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FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

HALF NOT TOLD.

Terrible Suffering of the Mississippi Flood Victims.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 28.—To overestimate the suffering and destruction in the valleys of the White and Arkansas rivers is out of the question. The fact is the half has not yet been told. There are not 1000 acres of dry soil left in Desha county. The towns of Holmdel, Chicot City, Red Fork and Pendleton have been wiped off the earth, and not a living being is at any of them. All have been rescued and are now on high ground, but actually starving, so difficult of access are they to the relief steamers. All the big plantations for 40 miles in the Arkansas valley are utterly ruined. The first batch of mail in six days from Benton county was received here yesterday. It relates a story of the most appalling disaster that has ever occurred in northern Arkansas.

The waterspout which visited the suburbs of Siloam Springs last Friday resulted in the loss of three lives and the destruction of property worth \$100,000. About 9:30 o'clock in the evening rain began to fall, and by 10:30 o'clock all the low land in the town was submerged by the water, which swept everything in its course. At Hico, an eastern suburb of Siloam Springs, nine buildings were washed away, and Mrs. Martin and her six children, as their dwelling-house went to pieces, hung to the limbs of trees until they were rescued. All the lower portion of the town was swept away. When the waterspout struck Dr. Swallow's house, the members of the family, being very old, had retired for the night. It bore down all resistance, taking the doctor and his wife and mother down the stream and drowning them.

Dr. Swallow leaves a daughter and a son in Kansas. His property consisted of several thousand dollars in notes, \$500 in cash and a beautiful residence, all of which was swept away by the flood. As the river falls the terrible work of the flood is plainly seen here; dozens of valuable farms are ruined, the water washing out ditches on some, and on others leaving sand ranning from two to five feet deep. All the fencing has been carried away. No estimate of the loss as yet can be made, but it will run far up into the thousands. The work of relieving sufferers continues, and reports of half starved people are still being received.—Telegram.

NEARLY A LAKE HORROR.

Two Steamers Collide Off Chicago in a Dense Fog.

Chicago, May 25.—The passen-

gers on the steamboat Kalamazoo had a narrow escape from death at an early hour this morning. She was bound from Holland to Chicago and collided in a fog with the steamer Pilgrim, bound from Chicago to Saugatuck. The vessels met with terrific force, the Kalamazoo being cut down to the water's edge.

The panic that ensued was awful. Women ran from end to end of the boat crying for help. Fortunately, however, the Pilgrim, although her bows were badly crushed, was not materially injured, and the work of rescue began at once, she being brought broadside on to the Kalamazoo, and in a short time all the passengers and crew were safely transferred.

The Pilgrim then started back for Chicago and endeavored to tow the Kalamazoo in, but the steamer was so badly injured that she filled rapidly, and in a short time had sunk to the bottom of Lake Michigan.

Most of the passengers' effects were saved. Their escape is regarded as miraculous, and is due principally to the fact that the lake at the time was very smooth. Had a storm been on an appalling disaster would have resulted.—S. F. Examiner.

A DREADFUL UNCERTAINTY.

On a Fourth avenue surface car about 4 o'clock, says a New York paper, were three young ladies, four schoolboys and three or four other passengers. The young ladies and three of the schoolboys were on one side, while the other schoolboy, very impertinent and cross eyed, sat opposite. The cross-eyed boy had made several painfully personal remarks, chiefly, it appeared, to attract the attention of the young ladies. Finally he said:

"O—o—oh!"

The cross eyed boy was looking down toward the floor, and toward the other side of the car. It was impossible to say at which one of the seven or eight people he was staring.

"Oh," he continued, "you've got a great big hole in your stocking!"

There was a sharp rustling of skirts as three daintily clad pairs of little feet disappeared and the three young ladies blushed rosy red and looked excruciatingly uncomfortable and uncertain. There were terrible silence in that car for two seconds or more, and then the cross eyed boy said apologetically, addressing one or two or three of the young ladies:

"I didn't mean you!"

TRAIN ROBBERS KILLED.

A Hot Fight in Florida Between Deputy Sheriffs and Outlaws.

JACKSONVILLE [Fla.], May 25.—Two of the express robbers who held up the train at Monroe Junction last Saturday were killed today at Buffalo Bluff bridge, south of Palatka. The third man is at

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

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ABSOLUTELY PURE

large, but probably will be caught to night. Just before noon today the two men left by the Sheriff's posse to guard Buffalo Bluff bridge saw three men coming from the south on the railroad track.

The guards called "Hands up" and the robbers drew their revolvers and began firing. Guard Wiggs was slightly wounded, but a load of buckshot from Guard Wurtz's gun killed Robber Williams.

The man in advance ran toward Palatka and made his escape. The other man ran the other way and was shot in the leg by Wurtz as he was going. A posse summoned from Palatka reached the scene in an hour or so and began scouring the woods.

Suddenly from behind the trees a shot was fired, narrowly missing Dr. Morgan. Morgan returned the shot and a man fell forward. He died in a short time, saying before expiring that when wounded he had shot himself in the mouth with his pistol.

In his pocket was a letter written while he lay in the woods awaiting the posse. It was addressed to Susan Bedgood, Aribi, Ga. He addressed her as "Dear Mother," and requested her to kiss the children for him and tell them to do better than he had done.—Examiner.

A NORTH CAROLINA TRAGEDY.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., May 24.—A bloody tragedy occurred at Bully, Madison County, this State, Sunday afternoon. Neely Hensley, who married Martha Ray, gave his wife a terrible beating two weeks ago while he was drunk. On Sunday Nick Ray, Mrs. Hensley's brother, went to see his sister, carrying something to eat to her. When he reached the house Hensley ordered Ray to leave. Ray started away when Hensley picked up a gun and knocked Ray through the door, breaking his shoulders, and then jumped on him and beat him fearfully. Ray rose on one knee and, pulling a pistol, shot Hensley through the heart. With a moniacal strength Hensley took out a knife and before he died gave Ray three deadly thrusts, severing two ribs and penetrating his abdomen. He will die. Ray was Deputy U. S. Marshal and bore a good reputation, while Hensley was a desperate character.

SHE IS A DETERMINED WOMAN.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., May 24.—Mrs.

Wm. Linville, a very determined woman, who remained on a ranch in Johnson County after her husband escaped from rustlers in the night, arrived from the North last night. She came direct from Buffalo with four children.

Mrs. Linville says it is generally understood up there that Charlie Taylor, Frank Smith and Ed Starr, leading outlaws, killed Wellman. The assassination was planned at Kid Donnelly's banquet for rustlers. Taylor, the woman says, is carrying Wellman's six shooter on his saddle. This Taylor commands a squad of Smith's Johnson County Home Guard of a hundred. Starr is in hiding, being under indictment in Creek County for stabbing a bank cashier. Smith and Taylor are in Buffalo.

The Coroner's jury found that Wellman had been ambushed by unknown men Hathaway, the suspected cook, has been discharged. A special officer employed by Mason is working up the case against Taylor, Smith and Starr.—The Republic.

REED FOR BLAINE.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Ex Speaker Tom Reed has come out squarely for Blaine. For several days friends of the Plumed Knight and partisans of the President have taken turns in button holing the big fellow from Maine. He has been invited to numberless conferences, and every argument has been presented to induce him to declare for one or the other of the leading candidates. At last he has decided. "I am for Blaine," he declared to a fellow Congressman today; "as between Blaine and Harrison I certainly prefer Blaine."

Mr. Reed's announcement of his choice spread like wildfire throughout the Capitol. Blaine's lieutenants in the Maine delegation hastened to find the ex Speaker and confirm the story. Congressman Milliken, one of the most enthusiastic of the Blaine shouters, conferred with Reed after the announcement. He said later: "It is true. I have talked with Reed, and he is for Blaine. I am not authorized to say how much enthusiasm Reed feels for Blaine, but he has arrived at the conclusion that either Blaine or Harrison will be nominated, and like a sensible man, he makes his choice. He has chosen Blaine, and I haven't doubted for some days that Blaine would be nominated, yet the weight of Reed's influence will make his nomination more certain."

It is said that Reed favors the selection of McKinley as second on the ticket.—S. F. Examiner.