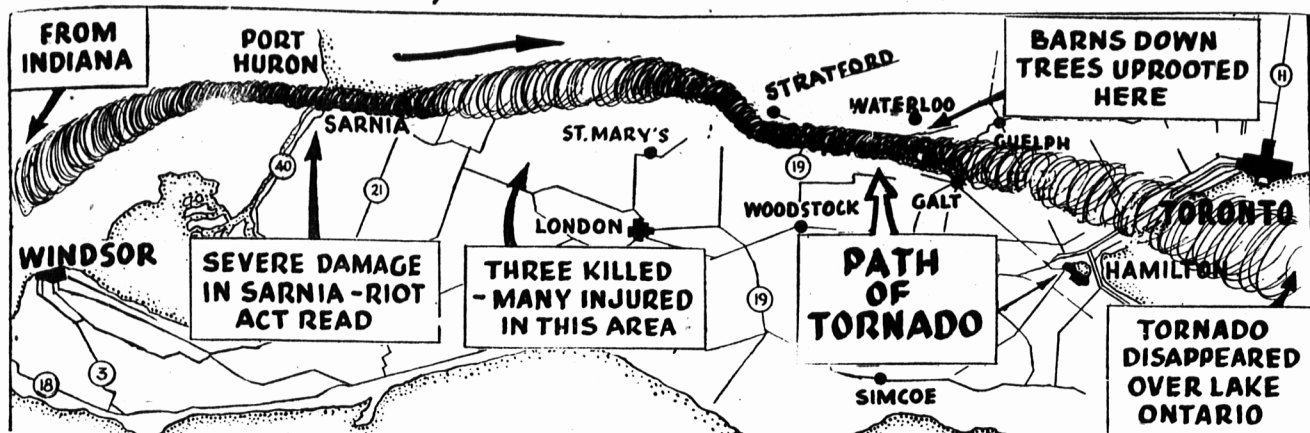
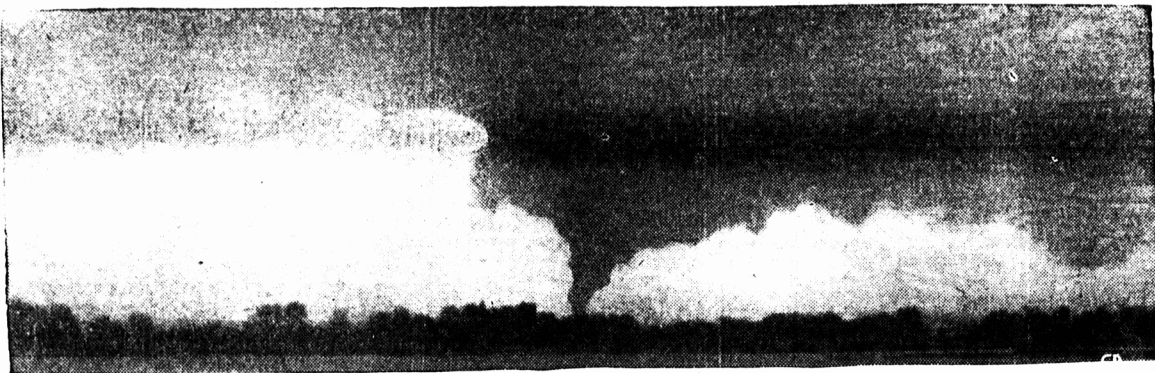


# Tornado Rips Path Of Destruction



MAP SHOWS ROUTE TORNADO TOOK AS IT RIPPED THROUGH WESTERN ONTARIO



**CONE OF DESTRUCTION**—This is the cone (centre) of the tornado, photographed cutting across Western Ontario nine miles north of London, which ripped through the Sarnia-Port Huron-London area and left in its wake five dead, 200 injured and damage estimated in the millions of dollars. (CP Photo).



**1000 HOMELESS** — Three-quarters of the city of Sarnia, Ont., was either destroyed or damaged, city officials estimate, by the vicious tornado that crushed sections of Western Ontario. At least 1,000 of the city's 42,000 residents were reported homeless. Damage estimates ran as high as \$5,000,000. Shown is a portion of the Sarnia business district, all 12 square blocks of which suffered some damage.



MAYOR READS RIOT ACT.

What once was a thriving city of 40,000 persons is now just a city of ruins, the victim of a tornado. Striking like a sledge-hammer with 100-mile-an-hour winds, the tornado, twisting from Michigan through western Ontario, lasted only two minutes, but during that time it reduced the entire business district of Sarnia to a tangled mess of partially or completely crippled buildings and twisted poles and trees. A residential area 14 blocks long by 14 blocks wide is covered with collapsed houses, other houses with roofs off, still others with giant trees uprooted and flung against them. Thousands of windows were blown in. Three-quarters of city suffered damage estimated at \$5,000,000 from slight to complete destruction. Miraculously no Sarnia residents were killed, but there was one death reported in Port Huron, Mich., three at Springbank, near Stratford, Ont., and one at Watford, outside Sarnia. In view of looting of stores in downtown area, acting Mayor Clayton A. Saylor read the riot act, which commands the citizens to return to their homes under penalty of imprisonment. To enforce this order, 100 soldiers from nearby camp Ipperwash, and the same number of armmen from Centralia arrived for guard duty.

## Exit Tony Blount

by Sydney Parkman

### CHAPTER XVI

The truth was that Blount found himself bitterly resenting the trader's attitude. It was wholly illogical, considering that his own position was an entirely false one; but he felt that Strang's veiled ultimatum was no less an affront for that.

After all, the man was not aware of the facts of the impersonation, and for all he knew to the contrary, it was the genuine representative of the Government whom he was dealing with. Also

— but oddly enough he regarded this as of secondary consideration — it implied that Strang had taken his personal measures and had concluded that he stood a fair chance of success with him by employing a mixture of bribery and threats.

There was something faintly ludicrous in this resentment in view of his circumstances, but it was not the less real for that; and it had been strong enough to cause him to defer his final decision till now, and he was still weighing the question when darkness came down upon them.

They were half-way through the plantation by then, but the sudden descent of night checked their rapid progress considerably. It was intensely dark in the shadow of the spreading palm fronds, and he went forward cautiously, straining his eyes into the gloom ahead.

M'fani had been following a pace or two behind till then, but presently he felt her arm brush against his, and saw the pale glimmer of her cotton frock beside him. It occurred to him that she might be frightened from the way she had edged up close beside him, and after a moment or two he spoke to her.

"We shan't be long now," he said consolingly. "We ought not to have left it so late, for Strang will be wondering where you're got to. You're not scared, are you?"

"Scared?" she repeated. "Scared of Strang, do you mean?"

"No, of being out in the dark, he returned.

She gave a little scornful laugh. "Why should I be scared?" she demanded. "Even when I am alone I am not scared. I am not a woman of the village — and no man would touch M'fani. Not even the Samoans."

"I wasn't thinking of that," he said, rather disconcerted by her

the darkness. "Did Strang tell you that?" he asked curiously.

She hesitated again before replying and then she said seriously: "Strang does not know about it, and you must not tell him."

"Yes, but that is not because he likes me," she returned shrewdly. "All right, I won't," he agreed, rather intrigued at having been made the recipient of this confidence. He felt that he must have advanced in her esteem and in an odd way he was pleased and flattered at the thought.

"It is a secret thing," she went on to explain. "It was told me by Tsembao, who is very old and how this legend had originated. Well, I expect you will in time, he said that Strang must not know, because he would try to kill my chief."

"But why should he do that?" Thurlow asked, rather taken aback. "You have lived with him for many years now, and he has taken care of you, hasn't he?"

"Yes, but that is not because he likes me," she returned shrewdly. "It is because he wants no one else to have me. And that is why he will try to kill my chief when he comes. But Tsembao thinks Strang will die soon. And then I will marry my chief and live with him and I will bear him a daughter."

"Oh, I see," he said wondering. "Well, I expect you will in time, But don't you want a son, too?"

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