

BULLETIN OF THE ST. PAUL GLOBE.

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SWEEP BY FLOODS

CLOUDBURST ADDED TO THE DISASTERS IN ILL-STARRED MISSOURI.

TWENTY-SEVEN DROWNED.

NEWS OF THE CASUALTY MEAGER AND IN SOME RESPECTS CONFLICTING.

CONFIRMATION IS ONLY PARTIAL.

Neosho, Seneca and Sarcoxie Said to Have Been Swept Away or Greatly Damaged.

NEOSHO, Mo., May 30.—A great rainstorm and cloudburst swept Neosho and Seneca, twelve miles west of here, last night. Sylvester Woods was drowned and several houses were washed away. At Seneca twenty-seven people are reported drowned. The families are those of J. T. Williams, five; Carl Schmidt, five; H. Anderson, five; Mrs. Robinson and child, and several names unknown. The office of the Seneca Dispatch was washed away, together with the Methodist church and half the buildings on Main street. The property damage is estimated at \$50,000.

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Town of Seneca Suffered Severely From the Flood.

KANSAS CITY Mo., May 30.—A special to the Times from Neosho, Mo., says: Two cloudbursts occurred in this county at an early hour this morning, one at this place and the other at Seneca. One life was lost here and twenty-seven at Seneca. Dead at Neosho—Sylvester Woods, drowned by the overturning of a boat while being taken from the flooded district. Dead at Seneca—Mrs. Robinson and child, T. J. Williams and family of five, Doebler of Carthage, and her six children, H. Anderson and family of five. Missing—Buchanan, George White, Mr. Anderson and family, of Dayton roller mills, Rev. Harry White and wife, of Seneca.

Two buildings were swept away at Neosho, the loss of life slight. The damage to crops and furniture is great, as many houses were flooded. The condition of Seneca is pitiable. It is a town of 1,200 inhabitants. The water extended from bluff to bluff and was from four to six feet deep in every business house. Many buildings were washed away, among them being the building of the Seneca Dispatch. The Methodist Episcopal church was carried several blocks. Rev. Harry White and wife, of the Methodist Episcopal church, were in the Dispatch office, and both are missing. They were married only two weeks ago. A Mrs. Robinson, with her child clasped to her, was found in drift, both dead. The family of T. J. Moore, consisting of five members, are missing, also Mrs. Doebler and three children, Jeweler, five in all, George White and Mr. Anderson and family, of Dayton Roller Mills, six miles east of Seneca, are missing and supposed to be drowned. The wires are down and all information was brought by messenger. It is thought that twenty-seven persons lost their lives in and near Seneca. The Frisco railroad has two bridges out between Dayton and Seneca and much track washed away. There will be no trains from either East or West until further orders. The Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf has washouts north of Neosho, but trains are running between here and Siloam Springs. A report has just been received here from Seneca that nine bodies have been recovered, but the names could not be ascertained. It is thought the flood is much worse than at first reported. Indications now point to another storm, in which event the damage to life and property will be immense. The damage to Seneca property will reach \$150,000.

ADDITIONAL DEAD

Reported From Many Missouri and Illinois Places.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 30.—Reports of damage by the storm to neighboring towns in Illinois and Missouri continue to be received. Additional information received from New Baden, Mo., the town near Lebanon that was almost obliterated by a cyclone, is that two more of the injured had died and others are expected to die. The loss to property in New Baden and the surrounding country is conservatively estimated at \$100,000. A severe wind and rain storm covered the streets with water, and they resemble a river. Houses were removed from their foundations hundreds of feet. People left yards and left a mass of ruins. People left their homes and sought safety by climbing trees, and rescuing parties are going to them and bringing them ashore. The loss of life is unknown. The city is one sea of water, and the homeless are being provided for. The dead body of a man by the name of Woods has been found. Reports received from the country districts surrounding Carville, Ill., are distressing. Nearly all the towns in that vicinity suffered from cyclones. It is rumored that Hazelton, twenty miles southeast of there, in Washington county, was visited and several persons killed. The farm house of J. Hilmes, two miles west of Germantown, this county, was blown to atoms. Hilmes was killed instantly and his daughter was badly hurt. New Minden, twelve miles south of here, was almost swept from the earth. Five people were killed and a score hurt. Of forty houses only three or four stand. Two more deaths have occurred at New Baden, Jacob See and a daughter of P. S. Meyer are the latest victims. The number of injured at Harmony, Berkner, New Baden and New Minden will reach 100.

PARTIAL CONFIRMATION.

Seneca Was Certainly Swept by a Flood.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 30.—Inquiry at the telegraph office of the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad elicited the information that Seneca, Mo., on a branch of that road, was entirely flooded with water this morning and seven people drowned. Springfield has been cut off from wire communication with the flooded districts, and no further information is obtainable from that source at present. Reports from the same branch of the road, but no word of the reported flood in that city has been reported by the railroad officials at Springfield. If such a disaster had overwhelmed the town it would have been known to them, they said.

TWO TOWNS SWEEPED.

Washed Away or Damaged by Fatal Floods.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 30.—It is reported that the towns of Sarcoxie and Seneca, Mo., have been washed away or so greatly damaged by the floods which have prevailed in that vicinity. Sarcoxie is a town of 2,000, while Seneca has half that number. They are situated in Jasper and Newton counties, in the southwestern part of the state.

Ladies' Decorative Committee.

Mrs. A. B. Johnson, chairman of the decorative committee of the G. A. R., will call a meeting this week of the vice chairmen of her committee. Mrs. Johnson reports encouraging work done by her assistants, and has in view many elaborate details for beautifying the city in September, which she hopes to be enabled to carry out.



THE SEA SERPENT AND THE DEMOCRACY.

ORDER FROM CHAOS

BY SLOW DEGREES ST. LOUIS IS RECOVERING FROM THE TERRIBLE BLOW.

DEATH LIST IS GROWING.

ADMITTED NOW THAT MANY BODIES ARE BURIED IN THE RUINS.

PROPERTY LOSS SCALED DOWN.

Conservative Estimate Now Puts the Damage at Not More Than Five Million Dollars.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 30.—At midnight the total number of dead, missing and fatally injured in the two cities was 424. This estimate is made up as follows: In St. Louis—Known dead, 196; unknown dead, 11; fatally injured, 18; missing, 56. In East St. Louis—Known dead, 128; unknown dead, 3; fatally injured, 2. Total, 424.

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her of men were put to work at daylight today. This was done only at the loud demands of the people who had friends at the hospital during the storm, and who have not been heard of since. Father Kejdreck, of St. Vincent's church, who had been attending to the spiritual wants of the patients in the hospital for years, says that fifty bodies will be found, if not more. Dr. Starkloff says many are dead under the wreckage. Dr. Sutter estimates the number at twenty-five, but would not be surprised if it runs over that figure.

The list of dead at St. Louis was increased by seven last night. They were unfortunates who died in the hospitals of injuries received during the storm. They were: Charles Collins, L. Fritz, J. Humphreys, E. A. Preis, William Rieker, William D. Walsh, Lena Witthouse.

The Hall's house ruin, near the bridge, in East St. Louis, is still supposed to contain many dead. Who they are there are no means of knowing. Not a brick of this wreck has been touched. It lies a shattered mass of debris, all crushed in, the four walls having apparently given way together, all falling toward the center. This hotel is said to have contained at least forty boarders, examined they were there at the time of the cyclone is not known. That some of them were inside is almost certain, and how they could have escaped death or injury is hard to imagine.

Stories of bodies having been robbed of valuables are numerous. Several hundred suspicious characters were arrested by the police and militia last night, and, as the police station was crowded, they were placed under the care of the militia.

Police Commissioner John A. Lee is not one of those who estimate the damage of the storm as light; who think that St. Louis is amply able to relieve the distress unaided. Mr. Lee has gone carefully over the wrecked districts with Chief of Police Harrison and examined the condition closely and intelligently. This morning he said: "I think the foolish, false pride which has prompted the announcement that St. Louis needs no outside aid and can take care of her own distress and ruin is well deserving of general denunciation. The men who have announced that we do not need outside aid do not know or appreciate the gravity of the situation, and represent only their own selfish, comfortable and well-housed personal views. St. Louis does need at present all the aid she can get. Our own people, who can afford to do so, will help, and their aid will be liberal, but I claim that no sum smaller than half a million dollars will be adequate to relieve the absolute lack of food, clothing, household equipment and shelter. It should be remembered that hundreds of manufacturing plants have been destroyed, and many thousands of people are out of employment for several months. Who, therefore, dares take the responsibility of saying that St. Louis can and will take care of her own sufferers and suffering? If a man's home is blown to pieces and destroyed, is he any the less entitled to relief than the men who have no home or family, and merely need food?"

The Post-Dispatch this afternoon prints a statement which very materially modifies all previous estimates of the aggregate loss by the hurricane of Wednesday. The article says: "No estimate of the financial loss sustained by this city from the storm, approaching the right figure nearer than several millions, can be prepared for at least a week. But it is already evident that representations of loss equaling and sometimes exceeding \$50,000,000, are as little founded upon facts as the reports circulated by many foreign papers that the loss of life would reach thousands. These statements, made in the midst of the weird and imperfect impressions of the night of the storm and the succeeding day, might temporarily be allowed to pass unchallenged, but now that St. Louis has partially recovered its composure and set itself to the task of restoration, exaggeration should be done away, and measures of relief fitted to actual conditions. With this end in view, the judgment and ad-

DEAD BY THOUSANDS

RECOVERED FROM THE SCENE OF A TERRIBLE DISASTER AT MOSCOW.

TRAMPLED DOWN IN PANIC.

MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN ARE CRUSHED UNDER FOOT BY A CRAZY MOB.

JOY IS TURNED TO MOURNING.

Complete Dampener Put Upon the Festivities by the Unexpected Casualty of the Day.

BULLETIN MOSCOW, May 30.—Latest accounts received from the scene of the disaster are that 2,500 bodies have already been recovered.

MOSCOW, May 30.—The official report places the number of killed at 1,138. This includes those who were severely injured that they died after having been removed from Hodynaki Plain.

MOSCOW, May 30.—Moscow, which for days has been gay beyond measure, as a result of the elaborate festivities attending the coronation of the czar, was today plunged into mourning by a disaster terrible almost beyond example. According to official reports, thousands were killed, and nearly as many injured. A great public fete and banquet had been planned to take place on Hodynaki plain, in front of the Petrovsky palace. Arrangements had been made to feed 500,000 people, and to present to every person present a drinking mug adorned with pictures of the czar and zarina. The banquet was to take place at noon, but early in the morning, before an adequate police force was on hand, the hundreds of thousands of people present began a wild scramble for the food and presents. The confusion resulted in a panic, in which thousands were killed.

The passages between the various booths which had been erected were the scene of the wildest struggles. Here it was that most of the victims were killed. Despite the efforts of the Cossacks and of the police, who unfortunately arrived too late to be of great service, the crowd constantly increased. It was a long time before the place could be cleared enough to allow the work of rescue to proceed. Many of the injured were carried to the various hospitals, which were soon filled to overflowing. Hundreds of persons who were wounded, however, were removed to their homes or taken to private residences. Most of the victims were women and children.

The disaster occurred between 5 and 6 o'clock this morning. It was not intended that the banquet should commence before noon, but the immense throng which had gathered around the sheds, where the mugs were to be presented and the food distributed, became so dense that the attendants were overpowered and thrown to the ground in the mad struggle which commenced for the food and the gifts, many of the attendants being numbered among the dead. The small force of police present made desperate attempts to control the people, but all their efforts were futile, and men, women and children were trampled upon by hundreds, the shrieks and groans of the victims being heard afar.

For a time the officials in charge of the banquet lost their heads entirely. The crowds seemed to have gone MAD WITH RAGE and excitement, shouting and cursing as they pressed onward over a path strewn with dead and dying human beings. Eventually, however, the troops and firemen, who were hastily summoned, restored order to some extent and then began the work of extricating the dead and injured, ranging them on the ground in groups of ten, twenty and thirty at every hundred yards or so, and despatching to the city as speedily as possible in the military transport wagons, furniture vans, and food wagons, the injured, giving preference to the women and children.

Some terrible, heartrending scenes were witnessed among the survivors who were seeking relatives among the victims, but all their efforts were futile, and few of them have as yet been identified. They were lying in heaps, as they had been extricated, their crushed, blood-stained and horribly distorted faces upturned in the scorching sun. Gray-haired men and women lay alongside children, and sturdy young men lay beneath heavy rollers, some of the heads being trampled into a shapeless jelly. So immense was the concourse of people upon the plain that hundreds of thousands were not aware for a long time that a disaster had occurred, for there was noise caused by the excitement of the celebrations, by the music in the open-air theaters, by the bands drawing crowds to other amusements, all the entertainments provided for the people being in full swing at midday, and yet the work of gathering up hundreds of crushed dead was in progress in another part of the plain, and the work of tending many hundreds of injured people was being carried on by a large force.

Among the dead found were ladies, evidently of high rank, dressed in the finest silks adorned with the richest jewels. The police barracks, to which the bodies of the dead were taken by the authorities, are beset with persons beseeching for news of friends and relatives. The scenes at the barracks, where the process of identification is going on, are terrible in the extreme. The remains of the dead will all be conveyed during the course of the night to the cemetery, where a large morgue is located.

The disaster, it is explained, was due mainly to the absence of the police, who had not arrived at so early an hour in the morning at the scene where the festivities were scheduled to take place. Fully 200,000 persons of all grades of society had gathered on the plain at the time. Only about a thousand attendants were in charge, and they seemed unable to control the vast throng. In the presence of the assembled hundreds of thousands, all moving toward a common center, they tossed the packages and presents into the midst of the crowd. This seemingly trifling circumstance precipitated the panic, since a scramble to obtain possession of the gifts ensued and the hollow piece of ground near the center formed a death trap for the thousands.

The buildings on all sides of the plain, where, by the way, Napoleon concentrated his troops before moving upon this city, are in many cases being used as temporary hospitals and the soldiers have been rendering great service in removing the dead and caring for the wounded. Further time must elapse before accurate figures as to the number actually killed and the number of persons who are victims of the disaster, but who are only suffering from injuries, is ascertained; but there is no doubt that the official estimate of 1,000 victims cannot be far from right, and the affair may be said to have put an end to all coronation festivities, certainly so far as the general public is concerned. It was not until nearly 10 o'clock tonight

TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE

began trooping toward the Petrovsky palace, in front of which the plain is situated, during the earliest hours this morning. In fact so much interest was taken in the open air banquet that thousands reached the grounds last evening, and the night in order to mediate vicinity during the night, in order to make sure of obtaining good positions today. The majority of these people came on foot, but some came in the oldest kind of vehicles, and the streets were crowded with the most primitive description, and others traveled on horseback. On the plain long lines of rough tables, flanked by rough benches, had been erected, and the tables, in the distance, those lines of tables looked like immovable regiments of soldiers on the trenches of some extensive series of fortifications. In view of the immense crowds assembled in and about the plain, the authorities decided that there must be a limit to the number to be entertained, and so the figure was fixed at 500,000. To feed this multitude, by choice of the czar and zarina, hundreds of thousands of chickens, turkeys, geese, ducks, and other fowl were taxed to their utmost capacity, and 600,000 mugs, each bearing portraits of the czar and zarina, were ordered and manufactured for presentation to the people taking part in the great banquet. Thousands of crates containing loads of provisions and ship loads of liquid refreshments were sent to the Hodynaki plain, during the week, and this morning all was in readiness for the banquet.

In anticipation of the assembling of an immense crowd and the possibility of disorder, strong forces of police were detailed for duty on the plain, which, like the Petrovsky palace in front, is some three miles outside the city, and on the road to St. Petersburg. In addition, several detachments of infantry and cavalry were stationed in the vicinity in order to suppress the police, should such a step be necessary.

By dawn today the mass of peasants about the tables was really enormous, and they were all deplorably hungry, some of them having fasted, by choice of the czar and zarina, twenty-four hours. The police present did everything possible to keep back the crowd, but, suddenly, the masses, controlled by some inexplicable impulse, or impatient to get at the food, pressed forward, and trampled down before them and overturned tables and benches as if made of grass, trampling hundreds under foot and crushing the life out of a great number of the oldest and weak natured. The police were the most and weak natured ally suffered the most.

OUTSIDE ST. LOUIS.

News of Deaths Received From Other Storm Swept Places.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 30.—Reports received from other storm-stricken places outside St. Louis add to the number of dead and injured and tell of great destruction of property. The section of Missouri that suffered is north-west from St. Louis, and the storm, or tornado moved almost directly east. Two more of the wounded at New Baden, Ill., are dead. Near Germantown it has been learned that a farmer has been killed. New Minden, Ill., has practically been swept away. Five are dead and a score are badly wounded. Besides the six dead in Audrain county, Missouri, three are so badly hurt that they will die.

Late news from the parts of Audrain county devastated by the terrible tornado of Wednesday afternoon is worse than the first reports. The total of dead is six, with three who are fatally injured; probably will die within a day or two; many are extended victims also. Riley Hogan, twenty-two years old, who resided near Ladena, died last night of injuries. Those who will probably die are: Eugene Lott, seven years old; Pearl Hodge, eight years old; son of Frank Erdell, eight years old.

ABOUT BOWLING GREEN.

Authentic Report of the Damage That Was Done.

BOWLING GREEN, Mo., May 30.—This place was not swept off the earth, as reported in some quarters, by Wednesday night's storm, but has suffered great loss of property and injury to man and beast. Two miles west of Bowling Green, a severe storm was blown to atoms. A house was picked up with its contents and occupants, carried over tree tops and set down again, in one instance without injury to the family. In a field a cow was practically blown away, and from here to Curryville, eight miles away, almost every house is damaged, and many are utterly demolished.

TWELVE KILLED.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 30.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Lexington, Ky., says that 119 citizens in Kentucky that selected delegates today to the Democratic state convention at Lexington June 3, showing that the silver men have carried a large number of the delegates. The silver men carried the Fifth, Tenth and Eleventh congressional districts, and the silver men the other eight districts. Where the silver men predominated the gold men bolted in many cases, and where the gold men predominated the silver men bolted, so that there will be very many contested delegations.

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