

RAZED BY THE WIND.

A Tornado Devastates the Business Section of Ypsilanti, Mich.

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Robinsonville, Miss., Swept Away by a Devastating Cyclone.

DETROIT, Mich., April 12.—A tornado struck Ypsilanti, Washenaw county, about 7:30 o'clock this evening, and caused heavy damage in the business section by demolishing almost all the buildings and several residences.

Several people were injured, but no loss of life reported. It is impossible to obtain any news from the town, as all telegraph and telephone wires are down.

The Associated Press representative saw Mr. Mason, manager of the Central telephone exchange at Ypsilanti, and obtained some of the particulars of the storm from him.

Mr. Mason came here after the storm in an injured condition. He said: "About 7 o'clock this evening, during a heavy rain storm, a tornado struck Ypsilanti and swept through its center, leaving destruction in its path.

As far as I can remember, twenty or fifteen of the principal business blocks in the city were demolished, and others had their roofs torn off.

Several dwellings were damaged. Several of the buildings on Huron street between Congress and Pearl streets suffered. Among the principal buildings destroyed were the Ypsilanti hotel, Hawkins house, Union block, Occidental hotel, business college and the postoffice building.

The central telephone and the Western Union telegraph offices suffered severely, the former losing all of its main wires. The Western Union office was also wrecked. I heard of nobody being killed. Quite a number of people were injured, but it is known how many or the extent of their injuries.

Among them is Mrs. Westfall, whose husband is proprietor of the Hawkins house. Everything was in confusion when I left, and it was impossible to get anything more definite than what I tell you.

Royal Oak, a small town ten or twelve miles from Detroit on the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee road, had a cyclone strike it. Railroad men on incoming trains report that they were delayed near there by cars being blown from the tracks. Whether or not other damage was suffered is not known.

The City in Ruins. DETROIT, April 13.—At 12:45 a. m. the following dispatch was received from Ypsilanti by the Associated Press: "This city is in ruins. A cyclone struck here tonight, coming from the southwest, and swept through the city, doing damage to the extent of \$1,000,000. Thousands of dollars of damage was caused by it. The storm took a strip through the business portion of the town, moving from their foundations and razing others. Clear business college and Curtis carriage factory are in ruins. The Hawkins house and Occidental hotel are badly damaged, and the roofs of half the stores were blown off. Twenty stores fronts were also smashed in. On Huron street the postoffice building is piled ten feet high. The postoffice building was completely destroyed. Everything that has been exposed to the storm. No one is hurt severely."

SWEPT AWAY A TOWN. Robinsonville, Miss., Wrecked by a Demon of the Air. Vicksburg, Miss., April 13.—Conductor Thomas of the Yazoo & Mississippi railway, wires here: The entire town of Robinsonville, Coahoma county, was swept away by a cyclone about 4:30 this evening. All the stores are in flames. Several negroes and perhaps a white man were killed. The depot was completely destroyed and the night operator's wife killed. A colored child was killed. Only two houses are left standing.

Many Buildings Wrecked. JACKSON, Tenn., April 13.—This city was struck by a cyclone about 5 o'clock this afternoon, and dozens of buildings were wrecked. There was no loss of life, though a number of persons were slightly injured. It was in the path of the storm was leveled, but the extent of the damage in the rural districts cannot be learned tonight.

COMMITTEE INCREASE. Senator Call Speaks in Support of His Resolution. WASHINGTON, April 12.—Senator Call, of Florida, is profoundly impressed with the idea that great inequality and injustice result from the mode in which the senate committees are organized, and from the fact that their membership is not numerous enough to admit of a fair representation of the states. He therefore offered in the beginning of the present extraordinary session of the senate a resolution increasing to fifteen the membership of some half-dozen of the existing committees. Today he occupied the floor for nearly an hour in elucidating his views and advocating his resolution. It was laid on the path of action. A resolution for an investigation of the claim of Joseph W. Ady to a seat as a senator from Kansas by the committee of privileges

BURNED HIS FINGERS.

Congressman Fletcher Doubtless Wishes He Had Not Been Quoted.

He Foolishly Spoke Indiscreetly of the Pine Stealing Committee,

And Was Jumped Upon With Both Feet by the Irate Senators.

Donnelly, Keller and Leavitt Score Him Most Unmercifully.

The pine steal came before the public for just a few minutes yesterday, but during that time it was particularly sultry. It was in the senate chamber, and the Sage of St. Paul, of course, figured conspicuously.

"I have not risen to a question of privilege this session," said Senator Donnelly in a low, but earnest and impressive tone. He then proceeded to express his regrets at being forced to do so at all, but he felt it a duty that the

dignity of a senator could not overlook. He produced a clipping and explained that it was published as an interview, in a daily paper, with Hon. Loren Fletcher. In most acute phrase he apologized to his conferees for using the word "honorable" as an appellation, but by the virtue of the office the title is conferred. He did not use the term in a moral sense, but in a political sense. The clipping was read, and this is a reproduction:

"I have not read the report in full, only a few sketches. It is the same old story, and again by cheap political shysters who want to create a little stir in the community to mar the themselves before the people who enjoy being fooled with. It has been gone over and over for the last twenty-five years, and the men who are so anxious to investigate and have discovered so many things that their eyes are sore. It is a class of men that their neighbors and constituents had better keep their eyes shut. I think it is simply a waste of time to make a record of such a thing."

This caused a profound sensation, for the Fletcher interview had escaped the notice of most of the senators. It accentuated the disgust of the body, and the feeling was intensified as the Sage proceeded with his question of privilege.

"I think it would be difficult to find a parallel for this attack," said the Sage. "Our committee has simply acted in obedience to the will of the senate. The chair will bear me out that when he appointed me and the other members of this committee that we knew nothing about it until the appointment was made. We proceeded to receive the evidence of the witnesses and considerate; we refrained from bringing before the public the names of the parties implicated because we were in our report, we were conscious that the testimony was ex parte. There has been no attack upon any individual except in our report. Now, Mr. President, if this senate is to sit still and not resent such attacks, I think it will prove itself unworthy of the dignity of this honorable body."

"A Hell of a Fix." "It is a shameful attack, more shameful than it comes from a member of congress, sent there by the people of this state in the belief that he would go to represent them; that he would represent their honor and virtue, protect their rights and work in the interest of proper principles. And now he stands before us as the champion of these gigantic wrongs that are being perpetrated, but as the assailant of men who have simply done what the state called upon them to do. And I am here to say, Mr. President, that when he denounces our committee he reminds this people that he has made his own wealth by these or similar arts."

"This man who has gone to the congress of the United States to represent this people was himself a violator of the law; years ago he invaded the territory of a neighboring state, and entered an unlawful ward in the act of fraud and dishonesty, trying to kidnap a resident of that country for a reward. He telegraphed that he was in a 'hell of a fix,' and I will say right here that he will be in a still worse one if I do not hope before his committee gets through with him. I hope the new commission will thoroughly investigate the means by which this man achieved his fortune, and send him properly branded to his seat in congress. If for one he would be kindly and generous to all men, I have not a doubt that he would be a member of this senate or any one else; but when a member of congress brands me and my associates and fellow senators as men of no character, Mr. President, I cannot remain silent in my seat; and I leave it for this senate to say what it will do to resent the insult put upon it and all its members by this miscreant and defender of robbers."

Senator Keller, the chairman of the investigating committee, also desired to speak to a question of privilege. "I object," interposed Senator Little, but Senator Stevens, the popular medi-

FARGO IS INUNDATED.

The Water of the Raging Red Reaches the Water Works Door.

Detailed Information About Iowa-Nebraska Cyclone Hard to Get.

Much Damage Done at Mitchell and Other South Dakota Points.

Rain, Hail, Snow and Wind Creating Havoc All Over the Northwest.

Special to the Globe. FARGO, N. D., April 12.—The Red river rose steadily all day long, and tonight the water is up to the doors of the city water works. Island park is surrounded entirely by a lake of water 900 yards wide, and residents pass back and forth by means of boats. A number of barns and outbuildings have been swept away, and some houses are already flooded and residents driven out. A big grove has fringed near South bridge, and men have been at work all day long with dynamite to break it. Tomorrow the river will touch its highest point. Reports from up the river state that the water is subsiding there. It rained heavily all the forenoon, turning to a furious snow storm in the afternoon, and tonight the storm rivals the most severe blizzard of the season.

RAINED IN TORRENTS. Considerable Damage in Portions of South Dakota. Special to the Globe. STOUX FALLS, S. D., April 12.—Last night's storm was general over the state. At Mitchell the streets were inundated and cellars were flooded. The Jim river is out of its banks, and all the bridges near Mitchell are gone. Communication with surrounding towns is shut off. Slight damage to small buildings and houses has been done. A heavy rain fell, and the water level was raised. The house of a farmer named Butler, near Elk point, was blown to pieces, his furniture destroyed and his barns and outbuildings leveled. At Canton the electric light plant was damaged. The water level here was raised twelve hours' duration, two and a half inches of water falling. At Chamberlain reports for twenty-four hours. Water towers in this city had a high wind with rain for twenty-four hours. A heavy snow fell this afternoon, and tonight a heavy wind and low thermometer prevail. The Sioux river is a mile out of its banks, but no danger is felt from it.

IOWA-NEBRASKA STORM. Information Is Still Very Hard to Obtain. Special to the Globe. NEW YORK, N. Y., April 12.—Detailed information of the results of yesterday's storm is slowly coming in. Wires are down all through the storm area. The damage to farm property in Plymouth county, Ia., and for a long distance west in Nebraska was heavier than first reported. There were cloudbursts in Northeast Nebraska, which added to the damage. The only information to date is from the communication of the path of the storm as it swept across the country is marked by demolished houses, barns and outbuildings. It had at Inman and Plainview, Neb., as at Akron. At the latter place the storm was particularly severe. The names of the people killed and injured are not yet known.

STURGEON MOUNT. April 12.—A severe winter storm passed over this city this afternoon, doing considerable damage, especially in the lumber district where several buildings were destroyed. The wind at one time reached a velocity of fifty miles per hour.

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 12.—The storm of last night and early this morning was fierce and destructive. The amount of the rainfall was nearly two inches. The heaviest rain fell in the business part of the town where two floors were flooded. One furniture factory was damaged to the extent of \$5,000. The country bridges were swept away. The sewers were unequal to carrying off the water and the streets were flooded.

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 12.—A cyclone struck this country four miles east of this city at 8 o'clock last night demolishing and burning down a large amount of machinery, etc. Three persons were seriously injured in the family of William Haskin, he himself having a leg broken. His wife had her collar bone broken and one of the children an arm broken.

WIND BLEW A GALE. La Crosse Experiences a Day of Furious Blowing. Special to the Globe. LA CROSSE, Wis., April 12.—The weather office has no record of such a windy day as this has been. There has been a violent gale from morning to night, turning cooler, with the temperature now near freezing. In the midst of it was an alarm of fire at Paul's mill. It caught in the 11er room and was put out by an auto static sprinkler, but great alarm was felt. The wind was so strong that it was hard to move on the river, and some damage has been caused by wind in the surrounding country.

RAIN, SNOW, SLUSH. The Weather Throughout the Northwest Abominable. Special to the Globe. HUBON, S. D., April 12.—Thirty-six hours of rain and sleet has thoroughly soaked the ground, filled the creeks and rivers and overflowed the low lands in this portion of the state. Seeding is seriously delayed and telegraph communications interrupted. The storm was severe on the ranges.

OWATONNA, Minn., April 12.—A terrific blizzard came, accompanied by slight flurries of snow, has been raging here for the past twenty-four hours. No serious damage is yet reported.

BISMARCK, N. D., April 12.—The rain of last night turned into one of the worst snows of the season. The fall was in the portion of the state. Seeding is seriously delayed and telegraph communications interrupted. The storm was severe on the ranges.

WASCA, Minn., April 12.—The new city administration, with Mayor Cummings at the head, went into power last night. The mayor in his inaugural address called the attention of the council to the immediate necessity of taking steps looking to a betterment of the general condition of the city, and also to procure estimates and make plans for the putting in of a system of water works.

NINETY DAYS AND A DOLLAR. Special to the Globe. ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 12.—Mrs. Della Thompson was sentenced to ninety days imprisonment and \$1 fine for mailing obscene letters. The sentence was not satisfactory to Highmore people. Mrs. Thompson has yet to answer a charge of perjury and three charges of arson.

NOMINATED AT RED WING. Special to the Globe. RED WING, Minn., April 12.—The Red Wing Democratic city convention today nominated for mayor A. P. Pierce; alderman at large, J. W. Delano; treasurer, G. H. Friedrich; justice, G. H. Spatenback; member of the school board at large, August Peterson.

THE GLOBE BULLETIN.

Weather—Fair; colder. Senators attack Loren Fletcher. House committee takes testimony. The Red river raging at Fargo. Rain and snow throughout Northwest. Plunger Partridge acknowledges defeat. London bank fails for \$30,000,000. The cyclone damage exaggerated. Wind does some havoc in South Dakota. Alexandria postoffice robbed. Revivalist Mills coming to St. Paul. Brookings insurance continues. Sensational coal combine testimony. Fava kisses Mrs. Cleveland's hand. Patenteo as French ambassador. Minnesota home rule feud grows. The Behring sea arbitration. Storm destroys part of Ypsilanti, Mich. Parker-Morner wedding at Avenna.

Special to the Globe. WASHINGTON, April 12.—Secretary Hoke Smith announced today that he will take up the Minnesota pine land scandal in the course of the next few days and cause a thorough investigation of the various charges to be made. The appointment of Judge Browning, of Illinois, as Indian commissioner, is considered an excellent one, and to him the depositions on the Indian reservations will be referred. A great effort is being made to head off an investigation of the Red Lake appraisal, and Democratic senators and representatives are daily beseeched to intercede in behalf of the men who are now at work on the reservation. As a rule, however, these appeals are disregarded, and the matter will be left to the department. In the past influence has usually seriously tampered with justice in the dealings of the executive mansion, when Mrs. Cleveland, who had just driven up, alighted from her carriage, and the press was few moments to converse with the retiring dean of the diplomatic corps, and as she was about to enter the carriage, the baron retired smiling, and the two Western congressmen who saw the act took to tell off the portico with amazement.

THE RED LAKE BLIND. It is even more far-reaching than has been supposed. A large number of prominent North Dakotans who are powers under the Harrison administration are accused of being in the deal, and the full details of the scheme by which a large amount of the best timber on the reservation was to be secured are revealed. By this scheme a piece of land with very little timber will be rated extremely high, while another piece with a heavy growth will get a low estimate, the correct figures on both pieces being handed to the chief operators. The explosion in the Minnesota senate Monday was a good thing, and has already had its effect on the department. It emphasized the reported disgraceful condition of affairs in the department, and that there is a wide-spread belief that there is and has long been something wrong in pine land matters in Minnesota. The most interesting feature of the whole affair, however, is the profit the contractor has made. 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