

# FURIES OF THE CYCLONE

## Three Hundred Houses in Ohio and West Virginia Wrecked.

MANY PEOPLE BRUISED AND MAIMED.

WHEELING, W. Va., April 15.

The first genuine cyclone ever witnessed in this immediate vicinity was experienced this p. m., and wrought devastation over a section of country extending from St. Clairsville, Ohio, on miles west, to a point as far east as this city. Little damage was done here, the high hills on both sides of the river sheltering the houses, but the commotion in the upper air was noticed and a few roofs were damaged. The storm was first felt at St. Clairsville at 3.15 p. m.

It appeared to be travelling from the west, and in the shape of a funnel-shaped mass of cloud resembling in appearance dense black smoke. The cone was downward, and could be plainly traced over its track by the destruction it left. Houses were demolished, trees snapped off like pipe stems, horses and cattle prostrated and carried bodily hundreds of yards by the gale, and the sky was darkened with the clouds of flying debris. The storm and its effects showed all the distinguishing characteristics of the Western cyclone.

It first struck two new brick houses, belonging to Colonel Patton and Judge Cochran, west of town, and a frame house belonging to a man named Coleman. All three were completely demolished, and the furniture and portions of the roof and walls scattered along the track of the cyclone, clean to the end of the town, a mile distant. A large mansion on the corner of Marietta and Main streets was cut off clean at the second floor and the walls and roof scattered in fragments.

The First National Bank block and C. Trill & Sons' dry goods store were almost swept from their sites, only a portion of the lower walls being left standing. The dwellings and business blocks of I. H. Patterson, druggist, George Jepson, grocer and James Patterson, dry goods, had the upper walls and roof swept off and the lower part of the houses badly damaged by falling bricks and timbers.

The National Hotel, Mrs. Evans' large brick residence and probably forty other houses, were less seriously damaged. No casualties to persons are reported, the funnel-shaped cloud having been seen approaching in time for the families to take refuge in cellars.

Benjamin Parkhurst's fine old brick mansion south of town was totally demolished; likewise the United Presbyterian Church, a large brick edifice. The loss in St. Clairsville will reach \$200,000.

The loss in the Western Union wires and poles are all down. Horses hitched in the street were blown about like chaff and vehicles demolished. A scuffling sailed through the air for a mile and cut a hole in the two walls of a brick house as a cannon ball would. Shingles were driven through weather boarding like arrows.

James F. Anderson, of Bellaire, had just hitched a buggy in the street, when some one shouted a warning to him. He clutched a telegraph pole, which snapped off just above his head.

Hon. Dan. Ford was sitting in his office, when an entire chimney crashed through the ceiling and floor, leaving him unharmed. At Barton's Station, four miles north, a new brick house was levelled to the ground. At Posen, five miles west of this city, on the national road, the brick house of A. Hinkle was demolished and he badly hurt.

Martin's Ferry, on the opposite side of the river at the north end of the town, suffered even more severely than St. Clairsville. Here a broad valley gave direction to the destroying gale, which lashed up forest and farm houses, and scattered fences in its path down the hollow, widening out as it struck the little city, and scattering destruction everywhere.

The Elson glass works had one brick building blown down on the hill. The brick residence of J. H. Drennen, editor of the News, was so badly used up that not one brick was left on another. J. W. Bailey's fine concrete residence was also levelled to the ground. Henry Helling's eight houses, barns and sheds were all destroyed.

In the town proper 75 to 100 houses were more or less damaged, and the loss will reach \$165,000.

Walnut Grove, a fine park, has but few of the three hundred lofty trees standing. The City Cemetery adjoining was similarly unfortunate. The stove foundry was partially demolished. James Reilly's house and saloon was blown down, and Mrs. Reilly was pulled unconscious from the ruins and may lie here the storm struck the town at 4 p. m. without warning, and it is wonderful that more injury to persons was not done.

Besides Mrs. Reilly, the only casualties reported are; James Reilly, her husband, a saloon keeper, both legs broken; Mrs. Wilhelm, collar bone broken; Mark Davis, of the Martin Ferry Stove Works, probably fatally injured; a German lady, whose name could not be learned, dangerously injured.

When the storm struck the river, the water shot up in a perpendicular wall about 20 feet and then fell back in a frothy, seething foam and simultaneously a shower of fence boards, shingles, posts and timbers with some large sections of houses fell in a sheet on the turbulent waters. The river for miles is strewn with wreckage. The Fair View school house one mile west, was totally wrecked and Miss White, the school teacher, badly hurt. Several families are rendered homeless.

The Lafayette Rink was engaged by the city authorities as a temporary shelter for the homeless, and a meeting of citizens is called for 1 p. m. to-morrow to devise measures of relief. Every few minutes news comes of additional damage in the country, and it is safe to say the aggregate loss will exceed a million dollars.

According to Professor Langley the inherent temperature of the moon is below that of melting ice.

# NEWS OF THE WEEK

—Two earthquake shocks were felt on the 10th at Burlington, Vermont, the first at about half-past 2 o'clock, the second, ten minutes later. The second shock was very heavy, resembling the concussion from a large gun, followed by a jar of fifteen seconds' duration. Doors and windows rattled and those living in the third story of blocks say the buildings seemed to sway to and fro. People ran into the streets in a panic, many supposing that a terrific explosion had occurred near by.

—Terrible prairie fires, doing great damage to property and causing loss of human life, are reported in Dakota. Near Madison twenty-five farmers lost houses, barns, stock and grain, and Francis Keller was burned to death on the evening of the 8th. Several dwellings near Huron were destroyed the same night. One of them Edward Maloney and Annie Marine were burned to death, and Kate Maloney so badly burned that her recovery is doubtful. The buildings of the J. Walker Brewing Company, at Cincinnati, were damaged by fire on the 9th to the extent of \$50,000.

—There is a freshet in the Mohawk river, at Polatine Bridge on the 10th a Central Railroad culvert was washed out and the damage was discovered just in time to save a Chicago express train.

—The Maunee Rolling Mills, on the east side of Maumee, Ohio, were on the 10th destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$300,000 by the President of the company, while the insurance is said to be only \$80,000. About 200 men were employed in the mills, but arrangements were being made to increase the number to 600. A fire of incendiary origin on the 10th destroyed a large tract of woodland between Setauket and Stony Brook, Long Island. About 200 men, residents of the vicinity, fought the fire, which at one time threatened the destruction of the country seat at Crane Neck, of Francis E. Spinola, of New York, the General himself fighting the fire until it was subdued.

—During a "family quarrel" in Meadville, Pa., on the night of the 9th, Mrs. John Buckholz threw a lighted lamp at her husband's head. The lamp exploded and enveloped both in flames. Buckholz dragged his wife from the burning house, but she was so badly injured that she died on the morning of the 10th.

—A violent wind storm passed over Hastings, Nebraska, on the 9th, doing much damage to property. The opera house and the First National Bank were unroofed.

—A terrible accident happened at St. Clair, Penna., on the afternoon of the 11th. Miss Berlesta Shaul, of Sharon Springs, New York, a Vassar College student, was visiting Miss Minnie Keether, a fellow student. The two young ladies, in company with a young man named Harry Short and Edwin Thompson, one of the operators of the Chamberlain colliery, entered the mine for the purpose of giving Miss Shaul an opportunity to inspect the operation of mining coal. The mine had not been working for a week, and the only other persons in it were Albert Thompson, another of the firm, and several persons making an examination. The latter party was startled by the sound of an explosion, and, hurrying towards the foot of the slope, they found Messrs. Short and Thompson and the two ladies lying on the ground. All were frightfully burned and bruised. Miss Keether died the same evening. Young Short and Miss Shaul may recover, but it is doubtful. Thompson was not fatally injured. It is supposed the catastrophe was caused by a naked lamp. Three men were killed on the 11th at shaft No. 10 of the new aqueduct bridge, New York, by the falling of a cage.

—Two terrific explosions occurred on the afternoon of the 10th in the nitro-glycerine works at Plattsburg, New York, but no person was killed. It is thought that the heat of the sun raised the temperature of the substance, which was mixed outside of the factory. The first explosion scattered the fire in the direction of a second explosion of six hundred pounds of nitro-glycerine. Nothing was left of the large brick building used as a factory but an immense hole in the ground. Windows were broken in buildings in Plattsburg, and the shock was felt in Burlington, Vermont.

—The high water in the Hudson river on the morning of the 11th carried away two sections of the iron trestle bridge from Stillwater to Schaghticoke. The river at Troy is over three docks, but no damage has been done. The White river, in Vermont, is very high from the melting of the snows. Portions of the temporary trestle bridge near Hartford have been carried away. A flood in the Mohawk river is increasing, and the New York Central Railroad tracks are submerged at various points. Telegraphic communication is also interrupted. The flood is the highest since 1865.

—A riot occurred in Denver, Colorado, on the evening of the 10th, between Swedish, Polish and Hungarian colonies, growing out of an encounter between drunken parties. One man was fatally shot and several others were dangerously wounded. Nearly thirty arrests were made.

—While a French detachment of the Salvation Army was parading the streets of Quebec on the 10th it was attacked by a "howling mob," and pelted with large lumps of snow and ice. One of the female salvationists was knocked senseless and dangerously injured, and all the drums were smashed. No arrests were made.

—The charter election in Trenton, New Jersey, was held on the 11th. Frank A. Magowan, Republican, was elected Mayor by 200 majority, being the first Republican elected Mayor for over 25 years. The Republicans also elected the School Superintendent, six out of seven Aldermen, five out of seven Trustees, three out of five License Commissioners, and all the Freeholders.

—At Ripley, Mississippi, on the 11th, an armed mob of twenty-five men stormed the jail and shot dead "Bud" Williamson, charged with having committed a murder a year ago. James Christian, a wealthy cattleman of Idaho, on the 10th arrested a man named Hodge, charged with stealing cattle. While on the way to Tishomingo with the prisoner, Christian and a companion were shot from ambush and instantly killed. The prisoner remained with the murdered men until assistance arrived, and it is said, he has given the authorities the names of the assassins. Edward Flanagan, recently shot by Dr. Albrecht, in a gaming house in Boston, died on the 12th. It will be remembered that Albrecht, according to his own story, was being freed by Lanahan and Flanagan, and while endeavoring to recover his money was assaulted by the gamblers, whereupon he shot them both in self defence. Lanahan was shot dead.

—Governor Hill, of New York, on the evening of the 12th, sent to the Assembly a veto of the Crosby High License bill. He objects to the bill that it is special legislation, in that it applies to only two cities of the State—New York and Brooklyn—and that its forfeiture clause is clearly unconstitutional.

—A fire at St. Augustine, Florida, which started at a quarter past three o'clock on the morning of the 12th, destroyed the St. Augustine Hotel, the Edwards House, the Cottage, the Planters' House, the First National Bank, the old Spanish Cathedral, the Sinclair block, the old County Court House, and two smaller buildings. The total loss is estimated at \$250,000, on which the insurances are less than \$23,000. The loss on the St. Augustine Hotel is \$150,000, on which the insurance had just expired. A servant, named Bridget Barry, perished in the hotel. The old cathedral was an interesting landmark of the city. It was built in 1793. The house of a colored man near Greenville, Alabama, was burned on the evening of the 11th, during the man's absence, and his five children perished in the flames.

—Edwin B. Rush, pupil in a normal school, at Potsdam, New York, committed suicide on the morning of the 12th, by shooting himself in the head. No cause is assigned. Mrs. B. P. Sonnedecker, four weeks married to a wealthy farmer, hanged herself near Wooster, Ohio, on the 12th, because of "homesickness."

—An express train on the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad struck a shifting engine at Allegheny City on the evening of the 11th. Both engines were badly damaged and the engineer, George Hood, and the fireman, Sweeney, of the express were severely injured. At 3 o'clock on the morning of the 12th, a freight train on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad was derailed near Roselle, in consequence of a railroad the having been placed across the track. The engine and four cars were wrecked and a brakeman was severely injured.

—The floods in the Mohawk Valley continue, and travel on the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad is still interfered with.

—The local election in Bordentown, New Jersey, on the 11th, resulted in the election of John O. Hudson, Democrat, for Mayor. Charles Brown, Republican, was elected Councilman over the Democratic candidate in the Second Ward, making the Council stand, Democrats, 5; Republicans, 4. The local election in New Brunswick, New Jersey, on the 12th, was carried by the Democrats.

—The prairie fire in Kansas, which started in Graham county, has swept northward into Norton county, making a path from 2 1/2 to 7 miles wide, "a great roaring sea of flame rolling in tremendous sheets under the impetus of the high wind which prevailed during the day and night of the 9th." Thousands of cattle, thousands of tons of produce and over 100 houses and barns have been consumed, and it is said, fifteen human beings have perished. At last accounts the fire was sweeping northwest, in the direction of Decatur county. The losses by the prairie fires near Sioux Falls, Dakota, are estimated at \$100,000.

—A colored "evangelist," named Williams, who has been holding revival meetings among his brethren in De Soto, Missouri, was taken from his house by fire, marked redskins on the evening of the 12th and unmercifully flogged with hickory switches. It seems the trouble grew out of a quarrel between his own and his neighbor's wife. A vigilance committee overtook two horse thieves near Sargent, Nebraska, on the evening of the 12th, shot and killed one of them, Joseph Arnold, and captured the other, James Bohan. One of the vigilantes was dangerously shot. Dr. Offut and O. D. Connor quarreled over a game of dominoes at Hearne, Texas, and shot and wounded each other mortally.

—The main building of the Cocheo Print Works, at Dover, New Hampshire, was destroyed by fire on the afternoon of the 15th. The loss is estimated at \$200,000, and 650 operatives will be thrown out of work for several months. The fire started in the "hot room," and spread so some of the operatives had to run for their lives, or jump from windows, leaving coats, vests, money and watches behind. An old man named Hayes, who could not jump, tumbled down stairs from the second story, and was picked up insensible and badly burned. Several firemen were slightly injured. The wholesale drug store of the Charles Baumgardner Company in Milwaukee was burned on the morning of the 15th. The fire was started by the explosion of a barrel of varnish in the cellar, and two men were injured, one of whom is not expected to recover. The loss on property is \$172,000; insurance, \$90,000. The business portion of the village of Ainsworth, near Washington, Iowa, including twenty stores, two hotels and several dwellings, was burned on the evening of the 14th. Loss, \$40,000.

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# PAT'S COURTING.

"She's consinted at last! For two years I'd thoct a dale ov Nellie McCusker, only I had nothin' ov an Irish bye's boundias to up and tell her that same. But yisterday, sez I to mesself: 'Pat Murky, now's your time or niver!'"

"Nellie was in the pantry washin' the dishes, and sumthin' shouted: 'Ax her! She's too busy to look at ye any way.'"

"So I starts on wud; 'Troth, Nellie, it's a bad lufe fur a bye to be livin' alone.'"

"'Yis,' says she wid nary a twinkle, 'Mike Ryan, that's just bin sint to prison, is in a bad way indade.'"

"'Och,' sez I, 'theres' money a bye that's lonely livin' right wid his friends an' nighbors. Sure an' I'm lonesome mesself.'"

"'How can I b'ave that,' sez she 'whin you've the fiddul?'"

"'Fidduls,' sez I, 'are cheerin', but I've got me two eyes on somethin' cheerin'.'"

"'She forgot to ax me what that sumthin' wuz, so I trotted off by another road, sayin':"

"'Faith, Nellie, I'm goin' back 'cross the pond in Marchuary.'"

"'Indade!' sez she, flurting the dish rag. 'An' it's a pity ye iver com over!'"

"'Yis,' sez I; 'Jane sed that same in her last letter.'"

"'An' who's Jane?' axt Nellie, gettin' red loike the crabs on the tabl' besid her."

"'She think a power o' me,' sez I onheadin'."

"'Shure an' that's square. Is she young ez me?'"

"'Yis,' sez I. 'An' bether lookin'?'"

"'Pape moight think so.'"

"'An' she's waitin' fur ye?'"

"'Yis,' sez I. 'She'll be changin' names sure, I reckon?'"

"'Yis,' sez I. 'Wat's her name now?'"

"'Jane—Murky!' cried I, wid de light."

"'Thin she's your sister, Nelly said cross ez a mistress. 'Well, it ain't much matter, seem' ez how I've got a bye watchin' fur me over in Ballygonan.'"

"'Wat's his name?' axt I, turnin' hot an' cold to wast."

"'Barney Flynn,' sez she. 'About me size?'"

"'Yis,' sez I. 'An' duz he love ye?'"

"'Next to himself.'"

"'Is he comin' to Ameriky sure?'"

"'No.'"

"'Why not, bedad?'"

"'Och, Pat, he's married alreddy.'"

"'The spalpeen!' sez I. 'Don't give him hard names,' sez she. 'Barney Flynn's me stip-bruther.'"

"'Then she jafft that party laugh o' hern, an' I wint up close.'"

"'Nellie,' sez I. 'Wat, Pat?'"

"'Cud ye luv a bye loike me?'"

"'Troth, an I wudn't thry.'"

"'Why not, darlint?'"

"'Faith, I was never axt to.'"

"'Then I'll ax ye now.'"

"'Don't do it, sez she. 'I'm that full o' work I couldn't raply fur a month, an' the dishes flew'd iverly which way as she sed it.'"

"'But I sat down on the stup.'"

"'I kin wad,' sez I. 'The mistress wull come an' foind you her.'"

"'I'd be plazed to mate her.'"

"'I'll tell her ye're a robber.'"

"'Begorra, that's just what I am, for I'm afther Nellie McCusker's heart!'"

"'Ye'll be arrested.'"

"'I've bin arreddy, an' yer bin' eyes did it, sez I. 'Cum, Nelly, lock me up in yer warm heart foriver.'"

"'Och, it's boulted an' I've lost the key.'"

"'Thin I'll cloimb in at the winder.'"

"'She hung her curly hed fur a minit, an' when she lookt up I axt her to be me wolve.'"

"'I'll guv ye folve seckinds,' sez I. 'Ef ye wull, just folve me the big pewter spoon ye've bin wipin', ef ye won't thin put it back in the drawer.'"

"'She peeped at me over the top ov it.'"

"'D'ye mane what ye say, Pat?'"

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The exact meaning of "horse-power" is the raising of 33,000 pounds one foot high in one minute of time.

A putty of starch and chloride of zinc hardens quickly and lasts as stopper of holes in metals for months.

Dechlorite, or vandate of lead and zinc, has been discovered in Montana. One of this nature is worth \$10,000 a pound.

# THE MARKETS.

PROVISIONS: Beef city fam bl... 20 00  
Hams... 15 00  
Pork Mess... 16 00  
Prime Mess... 15 00  
Sides smoked... 14 00  
Shoulders smoked... 13 00  
Do in salt... 12 00  
Smoked Beef... 11 00  
Lard Western bl... 7 00  
Lard loose... 7 00

FLOUR: West. & Pa. sup... 2 00  
Pa. Family... 1 50  
Miss Clear... 1 50  
Pat. Wht. Wht... 1 50  
Rye Flour... 1 50

GRAIN: Wheat No. 1 red... 92 00  
Do. No. 2... 88