

# TORNADO VISITS WEST

## Hundreds Killed In Omaha, Nebraska—Communication With the Stricken City Cut Off

Omaha, March 22.—After a night of terror, in which women and children, frantic with grief, walked the streets cold and homeless, Omaha awoke today to a scene of almost unbelievable devastation. Entering the city from the south-west, after wifing Ralston entirely from the map, the tornado swept past the county hospital to the west in a north-easterly direction, taking everything in its path. It travelled east to the river, and lost itself in the Iowa bluffs. Buildings were blown down or picked up by the terrific force of the wind. Trees were levelled, and smaller structures were completely wrecked by the wind, which swept a path for itself through the most costly residential sections, as well as the most low-lying parts of the city. Some of the finest homes, those recently erected by Omaha's wealthiest men, are today a mass of ruins. Hundreds of families, who their homes swept away or damaged so badly that they were uninhabitable, and the occupants were forced to bear the torrential rain that followed the twister.

After the terrific and the rain came an even greater menace in the form of a fire. In a street of houses, at least 25 houses were destroyed by flames. To add to the horror of the night, the electricity failed, wires were broken, and not only the residents, but the street lights were extinguished, leaving only the faint glimmer from hundreds of lanterns to light in the scenes of sorrow while the rescue parties were at work. These sections of the city which have reported the heaviest loss of life are the districts surrounding the county hospital and the child institute, the territory near Twenty-fourth and Third streets, and from there east. But from every point in the path of the storm, reports were received all night of people killed, or burned in the ruins of their homes.

Shortly before six o'clock last evening the storm signs were first noted. It appeared south-west of Omaha, coming toward the city with the speed of an express train. The roar of the whirling, twisting wind could be heard long before they struck, and people in the southern portion of the city asserted they could hear the angry rumble when it struck the village of Ralston. The vanguard of the storm was a white, fan-shaped cloud, dark and lowering, which gradually narrowed into a funnel-shaped cloud that dipped downward, and wherever it struck it left a wake of death, injuries and wrecked homes. Almost all over the city people stood and watched the storm approaching, even when in its path, some seemingly without the power to move, or not knowing which way to go. The streets in the storm's path were filled with debris.

Work of Rescue Begins.—Although dazed for a time by the suddenness of the storm and the damage done, the people living in the wrecked portions of the city who were unhurt and those residing nearby hastened to the task of rescuing the injured. With a motor wagon pressed into service, physicians and nurses were hastily summoned. Hospitals and other buildings, turned into relief stations for the injured, and makeshift cots for the dead. Every undertaking for the relief of the injured, and even in the South Omaha, was taxed to the limit in caring for the dead. As the night wore on the devastation wrought by the storm became more and more evident, and the city commissioners, headed by Mayor Dahlman, took personal charge of the relief work.

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Bluffs, was used in an effort to prevent looting of buildings and to aid in the rescue of the injured and putting out of fires. Before morning a call for the local companies. State troops had been issued. The State troops will aid the regulars and the city officers in guarding the ruins for the dead and injured. The heaviest toll was exacted in the western part of Omaha and in the vicinity of 24th and Lake, and from there north-east to 16th and Binney. This is the residential portion, and the destruction wrought was well nigh appalling. Whole blocks of homes were picked up and dashed into a shapeless mass. Street cars were hurled from the tracks and demolished.

A morning picture show at 24th and Lake was struck by the dead and eight injured had thus far been removed from the ruins. About fifty persons were in the theatre at the time of the disaster, and it is feared that most of them are buried in the debris.

At 1:30 a.m. Omaha presented a sorry spectacle as a result of last night's terrific storm. From the Field Club, which is in the western part of the city, to the Carter Lake Club, situated at the north-east extremity, is one mass of debris from two to six blocks wide. Federal soldiers from Fort Omaha assisted the police in keeping looters and morbid curiosity-speakers at bay. The presence of the soldiers gives the city the appearance of being under martial law.

### ZAM-BUK DOES CURE PILES.

Mrs. C. Hanson, wife of the proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, Poplar, B.C., suffered from piles for years. Went to doctor after doctor in vain. Finally went to Spokane and had an operation. Twelve months afterwards she was as good as again. She says, "One day I read about Zam-Buk and thought I would try it. The first one or two boxes gave me more ease than anything else I had tried, so I went on with the treatment. In a short time I began to feel altogether different and better, and I saw that Zam-Buk was going to cure me. Well, I went on using it, and by the time I had used six boxes I was delighted to find myself entirely cured." 50c. all druggists and stores.

### FIVE PEOPLE WERE KILLED.

And Forty to Sixty Persons Buried in Ruins at Medicine Hat.

A despatch from Medicine Hat, Alberta, says: The worst accident in the history of Medicine Hat took place on Wednesday afternoon, when the Malcolm Canneries blew up, burying in the ruins a large number of people, estimated anywhere from forty to sixty. Five are known to be dead. The firemen, assisted by a large number of citizens, are now digging the ruins to save any others that may be alive. A dozen or more were taken out when the wreck first occurred, and were rushed to the hospital. The number of dead cannot be known for some time, as the whole ruins will have to be removed before the last chance of finding more will be gone. The disaster was caused by a leakage of gas. Among the injured are several firemen and a few on-lookers. Many had narrow escapes. The building was a three-story brick structure.

### ELIOT AS AMBASSADOR.

President Wilson (Chooses Harvard's President Emeritus.

A despatch from Washington says: Chas. W. Eliot, President emeritus of Harvard University, has been decided upon by President Wilson for Ambassador to Great Britain. Close friends of the President on Thursday night telegraphed Mr. Eliot congratulating him, and urging him to accept.

### DYNAMITE EXPLODED.

Two Italians Killed at Woodstock, New Brunswick.

### KING GEORGE I. OF GREECE.

Who was assassinated at Salonika.

### OUR LETTER FROM TORONTO

WHAT IS URGENT IN THE MINDS OF THE CITIZENS.

### Away From Home at Easter—A Diplomat of the First-Degree—Active to be Cleared Up—An Actor's Career.

Master, the greatest Church date in the entire year, comes to be held in the city of Toronto, on the 22nd of April. This is a day which, with the exception of the 1st of July, is the most important in the calendar of the city. It is a day which, with the exception of the 1st of July, is the most important in the calendar of the city. It is a day which, with the exception of the 1st of July, is the most important in the calendar of the city.

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### BRITISH ARMY'S AIRSHIPS.

Types of Flying Machine Far Superior to Any of Other Nations.

A despatch from London says: The British army possesses the best aeroplane in the world, and has perfected a type of flying machine far superior to any in the possession of other nations, according to Col. John Seely, Secretary of State for War, who caused a sensation by making this announcement in the House of Commons when introducing the army estimates on Wednesday. For British purposes, Col. Seely said, the great problem had been to secure an aeroplane that could fly both slow and fast. The British army now had machines that had beaten 90 miles an hour, and which also were able to reduce their speed to 40 miles an hour. An army biplane recently had passed all the tests at an average speed of 91 1/2 miles an hour. Col. Seely said the British army would have 498 aeroplanes by next May. He claimed that Great Britain had deliberately neglected large airships, as being useless for her purposes. The War Department was devoting its attention to small dirigibles which could be picked up and sent abroad with expeditionary forces. The Secretary for War said that the mechanical problem of repelling attacks on air craft had been solved by experiments carried out by the army service.

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LORD KNOLLYS. Private Secretary to the King, who will soon retire.

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Eastbourne, Isle of Wight and Dover Suffered.

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# Items of News by Wire

### Notes of Interest as to What is Going Over the World

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