

Great Sections of Lorain In Ruins; Like War-Zone City

LORAIN, Ohio, June 29.—(Associated Press.)—Fifty-nine people are dead and 118 are injured and nearly half of the city of Lorain is in ruins as a result of the tornado that twisted itself into the northern end of Ohio late yesterday afternoon.

Mayor George Hoffman and Arthur Ford, of Elvira, estimated the property damage at \$25,000,000 visible and \$50,000,000 invisible. About 15 per cent of the city's population of 47,000, or a little over 7,000 people, are homeless tonight, they said.

Over a hundred and twenty-five city blocks, or about 25 per cent of the city's residences, were damaged, most of them beyond repair. Of all of the business buildings that line Lorain's long main street, Broadway, only the post office and a four-story, brick club building, escaped without damage to the confusion and darkness of the storm last night many lives were saved. As near as could be checked to-day these figures are authentic at this time.

The driving wind ripped and tore everything in its path as it roared down the street, leveling most of the brick buildings at the second story. Frame buildings, filling stations and other small structures were demolished.

RIED OVER CARS.

The 85-mile-an-hour wind hurled cars from their tracks, turned them over and hurled automobiles to the curb and twisted around telegraph poles, wire, snapped off wooden poles at ground level and hurled them across the street and on to building roofs.

Some idea of the havoc wrought by the storm was apparently expressed by a contractor, who said: "The best way for us to do is to take everything from the wrecked sections and start from the ground up again. What is left is really beyond repair."

Thousands of trees are down throughout the residential district visited by the tornado and the tangled wires form a web over the stricken area. Fortunately the power plant escaped

houses which began to tip from their foundations and fold up like cards were hurled down in a chaotic and fearful jumble in the vehemence of the tragic storm.

While these precautions hindered seriously the work of rescue and recovery of the injured and the dead, it undoubtedly resulted in the saving of scores of lives that probably would have been the price of a conflagration as was feared.

LIKE A RUINED CITY

Lorain appropriately to-night might be compared to a ruined city in France. No shops and shell ever more completely tore apart a community than did the unprecedented whirl of wind of Saturday. Block after block was literally toppled into wreckage without a salvage value. The business section was virtually wiped out. Buildings that escaped being demolished completely became freakish, unroofed, two or three-walled structures.

All over the city house after house was lying on its side as if it had been hurled by a giant hand. A mass of broken timbers, scattered in a building escaped without some damage.

While the mercy work was under way to-night the city was placed under martial law, although there was no formal declaration. Brigadier General J. H. McQuigg had more than 500 militia men at his command. They surrounded the city, patrolling all roads entering it and prohibiting the curious from coming in.

Every block in the city virtually had its sentinel. Looting that started in a petty way shortly after the tornado had spent its force was curbed. The troops were under orders to shoot and shoot to kill, if necessary, to keep order in the downtown district.

Property damage was estimated between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000. Witnesses who saw the storm approaching it was a funnel, or double-funnel shaped black swirling cloud.

From Sandusky the tornado, belching torrents of rain, dipped about 10 miles southeast and then came north again, striking Lorain almost exactly at the west corporation line of the city.

Then the tornado seemed to divide, part of it going almost north and south down the entire length of the city. Rescuers at work.

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LORAIN, Ohio, June 29.—To-night the work of rescue following the tornado of yesterday was being carried on by aid of flashlights, auto headlights and candles. All gas and electricity was shut off on Saturday night when



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TILLSONBURG TENNIS TEAM HERE WEDNESDAY

Tillsonburg tennis team will meet the London Tennis Club in a Western Ontario Tennis League competition at the Stedham Street courts on Wednesday afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock.

Saturday's games with St. Thomas were postponed owing to rain and will be played at a later date.

PREDICTS GOOD CROP.

INGERSOLL, June 29.—A grower of the district, spoken to on Saturday, said that the strawberry crop this year would be good. Favorable weather in the past few days has been a big boon to the crop, which is, however, nearly ripe.

BRIEF SPORT

WIMBLEDON, June 29.—While several of today's matches in the Wimbledon lawn tennis championships are attracting great interest, chief attention is focussed on the center court, where Suzanne Lenglen meets Miss Elizabeth Ryan and Helen Wills, the United States champion, faces Mrs. Colgate, of England.

Her match with Miss Ryan is expected to furnish a greater test for Miss Lenglen than any hitherto in the present tournament.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, June 30.—Twenty-two 208 class pacers are entered in the Edwards Stake, the feature of the opening program of the Grand Circuit season at North Randall to-day. It will be the first start of the season for the field.

Because of the large number of entries the field will be divided. Eleven are entered to go in the first heat, with a like number in the second. The first five in each of these heats will race in the third heat.

Three other events are on the card. A speedy field of eight is entered in the 204 pace, six in the 218 trot, and 11 in the 206 trot.

DECATUR, Ill., June 30.—Harvey Lott, a local golfer, saved the rank of the hole-in-one club as a result of his drive on the Decatur Country Club today. Lott's drive from the third tee went 125 yards straight for the pin, and dropped.

CROCKER WINS QUEBEC TENNIS SINGLES TITLE

MONTREAL, June 28.—W. F. Crocker won the Province of Quebec lawn tennis singles title here this afternoon. He defeated E. G. Morris, 4-6, 6-4, 8-10, 7-5, 6-3. G. Morris won the junior title when he defeated B. D. D. in the final.

The finals in the mixed doubles was won by Miss Bremner and Belliveau, both of Ottawa, over Miss Wainbank and Allman, of Montreal. The score was 2-6, 9-7, 7-5.

SOCER NOTES.
Saturday's soccer ball was upset by the meteorological conditions and it is to be hoped that in future our friend, Jupiter Pluvius, will not repeat his work, especially on a Saturday.

St. Andrews journey to Avonmore on the holiday to play an exhibition game with the town team and they will be assured of a good game as the Tigers are a fast team. The players of St. Andrews leave by the 10:20 A. & P. train on Tuesday morning.

The Vets. of St. Thomas, put up a wonderful game against the Leafs in the semi-final fixture last week and both teams were on equal terms at half time.

Bumps Wright is undoubtedly a high-class custodian. Some of his saves during the semi-final match were marvelous and should the council arrange an inter-city game with Toronto his sterling qualities must have serious consideration. Bumps is one of the best in the game and has youth on his side.

Tommy Bowman got two for the Leafs and he was within striking distance of Benny Bearhill, the league's leading marksman.

The Maple Leafs and R. C. R's are going to try and play off their Free Press final some time early in July. It is to be hoped that they will be successful in their efforts as everyone is anxious to see this game as the Leafs may create a surprise, especially if they have a well-balanced bunch of forwards.

The St. Andrews player who was responsible for such disgraceful conduct in the semi-final match, been suspended for six months. The referees are going to have protection and the game must be played in a clean, sporting spirit.

Efforts are being made to get Westminster Hospital F. C. to carry on with the R. C. R. fixture for the remainder of the season and it is to be hoped that the club and officials will do their best to do so. The public would appreciate such a move.

The Ontario cup tie between the Leafs and the C. N. R's is trying to be staged for July 5 and an effort is being made to have a secure Tatum Park for the occasion. Both teams are anxious to win the game and enter the next round, so that this should be a real game.

An emergency meeting of the council has been called for Thursday and very important business is to take place. The council is anxious to see that the club and officials will do their best to do so. The public would appreciate such a move.

McQueen, the All-Scots goalie, of Toronto, has signed for St. Catharines, the new Scottish League club. He was offered terms by the Hibernians. He will carry everyone's good wishes with him in his new venture.

George Howson, the old Toronto Scottish back, has gone to Montreal to play with the team of the Grenadier Guards' team of that city has also hitched up with the C. F. A.

Saturday's win for the Vets was their first in the Inter-city League, which was a pleasing feature.

Red Davey has always been a bright spot in the Vets' forward line and is a dangerous raider.

POSTPONEMENT ON SATURDAY.
WOODSTOCK, June 29.—The heavy rain yesterday afternoon caused a postponement of all the sporting events scheduled for Woodstock. The Oxford Cricket Club match with Stratford was postponed until next Saturday, this being the third cricket match to be cancelled in Woodstock this season. The baseball game between Woodstock and Ingersoll also had to be cancelled.

EYESIGHT NOT INJURED.
GALT, June 29.—"Dodo" Hoffmann, who was struck on the left eye by a batted ball before last Wednesday's game at Preston, left the hospital on Saturday morning and is taking a rest at home in Zurich. His sight was not injured and the big fellow wants to get back in the game against Guelph here next Saturday.

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Lorain Resident Lifted Out of Bed

STORIES OF HEROISM TOLD

Young Rescuer Finds His Parents Among Dead

LORAIN, Ohio, June 29.—Stories of curious tricks played by the tornado that laid a part of this town in ruins yesterday afternoon were going the rounds of the Red Cross shelters and the untouched homes where victims were being cared for to-night.

One woman with a broken shoulder to tell of her experience, was blown out of her bed in a room on the second story of her home and carried 50 feet into an adjoining yard. People found their houses minus one or two walls, with their living quarters exposed just as the occupants had left them.

The wrecked part of the town to-day presented a spectacle such as might have been seen in the devastated regions of France.

Where only two days ago the classrooms were filled with happy, laughing youngsters at play or seriously at study, to-day these same rooms sheltered the dead, and the desks are used as tables by the undertakers. The halls and classrooms are lined with cots holding most of the city's dead. Each is covered with a sheet, and a tag bearing their name pinned on them.

ARM TORN OFF.

On one cot are two bodies, a mother and her two-year-old daughter. On another is a beautiful, golden-haired little girl about eight years old. One of her arms was torn off at the shoulder to-day related how a young man had worked all night aiding the wounded.

In the early morning, when it became light enough to discern things, he saw an automobile lying demolished in the street. He walked over to examine it. His mother and father were in it, crushed to death.

"Not a word did he shed," the officer said. "He stood silent for a moment, extricated their bodies, saw that they were taken to the morgue, and continued his relief work."

The terror of Saturday night was accentuated by darkness. Darkness fell almost as soon as the storm passed and prevented much work from being done. There was an eerie, weird confusion. Emergency ambulances clanged and hooped through streets that looked like a battlefield, getting tangled in fallen wires, with tires popping as they were pierced by broken glass.

EYE PIERCED BY HORN.

YEPEN, June 28.—Isaac Jarratt, of this village, met with a painful accident when his eye was pierced by a cow's horn. He has left to consult a specialist in London.

Cleveland--

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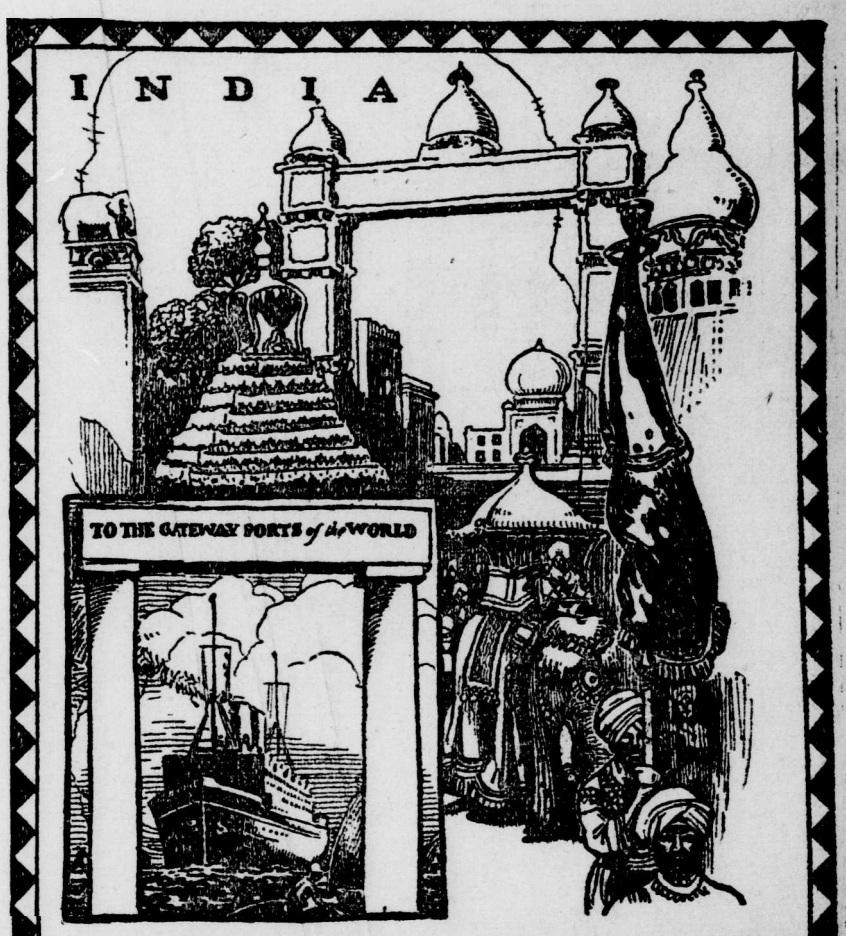
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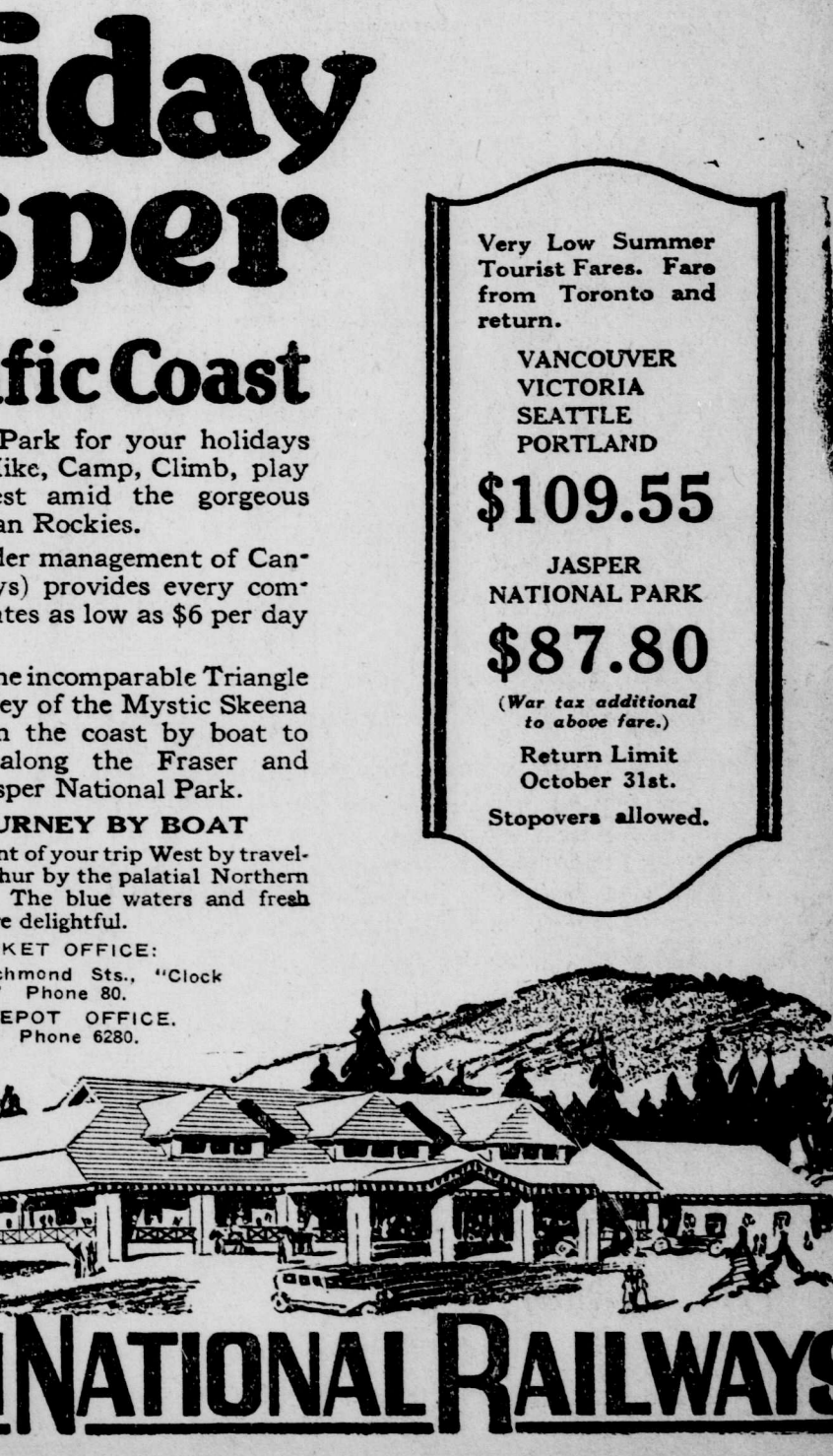
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