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UNFAVORABLE OUTLOOK FOR THE FLOODED CITIES.

Scenes and Incidents—The Misery and Destruction in Cincinnati—The Loss of Life at Louisville—Murder on the Waters—Fatal Explosion.

The northern papers are filled with the details of the great western floods. It is still impossible to even approximate the loss by the destruction of property and the stoppage of industrial enterprises; but it is generally conceded that no disaster has ever overtaken the country which involves more in this respect.

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