

# DEADLY STORM AT OMAHA, NEB.

From 100 to 200 People Reported Killed There.

## OTHER NEBRASKA TOWNS HIT

Forty Blocks of Omaha Residence Section Swept by Storm—Troops Are Ordered Out to Stop Looting—Fifty Persons Are Reported Killed at Terre Haute, Ind.

### REVISED FIGURES SHOW 305 VICTIMS OF STORM

Following is a revised list of the dead in the storm swept sections:

Omaha and suburbs	202
Terre Haute, Ind.	18
Chicago, Ill.	6
Yutan, Neb.	16
Berlin, Neb.	10
Council Bluffs, Ia.	12
Barlett, Iowa	3
Weston, Iowa	2
Neola, Iowa	28
Glenwood, Iowa	5
Walton, Ill.	1
Sterling, Ill.	1
Traverse City, Mich.	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>305</b>

From 100 to 200 persons are reported killed and at least 500 more seriously injured in a cyclone which struck Omaha, Neb., during the night. The cyclone cut a path through the residence part of the city two to six blocks wide and eight miles long. Some of the famous buildings of the city were destroyed. The damage will run into the millions. Block after block in the finest residence section of the city was destroyed.

**Scores Buried in Ruins.** Many persons were buried in the ruins of houses and scores were fatally injured by falling debris. In a picture theater the entire audience of fifty was buried when the building collapsed under the weight of the wind.

The storm was accompanied by rain and hail and numerous small fires were started by the overturning of lamps. Telegraph and telephone wires were torn down, and it was several hours after the gale that Mayor Dahlgren was able to telephone to the governor at Lincoln to ask for troops.

Forty blocks in Omaha's residence section were swept by the tornado. U. S. Troops Guard City. The regular army soldiers at Fort Omaha now are guarding the wrecked area from looters, who appeared before midnight.

Two regiments of state troops are on the way to Omaha to supplement the militiamen already there. Loss of life was reported at Ackley, Woodbine, Carroll and Menlo, Iowa; at Yutan and Greenwood, Neb., and Perth, Ind.

Wind, rain, dust and sleet storms, usually accompanied by great electrical manifestations, were reported in Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Illinois, and Indiana.

**Other Nebraska Towns Hit.** A tornado forming near Greenwood swept over the eastern part of the state causing the death of at least twenty persons besides those at Omaha, while ten others are missing and over a hundred are injured.

At Yutan, Neb., fifteen are reported killed, while fifty more are injured. With the water works out of commission, at that place, a fire broke out and the entire place was threatened with destruction.

Valley Hill, north of Yutan, was reported hard hit, with ten persons missing and many others injured. Wire service in the eastern portion of the state was demoralized and only comparatively meager reports of the storm were received over telephone wires.

**Twenty Killed in Terre Haute.** At Terre Haute, Ind., twenty persons were killed and scores injured in a storm of cyclonic proportions which swept that city.

Two near by towns which were wrecked by the storm, where, it is said, thirty-nine persons were killed and scores injured, were: Gardentown, a garden community, which was wiped off the map. Prairieton, eight miles south of Terre Haute, a farming community, demolished; homes destroyed and many killed.

The total loss to the city of Terre Haute and suburbs was approximated at upward of \$1,000,000.

**Severe Storm Hits Chicago.** In Chicago hundreds of windows were broken, frail dwellings blown down and other damage done. Several persons were reported missing.

Storms in every direction. In many hours. In the morning of the storm it from

## GOVERNOR RALSTON Indiana Executive Orders Militia on Flood Duty.



night and while local militia are on duty they are wholly incapable of handling the situation.

**200 Dead in West Indianapolis.** Word from West Indianapolis, cut off from the city when the great West Washington street bridge went out, came from an Associated Press correspondent marooned there, who said that it is generally estimated that at least 200 persons were drowned when the Morris street levee broke.

Daybreak found anxiety in Indiana centered in Brookville and Connersville on the White Water river, from which frantic appeals for aid were received by Governor Ralston. While the appeal was being made wire communication to Connersville failed.

The person who was talking with the governor said that a break in the White Water river levee had flooded the valley, sweeping hundreds of persons before it.

Though the whole state is stupefied by the enormity of the disaster which in twenty-four hours drowned at least seventy persons and done property damage of close to \$25,000,000, work on repairing the telephone and telegraph lines and railroads was started early.

Practically every railroad and traction company operating in the state has lost one or more bridges with several miles of track washed out or made shaky by the flood water.

With the breaking of day also came the proposition of feeding the refugees to the number of 10,000. The city has appropriated enough to defray this expense during the day, but more will be needed. A relief fund has been started.

**Situation at Peru.** A telephone message from Peru, Ind., says: "Death or life faced hundreds of people who at dawn were clinging to the roofs of buildings, where they sought refuge from the flood which during the night had swept in from the overflowing banks of the Wabash river, drowning within a few minutes probably sixty persons."

The prospect at daylight was distressing. Currents of muddy water from ten to twenty feet deep were racing through the main streets at twenty miles an hour. The water, however, was believed then to be receding, although only slightly.

**ADRIANOPLE FORT TAKEN BY BULGARS**

First Line of Defenses Stormed After Bombardment.

Bulgars captured the first line of defenses around the Turkish fortress of Adrianople after a bombardment lasting several hours, according to a dispatch from Sofia.

The powers have come to an agreement regarding the boundaries of northern and northeastern Albania from Jakova to Lake Ochrida.

Their decision will be made known collectively to the allies, who will be informed that as Europe has settled the question, there will be no further need of military operations, the result of which would not in any way affect the powers' agreement.

The ambassadors will now take a hand in question of the southern limits of Albania.

**SUFFRAGETTES USE TORCH**

Country Residence of Lady Amy White and a Club House Burned.

Near London, Eng., two "arson squads" of militant suffragettes succeeded in destroying property worth \$100,000. One squad burned the country residence of Lady Amy White, at Englefield Green, near the Thames.

The other squad fired the buildings of the golf club at Weston-Super-Mare, a fashionable summer watering place.

# HUNDREDS IN INDIANA AND OHIO PERISH

Unprecedented Floods Devastate Two States.

## GREATEST LOSS OF LIFE REPORTED FROM DAYTON

One Hundred and Fifty Perish in Columbus, Ohio, As the Result of the Flood in the Scioto River—Two Hundred Reported Dead in West Indianapolis, Ind., and Sixty Perish at Peru, Ind.

### VICTIMS OF FLOODS IN TOWNS IN OHIO

Dayton	500 to 1,000
Columbus	150
Piqua (rammed)	200 to 540
Delaware	50 to 100
Sidney	25 to 50
Middletown	50 to 100
Hamilton	12
Tippecanoe City	3 to 5
Scattering	16
<b>Total for Ohio</b>	<b>906 1,795</b>

### DEAD IN INDIANA

Indianapolis	200
Peru	60 to 250
Newcastle	3
Lafayette	2
Noblesville	2
Scattering	5
Fort Wayne	2
<b>Total for Ind.</b>	<b>72 to 250</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,778 to 2,045</b>

Reports from the flood-swept sections of Ohio and Indiana show an appalling loss of life and the uncertainty as to the extent of the disaster adds horror to the situation.

President Wilson has issued an appeal to the people of the United States to send funds to aid the relief work of the Red Cross society.

Only partly verified reports from the flood-swept cities in the two states showed the above table of revised estimates of the loss of life, based upon an apparent reduction in the figures from Dayton, according to refugees, and upon a possible diminution in the reports from Peru, Ind.

The first ray of comfort from Dayton came with reports of refugees arriving at Xenia that the death list, which had been estimated as high as 5,000 drowned, would range from 500 to 1,000.

**Sixty Dead at Peru, Ind.** A similar reduction in the number of victims was reported by telephone from Peru to South Bend, Ind., earlier figures, from 200 to 500 drowned, dwindling to sixty, although a report from Warsaw, Ind., still estimated that 250 persons had lost their lives.

Miamisburg, a town of 4,000, twelve miles below Dayton, was reported to have been washed away, but no news as to the casualties among the inhabitants had been received.

At least 150 were drowned in Columbus as a result of the flooded Scioto river, according to reports from the flooded west side section of the city.

At daybreak increased anxiety in Indiana centered about Brookville and Connersville, from which frantic appeals for aid were made during the night to Governor Ralston, just before wire communication failed. It was reported to the governor that the river levee had given way, flooding the valley and sweeping hundreds of persons before it.

Early rumors of a death list of 510 at Piqua, Ohio, was still uncontradicted at daylight, though no further confirmation of it had come to hand.

**Ohio Asks Other States to Aid.** Throughout the night the most strenuous efforts at relief were in operation. The governor of Ohio had ordered out the entire state militia to aid in the work of rescue in the various cities and official appeals for help were sent to neighboring states.

The first relief train to Dayton was sent from Xenia. Preparations were made by the state legislature at Columbus to appropriate \$250,000 for the relief of the sufferers.

The governor estimated the homeless in Ohio at 250,000.

Similar efforts are being made to succor the victims at Peru and other Indiana cities.

**Many Fires in Dayton.** Numerous fires started throughout Dayton and several buildings have burned to the water's edge.

The fire chief at Dayton was unable to confirm the report that the factory of the National Cash Register company had been destroyed by fire. He refused to put any estimate on the total loss of life, but said that he feared that unless relief came soon it would be heavy.

Dayton, except for its most remote suburbs, at daylight was covered with water from eight feet to eight

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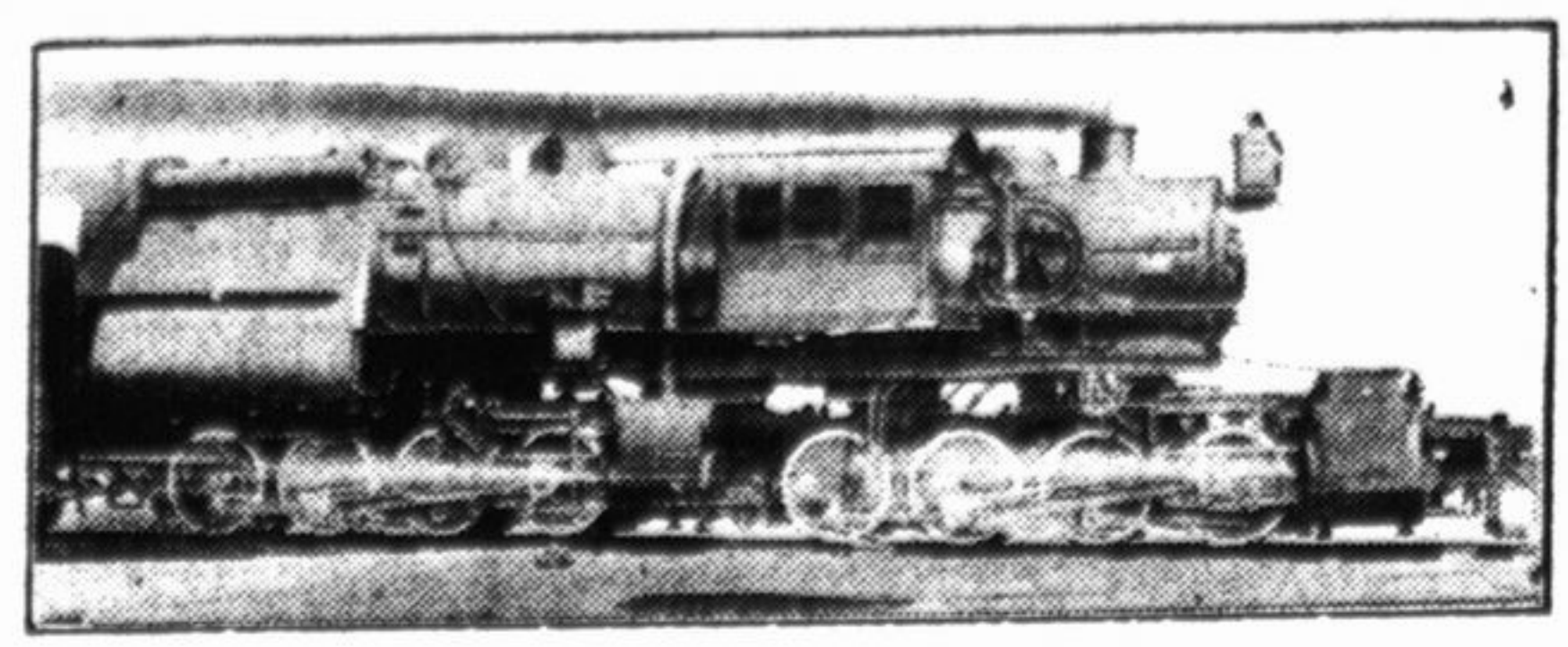
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