

DEATH IN WAKE OF GREAT STORMS

Seven States Suffer and Millions in Property Destroyed

\$3,000,000 DAMAGE TO CROPS

Terrific Cyclone Sweeps Country From Lakes to Gulf and From Appalachians to Rockies—Tornadoes Cause Destruction in the South.

Table with 2 columns: State, Death Toll of the Storm. Georgia 29, Tennessee 26, Texas 1, Louisiana 7, Mississippi 13, Kentucky 1, Total 90.

St. Louis.—A storm which spread over the entire Middle West, the Rocky Mountain region, the South and the Southwest caused loss of life and great property damage.

Late reports indicate that nearly a hundred persons were killed, scores seriously injured, and millions of dollars' worth of property destroyed, in the terrific electrical tornado which swept Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and Texas.

Ninety deaths have been reported, and the total loss of life probably will be increased when communication is restored in remote sections devastated by the cyclone. The damage to property cannot be estimated, but will have to be computed in millions.

Twenty-nine persons are reported to have perished in Georgia and the property loss in that State is roughly estimated at \$1,000,000. Calhoun, Gordon county, Ga., and its vicinity bore the brunt of the storm in that State, and eleven persons are reported to have been killed there. The other fatalities in Georgia were nine at Tucker, four at Eaglesville, three at Clarkson, and two at Columbus.

Every message from the towns and cities of the storm-ridden zone brought its quota of disaster. Men, women and children were overwhelmed in their homes, in the streets or in the fields where they had taken shelter. Cloud-bursts drove plunging torrents through the hurricane belt. A wind of terrific velocity uprooted trees, blew down telegraph and telephone poles, tumbled big and little buildings, and even blew railroad cars from the tracks.

The latest reports from Tennessee have increased the death toll in that State to twenty-six persons. Six perished in Middleton, four at South Berlin, three at Huron, two each at Culeoka and Lexington, and one each at Leesburg, Rally Hill and Bryant Station. The loss of life in Alabama is estimated at thirteen. Five negroes were killed near New Decatur, three persons perished at Calera, and two each at Hoyles Bluff, Gayesville and Duke.

A conservative estimate places the number of dead in the lower Middle West, Southwest and South at 50, with not fewer than 200 injured and a property loss of \$3,000,000 or more.

Four persons were killed and 12 injured as the result of a blizzard in Nebraska, which caused two wrecks.

A St. Paul engineer saved a train-load of passengers in Minnesota. He feared a washout, and ran slowly as he approached a bridge. His engine plunged through the bridge. His fireman was killed and he was fatally hurt.

At Gothamburg, Nebraska, a passenger train crashed into the rear of a Pullman sleeper, throwing it and the coach ahead into the ditch. Four persons were killed and 10 others are seriously injured. Three were fatally hurt.

After two days of the hardest gales ever known in the Ozark Mountain district, the apple belt of Missouri, the temperature fell to 22 above zero, and the wind died down. The freeze is not believed to have done much damage to fruit.

One person was killed at Jacksonville, Ill. In Peoria, Woodford, Tazewell, Morgan, Cass, Menard, Jersey and Greene counties, in Illinois, the wind created great havoc. A church steeple at Spring Hill, Ill., blown over while meeting was in progress, caused a panic.

Hundreds were rendered homeless in the eastern part of Wisconsin and hundreds of lives were endangered. The damage is estimated at \$500,000.

At Fond du Lac the business and residence sections experienced the worst flood in ten years, the causes being ice jams. The water works plant is flooded and newspaper press rooms are out of commission.

WILSON BARS INVITATIONS.

Will Accept None in His First Year as President of United States.

Washington.—President Wilson said definitely that he would accept no invitations away from Washington during the first year of his administration.

He made this announcement in a letter declining to attend the celebration of the 137th anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence at Charlotte, N. C., on May 20.

BEACH LAKE.

Beach Lake, March 17. I have not got the smallpox nor been exposed to it and have been vaccinated so that I dared to send The Citizen a few items without endangering any one. I want to say that there has been no deaths and I hear of no one sick with that disease in our midst. It is generally understood that Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Wood have had the smallpox and Mr. Wood has been very sick but am glad to be able to say they are improving. If any one else has had it it has been so very light that it is hard to believe they have been sick with that terrible disease. Our town is, generally speaking, in a good healthy condition. Mrs. Henry Bradley is sick with neuralgia of the stomach which is the extent of the sick list.

The roads are in a bad condition. It is thought by the old people they are worse than they ever knew them to be before. Most of our farmers have got to go to Honesdale today to sign the milk contract.

SIKO.

Siko, March 17. The Grangers' oyster supper at their hall in Dyberry on last Friday evening, was as well attended as could have been expected with the roads in such a bad condition. Some that started were compelled to turn back.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Ridd had a very disagreeable and uncommon experience on Sunday evening at nine o'clock, March 9th, when a woman rapped at their door and when it was opened by Mr. Ridd she walked in, carrying a baby and seated herself, saying she had come to see if she and her husband could stay all night. Mr. and Mrs. Ridd being kind hearted were not disposed to send them on at so late an hour at night, so the horse was stabled and they were made comfortable for the night. The next morning they went on their way, saying they were going to Deposit. They were of the tramp class and Mr. and Mrs. Ridd do not care to repeat their experience.

C. E. Bolcom has been entertaining the gripple. He is not anxious for another call.

J. W. Ridd has commenced sawing in his mill on the Dyberry. We congratulate Mr. and Mrs. F. Smith on the arrival of a fifth daughter.

Marie, little daughter of Nat and Phebe Bolcom, has been taken lame and is under the doctor's care. We hope for her speedy recovery.

Our Sunday school is planning to observe Easter with special music and recitations.

STERLING.

Sterling, March 17. We are now having very warm weather for March and for a day or two the thermometer registered above 50 night and day. On account of the rain it is rather disagreeable making sugar.

After a brief sickness Mortimore McLain died on the 8th and was buried in the Catterson cemetery burying ground on the 11th inst. Rev. W. E. Webster officiating at the house. Mr. McLain was 65 years old and had lived all his life in Sterling. He is survived by his widow, one sister, Mrs. W. W. Hinds and five brothers, Robt., Harry, John, Albert and Charles.

While working in the woods one of H. R. McGargles men badly cut the foot of one horse with an ax and it nearly bled to death.

On account of the very sloppy roads the Ladies Aid postponed the entertainment until the 21st—next Friday night.

William Bachelor, our mail carrier, has moved into the A. C. McGargle house.

After the first of July Russell Bortree expects to carry the mail from Ledgedale to Moscow. A very pleasant drive as the scenery along the Wildcat Eddy road is delightful and exhilarating.

TREASURY DEFICIT AHEAD, SAYS CANNON.

Illinois Ex-Member Denounces Appropriations Made by the Sixty-Second Congress.

Washington, March 15.—The annual defence of the work of the majority of the House of Representatives by the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, coupled with the annual attack of the senior minority member of that committee charging gross extravagance against the party in power, was made public today. The two statements take the form of "Leave to print" speeches, the longer one from Representative Joseph G. Cannon of Illinois for the opposition and the shorter and terser one from Chairman John J. Fitzgerald of New York for the defence.

Mr. Fitzgerald points with pride to the fact that "it is a matter of considerable satisfaction that the total appropriations, including the two bills which did not become laws, amounted only the sum of \$1,093,647,360 and did not reach or pass the sum of \$1,100,000,000."

Representative Cannon views with alarm the fact that the Democratic appropriation bill has been so stuffed in every direction, including a \$40,000,000 public building bill, as to surpass by more than \$76,000,000 any previous annual aggregate in the history of American legislation; this too in the face of an economy pledge in the Democratic platform.

Mr. Fitzgerald says: "The increase in the total appropriation is due to many causes. The continued growth and development of the country and the increased activity of many services of the Federal Government and the constant pressure to divert to the Federal Treasury burdens which properly belong elsewhere are factors which tend more or less legitimately to increase the cost of the Federal Government."

Even the figures given by Mr. Fitzgerald, however, show that the appropriations for the fiscal year 1913-14 exceed by more than \$70,000,000 the extreme limit of expenditure reached by any Administration Republican in all its branches. The record until now had been held by the Sixty-first Congress, which for the fiscal year 1910 appropriated a shade more than \$1,028,000,000.

Mr. Cannon calls the attention of the public to the fact that all performances of Republican Houses pale when placed in contrast with what the Democratic House of the Sixty-second Congress has accomplished in emptying the Treasury and piling up obligations against revenues to be derived by direct taxation and from revenue of free trade tariff laws to which the new Administration stands and committed and solemnly pledged.

Mr. Cannon scents a Treasury deficit ahead, basing his view upon the promise of revenue reduction, coupled with the extravagance which he charges as a new Democratic failing.

SOUTH CANAAN.

South Canaan, March 17. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jenkins spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Loren Fielding.

Rev. and Mrs. Sliker are entertaining the former's mother of Shick-shinny.

The M. P. ladies' aid held their regular meeting on Wednesday at the parsonage. The next aid will be held with Mrs. Mark Inch the third Wednesday in April.

Mrs. Charles Hetzel, Maurice Hetzel and Mrs. L. C. Barlight spent Sunday at Waymart with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bone have rented O. W. Shaffer's residence at Varden, and will move there April first.

Alyn Rockwell had a sale on Friday, March 14, and sold his stock and household furnishings.

Quite an abundance of maple syrup is found in this vicinity.

Mrs. Frank Shaffer is ill.

Eddie Enslin is working for Dr. Bang.

Mrs. E. G. Fielding has been suffering with an attack of grip.

Chas. Hetzel and Clemens Buryanch have been hauling a car load of lime to their farms.

Howard Swingle has returned home after taking a course in agriculture.

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