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## MUCH DAMAGE DONE BY HAIL; CROPS SUFFER

Windows Riddled in Track of Capricious Storm Which Hits South End of City and Southeast Part of County.

## WERNLE ORPHANS CUT

Thousands of dollars of damage was done by a terrific hail, rain, and wind storm that swept over Wayne county at 1:45 a. m. Wednesday. The chief force of the storm hit the south side of Richmond and the southeastern part of the county.

The area from South Seventh to Thirteenth and from South E to I streets suffered most in Richmond. There is hardly a house on the east side of the street in this area, whose windows were not broken. Several of the houses had from two to 20 panes broken and frame houses were dented from the force of the hail.

Several children received cuts from flying glass at Wernle Orphans' home, when 48 panes were broken. The children became panic stricken but were quieted. This is the only place where persons were known to have been injured, although the hall stones were from one to three-fourths of an inch in diameter.

The hall was preceded by a heavy rain storm and electrical display, and the rushing noise which accompanied it caused many panic stricken southerners to rush for cellars in belief that a tornado had struck here.

Water poured through the broken windows and many residents were forced to stay up the rest of the night and mop water from floors.

**Parts of South End Flooded.**

The heavy rains proved more than the sewers in parts of the south end could handle, and consequently Eleventh, Twelfth and Thirteenth streets from E to I resembled miniature rivers.

The water filled the street from sidewalk to side-walk, and in places backed up in yards and poured into cellars.

All the while a blinding electrical storm was in progress, and the claps of thunder could not be drowned by the staccato noise of hail against window panes.

No windows were broken along Main street, and residents of the north and western part of Richmond did not realize the full force of the storm.

**Ribbed Glass Withstands the Storm.**

Several panes of glass were broken in St. Andrew's and Flintley schools. The new ribbed glass windows of the Noce plant were not broken.

The worst damage to a south end concern was done at the Land-Dilks Cabinet Company. Every window in the west side is broken or cracked. A few panes were broken in the Starr Piano company's buildings.

Fulie's green house, on South Fifth street was riddled as though a machine gun were turned on the glass.

An estimate by the owner was that one-third the panes were broken.

The falling glass badly cut plants on the inside of the house, and if cold weather sets in, numerous other plants that became water-soaked from the driving rain, will rot. Canvas and other covers will be placed over the broken places. The loss of glass is covered by insurance.

**Other Greenhouses Damaged.**

Bullerdick's green house, on the Liberty pike, was also badly damaged, but not as bad as Fulie's. The loss here will also be covered by insurance.

The west end of Zwissler's green house on the Boston pike was badly damaged by hail. Other green houses in the county as far as could be ascertained, were not badly damaged.

Fifty-four panes of glass were broken in the home of Thomas Ryan, farmer, on Wernle road.

Harry Gilber reported that every window on the west side of buildings on his Boston pike farm was broken, and that the hail went through the roof and dented sides of the buildings like shrapnel.

The Whitewater river and other streams in Wayne county have subsided within the last 24 hours. The weakened condition of the supporting posts of the temporary bridge at the foot of Main street can now be easily seen. Whether or not the bridge will be repaired, until the completion of the new Main street bridge, will be decided at a meeting of the board of works Thursday.

**Water Highest in Seven Years.**

Evidences of the high water of Tuesday are visible in the vicinity of Liberty. The river at that place rose from its banks and to the greatest height in seven years. The wooden bridge was threatened.

Persons gathered on the banks observed hogs, fowls, rabbits and several wild animals being carried down the river by the high waters. Wreckage of all descriptions was noted. Two culverts near Liberty were washed out.

Spring farming operations in the city will be set back 10 days by the storm. Wheat that reached four inches in height was battered down to the ground. The stalks were not yet jointed, however, and will grow. Oats was damaged in the same manner. Richmond's backyard gardens were also hurt by the hail. Cabbage and other plants new set out were beaten to the ground. Fruit trees in some places were beginning to bloom, but the hail stripped the trees of blossoms.

The homes of Joseph Helms, Bert Bisner and Walter McConnell, south of Richmond, were all damaged by the storm.

## "Tiger" Shows Teeth To Interviewers on Return From Mexican Vacation

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, April 21.—Former Premier Georges Clemenceau, who has been visiting Egypt for the past two months, arrived here this morning. He was alert and smiling but avoided interviewers and would not be photographed.

He was met at the station by his brother Albert, his daughter Madame Jacqueline, and his grand children. Many prominent men were present, among them being Captain Andre Tardieu, Louis Loucheur and Georges Leygue, members of M. Clemenceau's cabinet. With them he gaily discussed his trip and his illness in Egypt, expressing his satisfaction in returning home. He left the station in an automobile, a large crowd cheering as he drove away.

When he landed at Marseilles yesterday efforts were made to get the aged statesman to talk but all were futile.

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The greenhouse at New Paris reported the loss of 135 lights; the Christian church had 15 ornamental panes smashed; the glass in the "old" public church was almost demolished, and the K. of P. building lost several large windows.

Heavy plate store windows withstood the storm, but residences all over town suffered damage. Fruit trees throughout the farming district suffered the loss of twigs covered with buds, all over the country side.

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General Conditions—The Rocky Mountain storm which has threatened the Central States so severely has passed entirely away. The other Rocky Mountain storm noted yesterday has started east and is expected to cause rain and electrical storms some time within the next 36 hours, probably followed by cooler weather.

## MEN DERIDE WORK ORDER; DELAY SEEN

Strikers in Chicago Boo Down Attempts to Get Them to Go Back—Board Faces Probable Several Months' Delay.

## DATA IS NOW LACKING

(By Associated Press)

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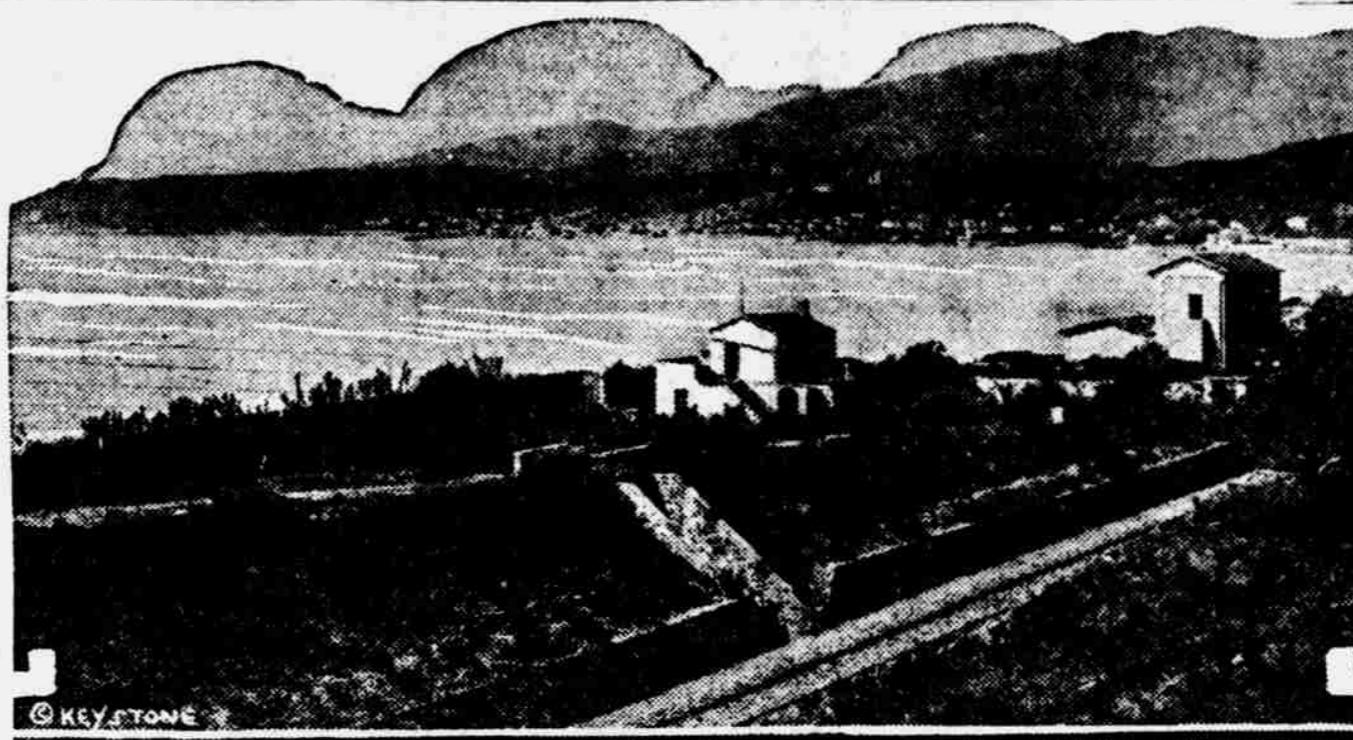
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**STUTZ SQUABBLE SUBSIDES.**

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, April 21.—Early settlement of the controversy arising from the recent corner in Stutz Motor company stock was predicted in Wall Street today following a decision of short interests late yesterday to seek mediation by a committee of bankers.

## Picturesque Little Italian Town Scene of Momentous Conference



A general view of San Remo.

San Remo, a picturesque little Italian town by the sea, is the scene of the present allied conference, which is the most important meeting of the kind since the departure of President Wilson from the peace conference. Problems of vital concern, such as the Turkish and Adriatic questions and the French advance into the Ruhr basin, are being discussed. San Remo was chosen for the conference because of its convenient situation, being about equally distant from Paris and Rome.

## TORNADO KILLS 155 IN SOUTH; RELIEF IS ASKED

Tents House Hundreds of Families Made Homeless by Twister Which Cut Swath Through Dozen Counties.

## ASSISTANCE IS RUSHED

(By Associated Press)

BIRMINGHAM, April 21.—Assistance from the outside world is urgently needed for the relief of tornado survivors in a dozen counties of Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee, reports today from the storm-swept district said. With a death list of 155 already reported and a property loss which will run into many millions, the tornado has taken rank as one of the most disastrous as well as most widespread in the annals of the south.

Hundreds of injured require medical attention and the forces of physicians and nurses available locally are inadequate to cope with the situation. Tents and other temporary structures must be erected for numerous families whose homes were obliterated, and a shortage of food is foreseen as a result of the destruction of barns and warehouses, coupled with the complete obstruction of communications.

## Struck in Farm Belt

The storm apparently struck in the rich farming belt lying around Bay Spring, Jasper county, Miss., and moved northeast across the remainder of the state to vent its fury upon the extreme northwestern tier of counties in Alabama before moving into Tennessee.

All reports agree as to the extreme velocity of the wind which leveled everything in its path. In and near Meridian 21 persons lost their lives, while 16 employees at a lumber camp in Neshoba county were killed in the destruction of the camp structures. Mississippi's death roll alone will be more than 100, late accounts indicate.

The deaths in Mississippi already reported total 118. Of these Aberdeen and Meridian had 14 each; Rose Hill, 6; Bay Springs, 7; Glen, 10; Ingomar, 6; Starkville, 6; Neshoba county, 16; Winston county, 5; and others scattered. Alabama reported 45 dead, of whom 20 were in Marion county, and 15 in Killingworth county. The others were scattered. Only three known dead were reported in Tennessee and one in Williamson county.

LAUREL, Miss., April 21.—Fifteen persons are known to have been killed and property valued at a million dollars destroyed in the tornado which swept through Jasper county 15 miles north of Laurel yesterday.