

MAP SHOWING PATH OF THE GREAT STORM.



It was 20 below zero. At many other points there were blizzard conditions. At Albany, on the contrary, it was summer weather, the thermometer registering 63 at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

FIFTY DEAD IN OHIO AND MISSISSIPPI VALLEYS

Cyclone in Texas—South Cut Off from Communication from Midnight Till Noon.

Louisville, March 21.—Probably fifty persons are dead from the violence of the storm which raged in the Mississippi and Ohio valley states last night, sweeping northward to the great lakes. The property loss is impossible to estimate until reporter points, now shut off from communication, are heard from. Reports from such places, it is feared, will increase the death list.

First reports of storm damage came from northern Louisiana and Mississippi about three hours before winter officially ended at 12:30 o'clock this morning. The storm quickly spread over a wide area, demoralizing wire service until for a time all communication south of Louisville was suspended. It was not until about noon to-day that intermittent service was established between the principal cities. Between Nashville and Chattanooga ninety-four poles of one telegraph company were blown down and three miles of its wires were destroyed.

The storm was of various forms. Usually it was electrical, accompanied by high winds, which at Louisville reached a maximum of seventy-five miles an hour. Texas experienced a cyclone and elsewhere there were deluging rains. In the course of the storm were many places which had not recovered from the disturbance ten days ago.

Hundreds of persons whose homes were unroofed or otherwise made uninhabitable suffered added discomfort because of a sharp drop in temperature, which in some places was as much as 30 degrees.

In Mississippi to-day the Governor was authorized to borrow \$5000 for relief of sufferers from a storm that devastated a part of the state only ten days ago.

Nashville, Tenn., March 21.—The storm in Middle Tennessee practically followed the track of the hurricane, which cost twenty lives last week.

The storm struck Murfreesboro from the southwest, ripping a path through the west side of the public square and hitting the north side of the square with all its fury. Nearly every building there is leveled or destroyed.

Mabel Hill and Minnie Yearwood, who are still in their teens, stayed at their parents as night operators at the telephone exchange while the storm was at its height, although walls were falling near by and pieces of flying timber breaking the windows. They signalled the fire companies and aroused citizens to let them know of the destruction. Then, when it was all over, they broke down and cried.

Louisville & Nashville train No. 4 from New Orleans was swept by a falling tree during the storm and eighteen car windows shattered. The train was more than five hours late arriving here.

Shreveport, La., March 21.—Several houses were blown down in Gibbs Land last night. The house of Joseph Dandall, in Gibbs Land, was blown from its foundation, carried through the air several hundred yards and deposited outside the town.

Macon, Miss., March 21.—Seven negroes were killed by a tornado that razed a number of negro cabins four miles north of here early to-day. A child was blown from its mother's arms and killed.

\$3,000,000 DAMAGE IN THREE CENTRAL STATES

Five Deaths in Indiana, Michigan and Ohio—Worst Storm Known in Detroit.

Indianapolis, March 21.—A storm of tornado velocity which swept Indiana early to-day did \$3,000,000. Late reports left the death list at two, although several persons were reported fatally injured.

Among the more seriously injured are: Eva Miller, of Terre Haute, who was struck on the head by falling brick while asleep in bed.

Mrs. M. Clark, of Indianapolis, sister-in-law of United States Marshal Schmidt, who was injured internally when an out-building fell on her.

Bettie Hill, a negro, of Indianapolis, had her skull fractured by a falling sign.

Patrolman Robenowitz, of Indianapolis, was struck on the head by a brick.

The wire service was demoralized and many places were entirely without communication. Trees were blown across power lines, delaying surface cars, and washouts on the steam lines in the southern part of the state made travel uncertain.

Churches did not escape the ravages of the storm. The Methodist Church at Tipon, where the Northern Indiana Conference is to be held in the first week of April, was unroofed. The smokestack of Holy Angels Catholic Church here was

blown down and crashed through the roof upon an altar decorated for Easter. The Methodist Church at Harmony was almost completely wrecked. Three churches at Franklin were damaged.

A cold wave followed on the heels of the storm. A drop of 30 degrees, bringing the temperature down to about 20 degrees above zero, was predicted for the state.

The streets of Indianapolis were littered with debris, and city employees were kept busy chopping away fallen trees, while many members of the night police shift were called out to assist in guarding dangerous places.

Columbus, Ohio, March 21.—Three persons known to be dead, a score missing and unaccounted for, several score injured and property damage estimated at considerably in excess of \$1,000,000, is a summary of the damage done in Ohio by the storm to-day.

Detroit, March 21.—A windstorm at times reaching a velocity of eighty-six miles an hour, the highest point ever attained in this city during any five-minute period in the history of the local Weather Bureau, swept Detroit and practically all of Michigan to-day.

It was estimated that the property damage would reach nearly \$1,000,000. Only one death had been reported to-night, but the local hospitals reported many persons seriously injured as did meagre reports from various points in the state.

Wire traffic was completely demoralized and in many sections miles of telegraph and telephone poles were down.

The police and the public utility companies in Detroit said the storm was the most severe and destructive in years. The streets downtown were swept with cyclonic force. Women were thrown to the street and flying debris injured many persons.

LIKE CYCLONE UPSTATE: TWO DIE IN CUBA LAKE

Syracuse Students Drowned—Twenty Fishermen Adrift on Floe at Buffalo.

Buffalo, March 21.—The storm which has been sweeping through the West for the last twenty-four hours reached Western New York this afternoon. Two lives were lost on Cuba Lake and a score of fishermen narrowly escaped death on the sudden breaking up of the ice under the tremendous wind pressure.

At Cuba Lake Eugene Jones and Bishop Ackerty, freshmen at the Syracuse University Forestry School and home for Easter vacation, had started on a canoe trip and were about 600 yards from shore when the gale overturned the canoe. Before a boat could be launched both had disappeared.

About fifty men were fishing through the ice on Lake Erie when the storm burst. The danger of the ice breaking up soon became apparent, and all started for shore. Half the party was safe in the harbor when an immense field broke loose and began to float toward the river. Ten men were rescued by companions in fishermen's boats and the others were picked up by a fire tug.

The fishermen rescued by the crew of the fire tug refused to leave the floe until their dogs had been saved. The animals had broken away from the sledges and were rushing wildly about, and it took half an hour's perilous work to effect their capture.

The velocity of the wind at 8 o'clock to-night was eighty-eight miles an hour.

Sandusky, Ohio, March 21.—Four fishermen, caught in Lake Erie off Kelley's Island this afternoon while a sixty-mile gale was at its height, were rescued by lifesavers from the Marblehead station,

with the assistance of Captain Harry Lyrie and the crew of the Sandusky and Islands Line steamer Oilcott.

Reports from the Upper Sandusky Bay region indicate the loss of three fishermen by the swamping of their boat near Crystal Rock, but confirmation is lacking. A fishing smack, from which they are supposed to have been washed, was seen floating, half submerged, between Bay Ridge and Johnson's Island this afternoon.

Utica, March 21.—A small cyclone made a path 200 feet wide through the Utica State Hospital grounds and a section of the residential part of the city late this afternoon, causing thousands of dollars' damage, but no fatalities.

Accompanied by a terrific rainstorm, which lasted less than five minutes, a whirling wind crushed down small buildings and laid mammoth trees low. A half dozen buildings were damaged at the State Hospital grounds, two green-houses were wrecked, a twenty-foot smokestack razed and a score of mammoth elm trees, planted when the hospital was opened in 1840, were blown down. Two trees fell almost on a group of one hundred patients, who were being hurried into the buildings. Several patients were cut by flying glass.

Interlaken, N. Y., March 21.—A terrific windstorm did great damage throughout the countryside to-day. Telephone and telegraph poles, trees, fences and chimneys were levelled.

IN WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA Eastern and Central West Virginia Also Stormswept.

Pittsburgh, March 21.—A terrific wind storm swept over Western Pennsylvania to-day. At East Pittsburgh a house was wrecked and three persons seriously hurt. In Mount Pleasant, Penn., windows were blown in, the steeple of a church toppled over and telegraph and telephone wires were laid low.

At Latrobe, Penn., a horse and wagon were picked up by a gale and blown across the street.

Eastern and Central West Virginia were stormswept, with heavy property loss, but no loss of life has been reported.

REAL BLIZZARD IN CHICAGO Trolley Lines Tied Up and Street Traffic Suspended.

Chicago, March 21.—Spring arrived in the Central West to-day on the wings of the most destructive storm of the year. "Worse than the storm of Washington's Birthday" was the expression of the graph company. His opinion was echoed by Postal Telegraph chiefs and those of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. More poles are down than in any storm of recent years.

Many trolley lines were tied up here. During the worst of the storm in the morning street traffic was suspended. The sidewalks were covered with fallen branches unable to sustain their load of ice. Half a dozen persons were reported seriously injured as a direct result of the blizzard. Some of them will die.

TWENTY-SEVEN DEAD IN ONE ALABAMA TOWN Thirty-two Injured by Cyclone in Lower Peachtree—Seventeen White Persons.

Mobile, Ala., March 21.—Twenty-seven persons are dead and thirty-two injured, some so seriously that they are expected to die, as a result of the cyclone which swept Lower Peachtree, Ala., this morning. Seventeen of the dead are white persons.

The property damage will amount to \$150,000. The dead whites are George Williamson, his wife and son, Mrs. L. D. Bryant and four children, Mrs. Cooper and one daughter, two children of Mrs. Peter Milledge, two children of James Baker, Mr. and Mrs. James Clarke, all of Lower Peachtree, Ala., and Miss Mary Watson, of Selma, Ala.

One death is reported at Ashbel, Ala., as a result of the storm.

NEW YORK CUT OFF HOURS FROM CHICAGO 200 Trunk Lines Disabled for Awhile—5,000-Mile Circuit Finally Employed.

The East and the West were separated yesterday so far as regards communication as effectually as if a Chinese wall had sprung up overnight in the Mississippi river and Ohio river valleys. Storms which raged on Thursday night and continued yesterday morning caused one of the worst wire blockades the telegraph and telephone companies have ever contended with.

Chicago was on the west side of the wall, and the communication between that city and the East and South ceased after 9 o'clock in the morning, at the end of a long but losing fight with the elements. At that hour the companies said they had "lost" every one of their 200 trunk wires between Chicago and New York.

The furthest western point that could be reached from New York for a time yesterday was Memphis, and communication with Atlanta was possible only by roundabout routes. Wind and rain storms

throughout the South and Central West and a series of sleet, rain and hail storms south and east of Chicago were responsible for the situation. Where the wind had left wires still standing them down. It was only because the stock markets of the world were closed on account of Good Friday that the wire blockade did not cause much greater inconvenience.

The storm headed east shortly before noon, and trouble was reported about Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio. Local wire chiefs spent several hours and tried various combinations before they could find a route between New York and Chicago. By noon the Postal Telegraph and Western Union were cut off entirely, and succeeded in re-establishing a connection only after they had given up trying to put a wire through the area of storms, and had gone around it with a sweep that touched the Gulf of Mexico, the eastern Rockies and the Canadian border, a circuit of nearly 5,000 miles.

The Associated Press, which ordinarily reaches Chicago from New York by way of Columbus, Ohio, with a wire only 900 miles long, hitched up its various circuits to make the connection with relays at Washington, Atlanta, New Orleans, Dallas, Denver, Omaha, Des Moines and Minneapolis.

The local Weather Bureau received a special dispatch from Washington last night giving warning that the storm center was moving down the St. Lawrence Valley, accompanied by high south winds, shifting to west, with wind, rain and decidedly lower temperatures.

STEAMERS CRASH IN FOG Savannah Liner Badly Damaged in Collision with Freighter.

Vineyard Haven, Mass., March 21.—The passenger and freight steamer City of Macon, of the Savannah Line, and a vessel thought to be a Metropolitan Line freighter were in collision to-night on Vineyard Sound, off Tarpaulin Cove. The City of Macon was badly damaged, but able to keep afloat. The damage to the other steamer is not known.

The collision was due to a dense fog. The wireless operator on the City of Macon made no request for assistance, but the revenue cutter Acushnet, stationed at Wood's Hole, was notified as a precaution in case it should be found that the other steamer in the collision had been seriously damaged.

When the steamers came together the City of Macon received the impact forward, where a hole eight feet wide was gashed in her side from the upper deck down to five feet below the water-line. Captain Diehl of the City of Macon decided that while it would be possible to proceed the heavy fog would make the trip hazardous.

SHIPS FREED FROM FOG Fleet Held Up Off Hook Makes Way to Docks.

A fleet of steamships that had been held off Sandy Hook throughout the night on Thursday by the fog made their way to quarantine shortly after 10 o'clock yesterday, many of them being unable to land their passengers until the afternoon.

The White Star liner Majestic, which was expected to land her passengers at 7 p. m. yesterday, was unable to get up to her pier yesterday before noon.

While the mist cleared up sufficiently about 7 p. m. to permit safe navigation in the Ambrose Channel, the fogbank closed down again upon the harbor at 5 p. m. and forced the French liner France to anchor off the lightskip for the night.

The France passed Nantuxet at 5 a. m., and Captain Foncelet forced her at top speed until he made the lightskip, sending a message to the agents that he would dock about 7 p. m. Hardly had his message been received in the city when the pall closed in upon him, forcing him to anchor.

STORM CRIPPLES STEAMER Coast Liner Almost Lost Off Hatteras in Storm.

Norfolk, Va., March 21.—Scarcely able to remain afloat, and with her twenty-three passengers nearly dead than alive, the steamer Dorchester, of the Merchants and Miners' Line, from Philadelphia, for Savannah, ran into Norfolk to-day. The passengers were landed and the steamer was docked for examination.

The Dorchester encountered a violent storm off Hatteras Wednesday night, when her boilers sprang a leak. Passengers and crew were taken sick, and for nineteen hours the vessel was at the mercy of the wind and waves. At one time all hope of saving the vessel was given up and the lifeboats were prepared for launching, but the abatement of the storm led Captain Chase to stick to the ship. The cargo shifted until the vessel listed 22 degrees, while several plates on the side were strained, and it was all that the pumps could do to keep the Dorchester afloat.

HARBURGER AFTER GIBSON Sheriff Has Attachment to Serve on Playwright.

Sheriff Harburger started one of his deputies out yesterday to find any kind of tangible property that might belong to Preston Gibson, of Washington, society man, playwright and amateur actor. The purpose was to satisfy an attachment for \$1,846 which Black, Starr & Frost obtained from Justice Davis. The writ was in a suit to recover the balance due on a note Gibson gave for \$2,546 in February, 1912, in payment for some jewelry.

Gibson is a son of the late Senator Randall Lee Gibson, of whose estate Chief Justice White of the United States is one of the trustees. The son has an income from the estate and also receives royalties from plays that he has written.

CONSUL COMMITS SUICIDE. Madrid, March 21.—Rafael Alealde, the Mexican Consul here, while suffering from an acute attack of brain fever, to-day jumped from a window and was killed.

HELD UNDER AUTO, TWO DIE IN MARSH Chauffeur and Girl Slowly Pushed Into Mud and Water by Overturned Car. Another Girl Barely Escaping.

Syracuse, March 21.—Raymond D. Haist, a chauffeur, and Miss Lottie Voorhees, both of this city, were slowly drowned and two companions had a remarkable escape from death this morning when a big touring automobile in which the four were "joy riding" went down an embankment and turned over in the Montezuma marshes, near Seneca Falls. Haist and Miss Voorhees were pinned in the muck and mire under the wreckage of the car. Miss Myrtle Freeman, who was also buried under the car, lay for fully half an hour within three feet of her companions, and their agonizing death cries so unnerved her that when extricated she was a raving maniac. John O'Connor, the fourth member of the party, escaped injury.

The four persons left Syracuse about 3 o'clock this morning. They were returning from Seneca Falls when the accident occurred. The road embankment along the shore of the marsh is three feet high at that point, and the sides are of soft muck. Haist was driving. The young man turned in his seat to speak to those in the tonneau, and the car, failing to keep its course, swerved and headed toward the marsh. The machine was going at high speed. Haist grabbed the wheel and shut off the engine, but he was too late. The big car hurtled for twenty feet and then plunged into the mire and water of the marsh. O'Connor was thrown far out into the marsh. The others went down with the wreckage.

O'Connor Unable to Help. O'Connor, who was uninjured, got out of the mire and hurried to his companions, but there was little he could do to help them. Haist was pinned down by the steering wheel, and the battered body of the big car rested on the chests of Miss Voorhees and Miss Freeman.

"For God's sake, save us!" Miss Freeman cried to O'Connor; "save us!" while the moans of Miss Voorhees and the chauffeur filled the air.

O'Connor could not lift the heavy car, and was forced to stand by and see it slowly sink the forms of Haist and Miss Voorhees deeper and deeper into the swamp. Miss Freeman was also being steadily pushed down, but she was so pinned by the wreckage that her face would remain above the surface longer than the faces of her companions.

When O'Connor had tried in vain to drag out the girl and had seen that Haist had lost consciousness he turned and ran toward Three Bridges to summon help. At the first farmhouse, half a mile away, he gave the alarm, and the telephone was used to call rescuers to the scene.

Too Late to Save Two. The first of the rescuers to arrive was B. I. Hall, a barge canal engineer. He found Haist and Miss Voorhees dead. Hall held Miss Freeman's head out of water until others arrived. Dr. H. E. Burdick came from Montezuma, and soon afterward Dr. F. W. Lester and Coroner Knight, from Seneca Falls, appeared. They sent for a team and a block and tackle, with which they got the car back on the road, freeing Miss Freeman and giving access to the bodies.

The girl was in a delirium. While near death herself, she had heard the cries and struggles of Lottie Voorhees and Haist, imprisoned and suffocating under the tonneau, and she cried continually: "I heard them die. It was terrible."

Miss Freeman was carried to the home of Herbert Woodward, where O'Connor had first called for aid. The doctor who attended her said he feared she might not recover her reason. She alternately moans and cries out, "I heard them die! I heard them die!"

O'Connor is employed in a restaurant in Park street. He left there at 1:30 o'clock this morning and went downtown. He was next heard from at a garage in South Salina street, where he called for a touring car about 4 o'clock. He left the garage with Haist as chauffeur. Haist did not make out a slip to say where he had gone with the car, as he usually did, and this made John Colvin, the owner, apprehensive when he awoke to find the car gone. O'Connor is about twenty-four years old. His home is in Norwich, Conn., where he has a mother. He has been in Syracuse for two years.

Haist was twenty-eight years old. Miss Voorhees was twenty years old. Miss Freeman is twenty-one. O'Connor declined to talk about the automobile trip, and it is believed the two couples were taking a "joy ride" when the accident occurred.

FLEXNER DEFENDS SERUM Discoverer and Dr. Park Deny Tricresol Caused Deaths.

The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research, with which Dr. Flexner is connected, has received many inquiries regarding the Dr. Kramer charges. Dr. Flexner yesterday made the following statement: "Thousands of cases of cerebro spinal meningitis have been treated with the Flexner serum since 1906 when it was introduced. A large proportion of the cases have been children, many of them under three years of age. If the anti-meningitis serum itself or the preservative tricresol contained in it were the cause of the deaths reported by Dr. Kramer, of Cincinnati, similar fatalities should often have been reported before. But no one else has reported any. Considering the wide use of the serum and the consensus of opinion that it is not only not harmful, but is highly beneficial to children as well as adults, I see no reason for attributing the effects that Dr. Kramer has reported to either the serum or the preservative."

DISBELIEVE KRAMER TALK Head of Health Department Laboratories Doubts Cincinnati Story.

Dr. Simon Flexner and Dr. William H. Park came to the defence yesterday of Dr. Flexner's serum for cerebro-spinal meningitis, which Dr. S. P. Kramer, of Cincinnati, asserted had caused the death of five children under treatment in that city. Dr. Kramer, in an address before the Cincinnati Academy of Medicine on March 17, declared that tricresol, an ingredient of the Flexner serum, was responsible for the deaths. Dr. Flexner is the discoverer of the serum, and Dr. Park is director of the research laboratories of the New York Department of Health, where the serum is manufactured. Dr. Park said yesterday that the serum made here had been supplied to many cities throughout the country, and he thought it had been supplied to Cincinnati.

Dr. Park said he was not fully acquainted with the statements accredited to Dr. Kramer, but that, so far as the laboratory authorities here were concerned, they never had any reason to believe that tricresol had been the cause of death in any case of cerebro-spinal meningitis treated with the serum.

"If we did have any such evidence we would not use the serum," said Dr. Park. "On the other hand, the serum has been used in many epidemics, especially that in Texas last year, when it was used in more than four hundred cases."

Death could follow the use of serum.

VICTIM OF "UNLOADED" RIFLE. Syracuse, March 21.—Howard E. Moon, sixteen years old, was accidentally shot and killed by John Warren, fifteen, while the two were "playing Indian" in a field near Oswego to-night. Warren did not know his rifle was loaded.

DR. JORDAN TO VISIT WAR ZONE. Stanford University, California, March 21.—David Starr Jordan, president of Stanford University, has been granted a leave of absence to go to Europe to work for world peace. Dr. Jordan will visit the Balkan states and view the results of the war.

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