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IS IT A BAD OMEN?

The Democratic Wigwam at Chicago Badly Wrecked by a Cyclone.

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Buildings Set on Fire by Lightning—The Telegraph Service Completely Demoralized.

By Telegraph to the NEWS.

A CHICAGO STORM.

The Democratic Wigwam, a Circus and a Church Damaged.

CHICAGO, June 13.—This city was visited this afternoon by one of the most severe storms in years. It lasted only a short time, but two persons are known to have been killed and five or six were slightly injured and much of the damage done to property. The roofs were blown off, and the Democratic National Convention building on the lake front in which the convention was to be held was badly wrecked.

About three o'clock this afternoon very dense heavy clouds began to gather, and a minute later a tornado swept across the city from the northwest, accompanied by terrible thunder and lightning and torrents of rain and hail. Trees were blown down, telegraph poles were broken, windows blown out and windows smashed. The block cottage at 1216 Virginia street was demolished. Two-year-old Emma Kiwa was instantly killed and her mother and infant child were badly injured. Seven Twenty-second and Twenty-fourth streets east of the river considerable minor damage was done. The roof of a small church belonging to the Swedish Methodists was blown off and the windows smashed. The large complex of manufacturing establishments were wrecked and many houses struck by lightning and badly damaged. Portions of roofs of several buildings on State street were blown off. A small circus, covering at Twenty-eighth street and Michigan avenue, was struck by the storm, many small children being present. When the gale struck the tent the children were terrified and a great confusion ensued. They were either not safely, however, nearly after the tent was raised to the ground. A number of the performers made their escape in undress uniform.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

at Twenty-fifth and Wabash streets was badly damaged. A passer-by was slightly injured. The elevator near Indiana street was struck by lightning and the grain badly damaged by rain. Twenty-second was much severe in the vicinity of the Board of Trade. The Fire Insurance building on La Salle street was struck and the upper stories wrecked. The Union National bank was blown in. J. P. O'Dell, president of the bank was struck on the head with a large piece of glass. The marble entrance of the bank escaped with slight bruises. The driving rain deluged the bank and did considerable damage. One large window in Kimball & Co.'s office was broken but none was injured. On the upper floors of the building a number of windows were broken. A number of chimneys were blown off, and there was a corresponding rush for the vacuum to make matters worse, all the electric lights went out at the height of the storm.

Twenty-five men were at work on the big Democratic wigwam. The portion holding the corners of the canvas were torn and gave way and blew through the canvas. The wind got under, the guy wires snapped like twine and an immense portion of the great ninety-foot canvas was lifted with a crash, smashing through the floor and ruining hundreds of chairs.

INTERNAL LARGE SUMMER

In the business district had their plate glass windows blown in and suffered great damage from rain. During the progress of the storm the gripmen on the cable lines experienced considerable difficulty in handling trains because of an electric current on the cables. Three employes in one yard were badly injured. No loss of life in the city is reported by telegraph from the fact that a church timber was driven through a lake car.

Atmore's elevator at Morgan street and the river was struck by lightning and completely wrecked. Charles J. Ellsen, who was at work in the lower room, was buried beneath bricks and lumber and his body has not yet been recovered. Many additional casualties are being reported to the police. Many tree nothing, on new buildings were badly injured by being blown down, falling or struck by flying debris. The 10 o'clock station reports that three men were seen in a row boat some distance from shore when the storm began. They must have been lost, as she'll passed there was no sign of him in any direction.

About 8:30 this evening another severe storm swept over the city, lasting about three-quarters of an hour. Two buildings were set on fire by lightning and other minor damage was done, but no serious casualties are reported. The storm had the effect, however, of completing the demoralization of the telegraph service, and for a long time Chicago was cut off from communication with the East.

HIT ON THE LAUGH IN THE STORM.

The graduating class of the preparatory school at Northwestern University, numbering ninety-seven ladies and gentlemen, took the steamer "Dolphin" at Dempster street pier at Evanston at 4 which this afternoon for Highland park, where they were going for a picnic and class jubilee. No word has been received from them up to midnight and anxious relatives of those in the excursion went the night by telephoning and telegraphing in various cities subscription to secure information regarding the whereabouts of the pleasure. Most of those who were anxiously when gratulated from the preparatory department this morning. The last trains into Evanston brought no things, and it is certain that unless left there at midnight for Highland park, Lake Bluff and Waukegan, not up to 4 a.m. no word has been received.

The telegraph office at Evanston and at the college were crowded all the evening with anxious friends and relatives. A short time ago a telegram was received from Waukegan saying that an excursion had left with gay people on board but nothing more definite was obtained, but messages have been dispatched to Waukegan.

A TOWN IN HEAVY CITY WRECKED.

PEORIA, Ill., June 13.—Word has just reached this city that Toria, a town in Henry County, forty-five miles north of here, was the scene of a terrible visitation by a cyclone. Several houses are known to have been blown down, and many buildings demolished. Nothing definite can be learned as the wires are all down. Toria, Buffalo and Colony Junctions, the Chicago, Burlington & Pacific depot and many other buildings were destroyed. Several people were killed and injured, and the churches were more or less damaged. The Noyes Pump & Lumber works were badly damaged.

SHE MAINTAINED HER DIGNITY.

Authorities Not Determined Even by the Child of Modern Allegory.

The little girl sitting in the middle of a pile of lumber near the end of Chat bench but one was irresistible. She was so very small if her head did not reach the top of the seat, and her feet were a long way from reaching the floor. She looked thoughtful back in her dark eyes and the pretty old gentlemen with glasses could not forbear to smile and smile benignly upon her. The child had her glasses upon kindly countenance, but her sober expression did not soften in the least.

I felt gentlemen felt interested amused more prominently. The little girl never moved a muscle.

"Do me," thought the pretty girl "I must speak to her."

Relaxed his throat and peered over glasses in the most friendly manner.

"Well, little girl is this" he begin