

SEVERE LOCAL STORMS, DECEMBER 1934

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The table herewith contains such data as have been received concerning severe local storms that occurred during the month. A revised list of tornadoes will appear in the Annual Report of the Chief of Bureau]

Place	Date	Time	Width of path (yards)	Loss of life	Value of property destroyed	Character of storm	Remarks	Authority
Harrisburg, Pa.....	Nov. 30- Dec. 1					Excessive rain.....	3.19 inches of rain fell during this storm breaking all records for the maximum 24-hour fall for December; fields, highways, farm buildings, and some rural dwellings in the lowlands flooded; traffic suspended on the highways because of high water covering the roadways to a depth of several feet.	Official U. S. Weather Bureau.
Muskegon Harbor (near), Mich.	1	a. m.		1		Wind.....	A freighter driven against the breakwater sank near Muskegon Harbor; cargo lost; member of the Coast Guard drowned.	Do.
Hope Valley, R. I.....	1	3 p. m.			\$4,500	do.....	A sudden gust of wind lifted a large barn from its foundation, twisted it around and returned it to its foundation without toppling it over; the barn was under construction and almost completed.	Do.
Lincoln, Nebr.....	2					Sleet and snow.....	Sleet followed by snow caused the streets to become unusually slippery, this condition lasting a week; many accidents to pedestrians and motorists.	Do.
Minneapolis, Minn.....	2-3					Snow.....	7.4 inches of snow recorded; this with the heavy snowfall of Nov. 30 caused the difficulties of traffic to be materially increased.	Do.
Duluth, Minn.....	3					do.....	Snowfall of 16.8 inches, the greatest of record for December, recorded during this storm; traffic paralyzed in the afternoon.	Do.
Cleveland, Ohio.....	8-9					do.....	9.1 inches of snow fell from 6 a. m., of the 8th to 6 a. m., of the 9th, heaviest 24-hour fall of record for December.	Do.
Chicago, Ill.....	10	Noon to 7 p. m.				do.....	Snow was very heavy in a belt about 40 miles long and a few miles wide lying along and near the shore of Lake Michigan. This belt extended from about 10 miles north of the northern boundary of the city to about the same distance beyond the southern and southeastern boundaries; snow driven by strong northwest winds lowered the visibility to less than 100 feet in the late afternoon; total depth for the day 10.9 inches; traffic badly hampered.	Do.
Milwaukee, Wis.....	15	9 a. m. to 1 p. m.				Glaze.....	An inch coating of smooth glaze remained for 2 days; many traffic accidents reported.	Do.
Grand Rapids, Mich.....	15-16					Rain and sleet.....	Rain froze on the ground making driving hazardous; many accidents reported; several persons injured.	Do.
Helena, Mont.....	20	12:14 p. m.			500	Wind.....	Property damaged.....	Do.
Springfield, Ill.....	24					Sleet.....	Rain froze as it fell making streets and walks slippery and hazardous for travel.	Do.
Detroit, Mich.....	26	1 p. m.				Snow.....	Due to sub-freezing temperatures, the snow remained on the ground; streets and sidewalks slippery and hazardous for automobiles and pedestrians.	Do.
Greensboro, N. C.....	31					Glaze.....	Glaze heavy on wires and trees.....	Do.
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Little River County, Ark., northwest into McCurtain County, Okla. Virginia.....	20		150	0	\$12,000	Tornado.....	3 persons injured; property damaged over a path 5 miles long.	Do.
	29-30				260,000	Heavy rain.....	Account of this storm published in November, but amount of damage not reported at that time.	Do.