

IN FOUR STATES.

Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Virginia Visited by a Storm of Wind, Rain and Hail.

Twenty-Five People Killed at Xenia, Ohio.—The Destruction of Property Immense.

Hundreds of People Homeless—Wires and Railroad Communication Cut Off—Aid Solicited.

AWFUL LOSS OF LIFE.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, May 13.—The city of Xenia, Green county, in this state, is reported inaccessible by railroads from any direction because of washouts by the storm last night. Archer creek, which flows from the east under a culvert near the depot, has dammed the culvert with drift and formed a great reservoir which broke the railway embankment, swept through the town, carrying houses away and causing loss of life; besides sweeping away six hundred feet of railway track. At 10:40 a. m. there is still no telegraphic communication with Xenia or Dayton, but from railroad officials it is ascertained that twenty persons are reported killed and a large number injured. The wind blew down trees and telegraph poles until there are no communications with Cincinnati whatever. Only the merest outlines of the great disaster at Xenia are obtainable. From these it appears that the rainfall last night was the heaviest ever known in that part of the state. It was a lengthened cloud-burst, beginning at 8 o'clock and continuing till after 10.

Shawnee river which runs through a portion of the town, with colleges built on its bank, rose to an unprecedented height, swept away fifty to one hundred buildings, and the inmates suddenly found themselves helpless in an angry flood.

How many lives were lost is not yet known, but at 12:30 o'clock the rescue party had recovered twenty-four bodies. It was estimated that a number more would yet be found. The storm is described as the most disastrous ever known. On the Little Miami railway the nearest approach any train could make to the city was three miles. The bridges were all washed away and in places the track also. Trees were blown down, fences destroyed and crops ruined.

XENIA, May 13.—The principal stream flowing through Xenia is Archer creek, which is generally a small stream with no destructive power. The creek flows through a culvert under the Panhandle railway depot. Last night a frightful storm raged from 9 o'clock until after 12. The stream became so greatly swollen on account of the heavy rains till the culvert was taxed to its utmost to give the water passage way. When drift wood commenced coming down the swollen stream it was caught at the culvert until a perfect dam was formed. The citizens perceiving danger worked earnestly to dislodge the timbers and drift-wood, which kept increasing, but the force of the current wedged them in so tight that their efforts were futile. The water backed up, soon overflowing the banks, and ere long formed an extensive reservoir. The people all over the city began to grow alarmed, but before any definite action was taken the water broke its embankment and rushed through the town, tearing down trees and washing away houses. More than one hundred houses were swept away. Many residences were swept down the current with their inmates. The house of Aaron Ferguson this washed away contained nine persons of his own family and three of John Burtche's, who fled there for safety.

A GENERAL RESUME. CINCINNATI, OHIO, May 13.—The storm last evening which did such fearful work at Xenia was far reaching. It is heard of in Illinois, through Indiana and Ohio, and at Winchester, Va. Here there has been unusual electrical disturbances for the past three nights. On Monday night there was almost uninterrupted lightning from 11 p. m. to 6 a. m. Tuesday evening a similar condition existed, accompanied by heavy rain and hail. Last night there was another electrical storm with wind, heavy rain and hail. The Xenia storm was much more furious. The counties of Montgomery, Clark, Butler, Warren and Greene, lie adjacent to Ohio and form an elevated plateau. In these counties are the towns of Dayton, Springfield, Hamilton, Lebanon and Xenia. In the eastern county of Indiana, adjoining this district, is Connersville. At these places the rain of last night was of the heaviest volume ever known. At Dayton it measured six inches in about three hours. Xenia was so situated as to meet with the worst results. Maumee river traverses that portion of the city adjacent to the Little Miami railway, which lies lower than the main portion of the city. The railway embankment rises above the general level, and the stream flows through it in a large culvert. Last night's rainfall was too much for the capacity of the culvert. The waters rose and swept away the embankment, and with great force rushed on the cottages located in the low banks, and without warning bore them from their foundations.

At Springfield the flood was of nearly the same volume, but the drainage was better. East High street bridge was undermined and its mass of ruins. In the eastern and south-eastern portions of the city many families were driven from their houses by the encroaching flood. Dozens of bridges over streams were washed away. The losses cannot be estimated to-night, but will be to-morrow. They are exceedingly heavy.

At Lebanon Ohio, the Methodist Episcopal church, the Lebanon house, a grist mill, warehouse and several residences were unroofed. Smoke trees were ruined. Nearly every railroad across the state was crippled. Some will require several days to repair.

DAYTON ISOLATED. DAYTON, OHIO, May 13.—Dayton is isolated. There are no trains in or out. The telegraph and telephone wires are all down. A storm of wind, rain and hail as big as hens' eggs struck Dayton and vicinity at 8 o'clock last evening. The small streams became rushing torrents, and the Little Miami, rising nine feet in three hours, inundating fifty acres of houses in the Fourth ward of Dayton, drowning horses and cows, and terrifying the citizens where the streets turned into the river beds. The merchandise in the cellars was ruined. The bridges in all directions were swept away. Farm buildings and dwelling were demolished. All kinds of crops were totally ruined. The destruction by the cyclone is in a track east from the Big Miami to the Little Miami and Zanesville. Zanesville brick Reform church, four miles south of Dayton, is a total wreck. The church at Beavertown, where prayer-meeting was in progress, was demolished, but none of the parishioners were seriously hurt. The dwellings here were treated from their foundations and great destruction was wrought. Shaker Village, three

miles east, was terribly shaken, many buildings being unroofed, barns blown down and cattle injured. A special train with Superintendent Tucker was wrecked near Osburg, and Tucker and all others were injured. A north-bound freight on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton dashed into a washout at Possum run, five miles south of Dayton, and a thirty-ton locomotive was carried 150 feet down the mighty torrent before slitting and then rolled over and over. At daylight a farmer a mile across the waters noticed a signal of distress and rescued the freight's crew from the tree tops. Engineer John McCutcheon and the fireman were seriously injured. The rainfall was four and a half inches in three hours. There was much destruction in the Big and Little Miami valleys from the sources to the Ohio river, and additional disasters reported by the country people are constantly coming in.

AROUND DAYTON. DAYTON, OHIO, May 13.—The storm of last night resulted in considerable damage. The rainfall filled both the Miami rivers backfull. The drainage of the city led the water to Main street, where business blocks occupy all the ground. The thoroughfare became a river and flooded all the store cellars, destroying goods. Arnold & Son claim a loss of \$10,000. Wolf creek levee broke, flooding the West side, undermining structures and turning families out of small tenements. A pair of shoes carried women and children out of danger. The Big Miami river also fell between 9 o'clock and midnight, which indicates great loss to farmers and gardeners of the valleys. Railway bridges and culverts were washed out and telegraph communications were shut off from Dayton. Trains are all behind, and several hundred people are detained in the city. The washout on the Bee Line four miles south of Dayton took away 200 feet of embankment. Like washouts are reported on every road out of Dayton. All kinds of extravagant rumors are afloat.

Senator Kemp left for Dayton on receipt of the news that his home had been washed away and his family could not be found. This is unconfirmed. Reports from Springfield announce a similar destruction by lightning and flood. Portions of two trains were derailed, but no loss of life occurred. The foundations of several buildings were washed out, allowing them to tumble down. Several houses in the city and surrounding country were burned down from being struck by lightning.

PASSENGER TRAIN DERAILED. INDIANAPOLIS, IND., May 13.—The Washburn, St. Louis & Pacific east-bound passenger struck washout six miles below La Fayette at 2:30 this morning, throwing the whole train of seven coaches from the track. The cars were piled upon each other promiscuously, but no one was hurt except the baggage man, whose injuries were not serious.

THE RAILWAYS CRIPPLED. INDIANAPOLIS, IND., May 13.—The railways leading east from Indianapolis are severely crippled. On the Panhandle it is said the amount of track washed out between here and Bradford will aggregate five miles. The damage on the Bee line is almost equally heavy. The Eastern division of the Indiana, Bloomington & Western is so crippled that the company will not attempt to move trains before Monday.

THE STORM IN ILLINOIS. ODELL, ILL., May 13.—Yesterday afternoon a terrible cyclone struck this village. It demolished one brick block, wrecked three warehouses, unroofed the hotel, Masonic hall, four shoe buildings, and also the upper story of the Angell block. Scarcely a store in town escaped injury. The loss will amount to \$50,000. Houses, barns and sheds were twisted off their foundations and completely destroyed. Trees one foot in diameter were twisted up. The storm did not last over five minutes. The family here were safe.

LOTTERIE ZWEIFEL, a ten-year-old girl, carried over 200 feet in the air and fell on the railroad track, smashing her skull. GEORGE and CHARLES HOKK, livery men. S. S. COLE, hardware merchant, and two children in Charles Miller are seriously hurt. The children had taken refuge in a brick building and were buried in the ruins. The damage in the surrounding country is comparatively slight.

KILLED AND WOUNDED. ATTICA, IND., May 13.—The following is a list of the dead and injured from yesterday's storm: Killed: Mrs. JOY DAVIS. Fatally wounded: Mrs. MORRHEAD. Mrs. ANN NATHAN. WILL VAN DYKENTRER. JAMES IDEL. Seriously injured: Mrs. LIBBY REED and son. BOB HARRIS. Mrs. MORRHEAD. Mrs. MORRHEAD, the last named, a son of Mrs. Morrhead, is fatally injured. The loss will exceed \$200,000.

ANOTHER ACCOUNT. XENIA, OHIO, May 13.—About 7 o'clock last evening terrible clouds were seen gathering and terrible lightning followed by peals of thunder. This lasted till 9 o'clock when an extraordinary clap of thunder seemed to open the gates, and rain fell in torrents. The people living in houses on Water street escaped by venting their fury on that portion of the city. For 150 yards the Little Miami railway was swept away. The spot struck the houses on Water street and tore them to pieces as if they were shells. A resident of the street states that within two minutes after the clap of thunder he stood in water up to his waist, he being about twenty-five yards from the creek. When the waters reached the residence of Aaron Ferguson it was swept away nine inmates and lodged against the bridge, where they were afterwards rescued. The next damage was at the coal-yard of Samuel Clark in which was located a tenement-house occupied by a family named Powell, nine in number. Up to 9 p. m. none had been heard from. The next point of destruction was on what is known as the Bottoms. These houses, occupied mostly by colored people, were swept away. Dozens of houses were lost, and the railroads leading out of the city were swept away so it is impossible to hear from outside points. At least a dozen trains are within a few miles of the city. Telegraph wires are down and business is suspended. One family by the name of Morris was swept away. The last seen of them was at the Miami street bridge, when a man was seen at the window of the crowd waving a lighted lamp. The next moment the house collapsed and they were gone. Only one, a boy thirteen years of age, has been found. The work of finding the bodies still continues to-night. The mayor's office has been turned into a morgue. There are now twenty-two bodies there. The scenes are heartrending. Whole families lie scattered on cots.

Following is a list of the killed: Mrs. LINDSAY, colored. Mrs. CASKY, colored. Mrs. ANDERSON, colored. A child named ANDERSON. Mrs. GAMBORN, white. A crippled idiot named CARBORAN. Mr. and Mrs. LOUIS. PARNON STEVEN.

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Victoria in Liverpool. LIVERPOOL, May 11.—The queen arrived here for the purpose of personally opening the Liverpool International exhibition. The ceremony is to take place at 3 o'clock this afternoon. This is the second time her majesty has visited Liverpool during her reign.

Her majesty alighted at the railway station within the exhibition grounds, and was greeted by a large crowd with great enthusiasm. The queen will remain over night in Liverpool as the guest of the city. This will be the first time a British monarch has been the guest of the Liverpool corporation, and the citizens have adopted every means within their power to make the occasion memorable by their loyalty and the magnificence of the celebration.

That's All Right. LONDON, May 11.—The Pall Mall Gazette this afternoon says Gladstone's speech last night made bad worse, and made the fate of home rule. Still, it adds that Henry J. Langens, who had acted as intermediary between Gladstone and Chamberlain, informed the latter that the premier was falling to make adequate concessions in order to secure the support of the Radical leader and his adherents. The speech did not bear out this promise in a way that had been expected by Chamberlain, and the Gazette says he was astonished and disgusted, and openly declared in the lobby of the house of commons that he had been misled, and would now oppose Gladstone "tooth and nail."

Will Hear the Loyalists. DUBLIN, May 10.—It has been learned that constables in Ulster are engaged in the task of collecting the names and addresses of all persons in the district who during the past three years have purchased arms and ammunition. It is believed the government intends to direct the loyalists in Ireland and that Mr. John Morley's motion to continue the coercion act of 1881 was made with a view to its application in the interests of public order against the threatening minority.

Turkey Rejoins. ATHENS, May 10.—Turkey has sent a note to Greece in explanation that the withdrawal of the Turkish minister from Athens was a step taken simply to act in concert with the powers. It was not intended to indicate a rupture of relations between the ports and Greece.

Cholera. MADRID, May 10.—Gen. Concho has been appointed president of the senate. Advice from Spindler report fifteen new cases of cholera and five deaths from the disease, and from Venice nine new cases and three deaths.

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