curious throng pushed in over the broken bricks and shattered timbers, hemming in the rescue corps and taking desperate chances of breaking their own legs. Even the policemen's clubs could not keep them back.

MARKET BLOWN TO PIECES.

Across the street, on the southwest corner, the wreck was as bad, but the number of people in the building was not so large. Several dead bodies and a half dozen sorely wounded have been removed and others are thought to be there.

One block below this the house of Settig's was crushed, and Mr. August Settig and his wife badly hurt. Up Barry street a half block, at No. 716, Mrs. Rux, her daughter, Teenie, and her brother, John Lohing, were crushed to death in their home.

Mrs. Clara Fueseke and her two daughters, Stella and Edna, at 1335 South Seventh street, were mashed out of shape by the fall of their home.

Fred Stallman, Mrs. Schmidt, Millie Killian, and her mother, were dangerously hurt, and James Killian, the father, was killed at 1301 South Seventh street.

The Soulard Market was blown to pieces, killing George Hubert with the falling bricks, and another man whose name has not been learned. So it ran along this ill-starred street.

A Wabash fast train from Chicago escaped destruction at East St. Louis last night by the good judgment of the engineer.

At Madison, two miles north of East St. Louis, relay depot, the rain came in such torrents that Engineer Sanford could not see anything ahead of him.

"The storm was coming squarely in our faces," said Engineer Sanford tonight. "The air began to fill with loose boards and other debris, and beat upon the cab of the engine. I stopped the train and we crouched behind the boiler. A few seconds later the full force of the storm struck the train and it began to run backwards. We managed to hold it with the aid of the airbrakes.

"The rear car was on a curve and caught the force of the storm so that it rocked like a leaf but did not leave the track. What saved the train was that it pointed directly into the gale.

"The terminal train carrying the laborers from Granite City was just behind and was caught by the wind and the cars overturned. When the fury of the storm was over the passengers realized what a narrow escape they had just had."

FATALITIES ON WATER.

The track of the storm across the river was practically the same as that of the great storm of August 4, 1878. The trend of the main volume of wind was from southwest to northeast, leaving the Missouri shore at the center of the southern half of this city and striking the Illinois shore in a path whose northern edge was the Eads bridge and extending south three-fourths of a mile.

Within this path were moored twenty-five steamers, large and small. The storm fell so suddenly that none of the vessels were prepared. In all, ten large passenger steamers, five ferry boats, two transfer boats, two tug boats and half a dozen small pleasure barges were driven to the opposite shore or sunk outright.

The steamer J. J. Odil was loosened from its mooings and blown against the second pier of the Eads Bridge, where it sank. Just before the boat struck her boilers blew up. Nine of her crew of twelve, besides three women passengers and her captain, George Townsend, are reported missing. Those of the crew who reached land in safety are Jack Morrissey, Pat Milan, and a man named Moore.

About the same time the Odil struck the pier the towboat Dolphin No. 2 was blown from her wharf, at the foot of Morgan street, dashing her up against the first pier. She struck the pier with a force that crushed in her starboard side.

SEVERAL STEAMERS LOST.

"She drifted down the river for about three blocks and then sank, only leaving her prow above the water. There were eleven persons, three of them women, all of whom had jumped from either the steamer Pittsburg or the Lizzie Conger, who managed to catch driftwood, which carried them down the river to the Pittsburg dyke, where they were caught in an eddy and sunk to the bottom.

The Bald Eagle was blown down the river for a considerable distance when the boat capsized and went to the bottom. About twenty persons were on board but nothing has been seen or heard of them.

A great many lives were lost by the sinking of barges and smaller craft. In most every case, there were at least ten men on board each of them and in many cases several of them are still missing.

The Baton Rouge Belle, a tugboat, was forced from its hawser out into the middle of the river. When it reached there it began to roll over and over down the river till it reached the foot of Choteau avenue, where it was forced against the wharf of the Wiggins Ferry Company by the wind and sunk in ten feet of water.

The City of Monroe was dashed against the shore but did not go down. Capt. Seigler exhorted his crew to not jump overboard. His last words were: "There is no danger." He was blown into the river and drowned.

The following boats are reported as damaged or missing: Pittsburg, City of Vicksburg, City of Providence, Belle of Calhoun, the Madil, the Elm G. Smith, the Louis Houck, Dolphin No. 2, Bald Eagle and the J. J. Odil. The Great Republic, about which there were many rumors, is safe.

Estimates on local losses are so wild that it is impossible to give any authoritative figures. One good authority places them at $15,000,000, another, equally as good, at $4,000,000. The latter is probably the more nearly correct.

PARTIAL LIST OF DEAD.

Many Bodies Unidentified and the Injured Number Hundreds.

St. Louis, Mo., May 28.—Following is a revised list of dead and injured:

Killed in St. Louis, at the morgue:
FRANK FISCHER, 1742 Papin street.
D. HASSING, 1014 Armstrong avenue.
L. T. SIMS, Eighteenth and Park avenue.
T. A. EMIN, Levee and Choteau.
CHARLES RIBBECK, 1236 High street.
HARRY HESS, 1109 South Seventh street.
FRED BENWELL.
EARNEST ZIMMER.
GUSTAVE VILLMER, 915 Rutger street.
JOHN HESSELL, 1108 Emmett street.
JOHN RAFFERTY, Liggett & Meyers' factory.
WALLACE BRADSHAW, Ewing and Scott avenue.
HARRY WEBER, 730 South Fourth street.
FRED MAUCHENHEIMER.
HENRY GIBSON, Missouri and Grant avenues.
HENRY KEHLIN, 2824 Oregon avenue.
JOSEPH MARTINI.
JOSEPH MAUER.
CHARLES NIL.
HENRY ALTERS.
WILLIAM WINKLER.
JOSEPH MEYER, Jefferson and Park avenues.
HERMAN MUNAN, 1820 South Eighth street.
MRS. CHARLOTTE ENDERS, 610 Rutger street.
JULIUS GAUL, 1407 Sulphur avenue.
MAX WEIS.
FRED ZIMMERS, Jefferson and Geir avenues.
SOPHIA DE MARTINA, 402 South Twelfth.
KATIE CLAYPOOL, Ewing and Scott avenues.
JOSEPH DUNN, patient at City Hospital.
Unknown child, Ann and California avenues.
Child of ANDREW J. LEINEKE, of 2706 Hamilton avenue.
Three unknowns, at 1333 South Seventh.
MALACHI M'DONALD, thirty, single, 2425 Clarke avenue.
Unknown baby, two years old, picked up at Twenty-second and Market.
JOHN PANDY, forty-two years old, 1442 Mississippi.
—— JONES, Edna Iron works.
EMMA CHANEY and ISABELLA HOWE, 1432 Mississippi avenue.
WILLIAM OTTENAD, 1709 South Broadway.
WALLACE T. C. BUTLER, colored, 925 South Jefferson avenue.
ROBERT MILLER, Blair and Benton streets.
SILAS JONES, Twenty-first and Gratia streets.
LOUIS BOERKMAN, 614 Rutger.
MRS. LOUIS, ninety years, 614 Rutger.
GUSTAVE FULMER, 614 Rutger.
JAMES KILLIAN, 614 Rutger.
G. W. KNABEL, 1303 South Seventh.
GEORGE HUBERT, showman of Minneapolis, at Soulard Market.
ANNIE DUGAN, Eighth and Marion.
MRS. MATILDA RUX, 716 Barry.
TINA RUX, 716 Barry.
JOHN LOHING, 716 Barry.
MRS. CLARA FRIESKE, 1335 South Seventh.
SUTTA FRIESKE, 1335 South Seventh.
EDNA FRIESKE, 1335 South Seventh.
MIKE VILSF, killed at gas works.
WILLIAM PLACHEKMAN, 614 Rutger.
—— GIBBONS, girl, 2725 St. Vincent avenue.
SYLVESTER BENE, 1418 Ohio Avenue.
—— GALLAGHER, a girl, 1841 South Jefferson avenue.
MRS. WOODRUFF, California and Ann avenues.
TAYLOR HALLOUAN, 1401 Missouri street.
THOMAS IRWIN, 2213 Choteau avenue.
JAMES DREUN, city hospital.
CHARLES ARCHAMBAULT, city hospital.
FRANCESCA RODERIQUE, Spanish woman, city hospital.
MRS. BALLMAN, 1701 Park avenue.
MRS. SPILLMAN, 2711 Park avenue.
MRS. CRUMP, 2709 Park avenue.
CHARLES SCHWEITZMAN, 2650 St. Vincent avenue.
MRS. CLAYPOOL and child, 814 South Jefferson avenue.
JOSEPH MILLER, Eighteenth street and Choteau avenue.
WILLIAM BOWLER, found at the La Clede Gas Works.
ED SELP, 1026 South Eleventh street.
WILLIAM PLATCHED, 614 Rutger.
THOMAS ERVIN, 2210 Choteau avenue.
GEORGE W. KNOEBLE, Seventh and Rutger.
MRS. FRIESECK, Seventh and Rutger.
—— FREISEICK, Seventh and Rutger.
JOHN LEIBLIN, Seventh and Rutger.
MATILDA RUX, Seventh and Rutger.
TIM RUX, Seventh and Rutger.
GEORGE HUBERT, Soulard Market.
ROSE DUGGARD, Soulard Market.
Mrs. HELIX, 1301 South Seventh street.
HERMAN MUNARI, Eighteenth street and Geyer avenue.
TOM KILLIAN, Seventh street and Park avenue.
HARRY KILLIAN, nine years old.
WILLIE KILLIAN, seven years old.
CHARLES A. TANDY, St. Louis Cracker Factory.
EDWARD FELB, engineer, Standard Bagging Company.

Above is the identified dead in St. Louis. In addition to these dead there are in the morgue and unidentified the bodies of seventeen men and four women. This list of identified is being added to hourly.

It is reported that twenty-nine employes of the Liggett & Meyers Tobacco Factory are in the ruins of the building. Twenty-five employes of the St. Louis Wooden Gutter Company are missing, and are thought to have been killed when the building fell, and buried, them.

IN EAST ST. LOUIS.

The dead identified in East St. Louis are:
CHARLES WAIT, 519 Collinsville avenue.
WILLIAM SURBER.
MRS. STOCK.
J. A. PORTER, Bufflin, Ills.
L. RICHARDSON, 329 North Sixth street.
AMELIA SURBER.
JOHN REAMS.
SCOTT HAYWARD.
PETER WALMSLEY.
JOHN ANDERSON.
MRS. BRUCE.
EMMA SULLIVAN.
JACOB KINTZE.
P. J. STRICKLER.
MICHAEL KILDEA.
THOMAS KEEFER.
BERT FARRELL.
WILLIAM FARRELL.
FRANK M'CORMICK.
JOSEPH FRANKS.
EX-POLICEMAN THOMAS GRIFFIN and family of three.
FRANK ROOSE, foreman at Elliott's Works.
ROBERT BLAND.
JOHN VALENTINE.
CITY COLLECTOR DAVID S. SAGE and wife.
PHILLIP STRICKLER, Jr., and mother.
JUDGE FAULK, of Vandalia, Ills.
Mr. and Mrs. JOHN HAYS.
WILL HAYS.
MILES MITCHELL.
WILLIAM MITCHELL.
IRENE CLENDENIN.
WILLIAM SULLIVAN and wife.
Mrs. JOHN REED.
PATRICK DEAN and family of six.
JOHN BUCHARZ.
EDWARD O'BRIEN.
JOHN BREEN.
IDA GLADDUE.
Mrs. ROOF.
ALBERT VOLKMAN.
JOSEPH MITCHELL.
JOHN SULLIVAN.
WILLIAM RICKEY.
HENRY WALTERMAN, Winstantley Park
JACOB KURTZ.
MAY CORRIGAN.
FRANK J. MURPHY.
JACK M'CAUL.
MISS DEAN.
MISS MARIA EVANS.
Child of ARTHUR O'LEARY.
—— WINDLEY.
ANDREW ANDERSON.
FRANK ROSS.
GEORGE WOODS, clerk in the Vandalia.
HENRY SPRICKER, Vandalia Line.
J. E. HEINE, Vandalia Line.
CHARLES CARROLL.
JOHN KENT.
ED KAVANAUGH.
MRS. EMMA SULLIVAN.
MRS. BRUCE.
ROBERT BLAND.
JOHN REAMS.
MISS CONLEY.
MISS SLIDE.
Fireman of Air Line; name unknown.
MRS. WILLIAM CARR.
J. A. PORTER, Broughton, Ill.
MIKE DILLIGAN, Vandalia Line.
CON FRAMLEY, Vandalia.
ALBERT VOLKMAN, Vandalia Line.
—— FLEMING.
WILLIE FREE.
MRS. TRUMP and two children.
MIKE BROOKER.
BULLSTARK, pilot of the Andrew Christy.
BEN WEISS.
WILLIAM AVERY, yardmaster of Big Four.
GEORGE CHAPMAN, St. Louis.
DAVE AVERY.
J. S. WHICHER, Whicher's Hotel.
WILLIAM HORTIGAN, of Hannibal.
MRS. PAT. DEAN.
MISS DEAN.
MISS BUCKLER.
EMMA GLADSHAW, Rufus Hotel.
MRS. SMYKE
MARTIN SPELLMAN.
W. H. KEEF.
MRS. S. HAYWARD.
MISS KINNETT.
GEORGE ESHER.
W. C. MURRAY.
RICHARD ANDRES

FIFTY-FIVE UNKNOWN.

The unidentified in East St. Louis are thirty-nine men and sixteen women. Most of these were workmen about the different freight depots.

Twenty men employes in the Vandalia freight depot are missing, and are believed to have been killed when the building fell. A thorough investigation of the destruction is being made, and when it is known what the death rate has been, it will exceed 200.

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APPEAL FOR AID.

East St. Louis Citizens Direct a Petition to the Country.

St. Louis, Mo., May 28.—A meeting of leading citizens was held in St. Louis this evening in the First National Bank building in response to a call hurriedly issued by ex-Congressman W. S. Forman and others, and after a full discussion of the situation it was decided to issue the following appeal and the United Press was requested to give it circulation:

"To the people of the United States.

"The city of East St. Louis has been visited by one of the most terrible and destructive tornadoes in the history of the country. As a result of its fearful work at least 200 lives have been lost, while the number of maimed and wounded we are unable as yet to estimate, but it will probably run into the thousands.

"The amount of damage to property is vague and it is impossible at this time to ascertain, but it is safe to say that at least six hundred families are rendered homeless. A great number of these must depend upon charity for shelter.

"While the loss appears to fall upon the poorer classes, of people, almost every citizen has, directly or indirectly, suffered damage.

"While we regret exceedingly to call upon the country at large in this extremity, we feel utterly unable to supply the absolute necessities of these afflicted people, although our own cities are putting forth every effort and are contributing as liberally and indeed more liberally than their means allow.

"We, therefore, appeal to the generosity of our sister cities and other communities for help in this hour of trouble. We will be pleased to receive subscriptions and assistance in any form which may be deemed advisable.

"The executive committee has appointed Paul W. Abt, president of the First National Bank of this city, treasurer, to whom all contributions can be sent. H. F. Bader, mayor. W. S. Forman, H. D. Sexton, E. H. Canby, Joseph Nestor, J. J. Reador, Paul W. Abt, Leo Scherrer, Louis Moser, executive committee."

The roadway of the Eads Bridge was cleared of wreckage at 11 o'clock tonight, and a test engine and car passed over in safety.

In addition to the injured in the two school houses, there were ninety-four maimed women, children and men in St. Mary's Hospital. Women and girls from the farms of the surrounding country poured into the city in droves this afternoon and evening with bundles of old linen, clothing and other necessaries and proffered their services as nurses.

The good Samaritans were badly needed by the hospital people and city authorities and nearly every victim in the public or extemporized hospitals has an individual attendant tonight.

HOLD OUT A HAND.

Eastern Cities Send Offers of Aid to Stricken St. Louis.

Philadelphia, May 28.—Mayor Warwick today sent the following telegram of sympathy, and offering aid to the mayor of St. Louis: "We have learned with sincere regret of the calamity that has visited your city, and I, as mayor of the city of Philadelphia, extend to you the heartfelt sympathies of the citizens of our city in your hour of need. As president of the citizen's permanent relief committee we heartily offer to you our aid. Let us know at your earliest convenience if our assistance can be of use to you. We stand ready, in every way, to extend to you any assistance you may require."

Harrisburg, Pa., May 28.—Mayor Patterson today sent the following telegram to the mayor of St. Louis:

"The people of Harrisburg direct me to extend to you their sympathy in this hour of your great disaster, and to tender you substantial aid, if desired. We await your wishes."

Boston, May 28.—Mayor Quincy this afternoon sent the following telegram to Mayor Walbridge of St. Louis:

"The citizens of Boston have learned with deep regret and sympathy of the calamity which has befallen St. Louis. Please inform us if any outside assistance is required."

ON ITS EASTWARD TRACK.

Great Damage in Other States and Some Loss of Life.

Lancaster, Pa., May 28.—A tornado that came from the York county shore swept across the Susquehanna river this afternoon shortly after 1 o'clock and did a vast amount of damage in Columbia, about ten miles from here, together with several fatalities.

It first struck the planing mill of John Forney, unroofing the structure, and doing a great deal of damage to houses in the vicinity of Front street. The black cloud then struck the Columbia rolling mill, lifted the roof bodily and buried fifteen men in the ruins. Two are dying and several are badly injured.

The rolling mill is completely demolished and the machinery ruined. Albert Hill, colored, and four other employes, names not known, who were working inside the mill, were blown forty feet into Shawnee Creek and nearly drowned.

The storm next struck the electric light station and badly injured the building. John Hughes, the engineer, was instantly killed in trying to close the window. He was blown into the fly wheel of the engine and torn into fragments.

The damage to the property of the Columbia Rolling Mill is estimated at $20,000. Twelve puddling furnaces were totally destroyed and that section of the mill entirely wrecked. Isaac Haverstick, a puddler, who was most seriously injured, died this afternoon. Of the dozen men injured, several are seriously hurt.

Before striking Columbia, the tornado did a large amount of damage on the river shore of Wrightsville. The gable end of the Lutheran Church was blown in, the school-house unroofed, and a large amount of lumber in the lumber yards of Kilmyer & Small was blown into the river.

Trenton, N. J., May 28.—A tornado struck Langhorne, Pa., at a quarter past three o'clock this afternoon and blew down a number of barns.

George Wentertk, who was in one of the barns, was killed outright.

At Allentown, Monmouth county, ten or fifteen barns and dwellings were wrecked. George Newell was fatally injured by a runaway horse, and Harrison Dillon, colored, was fatally hurt by a falling barn roof. In Allentown the estimated total damage is $100,000.

Long Branch, N. J., May 28.—A severe thunderstorm was experienced at Long Branch and Asbury Park this afternoon. Windows in several cars on the Atlantic Coast Railroad were broken by the severe wind. Travel on the road was suspended for two hours during the busiest period of the day.

Bethlehem, Pa., May 28.—For two hours this afternoon rain poured down in torrents. In Bethlehem forty houses along Gaueby sewer were flooded, the water being three feet deep on the first floors. In South Bethlehem, five points, property was six feet under water. The damage will reach many thousands of dollars.

Erie, Pa., May 28.—The storm which passed over this section today has been very disastrous to the fruit crop. The greatest damage was done to the grape crop all along the lake shore. The loss is estimated to be about one-third of the entire grape crop.

Lambertville, N. J., May 28.—A thunderstorm accompanied by high winds passed over this section this afternoon, causing considerable damage. At Holland, a small hamlet above here, on the Belvidere division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, a landslide blocked trains for some time.

On the Reading Railroad at Hatboro there is an extensive washout and no trains from Philadelphia have arrived here since morning.

M'KINLEY MEN WILL OBJECT

No Postponement of the Convention Unless St. Louis Asks It.

There will be no postponement of the Republican National Convention, unless the people of St. Louis ask it.

This is the general opinion of the Republican senators, who were seen by Chairman Carter, yesterday. It was held that the McKinley people would revolt should the committee of its own accord change the date.

Senator Carter, chairman of the National Republican committee, up to a late hour last night had no hear from the local committee in St. Louis to the damage done the Convention Hall. He will not move in the matter of postponing the date of the Republican convention until he is informed of the desire of the local committee in the premises. In no event, he says, will the place of holding the Republican convention be changed.

Aid from the War Department.

As a result of the visit of Representative Hubbard and Barthojit to the War Department yesterday, Assistant Secretary Poe directed General Craighill, chief of engineers, to telegraph instructions to the engineer officers at Jefferson City, Chanois, and Keokuk, to render all assistance in their power to the people of St. Louis and vicinity.

Relief Resolution Signed.

The joint resolution passed by Congress yesterday authorizing the Secretary of War to extend such aid as was in his power to the people in the cyclone districts, was promptly sent to the President and signed by him at 5 p. m.

To Close at 1.

A number of leading concerns in this city have decided to close at 1 o'clock on Decoration Day, in order to give their clerks at least half the day for a holiday.

Ruins of Mt. Zion Baptist Church at Twelfth and E Streets Northeast.

HIT BY THE STORM'S EDGE

Rim of the Cyclone Demolishes Several Buildings.

ONE PROBABLE FATALITY

Mt. Zion Baptist Church Blown Down by the Gale.

MANY HOUSES ARE UNROOFED

Harry Gates Struck by a Falling Chimney and His Skull Crushed—Trees Are Prostrate in Every Section and the Parks Present a Scene of Ruin. Estimated Damage to Property Will Reach $25,000—Luther Memorial Church Badly Damaged.

Washington was visited yesterday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock by a wind, rain and hail storm which demolished some buildings, unroofed others, dismantled thousands of shade trees and left behind it the probability of one death. The material loss will be at a conservative estimate not less than $25,000.

The sudden looming up of the black mass of clouds in the west and northwest suggested to thousands of anxious watchers the possibility of a visitation from the terror of the West whose fearful work at St. Louis was the general topic of talk yesterday throughout the city.

This impression was heightened when the storm came rolling on with startling velocity and broke over the city and suburbs at the highest rate of motion ever known here. Then came a heavy downpour of rain, and towards the close of the deluge a bombardment of pellets of hail. The whole experience lasted not more than a half hour, the dissolving incidents of the storm being some particularly vivid flashes of blinding lightning and loud peals of thunder.

The fear that the visitor was a connection of the St. Louis cyclone was verified. Major Dunwoody, assistant chief at the Weather Bureau, said last night that our storm was a part of the general disturbance which has swept over the country from eastern Nebraska to the valley of the St. Lawrence. Major Dunwoody gave the velocity of the wind as sixty miles per hour in the western half of the city and he had reports from Capitol Hill indicating a maximum rate there as high as seventy miles per hour. At St. Louis it was eighty miles per hour. The rainfall was forty-six hundredths of an inch.

PROBABLY ONE FATALITY.

One fatality may result from the gale. Harry Gates, eleven years old, the son of Rev. L. S. Gates, of No. 1422 Eleventh street northwest, was probably fatally injured by a falling chimney. Young Gates was playing with some companions in an alley between Twelfth and Thirteenth, and M and N streets. He was standing in the rear of No. 1222 Twelfth street when a gust of wind caught the chimney on the rear of the house and sent the bricks whirling down upon him.

His companions called to him to run, but before the little fellow could move a half dozen heavy bricks struck him, and he was knocked unconscious to the ground. Prof. H. C. Kakemann of No. 1221 Twelfth street saw the accident and ran to the boy's assistance. He was picked up and carried into the office of Dr. E. A. Pullock, No. 1218 Twelfth street.

Dr. Bullock made an examination and found that the boy's skull was badly crushed. He at once telephoned for an ambulance, and the lad was taken to Emergency Hospital. Meantime Rev. Dr. Gates had been notified and hastened to the hospital. An operation was found to be necessary and was performed by the house staff of the hospital.

The boy's skull was badly crushed, and some of the larger bones were broken and pressed down upon the brain. A large crack extended from the base of the nose to the hair, and the brains protruded.

The boy's mother is at present in Kansas City visiting friends, and was sent for last night. Rev. Gates is at present on a vacation from his post in India, where he was sent several years ago by the American Board. He is a brother-in-law of Prof. H. A. Hazen, of the Weather Bureau, and Mrs. Hazen was sent for last night.

WENT DOWN LIKE CHAFF.

Rev. Gates intended delivering a lecture last night at Gurley Memorial Church, but postponed it at the last moment on account of his son's condition.

The storm struck Northeast Washington with redoubled fury. It bowled over housetops and through the trees stripping many of their foliage and strewing the sidewalks and streets with limbs and leaves.

The most serious catastrophe in this section occurred at the corner of Twelfth and E streets northeast, where the Mount Zion Colored Baptist Church, a large and commodious brick structure, was crushed to the earth by the force of the elements as though it had been an egg shell, and the flying roof and timbers scattered additional destruction in their path.

At 3:25 o'clock the sexton of the church, an aged colored man, named Ned Preston, finished his work of cleaning the interior of the edifice and stepped to the second building south of the church, which is occupied by James Bayard, colored, his wife and five small children.

In the front room on the first floor Mrs. Bayard kept a little candy and variety store. She was looking out of a rear window watching the approach of the storm when the sexton entered.

"There is a big storm brewing," said the old colored man.

An instant later the gale struck the church on its northwest corner. Mrs. Bayard and the sexton saw the great stretch of tin roofing on the church raise high in the air and flap like the sails of a ship. Then there was a crash as the mass of metal descended upon the church building.

A vivid flash of lightning came next,

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The Demolished Stable and Debris from the Church.