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IOWA'S CYCLONE

The Loss of Life in the Great Storm Estimated at Fifty.

OTHER ESTIMATES ARE HIGHER

Wires Demolished in All Directions, Making Details Difficult to Get.

SIoux CITY, Ia., May 4.—At least 50 people are believed to have been killed in the terrible cyclone that passed over this part of Iowa. Some persons estimate the death roll between 200 to 300, but it is not believed it will reach so high a figure. No one as yet can tell how great the loss of life is, or how extensive the damage until reports from the outlying districts have been received. The telegraph wires in this section are all down and authentic information is hard to get. Three school houses are known to have been demolished, two teachers and several pupils and nearly a score of others killed and many buildings have been wrecked.

Those known to be dead or missing are:

Mamie S. Hagie and five brothers, killed near Sioux Center.

Mrs. John Kerster, near Sioux Center; her child blown away and not yet found. Anna Marsden, teacher in Coombs school, near Ireton.

George Marsden, brother to Anna, teacher in another school near Ireton. Charles Marsden, killed near Sioux Center.

Mrs. Post, killed near Sioux Center. Rudolph Schwerdefger, aged 21, killed by lightning near Sutherland.

Peter Stimmer, killed in his house near Laurens, by lightning.

Two children of L. B. Coombs, killed near Sioux Center.

Mrs. John Waterman, killed near Sibley.

Child of A. Verhoff, killed near Sioux Center.

John Patterson. William Ludrichs. Mrs. R. W. Smith. G. F. Balling.

Mrs. Herman Bellkamps and two children.

Anna Hoisington. Bertha Doonburg. H. G. Neiderfrank. M. F. Hoyt. J. Jamieson.

Besides the above, a number were injured, some fatally.

A curious feature of the cyclone was the accompaniment of electrical violence and many deaths by lightning are reported.

The towns of Sioux Center, Ireton, Orange City, Perkins, Doon, Hull, Sheldon, Alton, Ashton, Sibley and Lemars were almost directly in the path of the cyclone. The cyclone was followed by a furious rain and wind storm, which lasted all night. Numerous victims were

Found Lodged in Trees

where they had been hurled by the storm. Where had stood fine residences could be found nothing but a cellar hole and in some cases a few twisted timbers, while strewn all over the ground were portions of the buildings and furniture bearing not the least semblance to their original form and useless except for kindling. Fields of sprouting grain are now bare, trees uprooted and

All Isolation

along the path of the cyclone. A pitiful feature of the disaster is the number of young lives crushed out by the wind. Three schoolhouses near Sioux Center were destroyed while school was in progress and at each one from three to ten children were killed or injured. Two little daughters of John Koster, a farmer near Sioux Center, were picked up as they were leaving the schoolhouse and dashed into a wire fence and both were killed. Two sons of C. H. Haggie at the same school house had their legs broken and received other injuries which will prove fatal. Mr. Haggie's house is near the school and although he escaped his daughter was so badly injured that she cannot live.

An Official Report.

CHICAGO, May 4.—The Northwestern railroad company's official report from the cyclone swept district of Iowa, dated Ireton, says: A cyclone started about 4 miles north of Ireton and travelled 14 miles in an easterly direction. Five schoolhouses were destroyed, 20 lives were lost and 50 people were injured. Particulars meager.

THE COUNTRY DEVASTATED.

A Rich Agricultural District Dotted with Prosperous Cities and Villages.

The country devastated is a vast plain, about 100 miles wide, south from the Minnesota line, and extending east-

ward from the western boundary of Iowa, nearly one-half the length of the state. It is the newest part of Iowa. Until 1870 it contained comparatively few settlers or towns, and no railroad traversed it until about 1873. It was a timberless, level prairie, broken here and there by many shallow, sluggish streams that found their way to the Big Sioux river, or to the Missouri. The fact that it was practically timberless delayed settlement for many years, while the rest of the state was rapidly filling up.

About Orange City the country is in many places a great flat or level prairie, broken by shallow, sluggish streams, the tributaries of the Floyd river. The farmhouses and other farm buildings are of the most substantial and neatest character, showing the highest prosperity. Scarcely an acre of that vast area, but is under cultivation and put to use. The plain has been dotted with prosperous and neat towns and villages.

Some of the Towns.

Lemars has a population of several thousand, is quite a distributing point for coal and agricultural implements. It is at the intersection of the St. Paul and Sioux City railroad and the Illinois Central. Orange City is a town of about a thousand people, and is one of the neatest and cleanest towns in the West.

Sheldon, on the St. Paul road, in the storm zone, is another beautiful town in O'Brien county, of nearly the size of Lemars, and is a great grain shipping and milling center. Hall, Sioux Center, Akron, Perkins, Sibley and Pringle are villages of 500 to 1,000 people, and, though of comparatively recent origin, are neat, clean and prosperous towns, surrounded by a thickly settled farming country, mostly new, but rich in farm improvements of all kinds.

Visited Once Before.

In the early summer of 1891 a furious rain storm visited the same section, all the streams including the Floyd river, left their banks and there was great destruction of life and property at Sioux City and other towns in the same belt. In 1893 a destructive cyclone visited the region of Storm lake, just east of that devastated by the storm Friday evening, resulting in the destruction of several hundred lives, four or five villages on the line of the Illinois Central, and an immense amount of farm property and crops.

AT ASHTON, S. D.

Opera House and Congregational Church Demolished—Other Damage.

WEBSTER, S. D., May 4.—The northern portion of Spink county, S. D., was swept by a cyclone. The greatest damage so far reported was at Ashton, where the opera house was blown down, the Congregational church demolished and many houses and barns destroyed. Farm houses, out buildings, granaries and barns for miles east of Ashton are completely blown away.

The telegraph wires are down and it is impossible to learn whether any one was killed or injured in the stricken town.

Went West of Des Moines.

DES MOINES, Ia., May 4.—A cyclone passed in a northwesterly direction about 10 miles west of this city. It crossed the Chicago Great Western tracks near Orilla and interrupted telegraphic communication. No definite reports of extensive loss of property or of life have been received. The wind in Des Moines damaged small buildings but the loss will not be great.

Cloudburst Near Sioux Falls.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., May 4.—Besides the cyclone which did considerable damage at West Sioux Falls and vicinity, there was a regular cloudburst 20 miles north, and an immense rise in the river is looked for. The Sioux at Dell Rapids is running over the Milwaukee tracks, and Skunk creek is also high and flooding farms in its course.

Struck St. Joe.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., May 4.—The cyclone which struck this section did much damage to property. In this city many small buildings were blown to pieces and windows of several fine residences were smashed in and contents of the house damaged by rain. No lives were lost.

Milwaukee Trains Late.

LA CROSSE, Wis., May 4.—A severe storm washed out the Milwaukee road at the old danger point, King's Coozie, near Lake City. The fast mail came in over the Burlington tracks, and other trains are eight hours late.

Did Damage Generally.

BOONE, Ia., May 4.—A terrific storm blew in eight or ten plate glass store fronts and did great damage generally.

ROYAL Baking Powder.

Highest of all in leavening strength.—U. S. Government Report.

REDS RAID STORES

All Arms and Ammunition Found at St. Johns Confiscated.

MARSHAL CRONAN ARRIVES.

The Men He Was After, However, Had Taken to the Mountains.

ST. JOHNS, N. D., May 6.—A party of some 40 or 50 halfbreeds, headed by a Frenchman named Chasseur, made a raid on the hardware store of Mr. Brooks and carried off all the ammunition he had in stock. Brooks was under orders from the United States marshal to dispose of no ammunition to them, but he was powerless to resist, and the breeds took all the ammunition there was in sight, seizing two kegs of powder, seven repeating rifles, 1,000 loaded shells and 500 empty shells. They also secured a considerable quantity of provisions and flour.

The breeds have sent their children across the Manitoba line, and their encampment at Langan's place is reported to be in a strong state of defense. There are 400 breeds and Indians in camp at Langan's, led by the worst element of the breeds. Little Thunder is as intemperate in his speeches as ever.

Cronan Arrives.

The party of deputies under Marshal Cronan, reinforced by 10 men sworn in at Rolla and Cando, arrived here before noon. The prospects are that there will be some difficulty in finding the men they are after. Settlers report having seen bands of the Indians marching west to the mountains during the morning. All were armed and in war paint. Deputies have Winchesters and revolvers and plenty of ammunition, and will not go back without the prisoners if they can find them. Indian and halfbreed women remain near here. Settlers hope for the final settlement of their quarrels with the breeds through the present uprisings.

MUST NOT RESIST.

Agent Hall Directed to Threaten the Breeds Who Object.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—The acting commissioner of Indian affairs had not, up to 3:30 p. m., been advised of the assembling of Indians near Rolla, N. D. He has, however, wired Agent Hall at that place to keep him posted each day, and also sent the following message: "By direction of the president you are advised to confer with Red Thunder and others and say to them that Marshal Cronan is acting under process of court, and such process must not be resisted, if the parties against whom the process is issued desire to avoid the interposition of troops and the force of the United States.

No Troops Ordered.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—No troops have been ordered to Turtle Mountain, N. D., though the war department has everything in readiness to send troops as soon as they are needed. It appears that the attorney general does not believe that there is any necessity for the troops, and it is intimated that the marshal and his deputies have been unnecessarily alarmed.

DECIDE TO REMAIN OUT.

Strikers at Sheboygan, Wis., Answer Employers' Ultimatum.

SHEBOYGAN, Wis., May 6.—The Crocker Chair company has informed their striking employes that the company could not grant the men's demand for a restoration of the wages of 1892 and gave their reasons why. At a meeting held later the men decided to remain out. There are now 3,000 men out and the strikers are still endeavoring to cause more walkouts, and will probably succeed. Two men who worked in one of the tanneries were attacked and whipped by three women when returning from work.

Defaulter Confesses.

CHICAGO, May 6.—Henry Washansen, treasurer of St. Jacobus Lutheran church, is short in his accounts somewhere between \$20,000 and \$25,000. He has made a full confession of his shortage to the officers of the church and has made over his house and lot in part payment of the shortage.

Old Chiefs Abdicate.

WICHITA, May 6.—The five chiefs of the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indians have practically abdicated in favor of a committee of the young men of the tribe, who have formed an organization with Paul Goodbear, a young Cheyenne preacher, at its head.

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CANADIAN CONFEDERATION.

Great Uncertainty Prevails Regarding Newfoundland's Action in the Matter.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., May 4.—The great uncertainty prevails regarding confederation with Canada. The government has received letters from the Dominion cabinet and is considering them. Those interested say the disagreement continues. Members of the government party say that confederation is dead and that the only alternative is to accept the position of a crown colony. The ministry held two conferences with Governor O'Brien, it is supposed on the French shore question. The governor insists upon the holding of a general election before the question of confederation is submitted to the assembly. The White-waysites, the government party, refused to agree to this, fearing they would be defeated.

HORRIBLE TRAGEDY.

A Little Boy Mangled to Death on a Water Wheel.

OWATONNA, Minn., May 4.—News has been received in this city of the tragic death of Ben Whitson which occurred in Clinton Falls, a small village three miles north of this city. The little fellow was in the mill of Henry & Lennen, and while there he went into the basement, where he became caught somehow on the shaft of the water-wheel. When found his body was a most horrible sight. His limbs were broken in many places and his brains were bespattered over the adjoining woodwork. No one witnessed the accident.

Expected at Chee Foo.

CHEE FOO, May 4.—The Chinese and Japanese peace plenipotentiaries are expected here on Wednesday next, May 8, in order to exchange the ratifications of the treaty of peace. Mr. John W. Foster, the American adviser of the Chinese commissioners, will accompany the latter.

Indian School Burned.

MARION JUNCTION, S. D., May 4.—The main building of the government school at Santee Agency, Neb., was burned during the night. The fire was discovered in the attic. The larger part of the contents was saved. The origin of the fire is unknown.

A New Bank.

STEWARTVILLE, Minn., May 4.—Benedit Bros., from Kasson, have opened a bank at this place, to be known as the Security Bank of Stewartville.

Train Wrecker Confessed.

BARABOO, Wis., May 6.—After two weeks work Detective John Riley of the Chicago and Northwestern arrested Fred Winsor for wrecking the Dakota passenger train at a steep embankment known as Devil's Nose. Winsor is only 15, and has confessed.

Embezzled \$32,000.

NEW YORK, May 6.—John Boyle, a partner in the firm of A. N. Selter & Co., cotton brokers, disappeared Thursday, after embezzling \$32,000 of the firm's money. Boyle has been in the employ of the firm for almost 18 years.

He Murdered His Niece.

RALEIGH, N. C., May 6.—George Mills was privately hanged in the jail yard here at 9:40 o'clock for the murder of his niece, Inia Wimberly.

Three May Die.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., May 6.—At Sturmerville, Pa., in a shaft, an explosion burned five men, three of whom may not survive.

Wilde Granted Bail.

LONDON, May 6.—Upon application of counsel for Oscar Wilde the judge decided to admit the prisoner to bail.

Denied by Mrs. Fred Grant.

NEW YORK, May 6.—An afternoon paper quotes Mrs. F. D. Grant as saying: "Mrs. Sartoris has stated positively to all the members of her family that there is no truth whatever in the report of her engagement to General Douglass and no grounds for the rumor."

Flames at Faribault.

FARIBAULT, Minn., May 6.—Fire was discovered in the plant of the Faribault rattan works at 8 o'clock. The cost of the plant was nearly \$50,000. The main structure and engine room were destroyed. The loss is nearly total; insured for \$16,000.

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