THE GLOBE,TORONTO.MONDAY JUNE 8TH.1914.

STORM DATE.SHORTLY AFTER 6P.M.,SAT.JUNE 6TH.1914.

TERRIFIC CYCLONE KILLS AGED COUPLE.

THOMAS BARTLEY AND HIS WIFE THE VICTIMS. THEIR HOME DESTROYED. OTHER DAMAGE DONE IN A WIDE STRETCH OF TERRITORY IN THE VICINITY OF WOODSTOCK AN APPLE ORCHARD DESTROYED SEVERAL PEOPLE INJURED.

(SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE GLOBE.)

WOODSTOCK.JUNE 6.A cyclone of terrific violence,striking at a point about two miles north of the city early this evening,caused the death of a man and a woman and the destruction of property valued at $7,000.

The dead are:THOMAS BARTLEY,farmer,aged

MRS.THOMAS BARTLEY,his wife,aged 65.

Their home was absolutely demolished,nothing remaining but a pile of scattered debris,spread over an area of 300 yards.The damage was confined within a radius of a mile.

The storm was noticed shortly after 6 o'clock,and was over within half an hour.

A house directly opposite the BARTLEY'S was badly damaged.Every window was broken,the stove upset,books strewn about,beds overturned and furniture smashed.Fortunately the owner,MR.E.D.BROWN,and his family were away at the time.

The centre of the storm was at a point between the 12TH.and 13TH. CONCESSIONS,EAST ZORRA TOWNSHIP.It travelled southeast for about a mile, completely uprooting an apple orchard and a five-acre bush,the property of MR.HARRY ENTWHISTLE.A MISS ROBINSON,visiting the Entwhistles,was standing at the kitchen door when the storm broke.She was hurled twenty feet away by the force of the wind.She was picked up unconscious on a manure heap but was afterwards found to be unhurt.

GRAPHIC STORY OF A WITNESS.

"I was sitting at the table eating supper with my wife and children, when we heard a terrible roaring sound,which I thought must be caused by a train,"said MR.LESLIE GOODALL,owner of an adjoining farm."We jumped up and ran to the window,when we saw the approaching cyclone.It was a long funnel-shaped,whirling mass,and looked as white as snow.It appeared to be twenty feet across about 100 yards up in the air,but further down it seemed small enough to be encircled by a man's arm.It was coming towards our house,when it suddenly turned southeast and struck MR.BARTLEY'S house.I saw it take off the first shingle,then all was a whirling black mass.I could see the white column above the mass of dust and flying timbers,but could not see

the house itself.All at once it struck a barn,and for five or ten minutes I could see nothing but dust and wreckage flying about.

BUILDINGS SWEPT AWAY.

"When it settled down JAMES KINSMAN,HARRY BROWN,and I ran over. There was not a vestige of of either house or barn left standing.The house, which was a small frame structure,had been lifted completely from its foundation,and nothing was left but scattered bricks and timber.A big apple tree was torn up by the roots and carried over one hundred yards away.

THE VICTIMS FOUND.

"We looked around for MR.and MRS.BARTLEY,but in a few minutes found Mr.Bartley lying about twenty feet away from where the house had stood. He was not dead but was unable to talk further than to say that he did not know what had happened.He was covered with about two inches of mud.He just groaned and fell back,dying a few minutes later.We found the woman's body later,thirty-five or forty feet away.She was pinned down by two heavy beams, and was quite dead.There was a buggy and one-horse dray standing in the barn. All I have found so far is one hub of the buggy."

TOOK TO THE CELLAR.

Other witnesses stated that the roar of the storm was so great that it was impossible to talk.When JAMES KINSMAN saw it first approaching, it was perhaps a quarter of a mile away from his house,and he immediately ordered his wife and two children to the cellar,while he himself watched the progress of the storm.

HARRY BROWN,who also lives close by,took similar precautions. All witnesses say that the greyish light mass was large at the top and seemed to descend in a straight column to earth,waving about and seeming to travel in several directions.After wrecking the Bartley farm it turned in a northwesterly direction.The fact,however,that no damage was reported,except within the immediate vicinity of the locality indicated that the cyclone had spent itself within that area.

A curious fact in connection with the storm is that E.D.BROWN'S house,which is directly across the road,and not more than forty feet from the wrecked structure,was untouched,except by flying debris.

It was very badly damaged,all the same.The lower rooms were completely upset,the curtains being ripped down and all the furniture overthrown.

A horse in a field on the farm of W.J.HOLMES,about a quarter of a mile from the wrecked structure,was picked up by the wind and whirled around in the air fifty feet above the ground.It was dropped in the same

field,forty rods from the point at which it was lifted up,unhurt except for bruises and cuts of a minor nature.It was covered with mud.

MR.ENTWHISTLE'S apple orchard was completely destroyed,but three cows grazing in it were untouched.One tree was carried through the air for over thirty feet,and thrown into the door of a summer kitchen.

MUCH DAMAGE DONE.

Among the first on the scene were a number of young Englishmen from HAVELOCK FARM,near by.They witnessed the whole storm,and report that fences were torn down,telegraph poles upset,trees uprooted throughout the immediate district.

DR.HOSSACK of INNERKIP happened to drive passed the spot shortly after the cyclone had struck.He stopped and attended MR.BARTLEY,but his efforts were in vain,as the unfortunate man had suffered a fracture of the skull,broken arm and broken leg.Neither BARTLEYnor his wife had time to escape from the house before it was struck.

THE TORONTO STAR JUN 8, 1914

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WOODSTOCK ONTARIO (NORTH BY 1-2 MILES)

clippings found by S.W. LEITCH

RUIN IN OXFORD WHEN WIND SWEPT FARMS

Horse Picked Up and Carried Through Air—Same Trouble for a Woman.

HOUSES BORNE AWAY

Scantling Driven Across Road and Through the Door of Opposite House.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Woodstock, Ont., June 8.—Hundreds of people from this city and district flocked to the scene of last night's cyclone in East Zorra township this morning, where the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bartley was completely demolished by the tornado, and county constables were sent to stop looting of the belongings of Mr. and Mrs. Bartley, who were instantly killed when the cyclone picked up their cottage and scattered it across a hundred-acre farm, are being gathered together as quickly as possible. Much of the furniture of the house, including stoves, beds, dressers, were smashed to pieces by the storm and parts are to be found a quarter of a mile away.

A large roll of money, which Bartley had on hand in the house, can't be found while several valuable family treasures are missing.

A son of the aged couple, 28 years of age, had just ordered a supply of lumber from a firm in this city, intending to build his parents a new home. Across the road from Bartley's farm hundreds of curious paid a visit to E. Brown's house, where the wonders of the storm were greatly in evidence. All was confusion there. Chimneys were toppled over, every window was smashed while furniture and everything else inside the house was upside down. A scantling from the Bartley house pierced the wall of the Brown home and fell in the parlor, cutting a hole in the wall as clean as if it was done by a carpenter. In one of the bedrooms a small stick of wood about three feet long and two inches in diameter pierced a bedroom door.

At the home of Henry Entwhistle not a tree is standing in his orchard. The storm missed his house by inches, but Miss Robinson, who was staying at his home, was carried 20 feet in the air. Although knocked unconcious, she is able to be around to-day.

A horse, belonging to a Mr. Holmes, was lifted 50 feet in the air and thrown against a fence. All along the strip taken by the tornado fences and telephone wires and poles are down, and big timbers are scattered about the fields, having been lifted as the wind would lift a sheet of paper.

In Woodstock many windows were broken by the hail, which was as big as a small hen's egg. Green houses suffered very heavily.

Commissioners to the General Assembly have snatched hundreds of pictures of the wreck.

OXFORD CYCLONE KILLS TWO

Aged Couple Slain in Their Garden When Wind Rips Their Home.

Woodstock, June 8.—A cyclone which struck a point two miles north of here Sunday evening killed Thomas Bartley, a farmer, aged 84, and his wife, aged 65. Their home was completely demolished, and the wreckage strewn over an area of over three hundred yards. The Bartleys were seated in the garden in the rear of the house, and were killed by the debris from the house.

The damage was all done within the radius of a mile. The storm was first noticed shortly after 6 o'clock in the evening, and was over within half an hour.

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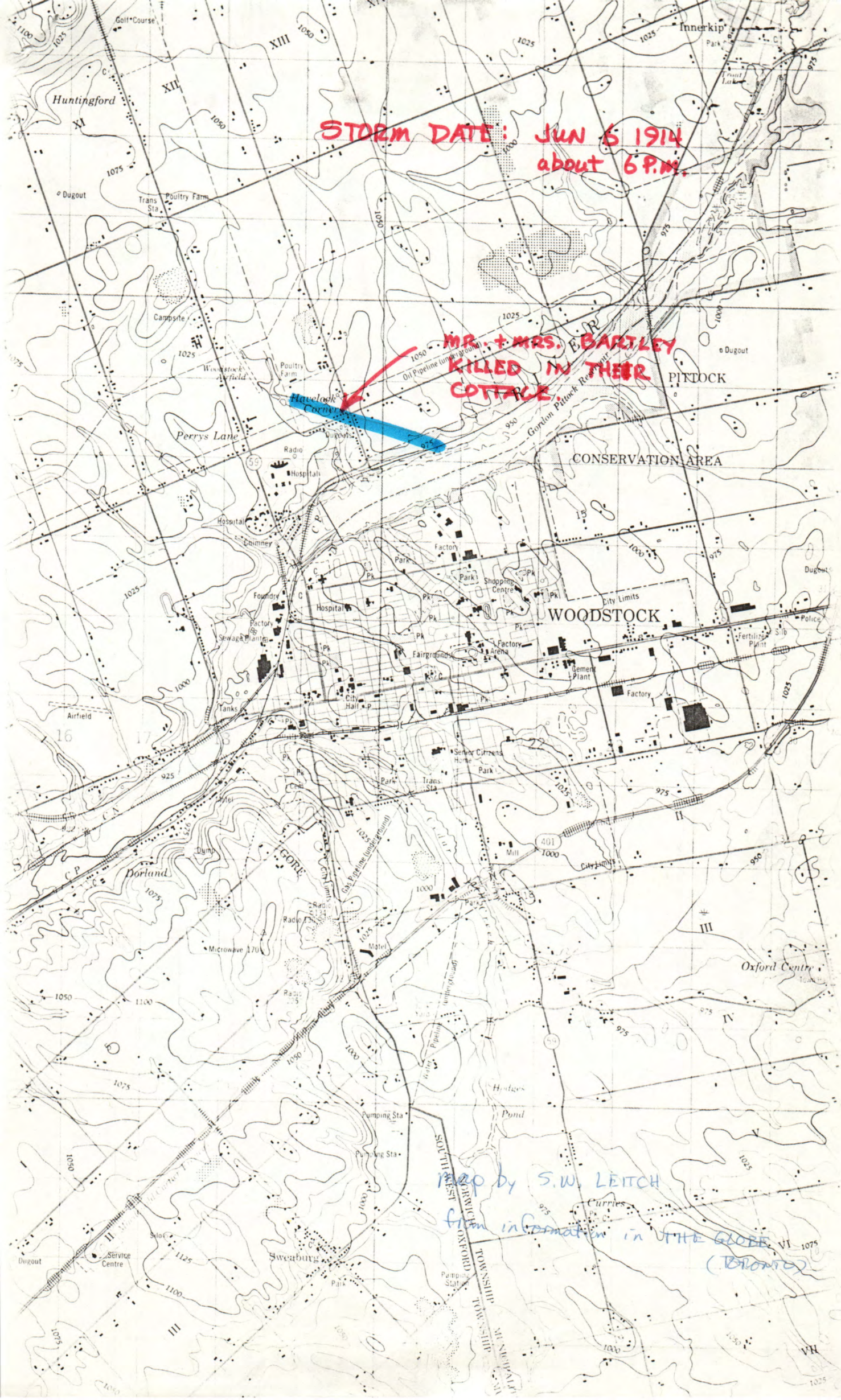
The centre of the cyclone was at a point between the 12th and 13th concessions, East Zorra Township, and it traveled south-east for about a mile, completely uprooting an apple orchard and doing damage on other farms.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MR. + MRS. BARTLEY
KILLED IN THEIR
COTTAGE.
Map by S.W. LEITCH
from information in THE GLOBE
(TORONTO)
Huntingford
Golf Course
Innerkip
Dugout
Trans Sta
Poultry Farm
Campsite
Woodstock Airfield
Poultry Farm
Havelock Corners
Perrys Lane
Oil Pipeline (underground)
Gordon Pittock Reservoir
PITTOCK
CONSERVATION AREA
Radio
Hospital
Chimney
Foundry
Factory
Park
Shopping Centre
City Limits
WOODSTOCK
Sewage Plant
Fairgrounds
Arena
Cement Plant
Fertilizer Plant
Police
Tanks
City Hall
Airfield
Senior Citizens Home
Trans Sta
Motel
Dump
Dorland
GORE
Gas Pipeline (underground)
Mill
Microwave 170
Oxford Centre
Hodges Pond
Pumping Sta
Curries
Sweaburg
Service Centre
Silos
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