

"All the News That's Fit to Print."

LATE EDITION—5 A. M.
WEATHER—Cloudy, cooler today; fair tomorrow; westerly winds.
Temperature yesterday—Max., 73; min., 52.
For weather report see Page 5.

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TWO CENTS In Greater Than Three CENTS Elsewhere in the U. S.

STORM DEATHS 228, WITH 925 INJURED IN EIGHT STATES

Three Succumb to Blizzard in Wyoming as Tornadoes Sweep Other Areas.

POPLAR BLUFF DIGS OUT

More Bodies Taken From the Ruins—Woman Lives After Nine Hours in Water.

TOLL RISES IN ARKANSAS

Additional Casualty Reports Are Received as Relief Workers Aid Many Homeless.

KANSAS CITY, May 10 (AP).—Scourged by tornadoes, torrential storms and blizzards over a three-day period, the Midwest counted its dead at 228 late today, and the injured at 925, hundreds homeless and property damage in the millions.

In eight States, from the Rocky Mountain region to the east and south-eastward, the fury of the weather brought death and suffering.

First destruction was wrought in Kansas, where a twister roared in from the southwest Saturday night. There followed on Monday tornadoes that lashed Texas, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana and Illinois, flattening farm houses and buildings in rural sections and laying towns and villages in waste. Twice the elements struck at Missouri, early Monday in a dozen communities in the central part of the State and late in the day at Poplar Bluff, in the southeastern section. The known dead at Poplar Bluff stood at 80, with 350 injured, and the heart of the city devastated.

Ten persons were killed in Central Missouri, three more by high wind at St. Louis and two by twisters near Springfield, making a total of 95 deaths in the State.

First reports of casualties in Louisiana came today when word was received that three persons were killed and several injured by a heavy wind and rain storm that struck near Clarcona yesterday.

Blizzard conditions in Wyoming resulted in three persons freezing to death.

The latest table of casualties in the storm-stricken area follows:

State	Dead	Injured
Arkansas	68	250
Illinois	1	2
Kansas	1	40
Louisiana	3	100
Missouri	25	110
Wyoming	3	3
Totals	228	925

Arkansas was swept from the southern section to the northeastern counties by a series of twisters late Monday. Latest reports placed the dead at 62 and the injured at 350.

The death list in Texas, where tornadoes struck at two points, reached 25 today when two deaths and injuries. One hundred were injured in Texas.

GUARD MRS. SNYDER, VICTIM OF HYSTERIA

Jail Heads Take Precautions to Prevent Attempt on Life After Nervous Illness.

GRAY IS IN FAIR SPIRITS

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Preparations for appeal were made yesterday by lawyers for Mrs. Ruth Brown Snyder and Henry Judd Gray, who were convicted Monday of murder in the first degree for the killing of Albert Snyder, the woman's husband.

Mrs. Snyder had another fit of illness early yesterday morning, but was said to have improved during the day. Her attack on Monday night was diagnosed as "epilepsy and hysteria." There was nothing epileptic about her illness yesterday morning. Nervousness and terror over her predicament were the causes of the second attack. Dr. Charles Mulligan, who treated her yesterday, said she was resting easily.

A special matron was assigned to remain in Mrs. Snyder's cell and all sharp implements, glass tumblers and medicine bottles were placed outside the cell. The jail officials fear she may attempt to end her own life.

Several boxes of candy and crackers and many letters were carried into the cell just before the physician arrived. The candy and crackers came from Mrs. Gray. The letters came from all parts of the country. Their contents are not known.

To Get a Mental Test.

Mrs. Snyder will be subjected to a mental examination on her arrival at Sing Sing next week. This is a routine precaution because of the fact that in 1924 an autopsy disclosed a brain lesion causing insanity in a prisoner named Albergo Mastrata, who had been put to death in the electric chair.

The fact that Mrs. Snyder has had epileptic attacks, however, is no indication of insanity.

Samuel L. Miller, lawyer for Gray, said yesterday that Mrs. Isabelle Gray would be allowed to see her husband after the verdict, and had expressed a wish to see him. Mr. Miller said she would probably visit him in jail spirits yesterday. The verdict came as no surprise to him, according to those who have talked with him in the jail.

Mrs. Snyder's lawyers will base no appeal or plea on her illness, according to Edgar P. Hazelton. He said yesterday the appeal would be based chiefly on the claim that improper evidence was admitted against his client.

Mr. Miller, however, said that the appeal would be made on the same ground. Mr. Hazelton said he would also seek a reversal because jurors accepted by Mrs. Snyder, less than nine inches high, a sixteenth century statuette of a Bacchus holding castanets, was bid in for \$2,100 by Joseph Brown. Twelve copies from the collection of the Dowager Countess of Essex, Cassiobury Park, England, went to Miss Countess Brown, agent, for \$2,025.

Hunt Bodies at Poplar Bluff

POPLAR BLUFF, Mo., May 10 (AP).—

The wind-torn debris of Poplar Bluff's business section yielded more bodies today and the death toll of yesterday's tornado tonight stood at 80, while many injured fought vainly for life.

Nearly fifteen bodies were revealed today as workers combed the bricks and timbers for missing persons known to have been in the razed district.

The more optimistic pointed out that if the tornado had hit twenty minutes later more than 700 school children would have been in the business district on their way home, but the storm found them safely under the care of their teachers in the western part of the city.

Worked Hours to Save Woman.

As ruins of the Melbourne Hotel were prodded today by searchers for bodies one of the grimest struggles for life in the catastrophe was told.

When the three-story brick structure crumpled into the basement at the fury of the twister, Mrs. Orel Sherrill found herself wedged tightly beneath the beams below the three floors and roof.

Searchers heard two faint cries in the ruins. They worked frantically to locate the source and by cutting a hole in the foundation were able to find Mrs. Sherrill but were unable to dislodge her. Two beams across her hips

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Recalling the history of previous attempts to cross the Atlantic by airplane, many sea-wise Newfoundlanders, tonight expressed confidence that Captains Charles Nungesser and Francois Coll, French transatlantic fliers, would be seen and succored by the fishing fleet if they made their way as far as the Grand Banks, south of here.

The case of Harry G. Hawker and Lieut. Commander MacKenzie Grieve, who attempted the North Atlantic crossing in 1919, is cited. Hawker and Grieve fell in mid-ocean and were picked up by a Danish vessel.

Contrary to the theory advanced by some aviation officials, that possibly the plane descended at desolate point in this country, from which it might take several days for the news to reach the outside world, Newfoundland officials think it very improbable that the White Bird could have crossed the coast undetected.

NEWFOUNDLAND PATS FAITH IN FISHERMEN TO SAVE FLIERS

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LIERS NOW OUT 77 HOURS

Hunt of Seas Is Speeded in the Hope They Are Still Alive.

OCEAN LINERS ON LOOKOUT

But None Report Seeing the Two French Airmen—Great Interest in Fate Here.

IRELAND SAW THE PLANE

Belated Messages Confirm the Crossing of the Southern Coast Before Noon on Sunday.

CRAFT PUSH SEARCH ON FOG-BOUND SEA

But Naval and Coast Guard Ships Report "No Trace" Off New England.

PLANES UNABLE TO HELP

Cutter Puts In With Word of Snow When Fliers Were Due Near Grand Banks.

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Pickpocket in Paris Too Slow For San Francisco Officer

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PARIS, May 10.—Eugenio Bergatto, an Italian pickpocket operating in Gare des Invalides among tourists alighting from the train from Versailles, had a disagreement with the wrong subject for his experiments in sleight of hand.

Slipping his nimble fingers into a pocket which his expert eyes told him contained a nice fat wallet—the wallet did contain \$1,000—Bergatto found no less nimble but far stronger fingers grip his wrist and withdraw the trespassing hand.

When he struggled to free himself the grip tightened to iron firmness, and before Bergatto fully realized what was happening he was conducted into the presence of a special Police Commissioner to whom he was unwillingly introduced, and the same time learning that his captor was Charles Wulenberg of the San Francisco Police Department.

STATE USES POWER OVER TRANSIT BOARD TO ORDER STAFF CUT

Prendergast, a Republican, Directs Commission to Drop Numerous Employees.

COURT FIGHT IS LIKELY

City Expected to Test Power of Head of Consolidated Body Over Local Division.

EFFECT ON INQUIRY HERE

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The cutters Davis and Joutet conducted a search between Cape Sable and Cape May, and searching the sea east of Cape Sable the cutter Shaw. The Tascara also participated in the hunt.

At 4:35 the tug Wandank sent a radio message to the Navy Yard that she was 100 miles northeast of Cape Cod, and at 6 P. M. she reported that she was trying to get in touch with the tug Mojave, which has a weaker radio apparatus.

Captain Carmine, commander of the Eastern Division of the Coast Guard, received orders this afternoon from the commander of the destroyer division of the Navy to search for the fliers. The cutters McDougal and Ammen will relieve the Davis and Joutet; the Patterson will relieve the Shaw. The cutter Erickson will relieve the Porter.

The fog made flying conditions so dangerous that the local army and navy aviation officers decided that it would be foolhardy to send up any airplanes to aid in the search for the fliers.

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A fog so dense that it seemed to them as if the elements had made a shroud to hide the aviators was a great handicap to the efforts of those aboard the searching vessels slowly groping along their courses.

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