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DISASTER FOLLOWS IN WAKE OF BG STORM

REPORTS OF 100 DEAD IN OMAHA

Portion of City Swept Away by Terrific Winds.

Governor Places Tornado Zone Under Martial Law.

MAYOR CALLS FOR TROOPS

Fears Vandals Will Loot in Stricken Area.

Many Small Villages in Nebraska Wiped Out.

Omaha, March 24.—Fully 100 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 suburbs at 6 o'clock last evening in an almost straight path from four to six blocks wide and more than eight miles long. It was by far the most appalling catastrophe that ever has visited Omaha.

Throughout the stricken districts the streets were filled with masses of debris from wrecked houses and uprooted trees and tangled electric wires, making street car service impossible, wagon and automobile travel almost so, and offering serious obstacles to pedestrians.

The list of known 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.

The storm came almost without warning, the day which opened with overcast skies having cleared in the afternoon. The little town of Ralston, three miles west of South Omaha, Lake, where many summer cottages were demolished. Residences were wrecked all along the line. A dozen or more fires were started by stoves and furnaces and it is believed many bodies were cremated.

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

St. Joseph, March 24.—The village of Flag Spring, north of here, was practically demolished and the homes of the inhabitants killed by a tornado last night, according to reports reaching here today. Wind wrecked the home of Luther Armfield, a farmer, and Mr. and Mrs. Armfield perished in the flames when the ruins caught fire, according to the report. Another farmer named Reed was reported killed.

Omaha, March 24.—Omaha and vicinity was swept by a devastating storm 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 horrors.

THE TORNADO'S TOLL.

Following is the latest revised list of the dead and injured in the Nebraska disasters:

Known Dead in Omaha.
WILLIAM FISHER.
SIX DEAD IN VICINITY OF THIRTEENTH AND AMES STREET.
MABEL McBRIDE.
NELS LARSON.
T. E. NORRIS.
MR. ENJAMIN BARNES.
MRS. NEWMAN.
MR. SULLIVAN.
MRS. E. F. FITZGERALD.
ABOUT FORTY NEGROES IN THE BURNED RUINS OF THE IDLE WHEEL HALL.

THIRTY OR MORE MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN THE DIAMOND MOTION PICTURE THEATER.
SIX IN THE NATIONAL ICE CREAMERY.
HENRY BLEAUVELT.
TWO UNIDENTIFIED NEGROES.
AB STANLEY.
BERT H. FIELDS.
INFANT SON OF MORRIS CHRISTENSEN.
MRS. E. A. SAWYER.
MRS. J. D. HOGG.
—PERGUSON.

—RACE.
MRS. AND MR. HARDY, of Cedar Creek Valley, ported dead.
—PECK.
UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN, found at 2315 Bluff street.
MRS. HOLM AND BABY.
—BARNES.
J. B. BROOKS.
C. F. WEISON.
HELEN GRIEB.
HELEN NOWN.
UNIDENTIFIED WOMAN, brought to Wise Memorial hospital.
CLIFF DANIELS, mail carrier.
MRS. CLIFF DANIELS.
TWO DAUGHTERS OF CLIFF DANIELS.

MRS. R. VANDEVAN.
MRS. LADY, unidentified, now at Wise Memorial hospital.
SMALL SHRUNKEN LADY.
MRS. ADA NEWMAN.
MRS. FRED A. HULING, 2633 Chicago, died after reaching child-saving institution.
MRS. DAVIS.
BABY THELMA, 2 years old, child-saving institution.
BABY ANITA, 3 years old.
SAM RILEY, 45 years old, workman at grading camp.

MISS CORALIE NORRIS.
MRS. R. DAVIS.
C. F. COFFEY.
MRS. J. H. MORAN.
MISS HEINS AND SISTER.
J. B. NICHOLAS.
Dead at Council Bluffs.
MRS. WILLIAM POOLE.
J. R. RICE.
MRS. J. R. RICE.
SCHOOLS AND WIFE.
BABY NORGAARD.
BENJAMIN BENNINGHOFF, Dutch hollow.

Dead at Ralston.
H. E. SAID.
MRS. H. E. SAID.
UNIDENTIFIED MAN, 35 years old, supposed to be Bert Thomas.
MRS. MORAN.
MRS. EDITH KIMBALL, 29 years old, Winnipeg, Canada.
FRANCIS KIMBALL, 2 years old.
Miss Davis; Mrs. R. Vandevan, unconscious from blow on head; Mrs. Edward Baggot of Chicago; Mrs. McBride, 4115 Farnam street; D. Dagat; E. W. Kohn, slight bruises; M. N. Holm, both hurt; W. H. McDonald, scalp wound; Mrs. Golpin, badly cut; Mrs. E. C. Sells, injured internally; Little Sells girl, bad scalp wound; Mrs. Griffin, slight bruise; W. D. Cruthers, ribs split; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Foster, bruised; Isabel Doyle, injured about head; Kenneth Patterson, burned; Charles Pickens, suffering; Charles Chas. Black, bruised; Mrs. Charles E. Black, bruised; Mrs. Cotton, sister of Mrs. Black, bruised; M. A. Hall, cut on face; B. E. Harris, sales manager Armour and Company, chest crushed; Cecilia Bigelow, internally injured; Patrick Hynes, fractured leg; Mrs. Harry Chalce, bruised; Frank Guy, Waterloo, Neb.; William Schultz, Elkhorh, Neb.; Frank Bell, Elkhorh, Neb.; Mrs. Cora Curtis; Unknown woman, legs broken; Mrs. John Sullivan, slight 7-year-old daughter of Rev. Mr. Dunn, knee crushed; Mrs. J. C. Wright, foot crushed; Mrs. F. Measley, ankle bruised; Mrs. Martin Meyer, scalp wound; Mrs. E. C. Meyer, arm fractured; Mrs. Irvin, broken ribs and burns; J. Isaacovitch, tailor, bruised; Lawrence O'Conner, hurt internally; Willie O'Conner, badly bruised; Clarence Cady, dangerously, may die; George Anderson, serious; may die; Jack Cribben, internal injury; J. Davis, cut; E. Reeves, negro, serious; John Walls, negro, leg broken; Mrs. O. S. Finch, right thigh fractured; Mrs. Johnson, 7-year-old child and mother, cut about head, serious; Peter Ulrich, bruised; L. W. Wicks, lower limbs paralyzed; E. R. Wicks, left limb broken; Mrs. M. K. Wicks, leg broken; S. L. Burt, colored, injured about body.

Mrs. C. S. Sheppard, arm broken; C. S. Sheppard, cut about head; Mrs. Lottie Main, Loveland, Colo., badly bruised, will recover; Pat Carroll, back injured; Joe Cooper, fractured shoulder; Mrs. John Lyonsberger, scalp wound not serious; Mrs. N. W. Daniel, back injured; Mrs. Mike Nizovick, nervous shock and bruises; Stanley Vopat, head injured; Mary Halaries, badly lacerated about face; Baby Ruth, child saving institute, cut on face, not serious; Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Williams, bruised and cut; Fred Bentley, blown from car, serious; Charles Pasner, Millard, Neb., internal injury, not serious; —Hammer, leg injured, must be amputated; Mrs. Hammer, arm fractured; Mrs. E. Hammer, home, badly injured; Frank Griffin, severe bruises; George Medlock, injuries slight.

Mrs. George Medlock, slight; Hans Dunder, by glass; Infant of Morris Christensen, severely bruised; W. D. Carothers, two ribs fractured; Bella Robinson, two ribs broken; Mrs. E. Robinson, two ribs broken; Mrs. W. W. Slabough, internal injury; Miss Ruth Slabough, cut wrist; Mr. Newman of Dundee, punctured lung, serious; two Miss Sullivans, slight injury; Mrs. E. Houston, 91 years old, broken leg and contusion of brain; Mrs. E. E. McKenna, slight; three workmen at Missouri Pacific roundhouse slight. Injured at Nicholas Semm Hospital. Mrs. D. Mrs. Archer and son, slightly hurt. G. L. Hammer, left leg broken and

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WAS A HIGH WIND

It Blew 55 Miles an Hour in Topeka Sunday Night.

Storm Confined to Northeast Kansas, Report Railroads.

A thunder storm, accompanied by the heaviest wind that has been recorded in Topeka since April 11, 1909, and laden with fine dust of a yellowish color, swept across the city Sunday night. The storm, broke at 7:55 o'clock Sunday night. The storm lasted but 15 minutes. There was a heavy precipitation of both rain and hail. The water in the gauge at the government station measured .33 of an inch.

The maximum wind velocity attained was 50 miles an hour. On April 11, 1909, the storm, which was instrumental in bringing out silent voters that has been dormant since the campaign opened. Despite the fact that only 26 candidates are in the field the unusual rivalry between the candidates for several of the offices and the eleventh hour charges and counter-charges have instigated thousands of voters to make known their choice today.

Count Will Be Fast.
W. H. Kemper, city election commissioner, promised late this afternoon that the judges and clerks tonight would count on an average of four ballots a minute. This means that before 9 o'clock tonight practically all of the precincts will have their tally sheets registered at the city hall. It means that the result of the primary will be known before midnight and that the usual delay far into the next day will be avoided.

Reports at Railroad Offices.
Reports from the telegraph department of the Santa Fe, Great Northern and Union Pacific railroads in Topeka today show that the storm last night extended not only over the northeastern section of Kansas, but a sprinkle and a damaging display of electricity in the southeastern portions. Not a wire down in Kansas on the railroads. The Santa Fe reports trouble east of the Mississippi and the Rock Island is unable to get word from Omaha or St. Joseph on the railroads. The Union Pacific is having no trouble. There is service out of Topeka to the west or to Kansas City.

The towns in this section of the state today are having a rain over the wind, hail and rain that visited Topeka last night. The wind reached a velocity of at least fifty miles an hour in many towns blowing down chimneys and doing slight local damage. The hail and wind lasted only a few minutes. This applies to the district that the storm swept into from Topeka in all directions. In southeastern Kansas a severe electrical storm accompanied by a high wind and only a little rain was reported by the agents of the Santa Fe. In western, southwestern and west-central Kansas no rain is reported.

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