

PROBABLY 100 PEOPLE KILLED.

A Terrible Cyclone Sweeps Over a Georgia Town, Unroofing Hotels and Other Large Buildings—Eighty People Reported Killed in the Destruction of the Cotton Mill, Where 500 Operatives Were at Work.

Gainesville, Ga., Dispatch, June 1st.

Just after the noon hour, this city was struck by a terrific cyclone, killing probably 100 persons, unroofing the city hotels, other large buildings and destroying the Gainesville Cotton Mills. The greatest loss of life is in the destruction of the cotton mills, where about 80 persons are reported killed and scores injured. Eighteen persons were killed in the city between the center of the town and railroad station, where four large stores were blown down. The storm had driven many persons into these stores for refuge and they were probably all killed. There were five hundred persons at work in the cotton mill when the cyclone struck. The mill was a three-story building. The first story was left standing but badly wrecked. The second and third floors were completely demolished and the employees caught under the wreckage and mangled. It is now estimated there was at least 75 bodies under the wreckage of the third floor. It is not known how many persons on the second floor of the building were killed. The roof of the electric car barn was lifted and the building badly damaged. The railroad depot suffered also.

The Southern depot was blown down. The Gainesville Iron Works were demolished and several people perished in the wreck. The Gainesville Cotton Mills were blown down. The Old Piedmont Hotel, now used as a school and apartment house, was razed and half a dozen or more people were killed in it. The Richmond Hotel was wrecked and several perished along with it. One hundred and twenty-five cottages, and a church were blown away in the negro settlement of the town. A brick building on the main street of Gainesville was demolished. Many other buildings are demolished. The cyclone went on to New Holland and it is believed that at least 75 people are killed there. Neither the Arlington Hotel nor the Breun College was in the tract of the tornado and they are therefore safe with their occupants.

The local physicians were unable to cope with the situation and surgeons and medical supplies have been ordered sent from Atlanta. A special train carrying a corps of surgeons and supplies arrived to-night.

Some months ago Bishop Smith, of the Southern Methodist Church, located in Charlotte. The Charlotte folks were highly pleased to have a real live bishop "in their midst," and their surprise and disappointment can be imagined when Bishop Smith left Charlotte a few days ago and it was announced that he would hereafter make his home in Norfolk, Va. Behind this is an interesting story. The Charlotte papers say that two well-known Methodist ministers in this State are consumed with a desire to get a job as bishop. These preachers and their friends, therefore, were not pleased with Bishop Smith's locating in North Carolina—he is not a North Carolinian. They thought the fact that the State had a resident bishop would operate to defeat the ambition of the preachers' friends. Bishop Smith found out the situation and departed rather than be a disturbing element. But it is probable that he would be bishops and their friends have overreached themselves and this incident may destroy whatever chance of promotion they may have had.—Statesville Landmark.

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DESTRUCTION BY FLOOD AND FLAME.

GREAT FLOODS IN KANSAS AND MISSOURI.

The Worst Disaster at Topeka, Kan., Where One Part of the City Was Destroyed and Many Lives Lost—Disaster at Kansas City, Des Moines and Other Points—Greatest Floods in Years.

High water in Kansas river at Topeka, Kan., had surrounded the whole of North Topeka Friday night, making 2,000 persons homeless. Slacking line set fire to a lumber yard, which was burned with a number of other buildings. The following dispatches of Saturday from Topeka tell of the terrible situation there:

People who did not leave North Topeka last night when they had a chance, are now in the greatest danger of losing their lives. As far as can be estimated at this time, over 500 people are beyond reach of rescue. The Kansas river is rising at the rate of three inches an hour. Thirty are known to be dead and the list will be larger. Hundreds are missing. People are drowning and others are burning to death. If any portion of North Topeka shall escape destruction by the flood, it seems to night as though fire would finish the work. The large lumber yard of Jonathan Thomas caught fire this afternoon and the whole block of houses were burned. Burning houses are floating through the streets and setting fire to others. It is reported that the Union Pacific depot and hotel have been burned. There is no possible way of quenching the flames. The loss of life will be appalling and the property loss in the millions. No body can tell just what has been destroyed. The water extends around Shore and other suburbs. Every foot of North Topeka, inhabited by 10,000 people, is under water. The current is so swift that no boat can live in it. Seven thousand people have escaped to the south side and are being cared for as well as possible. The remaining hundreds have not yet been accounted for. They have been forced to the top floors or the roofs of the buildings, and are waiting for the water to subside or carry them down stream. They are safe only as long as the buildings remain standing. Below town scores of men are in tree tops, yelling for help. Thousands of revolver shots and screams have been heard on the north side, signals for aid. Women and children in the western part of North Topeka are standing on the highest points in reach and yet in water to their necks.

North Topeka was the manufacturing district of the city. Three large flour mills, three wooden mills and other manufacturing enterprises are entirely destroyed. Seven thousand or more people are on this side of the river sheltered in the public buildings. Topeka is now able to take care of all the unfortunates. The work of caring for the refugees is being pushed with utmost rapidity. From the State house as many as 80 fires can be counted in different parts of North Topeka. The entire central portion of the city had been burned out at 10 o'clock to night.

A later dispatch stated: "Four hundred houses have been burned in North Topeka and that whole section of the city will be burned. As far as can be learned about 150 persons are dead. Most of these were burned to death."

Extraordinary Floods in Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Iowa.

Unprecedented floods are raging in central and eastern Kansas, northwestern Missouri, eastern Nebraska and southwestern Iowa, the result of 10 days of almost continuous rainfall. The general situation is considered most grave, with no immediate relief in sight. Many lives have been lost and it is estimated that no less than 25,000 persons have been driven from their homes, many of which were washed away, and that the property loss will run well up into the millions of dollars.

The greatest damage has resulted between Kansas City and Ellisworth, Kans., 100 miles west. The chief sufferer is North Topeka, which has been separated from the main portion of the city and become an island. At Kansas City, Kan., and in the suburban towns of Armourdale and Argentine, and at Harlem and Sheffield, Mo., near Kansas City, Mo., an aggregate of 10,000 persons have been forced to leave their homes and 8,000 employes of numerous packing houses.

The situation is summarized as follows: Homeless—Kansas, North Topeka, 7,000; near Emporia, 500; Salina and vicinity, 800; Lawrence, 500; Kansas City, 10,000; Iowa, Des Moines, 6,000; Ottumwa, 200; Nebraska, Lincoln, 200; Beatrice, 200. Financial losses: Kansas, North Topeka, \$1,000,000; Concordia, \$1,000,000; Abilene and vicinity, \$300,000; Salina and intervening country, \$400,000; Des Moines, \$500,000. The already flooded district,

which has been in the grasp of the flood for two days, became acute last night by a sudden rise in the streams.

Railway traffic in Kansas is at a standstill, dozens of bridges having been washed out between Kansas City and different Kansas cities. The Rock Island and Union Pacific, between Kansas City and Colorado, are laid out completely and all Santa Fe trains from the West have been annulled at a point west of Florence. The Rock Island has four trains stalled at McFarland, one at Wichita and one at Hutchinson, and, in fact, trains are held up at all division points.

PROBABLY 200 DROWNED.

The Work of Rescue and the Worst Thought to the Over-Clinging to Trees for Three Days.

Topeka, Kan., Dispatch, May 31.

At 1 o'clock the number of drowned people was known to be at least 150 and a large number were yet missing. Several were reported burned to death, but this could not be substantiated. From all over eastern Kansas boats are being rushed here for the rescue of the sufferers. Shortly after daylight nine boats arrived from Ottawa on a special train and they were put into active rescue service at once. Soon after reports of drowning began to come in. A boat containing eight men was swept away in the swift current about 7 o'clock and as far as known all were drowned. Other small boats were not able to live in the whirling current. North Topeka is a scene of utmost desolation. Not a square foot of land can be seen in any direction. There is but a small chance of any of the residences left standing at the end of the flood period. Sherry Oakland, and the reform school north of Topeka, are all under the rising waters, but the situation is favorable in these places compared with what North Topeka is undergoing. Nearly all the fires were put out by the heavy rain, which fell nearly all night.

The following are a few of the many incidents of the terrible disaster.

"Oh, it was terrible. I cannot describe it," said Mr. E. T. Crowdy, one of the rescued. "It seems like I have lived in a horrible nightmare for the past two days. Early on Thursday we saw that the water would be high, but with the usual persistence of people who dislike to leave their own homes, put off the time as long as possible. It came near being our undoing. Friday the whole of North Topeka was overflowed within an hour. The water came creeping up faster than the people could get out. We were forced to leave in such a hurry that we could not even take a blanket." The first flood victim to be rescued by means of the cable was the Rev. A. N. Pearson, pastor of the North Topeka English church. Mr. Pearson said: "We spent three days on top of our house. We were fairly warmly dressed but had only two loaves of bread for our family of four. Yesterday my wife and children were rescued, to day my turn came and I cannot begin to tell how thankful I am."

W. N. Keppard and wife were rescued at 4 o'clock. They were so numb that they could not feel and had to be knocked down into the water before the men could reach them. Their minds had given away under the strain. They cannot recover. A Mrs. Anderson and her one year old baby, for three days were in a tree in plain sight of people who were powerless to rescue them. The mother clasped her child close in her arms and managed to brace herself against a limb in a reasonably secure position. For three days she kept up the battle for life. At 4 o'clock her rescue was very near, but she lost consciousness. Both mother and child fell into 1 foot of water and were drowned.

By aid of small steam and gasoline launches forty men in South Garfield Park were rescued. They had perched themselves in trees and had had nothing to eat for 33 hours.

There is ground for hope that the worst has passed. To night City Engineer McCabe issued a bulletin giving out the cheering intelligence that the water of the Kansas river had subsided 7 1/2 inches. With 175 r 200 lives lost; millions of dollars of property destroyed; with hundreds of pistol shots as signals of distress, blended with the agonizing cries of nowling inhabitants of tree tops and roofs of houses and the waters creeping upward and then slowly subsiding and alternately changing hope to despair, the capital city has passed the most memorable Sabbath day of its existence. Through all this discomfiting condition of affairs was added the presence of a cold, dismal rain. The arduous work of the heroic rescuers was not abated in the least by the conditions which confronted them. For long, dreary hours, knee deep in water and

sometimes in water up to their necks, they worked with might and main. To night they can point to 300 or more rescued persons who otherwise might have been swept away in the current.

Briefly stated, the present condition of the floods is this: 175 or 200 people drowned. Eight thousand people without homes; 4,000,000 loss of property; identified dead, 6; floating bodies seen 20; people missing 200; houses burned result of fire in lumber from slacking line, probably, 200; banks collapsed, two; wholesale grocery stores flooded, two; big business blocks almost ready to crumble, 50; wholesale commission houses destroyed, one; railroad trains containing 160 passengers held here by high water; city water works plant useless. Leading men have made a careful examination of the flood and all its conditions and as a result of their investigation, they give 250 as the probable number of lives lost. A more conservative estimate places the number of dead at 175. The higher number is as apt to be correct as the lower.

Flood Covers Kansas City—Loss Will Kansas City Dispatch, May 31.

The greatest flood in the history of Kansas City, Kans., and the bottoms of Kansas City, Mo., prevails here to-day. Land millions of dollars' loss will occur. The body of water coming from the west swelled the Kansas river at Kansas City this morning, and rushed with terrific force over the railroad tracks and crowded wholesale districts of the west bottoms and finally into the union depot. Shortly after noon the Third Regiment, Missouri National Guards, 800 strong, was ordered out, both as a precautionary measure and to stop looting. The flooded district covers an area three miles wide. The flood forms a semi-circle reaching south and west and from the union depot, which is located under high bluffs that mark the dividing line between Kansas City, Mo., proper, and what is known as the west bottoms. The principal damage up to last night was to Armour & Co., in the packing

house district on the Kansas river, on the extreme southwest border of the circle mentioned. Early this morning the rise in the Kansas river met the waters of the Missouri on the northwest and merged finally at the highest point at the union depot. A few blocks west of the depot the water, which came with a mighty force, spread out in all directions and it was not long before the whole district of Kansas City was under water from three feet at the depot to 15 feet or more at the stock yards and packing house district along the Kansas river.

In the valley of the Kaw, or Kansas river, between this city and Kansas City, Kans., a report has it that a number of lives have been lost. One report says 14 and another 50. Twelve bodies were counted as they floated past during the day.

The financial loss has been increasing all day, and bids fair to continue. The heaviest loss is at Armourdale, where the losses to the packing industry and others is placed conservatively at \$2,500,000. Argentine, another suburb, has suffered losses estimated at \$500,000. Other losses which cannot now be estimated will increase the total very materially. Armourdale, with a population of 16,000, people is deserted and its site marked only by the tops of buildings and a number of fires. Seven fires, believed to be chiefly box cars burning, could be seen from the bluffs to night. There is some danger that the flames will spread to the partially submerged buildings, adding greatly to the already heavy loss. The fires started from the flowing of the flood into a lime house.

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Administrator's Notice. Having qualified as administrator of the estate of M. A. Berry, deceased, notice is hereby given to all parties holding claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned for payment within twelve months from this date, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all parties owing said estate are requested to make immediate settlement and thereby save cost. This May 21, 1903. F. C. BERRY, Admr. of M. A. Berry.

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