THE INVENTORY: Estimates Based On Most Reliable Storm Information Now Obtainable

Lives lost	140	Houses demolished	550	Money loss	$5,000,000
Persons injured	350	Churches wrecked	11	Tornado insurance	$500,000
People homeless	2,500	Schools wrecked	8	Buildings damaged	1,250

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WHITE SNOW BLANKET COVERS THE UGLY SCENE OF AWFUL DESOLATION

The second morning after Omaha's great catastrophe found the city enveloped with a fast falling snow.

It was as if a beautiful blanket of white had been drawn over hideous ruins in the path of the tornado as if to hide the horror from view. The flakes came down thick and wet, but without any driving wind, and gave the atmosphere a moist, mellow flavor that exaled peaceful quiet after trouble.

At the edges of the devastated district the tramp, tramp, tramp of the soldier sentries made foot prints in the new fallen snow.

Moving vans and burden laden autos were again in evidence. The curiosity inspired visitors had evidently had their querulousness satiated, for few came on the ground as compared with the constant outpouring of the day before.

Friends and neighbors have been taking care of those driven out of their own homes. Pedestrians had to identify themselves and prove that they were bent on legitimate business, in order to get through the lines.

At the hospitals and the improvised sickrooms, in the homes of good samaritans, sorrowful callers came and went—doctors and surgeons upon their missions—fathers, mothers and friends emerging with downcast looks or smiles as the reports received were favorable or discouraging.

Worse reminders of the storm's deadly destruction were the hearses and black funeral carriages winding here and there in sharp contrast with the snow's shining whiteness. In front of every undertaker's shop were gathered from time to time these grim vehicles of grief, signals that the funerals of the victims had begun and that the cemeteries would be the last resting place for all.

ALL ENERGIES ARE NOW BENDING TO RELIEF WORK

All energies are now bending toward relief work so that the victims of the big storm may not have to undergo needless suffering.

The agencies through which the incoming help is to be handled have been organized, and as a first preliminary step a hasty survey of the demolished houses, and their occupants, made under direction of the Commercial club. Offers of financial aid are coming from all directions.

The Bee's original estimates of the extent of the storm path, and the number of buildings effected, are being confirmed. Reliable estimates of the money loss cannot yet be made. The widespreal scope of the calamity, however, is recognized, and it is known that the task of restoration will require tremendous effort and an outlay aggregating into the millions.

Little of the property damaged is covered by insurance against wind.

A committee consisting of J. J. Ryder, T. J. Byrne and C. C. Rosewater was appointed yesterday at a meeting of the citizens' relief committee to establish some six relief stations in the affected district. The committee was given full power to act in all matters concerning the location and the manning of the stations.

The Jardine Transfer company was given the control of the auto trucks that are to be used in the relief work, such as hauling in furniture, hauling food and clothing. The furniture is to be stored in the Auditorium for a time. The several stations to be established are to dispense food and clothing. Lodging up to the present time has been furnished by neighbors and friends, and hundreds of cots have been taken to the Auditorium, where refugees will be taken. A number of the brewery companies and others that have large auto trucks have placed them at the service of Jardine, who is to manage the trucks. Fort Omaha also

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Ralston Residents Direly in Need of Clothing and Food

Mayor C. M. Skinner appeared before the city commissioners and the Omaha cyclone relief committee at the city hall this morning and appealed for assistance for the poor unfortunates at Ralston. He said an accurate count taken by him shows forty-one families destitute and eighteen single persons.

"We need aid of every kind," said Mayor Skinner, "as the conditions in Ralston are different than here in Omaha. The entire business section of Ralston has been wiped out and hundreds have been thrown out of employment, and many of the persons have not enough money to come to Omaha to get work. Why, there are people out in my town who have not even a stitch of their own clothing left and are going around with a few borrowed rags on their backs."

Home

Drawn for The Bee by Powell.

BILL FOR HUNDRED THOUSAND

Legislature Will Contribute This Sum to Tornado Sufferers.

SOME AVAILABLE AT ONCE

Three Small Villages Wrecked Will Have Thousand Dollars Each at Once for Purpose of Relief.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Neb., March 25.—(Special.)—The sympathy of the state for the afflicted at Omaha, Berlin, Yutan and Ralston took substantial form this afternoon when at the request of a joint committee of the senate and house, after a conference with the governor, the latter had introduced in the house a bill appropriating $100,000 for the people who have been rendered in need of help by the tonado of Easter Sunday.

Governor Morehead instructed the three small villages which were almost completely demolished to draw on a Lincoln bank for $1,000 each for immediate use.

The money when appropriated by the legislature will be distributed under the direction of the following commission: Governor Morehead, chairman; A. C. Smith and Robert Cowell of Omaha, ex-Senator Buck of Berlin, William Miller of Yutan and George W. Potts of Pawnee county. The cost of the militia patrol will be paid out of the appropriation.

The joint committee which conferred with the governor on the appropriation bill was composed of the following: From

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Million Dollars Damage by Wind Storm in Chicago

CHICAGO, March 25.—Wire men of the fire department worked feverishly today to restore the electric alarm system which was seriously impaired by the storm which yesterday hit the city.

It is estimated that the damage done in Cook county (Chicago) including dwellings demolished, the miles of wires and poles prostrated, windows smashed, basements flooded, railroad property and machinery injured, will aggregate $1,000,000. The greatest loss falls on the telegraph and telephone companies.

Despite the cold today former occupants of most of the thirty dwellings which were demolished by the wind continued the search for valuables, but made little attempt to clear away the debris. The contents of the houses were for the most part considered a dead loss.

Forest Park in St. Louis Flooded by Rise of River

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 25.—One person was drowned and several families driven from their homes by the rising of River Disperes, which flows through the western and southern part of the city today.

The floor was the result of a heavy rain, which at times during the last forty-eight hours almost reached a cloudburst. Early today it was reported by the police stationed in the western end of the city that River Disperes was seven feet higher than ever before. The river flows through Forest Park, the great show place of the city and today the principal drive there was under six feet of water.

DONATIONS FOR SUFFERERS LEFT AT THE BEE OFFICE

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A. F. Jonas	200.00
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Ed Johnston	100.00
Rome Miller	100.00
Pete Loch	100.00
Farmer Burns	100.00
R. E. and E. O. Hamilton	100.00
Le Roy Crummer	100.00
George Tilden	50.00
Cash	50.00
Cash	50.00
Omaha Mendelssohn Choir	50.00
Plattsmouth Commercial club	50.00
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Elizabeth E. Drage	10.00
John Bush	10.00
J. C. Lindenholm	10.00
Peter Peterson, 2705 Leavenworth street	10.00
Employes Bee Mail room	8.00
Harry P. Emmons	5.00
F. S. Dilley	5.00
Cash, mail carrier	5.00
C. W. Freeman	5.00
Miss Rose	5.00
Oscar Anderson	5.00
Arthur S. Kilham, Sioux City, Ia.	3.00
Cash, W. W.	2.00
J. J. Lafferty	2.00
Cash	2.00
P. T. Mikel	1.00
Mrs. Owen Neff	25.00
Henry Fodin, Wisner	25.00
Cash	10.00
Francis S. Hodges	50.00
J. F. Gallatin	2.00
Cash	.25
Cash	2.00
T. J. Fitzmorris	10.00

ADRIANOPLE FORTS TAKEN

Bulgarians Capture Defenses East of the City.

BOMBARDMENT LASTS ALL DAY

Dispatch from Sofia Says All of First Line of Defense Around the City is in the Hands of the Allies.

SERVIA, Greece, March 25.—The Turkish advanced positions and all the fortified points to the east of the fortress of Adrianople were captured by Bulgarian besiegers this morning.

LONDON, March 25.—The Bulgarian besiegers today captured the first line of defenses around the Turkish fortress of Adrianople after a bombardment lasting several hours, according to a dispatch from Sofia.

Benefit Performance by Sarah Bernhardt

Sarah Bernhardt will give a benefit concert for Omaha sufferers Sunday night in Denver. The city will donate the Auditorium. President Mohler of the Union Pacific and D. E. Burley, general passenger agent, Salt Lake, and Miss Bernhardt's manager arranged the benefit. A special train of eight cars will carry Miss Bernhardt from Salt Lake City to Denver in time for the performance.

MANY LIVES ARE LOST IN FLOODS IN OHIO; THOUSANDS HOMELESS

BULLETIN.

CHILLICOTHE, O., March 25.—A telephone message from Dayton said that 30,000 people were homeless, a number of persons dead and the water fifteen feet deep in the center of Dayton. It was still raining and the river rising. A relief train from Xenia was started to Dayton loaded with supplies. The train is expected to arrive at midnight.

CHICAGO, March 25.—Swept by wind and rainstorms of terrific violence for three days, vast areas of the middle west from the Missouri river to the Allegheny mountains tonight are inundated. Many persons have been drowned, and enormouse property losses have been caused by floods, the worst in years.

The maps of Ohio, Indiana and parts of Illinois and Missouri are maps of desolation. Terre Haute, Indianapolis and Lafayette, in Indiana, and Dayton, Delaware, Columbus and Youngstown, in Ohio, present particularly pitiable spectacles. In all these cities there was loss of life, according to the most authentic reports available, and in each city the property loss particularly was heavy. No definite information as to what actually happened at Dayton could be obtained until tonight, when information from Cincinnati came that sixty lives had been lost. ractically all of Dayton was under water and the residents had been forced to flee for their lives. Many o fthe more intrepid sought refuge on the house tops.

Nineteen Dead at Delaware.

In Delaware, O., nineteen persons are known to have lost their lives and thirty to fifty others are missing. Terre Haute, swept by a disastrous tornado last Sunday, was today in the grip of a rain and wind storm which, seriously interfered with the work of removing the stricken families, but the death list still remained at twenty, while the list of injured is expected to aggregate 250.

At Dayton, O., three rivers—the Miami, Stillwater and Mad—and other streams, known as Wolf creek, join.

Miami Levee Breaks.

For the most part the city lies on a level flat with the streams meeting almost in the heart of the place and is protected by levies twenty-five feet high. The levee protecting the Miami river broke about 6 o'clock this morning and the flood was augmented by the rapidly rising waters of the other three streams and finally made uncontrollable by the breaking of the Laramie reservoir, fifty miles above Dayton.

The waters swept through the city with terrific force. —One report which, however, lacked confirmation was that the water in the main street was fifteen feet deep. All wire communication, except one slender telephone wire to Phoneton, a station six miles away, was broken off and information regarding the status of affair in Dayton was difficult to obtain.

Disastrous floods inundated important areas of Ohio and Indiana today, bringing great loss of life in their train and driving thousands of persons from their homes.

At Delaware, O., twenty persons were drowned. The property loss will run into the millions. In the flooded districts rivers were out of their banks, dams were bursting and inhabitants of the lowland fleeing for their lives. Governor Cox called out the militia to protect property and keep order. The loss in live stock has been heavy. Following is a resume of the situation:

Dayton, O.—Dam above city said to have broken; five feet of water in the streets.

Delaware, O.—Twenty persons drowned; militia ordered to patrol streets; relief supplies being sent.

Columbus, O.—Bridges near Columbus on Scioti river washed out and railway traffic paralyzed.

Lima, O.—There are ten miles of railroad trains of all kinds stalled by washout between Lima and Lafayette. The Ottawa river is on a rampage.

Akron, O.—Dam north of city broke. Horsemen rode through valley, warning farmers, who, with their families, fled by the hundreds to higher grounds.

La Rue, O.—Inundated.

Kokomo, Ind.—Southern part of city flooded.

Kokomo, Ind.—Southern part of city flooded; city in darkness last night when electric light plant stopped. Use of militia authorized.

Indianapolis—Hundreds of persons living in suburbs driven from homes by rise of Eagle creek and White river. Thousands of head of live stock in state perished.

Marion, Ind.—Levee broke and 500 people flee for their lives.

Elwood, Ind.—Three hundred homeless by floods.

La Fayette, Ind—Bridge washed out. Many persons missing. Detention hospital flooded, but inmates escaped.

St. Louis, Mo.—One person drowned and many families flee from western part of city because of rise of River Des Peres.

Laramie Reservoir Breaks.

COLUMBUS, O., March 25.—Information was received at the state capitol building today from Dayton that forty persons had been killed as a result of the flood in that vicinity. Adjutant General Wood issued an order directing that the railroad bridge over the Big Miami river be blown up.

According to reports received the Main street bridge, a steel and concrete structure, has already been swept away. It was also reported that Troy and Tippecanoe City, north of Dayton, were both flooded and that many had taken refuge on roofs.

NEW YORK, March 25.—No lives have been lost thus far and no buildings destroyed in the flood at Dayton, O., according to a message received at 12:15 today by the American Telephone and Telegraph company from its station at Phoneton, eight miles north of Dayton. The company has a test wire working from Phoneton to Dayton.

The company's men at Phoneton reported that the flood in the Maimi river was caused by the breaking of the Laramie reservoir in Shelby county, about fifty miles north of Dayton.

When this message was received the Miami river was rising about one foot an hour. The water was seven feet deep in Main street, Dayton, and fourteen feet deep in many parts of the surrounding country.

Hundreds Reported Dead.

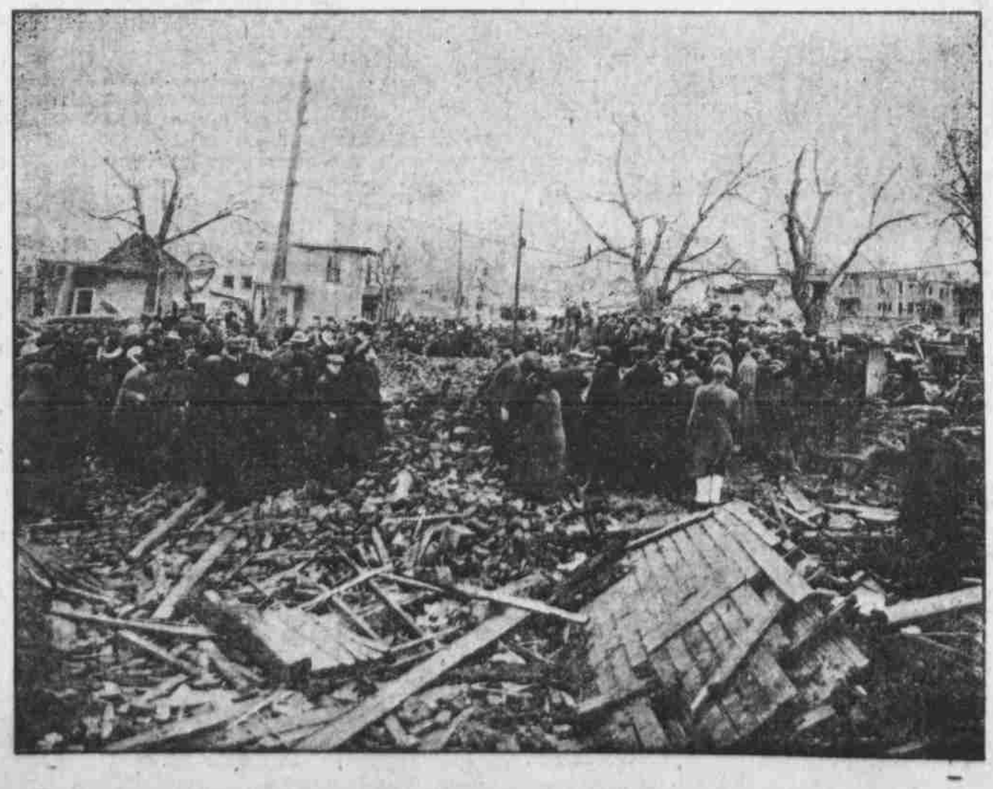
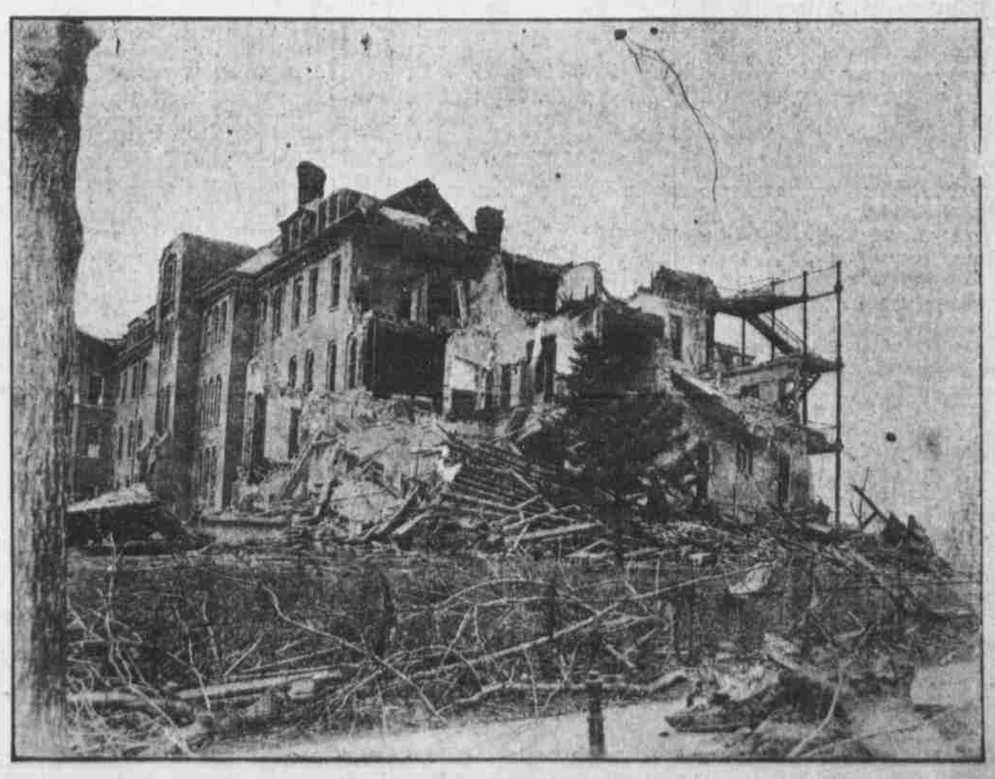
INDIANAPOLIS, March 25.—The Western Union Telegraph office here received a report at 11 o'clock that 1,500 persons had been drowned at Dayton.

The report stated that the waters were rushing through the streets of Dayton like a millrace carrying destruction in their wake. Hundreds of homes were washed away, only the strongest of the buildings being able to withstand the tide.

Business District Under Water.

DAYTON, March 25.—Dayton is seeing the deep muddy waters of the Miami river rushing through its downtown streets. In front of the Algonquin hotel, standing on the corner of Third and Ludlow streets, and besides which stand a magnificent church, the great Young Men's Christian association building and the Hotel Atlas, the water is many feet deep

Back of Idlewild Pool Hall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