

84-MILE AN HOUR TORNADO SWEEPS WINNIPEG

2 Killed, 7 Injured as Result of Storm

TERRIFIC WIND CREATES HAVOC IN MANY AREAS

O. B. U. BASEBALL CONTEST ILLEGAL, HIGH COURT RULES

Four Judges Concur in Finding Handed Down by Chief Justice

OFFICE OF PAPER HELD COMMON BETTING HOUSE

By a majority of four judges to one the Court of Appeal this morning held the O.B.U. Bulletin baseball and football competitions to be illegal and contrary to the provisions of the criminal code.

The effect of the judgment is to make all contests similar to that conducted by the O.B.U. Bulletin unlawful, and persons conducting same liable to conviction under Section 225 of the Criminal Code, which provides a maximum punishment of one year's imprisonment.

The lotteries conducted by the O. B. U. Bulletin, the Western Labor News and a smaller paper known as the First Baseman have involved enormous sums, the 'pot' rolling up from week to week like a snowball.

Large Sum Involved The sum involved in the various lotteries since their inauguration on Dec. 8, 1921, with a 'pot' of \$100, has reached the staggering total of \$503,870.64.

It is understood that this week there is approximately \$4,000 in the O.B.U. Bulletin lotteries. Whether this will be distributed this week or not depends upon the attitude of the attorney-general.

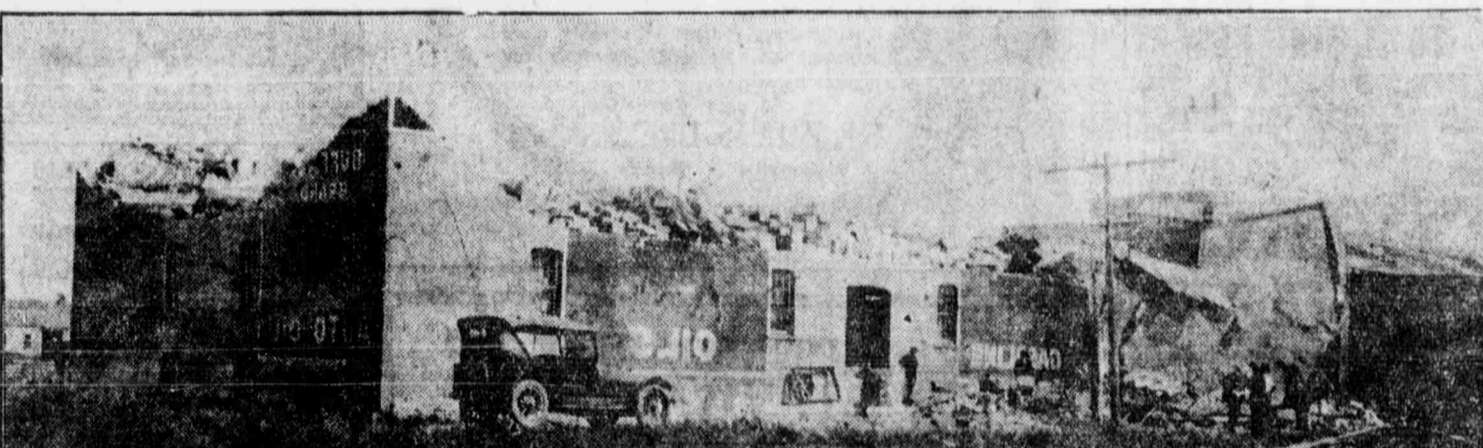
Frank Woodward, a representative of the paper, declared this morning with H. B. Russell, that members of the firm have nothing to say until a consultation with W. H. Trueman, K.C. is arranged.

'Pots' Destiny Unknown Mr. Woodward was asked as to the destiny of this week's 'pot,' which aggregates \$54,000, but gave it as his opinion that the attitude of the attorney-general might determine what would be done with the money.

If this view is correct, the money in the hands of the operators could not be distributed. It could be returned to participants, but if it were not returned, no distributed, the participants would have no recourse in law to get their money back.

The accused were charged under section 225 of the Criminal Code that they did at the city of Winnipeg, during the month of December, 1920, keep a disorderly house, to wit, a common betting house.

Storm Plays Havoc With City Buildings



The Prairie City Oil plant on Notre Dame West, shown above, was one of the most badly damaged buildings in the city, as a result of the tornado. The whole



The lower picture. The tornado caught the whole of the veranda, lifted it over the club house and deposited it onto vacant land at the rear of the club house 50 yards away.

STORM BREAKS POWER LINES; POLES DOWN

City Hydro and Street Railway Demoralized by Tornado

Demolition of wires both for power transmission and telephone and telegraph communication, has placed Winnipeg in a position of comparative helplessness temporarily.

Telephone and telegraph communication to the west was cut off completely by the tornado and one Canadian National telegraph line afforded a slender and solitary means of communication with the outside world to the east.

'There is one thing you may say,' said J. G. Glasco, manager of the hydro today, 'and that is that we will under no consideration turn on the current as long as there is danger to life from so doing. Even if we were getting the power through to the terminal station we could not give service in the present condition of the distribution system because that would mean great danger to life in the city.'

'Everything is being done to repair the wreckage wrought by the storm in the city distribution system. Every man available is at work and will probably be a matter of not more than 24 hours to have the distribution system in order. We are clearing up the damage in the centre

10-YEAR-OLD BOY AND INFANT ARE TORNADO VICTIMS

Two persons killed and seven injured is the toll of casualties so far recorded resulting from the tornado which swept Winnipeg and district early this morning.

Garfield Price, 10 years old, 201 Burnell st., was killed this morning at 10 o'clock when he grasped a live electric wire which lay on the street near his home.

The boy had accompanied a much younger child to a neighboring grocery store to buy some cheese. On the way back, Garfield saw the wire and out of curiosity grasped it. He was unable to let go and his screams brought neighbors running to the spot.

John Plasencia, a cobbler living in the vicinity, was the first on the scene. With the aid of a pole he managed to get the stricken boy free. The police were notified and the ambulance was soon on the scene. The injured boy was taken to the General hospital, but died shortly after being admitted.

The other death was that of baby Kromer, nine months old, Lydia Man, the child, was killed when the roof of the house fell in. Mrs. Pauline Kromer, mother of the child, sustained a fractured spine, and as a result both legs are paralyzed. Herbert Kromer, two years old, another member of the family, suffered a fracture at the base of the skull. The child also had his left leg fractured.

Oliver Meier, 527 Home s., 33 years old, while attempting to lift a flag pole, blown over by the wind, had his left hand cut badly. Robert W. Coates, Blackburn, Man., 24 years old, sustained a crushed ribs, and a bad wound in his left foot when the Forayth elevator was reported at the Grain Exchange this morning as burning. Rumors that the Ogilvie mill was on fire, were later denied.

The tower itself is said to have suffered heavily and some rumors were floated as to the extent of the damage. Reports that the town had been completely wrecked have not been far confirmed.

Some rumors stated that much of the town had been flattened and that two men had been killed. Railway officials, both Canadian Pacific and Canadian National, declared these rumors incorrect, that the storm was not worse than in Winnipeg.

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Reports from all parts of the city indicate that even the most sleepy-head did not have an undisturbed night's rest and a nervous silence soon awakened their spouses, if not already awakened by the tornado if only for the sake of company, while little children were frightened by the majesty of nature in her most destructive mood.

Those who watched the storm king drive from the windows of their houses today hold tribute to the night of his majesty. Citizens who have known Winnipeg for years report they have never seen such a display before.

Night warfare in city buildings had an analog time and in a number of cases notified their managers of the serious nature of the storm but this was of little use because the damage occurred in such a short space of time that human effort was useless to attempt to prevent it.

Throughout the morning gangs of workmen could be discerned in all parts of the city clearing away wreckage. Bricks and mortar, pieces of lumber, branches of trees and in many cases portions of roofs were lying on sidewalks to interfere with the passage of pedestrians.

'A genuine tornado' was the description of this morning's as entered in the records of the Winnipeg office of the Dominion Meteorological department. The wind reached an extreme velocity of 84 miles an hour and averaged 41 miles an hour for the hour of its greatest intensity. There was a continuous display of sheet lightning and heavy rain; the precipitation totaling .60 of an inch.

There was nothing in Thursday weather conditions to forecast a disturbance of such intensity. The maximum temperature was 92, there was a low pressure area of very moderate intensity Thursday morning over western Manitoba and eastern Saskatchewan and it was expected that local thunderstorms would accompany it in its eastward path. It would appear that this low pressure area gathered intensity in the course of its journey to the Atlantic as the temperature rose.

The path of maximum intensity seems to have been along an irregular line from Sturgeon Creek to Deer Lodge and thence to Warsaw and on to West Kildonan meteorological office experts say.

Records show that in 1919 Winnipeg was visited by a very similar storm though of shorter duration. On Sunday June 15 of that year at 7 o'clock in the evening the wind reached the same velocity, 84 miles an hour and did an immense amount of damage in the city. There was also the same extreme heat as preceded this morning's storm, the maximum being 87.

"Secrets of Scotland Yard"

By SIR BASIL THOMSON

The first instalment of this fascinating series of true detective stories, revealing the war work of Scotland Yard, will be printed in The Tribune tomorrow.

The three opening chapters are devoted to interesting reminiscences of general detective work, in which the head of Scotland Yard recalls some highly interesting events.

Next week he plunges into the true story of Scotland Yard's experiences with German spies and how the German secret service was eventually paralyzed.

Follow the story from day to day in

The Winnipeg Tribune

STORM CAUSES HAVOC IN ST. BONIFACE

The storm which struck St. Boniface at 3:30 o'clock this morning created much havoc besides alarming the residents. Trees, telephone posts, awnings, signs, sheds, etc., fell; the effects of the near cyclone. The beautiful terrace in front of the city hall, St. Boniface is covered with the wreck of trees which have been blown down around it and Provencher ave. is littered with debris of all sorts.

At the residence of Mrs. J. A. Hudson, 95 Notre Dame st., a decorative fence which had been put up at great cost, was carried away alto-gether as was also a chicken coop sheltering several prize birds.

Trees and flower beds in front of the beautiful residence of Mr. Justice Prendergast, 85 Notre Dame st., are a total wreck, as is also the lawn tennis court just across the street.

Two fire alarms were responded to during the height of the storm, but the fires proved to be of no consequence.

MAY REVERT TO CROW'S NEST PASS RATES

[Special in The Tribune]

OTTAWA, June 23.—There is a possibility today of the Crow's Nest Pass rate on grain being reverted to as a condition to the suspension of the agreement for a year.

This is what the western Progressives have held out for strongly and a considerable body of Liberals take to the same view. There was a liberal noising of their party which would permit them to carry on the guessing competition.

Of the storm were discernible in that direction until within a few miles of Winnipeg.

Portage in Prairie evidently suffered severely in this morning's tornado, but there is no direct communication with the town. The Premier mill is known to be burned down after the storm, and the Ogilvie mill was on fire, were later denied.

QUEBEC UNITED FARMERS ENTER PROVINCIAL ARENA

MONTREAL, June 23.—United Farmers of Quebec, at their convention here Thursday, were unanimous in the decision to enter their own straight agrarian candidates in the next provincial campaign in opposition to both the Liberal and Conservative nominees.

TO OUR READERS

The Tribune is produced today under difficulties due to the storm which broke down the power transmission lines and deprived the mechanical departments of electric current. The interruption in power service interfered seriously both with the night and day mechanical staffs in composing room and press room.

The Tribune very much regrets that the paper today falls short of its usual standard, but it is something which human precaution could scarcely avoid.

BEWARE FALLER POWER WIRES

'Beware hanging and fallen wires,' is the warning issued today by both the Winnipeg hydro and the Winnipeg Street railway.

These hanging wires may carry injury or death for persons who come in contact with them. Children, especially, should be warned to be careful.

WANT IMMEDIATELY EXPERIENCED housewifery, apply 542 Wellington Crescent, Telephone FR. 107.

Urgent calls for help are made daily through The Tribune's Help Wanted columns for reliable Housemaids, Cooks, General Servants, etc.

IF YOU WANT DOMESTIC HELP IN A HURRY PHONE A4331 THE TRIBUNE WANT AD DEPT.

Got Domestic through a Tribune Want Ad.

Wholesale devastation of city property involving hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage, complete telegraphic isolation from the outside world and nine casualties followed in the wake of the worst tornado in the history of Winnipeg which struck the city at 3.40 o'clock this morning and raged with unmitigated violence for 30 minutes.

Buildings were crumpled like match-wood, roofs torn bodily from the buildings they sheltered and hurled for yards, windows caved in like pieces of paper, trees were uprooted, telegraph poles and wires were scattered in tangled masses over the roadways, buildings generally were shaken to the foundations, and for half an hour the inhabitants were treated to the most spectacular exhibition of the vagaries of the elements ever known in the city's history.

Without a moment's warning two terrific gusts of wind which shook houses to their foundations, roared through the city, and in a few seconds the city was the centre of a vortex of an 84-mile an hour wind, and a violent thunderstorm accompanied by rain of unprecedented violence.

WESTERN PORTION OF CITY SUFFERS MOST

Such meagre information as is available from east and west indicates heavy damage at Melfort and Regina, Sask., Brandon and Portage and as far east as Fort William.

The tornado came in from the west and when it had completed its devastating work continued in the same direction, leaving in Winnipeg thousands of examples of its vigor and destructionist tendencies.

In the western portion of the city, around Notre Dame and Selkirk, the tornado apparently spent most of its force judging by the damage caused but other parts of the city did not escape the force of the wind.

Lightning Display Terrifying

While the lightning played around the heavens in sheets to the accompaniment of thunder similar to artillery bombardment, the rain literally swept the city.

Water found its way through closed windows to soak curtains and leave pools of water on the floors of dining rooms. Bookshelves and bookcases were cleaned in an incredibly short space of time. Plants were washed out of the ground and the city received the most thorough cleaning ever before known in such a short space of time.

Car Service Quited

The street car service was badly affected in several portions of the city, notably around Arlington, McPhillips and Marton, in Norwood, the wires were levelled for distances of hundreds of yards. Even so, gangs of men were on the scene as soon as possible, and service restored wherever it was humanly possible to do so in time to carry the throngs of city people to their business.

Hydro Systems Affected

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