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HUNDREDS ARE KILLED AND INJURED IN OMAHA STORM

WINDSTORM OF LAST NIGHT WAS DAMAGING

Small Buildings, Porches, Roofs and Chimneys Easy Prey of Winds; High School in Path.

WEST OTTUMWA SUFFERED MUCH

Path of Storm Was West to East; Signs in Business District Blown Down—List of Losses.

At least half of the city of Ottumwa was in the path of Sunday night's windstorm, or miniature tornado.

Damage that can not be estimated was left in the wake of the fierce wind. The high school building, was perhaps the worst damaged of any structure in Ottumwa, while in Rutledge the Phillips Fuel Co. suffered a loss of \$5,000 when the wind destroyed the tippie on the abandoned mine and blew over the large company store.

In West Ottumwa, notably on Fourth street and in Fairview, the swift gale played havoc with porches, roofs, chimneys, windows and small out buildings.

Silos, barns, chimneys and roofs at farms west of the city south of the river were also easy prey to the terrific winds.

Display signs in the business district and an occasional window were reduced to atoms, and practically every billboard in the city was more or less damaged.

The hall park at the foot of Myrtle street was not overlooked, the grandstand roof and the fences being damaged to the extent that at least the fences will have to be rebuilt. The north side of the enclosure, the boundary for left field, will have to be entirely rebuilt, and Owner Stoessel announced this morning that the fence will be placed more to the north, making the park regulation size.

The telephone and telegraph service has been badly crippled by the storm. The new phone company reported a number of wires down in West Ottumwa and on Woodland avenue and far out on North Court street. The old phone lines on West Main street are badly affected and the toll service west, and even to Des Moines, is impossible. Practically all the telephone trouble was due to trees falling on lines and cutting the circuits. Both the Western Union and Postal service are crippled due to the storm, the falling of trees being responsible for a large part of the damage.

Street car service on the Second and Main street lines was abandoned at 10 o'clock last night, while a large force of men spent the time chopping down trees that covered the trolley wires. The electric lighting wires were also crippled, cutting off illumination in West Ottumwa from 10 p. m. on. Only one fire light was put out of service by the fierce wind. The mesh of telephone and telegraph wires near the west end car barns made entrance to the barns impossible, and all the street cars remained on the west end tracks all night. Service today, however, shows little or no signs of the wind storm.

The mixture of hail, rain and wind became active shortly before 10 o'clock Sunday night and the gale continued in its mission of destruction not more than forty-five minutes. That brief period seemed like an eternity to many people whose homes were rocked or partially destroyed by the windstorm.

The Ottumwa insurance offices were easily the busiest places in this city today. Reports of damages from at least 100 persons were registered by 10 a. m. Damage to much of the farm property, no doubt, has not yet been reported.

High School a Target.

The Ottumwa high school seemed to be a target for the fierce gale. Unprotected from any side, and particularly so from the south, west and east, the huge structure with its numerous windows suffered the full force of the storm. The pictures of the young men and women who graduated from the institution each year since 1902, which hung in room No. 10 were hardly recognizable this morning. The windows in the western portion of the building were easy prey of the gale, and in one instance the window casing, plastering and brick was forced into the room by the terrific wind. Room No. 10 was littered with broken glass, brick and water this morning.

Further Storms are Predicted for the Next Two Days

Washington, D. C., March 24.—Following closely the two storms which swept death and destruction through the city of Omaha and the middle west, a severe storm is predicted to pass over the east Tuesday night and Wednesday.

SEVEN MILLION NEEDED; HAVE BUT \$1,300,000

Appropriations to Satisfy the Many Bills in Legislature Nearly Six Times the Amount Available.

[BY ORA WILLIAMS.]

Des Moines, March 24.—A complete diagram and explanation of the biennial budget puzzle was presented to the 35th general assembly today. It is the result of the labors of Chairman Mattes and Chairman Larrabee, the purse string holders of the legislature, upon whose broad shoulders rests responsibility to a large extent for the financing of state matters the next two years.

In appropriation matters, which are little exploited in a sensational way but are most important, the senate naturally takes the lead. The statement which the senator from Sac placed in the records today for the edification of the members, shows the immensity of the problem.

Already the senate committee on appropriations has recommended for passage bills which foot up a total of \$576,705.67.

The total of money available, the outside limit, is \$1,300,000. Bills in the hands of the appropriation committee, including those recommended and those passed, show an aggregate of \$6,231,340.92.

Bills in the hands of other committees but carrying appropriations and including those passed, show an aggregate of \$665,600.

These two items, of bills actually in the senate, not including at least a half million additional in house bills not in the senate, show an aggregate of \$6,896,940.92. This is the first complete and official statement of these appropriations.

The real problem then is how to stretch \$1,500,000 available so as to satisfy a demand for about \$7,300,000. The following are the bills which the senate committee on appropriations has already acted on favorably:

Crist—Public utilities commission bill	\$150,000
Boe—Training teachers for rural schools	125,000
Sheen—Increased support prison and reformatory	66,000
Pickford—State aid for consolidated schools	80,000
Larrabee—Deficit at various state institutions	39,500

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SIXTEEN CAUGHT UNDER FALLING WALL

Eleven Firemen Dragged From Debris in Baltimore Fire But Five Are Thought to Have Perished.

Baltimore, Md., March 24.—Fire this morning in the plant of the Union abattoir in the extreme southwestern section of the city, has caused a loss of about \$500,000. Sixteen firemen were caught under a falling wall. Eleven more or less seriously hurt, were dragged out by their companions but it is feared that the other five have lost their lives.

TROOPS ATTACK A MINING TOWN

Naco, Ariz., March 24.—State troops under General Obregon and Col. Cabral attacked the American mining town of Cananea at 7 o'clock this morning, simultaneously from two directions, with artillery and hand grenades, according to advices received here.

SEVERAL LIVES REPORTED LOST IN TERRE HAUTE

Estimates From Sixteen to Fifty Dead in Hurricane That Visited Terre Haute Sunday Night.

ILLINOIS POINTS STRUCK BY GALE

Chicago Has One Dead and 87 Injured; Desplains Has Two Dead and Moline Reports Girl Killed.

Terre Haute, Ind., March 24.—Seventeen victims of a tornado which swept the southern part of Terre Haute and Vigo county late last night, had been identified today and more than seventy-five injured were being cared for in improvised hospitals. Some more bodies are expected to be found when the ruins of 200 homes, razed by the storm, have been cleared away.

At the request of Mayor Gerhardt, Governor Ralston ordered out Co. B of the Indiana national guard to patrol the devastated district and help in the rescue work.

Telephone messages reaching here from Prairieton, nine miles south, state that nearly every house in town had been destroyed and that many homes between here and that place had been levelled.

Torrential rains accompanied the tornado and probably saved many persons, pinned in the wreckage, from burning to death, as electric wires and lightning fired the debris at different places.

The bodies of Moses Carter and his wife, the first recovered, were found under the mangled body of their child, while the mangled body of their child was found fifty feet away. Mrs. Flora Woods was found unconscious seventy feet from her home. She had her small baby clasped in her arms.

They were carried into the Third United Presbyterian church, which, together with the Greenwood school, had been converted into a temporary hospital, and given medical attention.

On Verbees street, between Third and Fifth streets, every house was levelled to the ground when the ambulances and automobiles which were pressed into service reached the devastated district. The injured had to be carried two blocks on account of the debris which blocked the streets.

The Root glass factory was demolished and the Cartland foundry was severely damaged. The glass plant employed 300 men and the loss is estimated at \$60,000.

The storm was accompanied by a severe electrical display and rain that almost equalled a cloudburst. Crossed wires and lightning started fires throughout the debris but they were quenched by the heavy rain.

Boy Killed in Chicago. Chicago, March 24.—One person is known to have been killed and 87 injured—for the most part slightly in a severe wind and rain storm which broke over the city this morning. Fully a score of houses were blown over and others were moved from their foundations.

The one death reported to the police was that of Oral Slocumb, a 12 year old boy who was blown against an adjoining structure and collapsed. At 2:30 a. m. every available fire apparatus in the north and west sides stations had been called out to extinguish fires which broke out in business blocks and dwellings partly wrecked by the storm. Reports of missing people who had either fled from the fires or were believed to have perished in ruins continued to pour in to police stations until late today.

Physicians and ambulances were busy all night responding to calls for people reported injured in the blowing over of frame dwellings in tenement districts.

Floods in Wisconsin. Fond du Lac, Wis., March 24.—Following an all-night rain the worst in many years, Fond du Lac is facing the most seriously flooded conditions since 1881. Five schools are closed and the basements of business houses along the river front and a dozen residence streets are flooded. Occupants of 100 houses are marooned. No loss of life

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DEATH AND DESTRUCTION FOLLOW IN WAKE OF TERRIFIC WIND STORM OF CYCLONIC FORCE THAT STRUCK OMAHA AND SUBURBS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON; TORNADO FOLLOWED BY SERIOUS FIRES

LIST OF KNOWN DEAD AND INJURED IN STORM AT OMAHA AND VICINITY.

Lincoln, Neb., March 24.—Following is a list of the known dead in the Omaha tornado:

T. B. NORRIS.
BENJAMIN BARNES.
MRS. NEWMAN.
MRS. SULLIVAN.
MRS. E. F. FITZGERALD.
ABOUT FORTY NEGROES, in the burned ruins of the Idlewild hall.
JEAN BROOKS.
HENRY BLEAUVELT.
TWO UNIDENTIFIED NEGROES.
A. B. STANLEY.
BERT H. FIELDS.
INFANT SON OF MORRIS CHRISTENSON.
MRS. E. A. SAWYER.
MRS. J. D. HOGAN.
BACH.
MR. AND MRS. HARDY, of Cedar Creek Valley, reported dead.

UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN, found at 2723 Blonde street.
BARNES.
J. B. BROOKS.
C. B. WEISON.
HENRIETTA GRIER.
HELEN NOWNS.
THREE UNIDENTIFIED WOMEN, brought to Wise Memorial hospital.
CLIFF DANIELS, mail carrier.
MRS. CLIFF DANIELS AND TWO DAUGHTERS.
MRS. R. R. VAN BEAVEN.
MRS. ADAS NEWMAN.
MISS FREDA HULTING, 2633 Chicago street, died after reaching child saving institute.
MRS. DAVIS.
BABY THELMA, 2 years old.
SAM RILEY, 45 years old.
ROXIE.
MISS CORALIE NORRIS.
MRS. B. DAVIS.
C. E. COPLEY.
JIMPSON.
MISS HEINE, AND SISTER.
J. B. NICHOLS.

KNOWN INJURED AT OMAHA.
W. D. Crutchers, rib broken.
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pleser, bruised.
Isabell Doyle, injured about head.
Kenneth Patterson, burned.
Charles Pickens, suffering from shock.

Charles E. Black, bruised.
Mrs. Charles E. Black, bruised.
Mrs. Cotton, sister of Mrs. Black, bruised.
M. A. Hall, cut on face.
B. E. Harris, salesman Armour & Co., cut on face and body.
Anson P. Bigelow, chest crushed.
Cecilia Bigelow, internally injured.

DEAD AT COUNCIL BLUFFS.
Known dead at Council Bluffs:
MRS. WM. POOLE.
J. R. RICE.
MR. J. R. RICE.
MR. SCHOOLS AND WIFE, BABY NORGAARD.
BENJAMIN BENNINGHOFF, Dutch Hollow.

DEAD AT RALSTON.
Known dead at Ralston:
H. E. SAID.
MRS. H. E. SAID.
UNIDENTIFIED MAN, 35 years old, supposed to be Bert Thomas.
MARY MORAN.
MRS. EDITH KIMBALL, 29 years old, Winnipeg, Canada.
FRANCES KIMBALL, 2 years old.

SIX ARE KILLED IN WOODBINE

TORNADO WROUGHT LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY IN NORTHERN IOWA.

Des Moines, March 24.—Western and northern Iowa was badly storm swept according to what meager reports filtered into Des Moines over broken down telegraph and telephone lines. Destructive storms are said to have covered a wide area, but it is impossible to get into communication with any of the towns lying anywhere near the reported storm centers.

Six persons were killed, houses were unroofed and many thousands of dollars of damage was done at Woodbine by the storm which swept that section of the state, according to a report received at Sioux City. It was also reported that several persons were killed at Craig, Neb. As there was only one wire out of Sioux City after 9 o'clock last night it was impossible to ascertain the loss of life in that section of Iowa. Reports from Sioux City were relayed to Des Moines by way of Minneapolis.

Northern Iowa Hit. The M. & St. L. operator at Manly reported to the Des Moines roundhouse of the road last night that several towns north of that place and near the Minnesota line had been "blown off the map." Before details of the storm could be obtained by the local operator the wire went down and today it was still impossible to get any news from Manly or the surrounding towns.

Telegraph and telephone communication with western Iowa was cut off early in the night. The telephone company was hard hit, all wires leading southwest, west and northwest being out of commission. The Postal and Western Union Telegraph companies suffered a like fate, though communication with eastern Iowa and Chicago

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Patrick Hynes, fractured leg.
Mrs. Harry Challice, bruised.
Frank Guy, Waterloo, Neb.
Mrs. Frank Guy.
William Schultz, Elkhorn, Neb.
Mrs. Cora Curtiss.
Unknown woman, legs broken.
Mrs. John Sullivan, slight.
Seven year old daughter of Rev. Dunn, knee crushed.
M. J. C. Wright, foot crushed.
F. Quagley, bruised.
Mrs. Martin Meyer, scalp wound.

DEAD AT YUTAN.
The known dead at Yutan:
LITTLE SON OF FRED HEYN.
HENRY SCHEELE.
BABY OF MR. AND MRS. FRED OHM.
A. R. HAMMOND.
MRS. A. R. HAMMOND.
LITTLE SON OF MR. AND MRS. A. R. HAMMOND.
HERMAN STARMEN, Postmaster.
MRS. GILSTER.
MRS. WILL BABCOCK AND LITTLE DAUGHTER.
MRS. W. H. STEINBAUGH AND BABY.
Other deaths are reported but not confirmed.

INJURED AT YUTAN.
Mrs. Herman Starmen, recovery doubtful.
John Heldt, hurt about shoulder and legs.
W. H. Steinbaugh, badly hurt.
Walter Haden, head cut, bruised.
Mrs. Fred Help, seriously hurt.
Child of Herman Starmen, leg broken.
Son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Hammond, leg broken.
Will Swigert, bruised.
Henry Jensen, head cut.

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BULLETINS OF STORM

Chicago, March 24.—The Nebraska state troops have been ordered to prepare for possible looting at Omaha. The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific and Burlington lines are preparing special trains to be sent to Omaha carrying physicians and nurses.

Associated Press Offices, Omaha, Neb., March 24.—(By telephone to Sioux City).—The financial loss will be in the hundreds of thousands. The storm did not hit the main business district but swept a path four to six blocks wide through the residence section.

Gov. Moorhead has called out the militia to guard the ruins. Federal troops are also on duty.
Nine killed and a score hurt are reported from Council Bluffs.

Omaha, Neb., March 24.—(Via telephone to Lincoln).—Gov. Moorhead, Mayor Dahlman and Police Commissioner Ryder stated at noon today that at least two hundred were killed in yesterday's storm here. Reports from Council Bluffs were to the effect that four more bodies had been recovered from the ruins of homes there.

The list of injured is expected to reach 700. Many have been found today in the homes of friends, where they took refuge after the storm.

Chicago, March 24.—The Western Union Telegraph Co. has been advised by its Omaha office that the damage from the tornado will amount to more than \$12,000,000 and that more than 100 lives were lost.

Associated Press Offices, Omaha, Neb., March 24.—(By telephone to Sioux City).—At noon reliable reports placed the number of dead here in yesterday's tornado at 90 with 240 injured. More than 150 residences were destroyed and 250 were badly damaged.

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Loss of Life at From 90 to 200 and Persons Injured From 200 to 700; Property Loss May Reach \$12,000,000 in the Terrific Gale That Devastated Omaha and Its Environs.

RALSTON, A SUBURB, FIRST PLACE STRUCK BY STORM IN ITS PATH OF DESTRUCTION

Village Hit by Gale Shortly Before 6 p. m. and Wind Traveled Zigzag Toward the Northeast, Ranging in Width From Two to Six Blocks; Fires Follow in Wake too Rapidly to be Stemmed.

Omaha, Neb., March 24.—Fully one hundred killed, twice that number badly injured and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property destroyed briefly tells the story of the tornado which swept through Omaha and its suburbs at six o'clock last evening in an almost straight pathway four to six blocks wide and more than eight miles long. It was by far the most appalling catastrophe that ever visited Omaha. Throughout the stricken districts the streets are filled with masses of debris from wrecked houses and uprooted trees and tangled electric wires making street car movements impossible, and wagon and automobile travel almost so and offering serious obstacles to pedestrians.

The list of dead, although already a long one, is believed by those who have been over a good part of the devastated territory to be but a beginning.

Lincoln, Neb., March 24.—One hundred persons were killed, twice as many more were injured, some fatally, by a tornado which devastated Omaha and its environs early last night. It demoralized telegraph and telephone service and cut Omaha off from communication with the outside world.

Fire Follows in Storm's Wake. Property damage at Omaha will mount up to the hundreds of thousands. The tornado swept in from the southwest and zigzagged in the northeast over the residence portion of the city, leaving in its wake destruction and carnage from two to four blocks wide. Fires sprang up all over this area and added to the horror of the twister. Firemen were unable to respond to the numerous alarms and many houses were allowed to burn to the ground.

The police were unable to properly police the stricken district and the soldiers from Fort Omaha were called out. The tornado zone soon was under martial law.

Villages Wiped Out. The villages of Benson, Dundee and Florence, suburbs of Omaha were practically wiped out. Only the fact that a heavy rain fell for half an hour after the tornado saved the mass of wreckage and many dead bodies from being burned.

The Webster street telephone station containing a score or more girls was one of the buildings struck by the storm, and in a moment was twisted and torn. Several of the girls were killed outright and many others were injured.

Mayor Dahlman of Omaha, wired Gov. Moorhead shortly after midnight for several militia companies to protect the residences and the dead bodies from being looted. The governor left on a special train for the scene of the disaster shortly after 2 o'clock. Omaha's suburbs suffered heavily from the storm.

Whole Block Demolished. Ralston, southwest of Omaha, was razed to the ground and a half score or more are dead. East Omaha, which felt the tail of the twister, reported houses demolished but no lives lost. Council Bluffs, Iowa, suffered nine dead. A score or more injured and great damage to property. The worst damage was done and the largest toll of lives was exacted in the western part of Omaha and in the vicinity of Twenty-fourth and Lake streets and from there northeast to Sixteenth and Binney. This is the residence portion and the destruction wrought was well nigh appalling. Whole blocks of homes were picked up and dashed into a shapeless mass. Street cars were hurled from the track and demolished.

Picture Show Patrons Killed. A moving picture show at Twenty-fourth and Lake was destroyed. Ten dead and eight injured have thus far been removed from the ruins. About fifty persons were in the theater at the time of the disaster and it is feared that most of these are buried in the debris.

Bemis park, one of the prettiest residence districts in Omaha was razed and fires dotted the park, completely leveling the grounds.

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Scores of Ottumwans were worried today through inability to get any news from relatives in Omaha. Many telegrams were sent from here to Omaha, but few answers were received. Among the former Ottumwans in Omaha are Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Vest, Mrs. Jessie Bailey, a sister of A. A. Wright; Charles Bedwell and J. H. Fitton, Mr. and Mrs. George Edgerly, W. D. Vest, Murray Hess and Tom O'Brien. There were no former Ottumwans mentioned in the list of dead or injured.

Wire communication with Omaha was opened up late this afternoon and the Ottumwans hope to receive direct news from their relatives soon.

Omaha, Neb., March 24.—The estimate at 3 o'clock this afternoon gives the death list from last night's tornado at 140 with 240 injured. It is thought 350 houses were damaged and a total of 1,250 buildings damaged.

Omaha, Neb., March 24.—(Via long distance to Denver.)—Omaha and vicinity was swept by two distinct wind storms late yesterday afternoon, both of cyclonic intensity, which spread death and destruction in their wakes. Fire which broke out in many of the wrecked buildings, added to the horror.

At 8 o'clock this morning the best available figures placed the number of dead between 100 and 200, with not less than 100 more seriously injured, and probably 300 more or less seriously hurt.

Fatalities in Theater. The first and main storm struck Ralston, three miles west of South Omaha, shortly before six o'clock yesterday evening and moved in a northeasterly direction through the city of Omaha.

The only point at which the force of the storm struck the business section was at 24th and Lake streets. Here the Diamond theater, a moving picture concern, well filled, was wrecked. According to the best available figures, at least thirty of its patrons were killed. Between forty and fifty more were killed in the wreck of a pool hall nearby, which was patronized by negroes.

The well defined path of the storm ended at Carter Lake near the Missouri river about 6:20 p. m. doing considerable damage in Council Bluffs. Figures compiled early today place the number of known dead in Council Bluffs at nine, with a score injured.