

TERRIFIC CYCLONE SWEEPS OVER NORTH DAKOTA TOWNS

EIGHT PEOPLE DEAD AND HALF A HUNDRED INJURED

LANGDON IN RUINS AND OTHER TOWNS WRECKED

Fargo, Wahpeton, Ypsilanti, Jamestown and Lakota Visited By the Death Chariot of the Elements—First Complete Story of Storm

Two death dealing tornadoes struck North Dakota Saturday afternoon and evening. Up to the present time, eight deaths have been reported, while at Langdon, N. D., where the most damage was done and where the storm was the most severe, besides five killed, scores were injured, the property loss running up into the thousands of dollars. Langdon and Ypsilanti were the scenes of the fatalities, four being killed at the former place, while three persons met death at Ypsilanti. Briefly summarized, the results of Saturday's tornadoes follow:

Eight persons killed, between 30 and 40 seriously injured; Langdon suffered property loss of about \$75,000; Jamestown a loss of about \$50,000; Lakota a loss of about 75,000; Fargo a loss of about \$12,000; Wahpeton a loss of between \$15,000 and \$20,000.

Telephone and telegraphic communication is almost paralyzed. Connections cannot be had west of Devils Lake nor south of Fargo. East the situation is even worse, lines being in such shape that it is practically impossible to secure communications with points as near Grand Forks as Crookston. The Greenbush, Minn., line is another one that is not working, while lines to the twin cities are also out of commission. With such a condition prevailing today, the wide area covered by Saturday's storms can be better realized, and not until telephone communication is restored can information as to the extent of the damage done, be secured.

Langdon, N. D., May 30.—Sweeping down upon the city from the southeast at 5:58 Saturday afternoon, the most disastrous tornado that has ever visited North Dakota, struck Langdon, leaving in its path death and desolation. Five persons were killed, one, at least, was fatally injured, while nearly two score others were more or less seriously injured. The property loss is approximately \$150,000.

The dead are: MRS. J. B. BOYD, aged 40 years. MRE. F. W. BLAKELEY, aged 45 years. "BABY" BAIN, aged 2 weeks. JOSEPH POWERS, Jr., aged 12 years. MISS DONALDA SHEEHAN, aged 6 years.

The fatally injured: Mrs. John Sheehan, internally injured. The other injured are: Mrs. John Lee, leg broken in three places. Mrs. . . . Burke, both legs broken.

Master Diamond, collar bone broken and arm fractured in two places. Dorothy Dickson, legs fractured. Mr. and Mrs. John Sheehan, bruised and cut by flying timbers and glass. W. B. Gordon, bruised and cut by flying timbers and glass. Miss Mary Boyd, a servant girl, leg broken.

Great Harco Wrought. The path of the tornado was very narrow, but in that path the work of the elements was complete. Elevators were razed to the ground, some of the finest residences of the city are but heaps of debris while in other portions of the city, the lighter buildings are damaged. In all, about fifteen residences were destroyed, two elevators are completely wrecked while between forty and fifty barns were overturned and wrecked.

The duration of the tornado was short. It covered a path about seven miles in length, commencing at a point about a mile south of Langdon and going six miles northwest of here. Outside of that belt, no serious property loss has been reported. The

reports from the rural districts are hard to obtain as the telephone service is completely crippled. Groomsome Finds Made.

The shock of the terrible misfortune that had befallen the city left the people in stupor for a time, but the work of rescue was immediately taken up with the abatement of the tornado. Sad, indeed, were the finds made by the rescuing parties. The dead and injured were found in the wrecked portion of the city, some caught beneath the debris of their homes, others being carried far from their places of abode. A drenching rain followed the tornado and served to help the rescuers in their work.

It was a sorrowful night for Langdon. At the setting of the sun, the dead and injured had been cared for as best the citizens were able. At 10 o'clock another death was added to the list, plunging the stricken city still deeper into grief. There is hardly a home in Langdon but what is effected, almost directly, by the death or injury of some member of the family or some relative.

Ruin and Desolation. The havoc wrought by the elements begat description. Everywhere there is ruin and desolation where but a few hours before were the peaceful and beautiful homes of Langdon's most prominent citizens. The storm traveled through the most fashionable section of Langdon.

The gruesome finds of the rescuing parties, revealing the terrible work of the tornado, show with what suddenness the storm bore down upon the city. Mrs. J. B. Boyd, who was the wife of a prominent merchant of Langdon, was found lying upon the ground just a few feet away from the place where their beautiful home had stood. Her face had been mashed almost beyond recognition by the striking of the timbers and debris.

Mrs. F. W. Blakeley did not die until 10 o'clock Saturday night. She was at home alone at the time of the storm and was found in the wreckage. Mr. Blakeley is an abstractor. Carried 200 Feet. The 2-week-old child of Mr. and

Mrs. J. H. Bain was thrown across a coulee near their home, being carried a distance of nearly 200 feet. The other members of the family had also been carried across the coulee by the force of the storm, but none of the others were seriously injured.

Joseph Powers, Jr., was nearly 500 feet away from the direct path of the storm. His death result of being struck on the head by a flying timber which carried away nearly half of his face.

The eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Sheehan, was caught in the debris of her home, her head being badly injured. She died this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The others who were injured were picked up, either in the wreckage of their homes, or nearby. At the Geo. M. Price home only the hired girl and little daughter were in the house when the storm struck. The servant girl had presence of mind enough to make for the basement and just in the nick of time, for the next moment they heard the house above them smashed into kindling wood.

The Property Loss. The two elevators destroyed are the Amenia and the National. These structures were the first to go before the force of the tornado. Six boxcars left the track, while the Great Northern water tank was also wrecked. The storm then struck the residence portion of the city, completely demolishing the Methodist church, while the Baptist church was moved from its foundations and blown half ways across the street.

The residences destroyed and the values follow: Mike Sullivan, \$6,000; Wm. Bolbon, \$2,000; J. B. Boyd, \$2,500; W. D. Gordon, \$1,000; F. W. Blakeley, \$1,000; Mrs. D. Woolner, \$1,500; Geo. M. Price, \$1,500; J. H. Harlan, \$2,500; John Sheehan, \$3,500; J. H. Bain, \$3,500. Fifteen other residence buildings were partially damaged, in addition to which is the destruction of nearly a half hundred barns and lighter out buildings.

The city has been able to care for the injured without outside assistance, and the people are bearing up bravely under the terrible shock. A Great Northern wrecking train arrived here this morning to clear the track for the Monday trains.

Stutsman County Tornado. Jamestown N. D., May 30.—A tornado which traveled over this section of Stutsman county Saturday afternoon resulted in the death of three persons at Ypsilanti, a small town nine miles south of here. The dead are:

MRS. GEORGE GRAVES Ypsilanti, aged 36 years. BERTHA GRAVES, Ypsilanti, aged 4 years. FLORENCE GRAVES, Ypsilanti, aged 2 years. The injured: Tobias Bedland, Jamestown.

The property loss as a result of the tornado is the heaviest in Jamestown where the force of the elements tore down and wrecked several buildings and all of the buildings of the Stutsman County Fair association. Besides these several other buildings about the city were destroyed.

Ypsilanti's Fatalities. The fatalities at Ypsilanti are the only ones reported up to this afternoon. Mrs. Graves and her two children were at home alone when the storm came up. Mr. Graves being engaged in a nearby field in plowing. The wind took down the house, wrecking it completely.

Mrs. Graves was caught in the debris and her death was instantaneous. Bertha Graves, aged 4 years, was caught by the wind and hurled into the waters of the James river, where she was drowned. The other child was struck and killed by the debris. During the time that the storm was in progress Mr. Graves could see his home wrecked, and when he reached there he found the members of his family dead.

Wreckage at Jamestown. The storm followed the James river as far as Jamestown. Here it caused a big property loss, the wind tearing down building after building in its path. The citizens were fortunate in escaping injury. Tobias Bedland, a Great Northern employe, being the only person seriously hurt. He sought shelter in the cab of an engine when a timber was hurled through it, striking him.

The heaviest financial loss is at the grounds of the Stutsman County Fair association where every building was razed. The value of the buildings, which included two grand stands, horse barns machinery hall and exhibition halls, was about \$10,000. The roof of the Northern Pacific round house and the roof of the store house were torn off, causing a property loss of about \$20,000.

Four small frame houses were completely destroyed by the force of the winds, while outhouses and barns over the entire city suffered damage. A farm house of John Fried suffered damages of about \$500, while the Russell-Miller Milling company also sustained a loss of about \$500.

At the state hospital for the insane, a loss of about \$1,000 was meted out by the storm. Windows were broken, a chimney was toppled over and several of the lighter structures on the grounds were destroyed. The inmates were controlled without any trouble.

Lightning Struck Down. Lakota, N. D., May 30.—This city was hit by a severe electrical storm Saturday evening at about 6 o'clock. A heavy downpour of rain accompanied the storm, while the wind blew at a fearful rate.

The sheds of the Robertson Lumber company, which were about 500 feet in length, were lifted about fourteen feet into the air and dropped to the ground, smashing them into kindling wood. Lightning struck down in the Epis-

copal church and at the residence of A. J. Hutchins, but no one was hurt.

Fair Buildings Wrecked. Wahpeton, N. D., May 30.—Wahpeton was in the storm belt Saturday afternoon. A heavy wind, accompanied by a veritable cloudburst, resulted in the demolition of the buildings at the fair grounds, entailing a big loss. This city is almost completely shut off from outside communication today.

Cloudburst at Fargo. Fargo, N. D., May 30.—Fargo had a cloudburst Saturday evening between 5 and 6 o'clock. It poured rain for some little time and as a result there is a heavy loss to the downtown merchants who had merchandise in the basements. The basements of the business blocks were flooded from one inch to two feet, the sewers being inadequate to carry off the water.

PRESIDENT TAFT SEEKING TO END GEORGIA STRIKE

Representatives of the Federal Government in Conference on Situation

POSTOFFICE OFFICIALS ANTICIPATE NO TROUBLE

People Along the Line Are in Sympathy With the Firemen Who Oppose Employment of Negroes as Firemen.

Atlanta, Ga., May 29.—With deep interest in the arrival is awaited today from Washington of Chairman Knapp of the interstate commerce commission and Second Assistant Postmaster General Stewart who come at the instance of President Taft to investigate the strike situation on the Georgia railroad with a view to aiding in bringing about a settlement.

After a very brief conference late last night with Commissioner of Labor Neill, G. E. Evans, fourth vice president of the Louisville and Nashville railroad left the city, nothing being given out as the result of his visit. Negro firemen today occupied seats opposite white engineers on the different mail trains that are operated over the Georgia railroad. If the engineers have objection to these men because of their color there has been no indication of it. But out on the line the feeling is unmistakable and it is decidedly adverse to the presence of negro firemen. Thousands of patrons of the Georgia railroad between Atlanta and Augusta are in sympathy with the striking firemen and their sympathies, as has been demonstrated within the last few days may get the better of their judgment. The violence at Lethonia last night was known within an hour in almost every town along the Georgia railroad. Everyone of the mail trains sent out today carried United States postoffice inspectors, as was the case yesterday, and it is realized that an overt act directed against a member of the crew on one of these trains will result in still further and more serious complications. The postal authorities state very positively this morning, however, that they do not anticipate trouble.

TWO MAIL SACKS FOUND. Omaha, Neb., May 29.—Developments today in the running down of the men who last Saturday night held up and robbed the overland limited train on the Union Pacific railroad near the Omaha city limits, had their climax in the discovery in the attic of Brown Park school in South Omaha of six large and two small registered mail pouches, the contents of which had been taken.

Following the arrest last night in the vicinity of the school house of three suspects as they were approaching a place where, it is said, they had hidden revolvers and other material, a hundred secret service men, private and city detectives early in the day, began to search the locality for further evidence. Two men climbed into the school attic and found eight registered mail sacks, two rain coats, a long top coat and a pair of overalls.

NEGRO TAKEN FROM JAIL IS STILL MISSING

Body Cannot Be Found—It is Thought Not He Was Lynched

PLAN OF MOB MIGHT HAVE BEEN TO GET CONFESSION

Victim is Implicated in the Murder of a University Student For Which Crime Another Negro Has Been Legally Hanged.

Port Allen, La., May 29.—The taking of the negro, "Hobo" Brown, from the jail here early Friday morning by several score of white men, may or may not have indicated the lynching of the negro. No trace of the negro's body has been found and there is a strong belief that he was taken from the prison with the view of obtaining from him a confession which might lead to the implication of other persons. Brown was charged with complicity in the killing of L. Revert, a student of the Louisiana state university. One negro has already been legally hanged for his part in the crime.

PURE BRED STOCK SALE.

Prices Obtained Not As Large As Those at Calgary.

Brandon, Man., May 28.—The present strength of the live stock situation in the west was to some extent reflected in the prices obtained at the fifth annual provincial auction sale of pure bred cattle held in the winter fair building here yesterday afternoon and an advance on last year's figures were recorded. The offerings were not characterized by either quality or fitness, though there were a number of good individuals. The prices obtained by Auctioneer T. C. Norris of Griswold generally approximated the value of the animals though they were somewhat less than those obtained at the corresponding sales this spring in Regina and Calgary. Twenty-nine bulls were sold for \$2,965, an average price of \$102.25. Four females brought an average of \$99 and the average for the thirty-three animals sold was \$101.80 as against \$113.37 for the forty head sold at Regina last March.

Champion Sold. The top price of the sale was brought by two bulls, one being Sir William Van Horne's Prince Royal of Selkirk, the champion bull of the show held yesterday morning, and the other Fairview Lad, owned by John Shields. Each of these animals sold for \$175, another brought \$170 and two others \$165 a piece.

The attendance of buyers was not so large as usual, doubtless due to the fact that seeding in many districts is not yet completed. There were, however, just about enough buyers to care for the offerings, and only six or seven animals remained unsold.

Geo. Allison of Burbank, president of the Cattle Breeders' association of Manitoba; Geo. H. Greig, western representative of the Dominion live stock commission, and Principal Black of the Manitoba agricultural college, each spoke for a few minutes before the sale commenced.

LORIMER HAS THEM GUESSING

Question Is Whether Democrats Will Be Rewarded With Patronage Plums

Washington, May 29.—The election of William Lorimer as senator from Illinois is expected to make a considerable shift here in the federal situation of the state. While the Illinois delegation in congress accepts the situation philosophically on the surface, there is an undercurrent of unrest which can only be allayed when the new senator demonstrates his intentions. As is well known, ex-Senator Hopkins, until the break with Lorimer last spring, carried out pretty well he suggestions of his successor.

The complications in the present situation as seen in Washington are that Senator Cullom will be called upon to deal with the principal instead of the lieutenant and the farther fact that Mr. Lorimer has been elected by Democratic votes in the state legislature.

Will Plums Go to Democrats? As intimated several days ago, the prospect of a Republican being elected in Illinois by Democratic votes was not well received in Washington by the Republican leaders. Senator W. O. Bradley of Kentucky now holds his seat by such a combination, but his election was acquiesced in largely because the Democrats were in control of the Kentucky legislature. The leaders here have professed to fear that Mr. Lorimer will try to discharge his political obligations to the Democrats by federal patronage, and this suspicion is disturbing to them.

On the other hand it can fairly be said that had a Republican been elected by Republican votes to succeed Senator Hopkins, he would have been warmly received without question in the senate. For some unknown reason, Senator Hopkins has not been popular with the senate leaders, but has won his advancement in that body by sheer persistence. Upon the organization of the new congress Senator Cullom was given the choice of retaining his place on the appropriations committee or accepting the place made vacant by the absence of Senator Hopkins on the finance committee. Under cover, it was recognized that this move had for its purpose the elimination of Senator Hopkins, for the refusal of the senate leaders to hold Senator Hopkins' former places open for him until his successor was elected was not in keeping with recent precedent.

Cullom May Divide the State.

When the last federal state was prepared for Chicago three years ago Representative Lorimer, through Senator Hopkins, tried to force upon it William Cooks and other well known Lorimer lieutenants on the west side. The opposition of Senator Cullom defeated this plan. There is now some talk that Senator Cullom, provided Lorimer continues his former tactics, may choose to divide the patronage of the state, leaving Lorimer responsible for his own appointees. This would put the responsibility for the Lorimer appointments upon the president and upon the senate when it meets in executive session to confirm them.

May Oppose Fitch's Appointment.

One appointment of general interest is now pending, and that is the probable selection by the president of S. M. Fitch to be naval officer of the port of Chicago to succeed T. N. Jamieson, the old Lorimer lieutenant in Hyde Park. The selection of Fitch has been made by friends of President Taft, in recognition of his services among railroad men on behalf of the president in the last campaign. Thus far no word has come from Jamieson as to his wishes and the Fitch appointment is on the verge of being made. If Mr. Lorimer, however, desires to oppose it, it is probable that the name of Mr. Fitch will never reach the senate. He is expected to confer with the president on this subject among the first of his senatorial duties.

To Be Sworn in Soon.

Mr. Lorimer is expected to come to Washington soon and will be sworn in immediately upon his arrival. His colleagues in the house are prepared to give him a warm reception. On the other hand, the Democrats in congress are extremely sore over the action of the Democratic members of the Illinois legislature in helping the Republicans to settle a nasty factional fight. Their comments on the subject are hardly fit for publication.

Mr. Lorimer is expected to ally himself in the senate with the Aldrich following. His inclinations legislatively, as exhibited in the house of representatives, fit in well with the proclivities of the senate leader. Unless Mr. Lorimer completely upsets all precedent, Illinois will have practically no floor spokesman in the upper house of congress, Senator Cullom rarely ever making a set speech, while speechmaking is not in the Lorimer congressional category except on waterway subjects. In respect to his quiet ways of doing legislative business Mr. Lorimer has been likened to Senator W. M. Crane of Massachusetts, although it is recognized that he does not possess the all-around ability of this prototype. Unless, however, Mr. Lorimer attends the session of the senate much more frequently than he has those of the house, the Aldrich forces will be only an infrequent gainer by his election.

Taft's Comment on Election.

President Taft, when asked for a statement on the election of William Lorimer as senator from Illinois, authorized this statement: "I will be glad to welcome a Republican from Illinois." No further comment was made from the white house.