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TOLL OF WIND STILL AT 155; 30 IN INDIANA

None of Injured at Greenville
Have Succumbed — List
There Stands at Eight—
Victims Dig Out.

MANY ARE HOMELESS

Communities within a score of miles Tuesday were sending aid to the storm-devastated sections of Darke county, Ohio, where eight persons were killed and many injured, and property damage thought to be a million dollars was done, Sunday evening by a tornado. Three hundred homeless families are being cared for by friends and Greenville inhabitants.

Darke county residents, undaunted by the big blow, set themselves to work to straighten up the wreckage, rising at daylight Tuesday.

The death list Tuesday still stood at eight, no one having succumbed to injuries during the day. Those injured were resting comfortably in hospitals at Union City and elsewhere and at homes of relatives and neighbors.

Winchester Practically Untouched

Reports from Winchester said that the only damage there was the unroofing of several houses in the southwest part of town. At Eaton, an unusually heavy hail and rainstorm drenched the town and the surrounding country.

CHICAGO, March 30.—The death toll of Sunday's tornadoes which ripped paths of destruction through sections of eight states, stood early today at 158, with fears expressed that reports from isolated regions and deaths among the injured might increase the total.

Stricken communities were emerging today from the wreckage wrought by the storm, and relief measures for the thousands of injured and homeless were well under way.

Wire communication in the affected areas was being restored and this was expected to aid in clearing up the extent of the destruction and the total number of those who lost their lives.

Indiana Loses 30.

Tabulated reports by states today gave the number of deaths as follows:

Indiana, 30; Adams county, two;

Allen county, 11; Jay county, 11;

Steuben county, one; Montgomery

county, one; Union City, four.

Illinois, 30; Elgin, seven; Irving

Park, six; Melrose Park, 10; May-

wood, 4.

Ohio, 20; Greenville and Nashville, 8; Vanwert, three; Moulton, three;

Renolet and Brummersburg, six; Gen-

on, two; Raabs Corner, four.

Michigan, 12; Fenton, four; Cold

Water, two; Hart, one; Maple Grove,

three; Kalamazoo, one; Yankee

Springs, one.

Georgia, 28; LaGrange, 36; West

Point, 10; Macon, one; Milner, one.

Alabama, 17; Alexander, 11; Acra-

cola, five; Cedar Springs, one.

St. Louis, Missouri, one.

East Troy, Wis., one.

An unverified report that 15 white

persons were killed at Stovall, Ga.,

a village near LaGrange, was being in-

vestigated. If true the death list

would be increased to 176.

A number of persons were reported

missing in various localities hit by the

storm and it was feared some might

have been killed.

\$1,000,000 Tentative Estimate.

No accurate estimate of the total

property damage, which runs into the

millions, had been made today. In

Illinois, it was estimated that the ma-

terial loss was \$6,000,000; in Western

Ohio, \$2,000,000; Michigan, \$2,000,000;

and Georgia more than \$1,000,000;

State troops patrolled the storm

swept areas of Illinois today, and the

Red Cross and civilian committees or-

ganized aid for the injured and home-

less. Hundreds of carpenters who be-

gan re-construction work yesterday in

Elgin, Mayfield, Melrose Park and

Irving Park, around Chicago, had

cleared away most of the wreckage

today. All of the refugees had been

placed in homes or tents.

But one death occurred yesterday

among the injured in the Chicago dis-

trict, and hospitals reported that most

of the hundreds of patients would re-

cover.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 30.—The

death toll in Indiana from Sunday's

tornado, today, stood at 30, and prop-

erty damage was expected to reach

several millions of dollars. Several

hundred persons were seriously in-

jured and some may die.

According to latest reports, rural

sections of Jay, Allen, Adams and

Randolph counties suffered greatest

loss both to human life and prop-

erty. Property damage was reported

from nearly a score of other counties

in the northern part of the state.

Much suffering was evidenced in the

outlying places according to informa-

tion received here. Several of the

storm victims rushed to the hospitals

were said to have little chance to

recover.

Eight members of the family of

Percy Fields, living near Geneva, are

in a Fort Wayne hospital. Two others

were killed outright. Collapsed houses

and barns are being cleared of debris

as fast as possible, as it is believed

many of the missing are pinned under

the wreckage and may yet be alive.

The property loss is greater than

was at first believed and will amount

to several millions of dollars.

Relief workers are providing for the

stricken families and the suffering

of the homeless and injured is being

rapidly lightened.

Telegraph and telephone commun-

ication was assuming more of a nor-

mal aspect today, and reconstruction

work in some of the storm-swept com-

munities was under way this morning.

Local organizations in towns or cities

nearest the suffering communities

were giving all the aid possible to the

homeless and injured, and in Allen

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When Storm Hit Chicago; Similar Scenes Were Seen in Dark County



A scene at Seventy-first avenue and Dakin street, Chicago.

"Death Wind," Whose Lightest Touch Brings Ruin, Explained by Scientists

Somewhere in Alaska a cold wind blew up late last week and wandered southeast over British Columbia into the United States. In southeastern Nebraska it blew over a warm, low lying wind from Arizona and New Mexico that was starting northeast. The warm wind tried to rise above the cold breeze, as was natural, but the velocities of the two set up a struggle.

It is always associated with violent thunder showers and is usually accompanied by hail, squall winds, and excessive thunder and lightning. It almost always comes during the warm months of the year and the hottest part of the day.

It is usually less than 1,000 feet in diameter and the average speed with which it covers the ground is 50 miles an hour, resulting in its passing a given point in a half minute. The whirling velocity of a tornado has never been accurately measured, but it has been estimated at from 200 to 500 miles an hour.

Tales of the freakish behavior of tornadoes are without number. They have been known to drive straws through solid timbers and timbers

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Jurymen for April Term Are Chosen in Circuit Court

Jurymen for the April term of the Wayne circuit court were selected by the jury commissioners Monday afternoon. Those selected follow:

Grand jury: J. G. Whittier Beard; Perry Grand; F. E. Filmore; E. J. G. Whittier Beard; Eugene M. Fender; Abington; John Schnorr; Jackson; Frank Ohmitt; Jackson, and E. W. Carlos, Wayne.

Regular jury: Wilson L. Magaw; Boston; Clarence Crowe; Center; Frank A. King; Center; Orla L. Pierce; Clay; Joseph N. Davis; Dalton; Allen; W. Lewis; Greene; Louis C. Palmer; Webster; William T. Leavell; Jefferson; Colin C. Shaeffer; Wayne; Charles Johanning; Wayne; August Knoll; Franklin; and John W. Wood; Harrison.

Extra jurymen: Harry C. Bertram; Center; Albert Roller; Clay; William E. Kenworthy; New Garden; John Flatley; Webster; Louis E. Niewohner; Wayne; Frank Harding; Wayne; George S. Ballinger; Greene; Thomas B. Allen; Jefferson; Wilbur Elwell; Washington; Mark M. Duke; Webster; Harry C. Hart; Boston; and Elmer Alexander; Franklin.

Master plumbers are undecided as to what disposition to make of the plumbers' demands. The present rate is 88 cents an hour and time and a half for all work over eight hours. Double time is paid for work done after midnight and on holidays.

Master plumbers are understood to be disposed not to grant the demands. Master plumbers' rates are \$1.35 per hour and a 15 per cent wage increase would mean a 15 cent increase to the public.

A committee composed of H. H. Meirhoff, L. E. Stanley and J. H. Niewohner, will meet a committee from the plumbers' union late Tuesday afternoon. The situation will be gone over.

Miss White's Declaration Filed Today, Is Test Case; Is First Woman to File

Esther Griffin White has filed a declaration to become a delegate to the Republican state convention from the Fourth ward.

This will be a test case to determine if women can get their names on the primary ballot. She is the first woman in Indiana to try to represent a ward at a state convention.

It probably will require an opinion of the attorney general to establish the legality of her action. Should the Susan B. Anthony amendment be ratified, there will be no question about its legality.

Natcos Jig and Die Work to Indianapolis

Announcement that he jig and die department of the National Automatic Tool Company would be located in Indianapolis, was made by William Bockhoff, president, Tuesday. Nearness to the material market and lack of labor here were given as reasons for moving the department.

"Labor for the work is hard to obtain in Richmond, and when men are employed, they do not stay for any length of time," said Mr. Bockhoff. The jig and die department of the Natcos has been added to in the last year and the transfer will make room in the factory for other important work.

NAVY READY FOR SEAS IN 1917--MAYO

Condition of U. S. Fleet Was Never Better Than on Outbreak of War, Former Commander Tells Committee.

SIMS IS CONTRADICTED

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The Atlantic fleet was never better prepared for war than when it came from Cuban waters late in March, 1917, after its winter battle practice, Rear Admiral T. Mayo, former commander in chief of the fleet, today told the Senate committee investigating the navy's conduct of the war.

The personnel was on a peace basis and was somewhat inadequate, the Admiral said, but the officers and men were confident and well trained, and target practice in southern waters had shown gratifying results.

No written plan or policy for the participation of the fleet in the war was given him when the United States joined the Allies, Rear Admiral Mayo testified, but in conversation with Admiral Benson, chief of naval operations, and other department officials, he was informed that the mission of the commands were to prepare for instant service; to protect the coasts of the United States, and to train naval personnel.

In previous testimony it had been developed that the navy department considered Rear Admiral Mayo to be the immediate superior of Rear Admiral Sims, whose letter of January 7 to Secretary Daniels, precipitated the present investigation. Rear Admiral Sims testified that he considered Rear Admiral Mayo his technical superior, but that he made most of his reports and recommendations direct to the department.

The letter follows:

"To all residents of Richmond:—

"There is a shortage of houses in Richmond. The Richmond Home Construction company wishes to know how many persons are interested in owning their homes. Investigation shows that costs have greatly increased over five years ago.

"A two-story, frame house of five rooms and bath and furnace built in quantities of 100 will cost about \$4,300 to \$4,500 including the lot.

"The method will reduce the cost over that of building only one or two houses and for that reason it is desirable to build