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DEATH LIST IN STORM

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Wire Service Is Badly Crippled and Indications Are That Death Toll May Increase

EIGHT STATES ARE AFFECTED

Thousands Made Homeless by Tornadoes in Georgia, Alabama, Indiana and Illinois.

Chicago, March 29.—The death list of the Palm Sunday tornadoes that swept sections of eight states tonight stood at one hundred and seventy-three.

Telegraph and telephone service with many isolated communities in the Middle West had only been partly restored tonight and indications were that the toll of death and destruction would be augmented.

The known dead in six central Western States numbered 95, while 55 were killed in Georgia and Alabama. The property loss in the Chicago area alone was estimated at \$6,000,000, while in the other States affected the material loss was large. Elgin, Ill., suffered the heaviest property loss, the damage there being \$4,000,000.

Illinois was the hardest hit of the Central states with thirty dead, more than one hundred injured and two thousand made homeless.

Indiana reported twenty-eight fatalities and Ohio twenty-six. Nine were killed in Michigan and one each in Wisconsin and Missouri.

38 Dead in Georgia.
The death list in Georgia was placed at thirty-eight, and in Alabama at seventeen.

At Joliet, Ill., three persons were probably fatally injured fourteen were seriously hurt and the property loss was estimated at a half million dollars.

Troops patrolled the streets of Elgin, Melrose Park and Wilmette today.

Health Commissioner Robertson, of Chicago, mobilized every available surgeon and nurse and sent them to the stricken areas. Mayor Thompson acted with the city council in raising funds by public subscription and Red Cross headquarters were opened.

Legion Lends Aid

In several places American Legion posts sent volunteers to watch for looters and assist in relief work.

Henry J. Cox, weather forecaster for Chicago, said the tornado was the result of a combination of two storms. One developed in Alaska, traveled through British Columbia and joined a storm from the Southwest, which developed in the arid plateaus of Southern Arizona and Nevada. This combination, Professor Cox said, resulted in a rotary motion which formed eddies and caused a tornado.

Although the tornado traveled forward at a rate of about fifty miles an hour, the wind at the core of the tornado was estimated to have had a velocity of from two hundred to three hundred miles an hour.

Atlanta, Mar. 29.—Relief work was

actively under way today in the storm swept cities of LaGrange and West Point, Ga., where tornadoes that also caused heavy damage Sunday afternoon in other parts of Georgia and in Eastern Alabama, had taken a heavy toll of life and property.

Reports late today from LaGrange, the heaviest sufferer, tended to tone down the actual loss of life, putting the known dead at 26. This would make the total known dead 55, divided as follows:

LaGrange 26, Alexander City, Ala., 11; West Point 10; Agricola, Ala., 5; Macon 1; Milner, Ga., 1; Cedar Springs, Ala., 1.

The number of injured was known to run into the hundreds, and after a night of darkness and confusion attendant upon the wreckage of the power plants, the injured at LaGrange and West Point were being cared for in improvised hospitals with the aid of the Atlanta Red Cross and army authorities here.

Property Loss Heavy

Property loss at LaGrange was estimated at \$500,000 with that at West Point said to be "hundreds of thousands." The tornado that swept through West Point shortly after 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon wrecked the business part of that town even more severely than did the floods of last December, according to reports here. At LaGrange the chief damage was in the mill section where several hundred

homes of mill workers were destroyed.

Property loss near Alexander City, Ala., was put at nearly \$30,000 while the loss in Alabama was expected to be increased as details of more damage come in from isolated communities.

Macon, Ga., suffered heavy property losses and one negro woman was killed there, while as far east as Washington, Ga., the storm caused damage estimated at \$200,000. This was chief-

ly in unroofed buildings. Many smaller towns in Georgia reported damage to buildings, notably Williamson, Hogansville and Milner, one life being lost at the latter place.

MISSING AVIATOR FOUND

Arcadia, Fla., March 30.—Lieut. been missing from Carlston Field since one week ago today, and for whom a search has been conducted all over the Everglades by other airplanes

was located at a fishing camp at noon today, according to information reaching here.

The aviator was found to be in good health and spirits. He has been living in a fisherman's hut while waiting for his rescuers to arrive not yet having had an opportunity to secure passage on a boat bound in this direction, and being unable to communicate with his friends.

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