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Weather losses! Floods, tornadoes, lightning, hail, drought, frost, and warm and cold waves exact their toll of lives and wealth year after year. Per year, flood losses average 100 lives and \$50,000,000 of property; tornadoes, 260 lives and \$10,000,000. Hurricanes, however, are insatiable. In a single storm in 1926, 243 persons lost their lives and the property damage was \$76,000,000. The long remembered Galveston storm exacted 6,000 lives and \$30,000,000 worth of property. The loss due to lightning is about \$12,000,000 per year. There is also a large loss from forest fires, which often result from weather conditions.
