

MAY 19, 1927

Thousands Scattered by Storm

Wind Sends Downtown Crowds Scampering for Shelter.

The storm whipped into the downtown district as the hosts of early theatergoers and late workers milled through the business streets. As the first yellowish tinge appeared to the west followed by an ominous, funnel-shaped cloud rolling down upon the city, thousands scampered to shelter.

Then, with a roar, the wind played havoc with business property, buckling huge plate glass showwindows, ripping signs and standards from their posts, smashing ornamental street lights and in some instances uprooting the poles, breaking small windows and then sweeping off toward the east, leaving the streets littered with glass, automobiles wreckage and debris.

Snowshovels Used

E. Washington St. for practically three miles was strewn with wreckage. In the downtown district, snowshovels were pressed into service to clear the sidewalks of shattered glass.

Illinois St. from Washington to Market Sts. was strewn with glass and pieces of building cornices.

An electric sign on the south side of the Apollo Theater was blown thirty feet north in front of the Durst and Hat Shop.

Windows were blown in at Levinson's Hat Shop, Illinois and Market Sts. Rink's, McAnn Shoe Shop and Rauh's on Illinois St., between Washington and Market.

A cornice was blown to the sidewalk off the building occupied by McAnn's shoe store and Durst's millinery, and the sidewalk was roped off.

Dresses Ruined

The entire glass front was blown out of the New York Waist store, 34 E. Washington St., and a large stock of dresses ruined by water.

Similar damage, but to a less degree, was done to Morrison's, 26 W. Washington St., Wesson's, Charles Dresses and Furs, Ayres, Hooks Drugs, Washington and Meridian Sts., Hart & Company, 16 E. Washington St., Howard Furniture Company, 18 E. Washington St., Liggett's Drug store, Pennsylvania &

NEVER LOST DAY AT WORK SINCE HE GOT KONJOLA

This Man Says He Has Been Free of Stomach Trouble Over 8 Months.

Sincere, convincing reports are being received from men and women in all sections of Indianapolis in which they tell how Konjola has so

completely ended their health troubles that they can give up taking medicine for time to come.

One of the latest endorsements of this kind was given to the Konjola Man, who is at the Hook drug store, Pennsylvania and Market Sts., this city, by Mr. Roy Hodges, 412 South Ritter St., Indianapolis.

"I have been free of stomach trouble over 8 months," said Mr. Hodges, "and I have never lost a day at work since I got this medicine."

"My trouble first started with indigestion over two years ago. Finally I was suffering badly, and everything I ate disagreed with me. My stomach would bloat up and swell with gas until it was hard for me to breathe. My heart seemed to jump and flutter, and very often I was subject to nausea spells. Besides the stomach trouble I was frequently disturbed at night, due to weak kidneys, and my back was always sore and achy."

"I decided to try Konjola, because several people told me about this medicine. Four bottles completely ended every form of misery that I had, and in the five weeks I gained about twelve pounds. That has been over eight months ago, and I wish to state that no one would ever know I had a sick day in my life. I had to lay off from work very often, but as I said before, I had been on the job every day since I got Konjola. I relish my meals and never have a touch of indigestion afterward. The bloating is ended, and the shortness of breath has stopped. My kidneys are stronger and I never have to get up at nights. The pains are gone from back, and all the other miseries I had, are ended."

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cure that ever made me a well man, and of course I shall never forget it."

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Trains on Time

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Gale Plays With Autos



This is a scene in the 300 block N. Keystone Ave., one of the streets hardest hit by the tornado, Wednesday night. Two damaged autos in the path of the gale are shown.

Woman Uninjured Despite Leap

Mrs. Roy Varina, 2817 E. New York St., narrowly escaped serious injury and perhaps death in the tornado, when, dazed, she leaped from a second story window of her home to the sidewalk below.

Mrs. Varina was closing her upstairs windows when the storm struck. She started downstairs when the house began trembling. She fell on the stairs, picked herself up at the foot, went back upstairs and leaped from the window. She was uninjured, but suffered a nervous shock.

The house was considerably damaged when several large pieces of lumber were driven through the walls.

Washington Sts., Gordon Furniture Company, 127-129 E. Washington St., Indiana Trust Company building, Pembroke Arcade, including Dailey's restaurant inside the arcade and the Piggy Wiggly, 137-139 E. Washington St., Daniels Ready to Wear, Norman Furniture Company, Goldstein Bros. Department Store, Goldsmith Drugs, Washington and Meridian Sts., Hart & Company, 16 E. Washington St., Howard Furniture Company, 18 E. Washington St., Liggett's Drug store, Pennsylvania &

DRIVERLESS CAR

A driverless automobile propelled by the wind at 30 miles an hour north of Washington St. on Meridian St., was reported by Arthur Gilligan, Army employee.

A near panic was averted in the Apollo theater when Earl Gordon, organist, played loud to drown the roar of the storm raging in front of the theater. Similar situations prevailed in other downtown theaters.

Clogged sewers in the downtown district, especially at Meridian and Washington Sts., where water stood above the curbs, ruined shoes and stockings of throngs attracted downtown by reports of the storm.

A bit of comedy was injected in the dismal downtown scene by a floating city waste box top bearing an appropriate advertisement for a coming theatrical production, "Carnival of Venice."

A tin sign of George Hitz, commission merchant, Virginia Ave. and Delaware St. was blown a full block and lighted on the Washington St. trolley wire.

Street car traffic was tied up for more than an hour on Washington St., when an eastbound Washington street car was derailed at Pennsylvania St.

Large forces of workmen were pressed into service cleaning glass from the sidewalk after the storm had passed. Auto wreckers were kept busy for several hours removing cars in the downtown district which had been rendered useless by the wind and rain.

Streets were transformed into miniature rivers by the torrential rains which accompanied the wind blast, adding to the discomfort of persons caught downtown when the storm whipped into the city.

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HOMELESS RELATE HOW HOUSES 'DISAPPEARED'

Big Breeze Tore Buildings About Them Apart, Say Tragedy-Dazed Stor mVictims.

A general air of wonderment as to what actually happened prevailed today among persons injured in the storm. So quickly did the wind strike that practically all agreed there was no preliminary warning of the great.

"I don't know yet what happened," said R. J. Lindley, 329 N. Oakland Ave., riding in an automobile with Hollie Kratzer and Marie Cagley, Kokomo when the storm struck.

Kratzer and Miss Cagley were painlessly injured. Lindley escaped with cuts and bruises about the head.

Cling to Door

Mrs. Dorothy Kremm, Canton, O., narrowly escaped death when the wind swept away a porch on which she was standing at 241 Hendricks St. She had been visiting Martin Kremm, her father-in-law at that address.

"I had started downtown," she said, "but missed the bus on the corner. I saw the rain coming and dashed back home. As I started to open the door, the porch was literally swept out from under me."

"I clung to the door and the wind jerked it off the hinges, sending it into the house with me holding on. Finally I came to rest up alongside the piano."

Then she pointed to two discolored eyes and lacerations on her head as evidences of the collision.

Frank of Fate

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"I had just gotten home when I heard a terrifying noise-like a huge siren."

"I said to my wife, 'Get in the cellar, something's going to happen. I never heard anything like that.'

"I tried to close the front door. The wind was so strong that I had to battle for a minute or two to get the door fastened. Then I broke for the cellar. We huddled against the wall as the commotion outside increased. Then came the crash and a grinding, splintering noise. I was wondering how far it would come, whatever it was, and praying it wouldn't break through to the cellar."

Mrs. Andrew Sheets, 2034 E. Washington street, was at the loss as to what actually happened to her 12-year-old daughter, Frances.

"We were at home," she said, "and suddenly there was nothing around us. It seemed like the wind just came along and took everything away from us and deliberately left us there."

Both Mrs. Sheets and her daughter were bruised and lacerated by flying debris.

BATH SCHOOL'S JOY DAY SMOTHERED IN TRAGEDY

By United Press

BATH, Mich., May 19.—This was the day of the school picnic.

For days, Bath mothers had been cooking and baking for the great children's day of the year. Big frosted cakes, mounds of home-baked bread, baskets of sandwiches and tubs of pickles were being made ready.

Dresses of the little girls were starched and ironed. Sunday suits were waiting for the boys. "Dates" were made among the older members. It was a community affair at which everyone was going to turn out.

Examinations at the school were scheduled to end yesterday and the atmosphere there was full of the suppressed excitement that precedes such a holiday.

Scenes of Sorrow

The sound of the terrible explosion was heard for miles. Mothers and fathers came on the run from every home in the village and its nearby farms. For hours, others were coming from outlying sections as the news spread.

"Women frantically pawed over the timber and broken bricks held together by mortar, heavier than the average man could think of handling without a crowbar," one observer said.

One by one, the small bodies were carried out and laid in rows under blankets. Parents passed down the line, looking for their own.

BIG BLOW WAS TORNADO, WEATHER MAN DECLARES

The 76-mile gale which wrecked

the two districts of the city and played

havoc in the downtown district Wednesday night, was classified today by United States Meteorologist J. H. Armstrong as a tornado.

"I have had very little time to

make a complete study of the storm but from what I have already seen

I would say that it had all the earmarks of a tornado," Meteorologist Armstrong said.

Continued bad weather was promised Indianapolis and vicinity for tonight and Friday. The official forecast read:

"Cloudy tonight and Friday; possibly thunder showers."

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WIND-BLOWN BITS IN STORM WAKE

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street. Timbers were hurled several hundred feet.

D. D. Dolan of St. Louis, who is driving to Detroit arrived in Indianapolis shortly after the storm. He said he passed through a "cloudburst" at Elkhart, Ill., and found flooded roads along the route, but little property damage.

There was little wind, he said.

B. F. Overtree, 214 N. Jefferson Ave., returned home with members of his family after the storm and solicited the assistance of neighbors in finding his home. He found the roof of his home on the bed and the residence demolished.

Typical of the freaks performed by the storm was the fate of a Ford sedan at Oxford and Vermont Sts. The wind picked the car up and deposited it near across the sidewalk. Then the wind slapped several boards against the side of the car wrapped them securely with a mass of telephone wires, wound round and round the auto. For trimmings the gale deposited a bread box on a fender and then gracefully draped it over the debris.

Most of the