

## INVESTIGATION OF TORNADO ORDERED

Weather Bureau Says It Can Not Forecast Tornadoes.

*By United Press*  
WASHINGTON, March 21.—One of nature's most deadly and costly freaks—the tornado—will never be understood or investigated to the point where science can accurately forecast its beginning or its path, according to C. L. Mitchell, forecaster of the United States Weather Bureau here.

Because of inevitable panics and riots, the Weather Bureau does not even attempt to forecast tornadoes. The extent of the bureau's predictions of tornadoes now is limited to "unsettled" disturbances."

Mitchell today ordered two field experts of the bureau to begin an automobile inspection tour of the Middle West area which was devastated by Wednesday's tornado. From the reports of these inspectors the bureau hopes to establish how many tornadoes passed through the stricken region. Some reports indicate there was as many as five "whirls" in action at once.

## PARALYZED STORM AREA AWAITS AID

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seasons since the war seemed ahead. Yet few appeals have been made for help. With aid of neighbors they are repairing their homes as best as they can. Cities and towns are being taken care of first.

### The Toll

The death list today stood at 115. It included: Griffin, 61; Princeton, 22; Evansville, 22; Poseyville, 5; Elizabethtown, 5.

Relief workers minimized first reports that food, flood and pestilence threatened the survivors.

Although Wabash River was rising and was above the flood stage, all of the injured and sick have been removed to hospitals at Evansville, Mt. Vernon and Olney, Ill. Plenty of antitoxin is on hand to combat tetanus. Physicians too, believe they are well able to check any danger of an influenza epidemic.

Meteorologist Al Brand of the Evansville weather bureau reported the possibility that Griffin would be entirely surrounded by flood waters within the next twenty-four hours.

The Wabash at Mount Carmel, Ill., rising at a rapid rate, had reached 19 feet today, three feet over flood stage.

### Expect Crest Sunday

Baring other rains, Brand said there were indications that the Wabash would crest around 20 feet at Mount Carmel about Sunday night or early Monday.

The new menace would virtually stop relief work under way there now. The town about six miles from the river, is in a low section and is easily inundated by flood conditions of the Wabash and tributary streams.

Company I of the 151st Indiana Infantry of Terre Haute, arrived here today. Twenty guardmen were sent to Owensville with Maj. Robert Stillwell of Evansville in command.

### Fire at Looters

First looting of ruins here was reported Friday night. Guardmen fired twelve shots. One man was believed to have been wounded. A trail of blood was found.

Souvenir hunters are one of the greatest problems.

Guardmen were well prepared for the expected invasion of thousands of sight-seers Sunday. One way traffic roads will be established between Princeton and Griffin.

Dr. Herbert Wagner of Indianapolis, a Red Cross worker was one of the first to develop symptoms of the flu, and he was at once ordered to give up his work.

### Death List Grows

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## Basketball Fans Hear Times Reports Downtown



Hundreds of persons gathered in front of the Indianapolis Music House, 134 N. Pennsylvania St., Friday and today to listen to Indianapolis Times radio play by play reports from the State basketball finals at the Fairground.

cept that it was total. Estimates ranging from half a million dollars to a million is placed on the damage there.

Farmers suffered at least \$1,000,000 loss, according to conservative estimates. The loss is greater, because the period of spring activity is about to begin, and without tools, buildings, teams or seed corn nearly 100 farmers will lose heavily on crops.

Princeton suffered a \$2,000,000 loss, it was thought. Add to these items expense of relief and the stopping of entire communities for days. Not much of the damage was covered by insurance, it is said.

Further organization of permanent relief for the tornado victims occupied the attention of Evansville, Princeton and other communities in or near to the strip.

Those directly affected were busy with funerals or removing their goods from the wreckage. Some manfully went to work at the apparently hopeless task of cleaning up the awful debris and rebuilding their ruined homes. It will take months, even years, to undo the work done by the cyclone in this battering of eye.

In Griffin, many of the survivors loaded their few goods on wagons and trucks and departed forever—shaking the dust of the ill-fated spot off their feet.

"There's nothing here to stay for," was their remark.

Three more bodies were dragged from the burned ruins of the store and restaurant of George Dill. They were identified as those of Thomas Nottingham, 19; Lester Orice, 10, and Auburn Sanders, 19, although the remains consisted only of charred flesh. Nottingham's torso was identified by his watch. The remains of Sidney Hiatt, who also perished in the store, have not been found.

### Bury Animals

Many dead horses, mules, cows and hogs were buried in two large trenches by Indiana National Guardsmen and workmen. The Evansville Red Cross is in charge of relief for refugees, dispensing clothing and food from railway cars. Indianapolis Red Cross and doctors are also present. A temporary railway station and telegraph office has been set up in an old coach on a switch.

J. E. Stinson, whose general store was demolished, is erecting a temporary building to house such articles as he salvaged. He has put up a sign "souvenirs for sale." The hundreds of curious spectators, who daily throng the wrecked hamlet, buy glass oil lamps, pencils, shoe polish and other trinkets as relics.

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## Former Officer in Council Race



Fred Robins

Fred Robins, 3030 E. Washington St., former policeman, has entered the race for Republican nomination for councilman of the First district.

Robins is now in business on the east side. He had a splendid record while in the police department, being valuable for his ability as an interpreter.

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Hundreds of curious tourists were refused passes to visit the territory by Maj. Ben Watt in charge of Princeton troops.

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## BLOODY MYSTERY HERE!

### Police Hold Automobile Awaiting Appearance of Owner.

"Blood, a revolver and empty shells in the rear seat of an empty automobile at Chase and McCarty Sts.," an excited voice came over the telephone at police headquarters to Harley Reed, police officer.

Motorcycle Policemen Cooney and Finney were dispatched to the scene.

The "blood" was red paint, there was an empty shell on the floor of the car and the revolver turned out to be a windshield wiper protruding from the rear seat, the policemen found.

The car, bearing no certificate of title, was brought to headquarters to await arrival of the owner.

### G. O. P. LEADER VISITS

#### Clyde Walb Looks Over Field at Statehouse.

Clyde Walb, chairman of the Republican State committee, today gave personal attention to matters of Statehouse patronage and visited various offices, including the public service commission and the industrial board.

### Succeeds Father On Force



Charles Carter

Patrolman Carter, colored, is carrying on the family record in the police department.

When Charles Carter Sr. died in 1910, the board of safety lost no time in accepting the application of his son for the police department. He was given his father's badge, gun and club.

Carter lives at 609 Dorman St., and patrols District 34. It is bounded by Fall Creek, Indiana Ave. and St. Clair St. and West St.

### Fights Stir France

#### Herriot Defies Pope in Chamber of Deputies Causing Brawl

PARIS, March 21.—The battle now raging between Socialists and Catholics in France stirs French life to the roots. Its immediate cause is the Socialist government's efforts to abolish the French embassy at the Vatican and to extend the non-religious school system throughout France.

Edward Herriot defied the pope from the tribune of the Chamber of Deputies Friday, precipitating a riot in which Socialists and Catholic deputies rolled on the floor in frenzied combat. The chamber voted confidence in his religious policy, 325 to 251.

Colonel Chenoweth will be stationed at Princeton and Captain Smith at Griffin. They will care for sick and injured guardmen and aid civilians wherever possible.

Col. John S. Fishback, Indianapolis, commanding officer of 139th Field Artillery, was here Friday making a personal survey of the situation.

Crossing Dangers Cited

Noblesville citizens have petitioned the public service commission to abolish a dangerous subway crossing under the Nickel Plate Railroad at State road 55 near Noblesville.

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## OIL SUIT COUNSEL WILL SEE RODEO

### Cheyenne Businessmen Arrange Wild West Show.

By United Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 21.—As a relief from the tedium of the Teapot Dome trial, Cheyenne's Chamber of Commerce will stage an impromptu rodeo this afternoon. The court will not be in session to-day. Attorneys from both sides will join the visiting newspaper men in watching wild west maneuvers.

The trial, so far as presentation of evidence is concerned, is over. It is possible the arguments of opposing lawyers will extend to Wednesday noon, when Judge Kennedy will take the case under advisement.

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