

## TERRIBLE CYCLONE

Visits Gainesville Georgia and Does  
Fearful Work.

### GAINESVILLE MILLS DEMOLISHED

Killing a Hundred or More People  
and Wounding Many More.

Property Loss of Three  
Hundred Thousand  
Dollars.

A terrific force struck Gainesville Ga., Monday June 2, out of a clear sky, causing fearful loss of life in that city and New Holland and White Sulphur. As near as can be calculated at present the results are 85 women and children dead and perhaps 100 more fatally injured, with a property loss of something like \$300,000. The death list is yet imperfect, not all the bodies having been recovered and identified. Many of them were mangled beyond recognition, the only means of identification being the records of the two cotton mills, in which most of the victims worked.

The death-dealing storm appeared suddenly a little before 1 o'clock and within two minutes it had killed nearly 100 persons, torn the stories from the five-story brick factory of the Gainesville Cotton mills, demolished almost 300 cottages, razed two brick stores to the ground and blown up innumerable outbuildings. By what appears to be a miracle, the tornado's fury was confined to the outskirts of the city, the main business and residence portion not being touched. Torrents of rain accompanied the wind, but within five minutes after its first onslaught the sun was shining upon a scene of fearful desolation.

The list of the dead is confined mainly to operatives of the Gainesville Cotton mills and the Pacolet Cotton mills, and two-thirds of them were women and children.

Unconfirmed reports from White Sulphur, seven miles from Gainesville, say that about 120 persons were killed there. Their names are not yet obtainable and hopes are expressed that this report is unfounded.

#### IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE.

The tornado did its appalling work in such incredibly short time that it is difficult to get a coherent description of its character. It appears to have swept down from the southwest, striking the Gainesville mills with a roar like the report of artillery. After lifting two stories from this structure it swept on to the northward, leaving a trail of destruction along Summit street, which is inhabited almost exclusively by negroes. Nearly 100 cottages of colored people on this street were leveled to the ground, but by a fortunate circumstance the tenants were all absent having left the city in the morning to take part in a negro picnic.

The furious wind next descended on the plant of the Pacolet Cotton mills at New Holland, two miles from the Southern station. This is one of the largest mills in the south, employing more than 600 hands. The storm spared the Pacolet factory, but entirely demolished 100 of its cottages, standing near by and tenanted by its operatives. Here the fatalities were greatest, upwards of 35 persons being buried in the ruins of the cottages. Bodies were blown hundreds of yards and many of them when picked up bore no resemblance to humanity. The trunk of one young boy was found with the head decapitated as if by the gullotine.

The New Holland the tornado swept onward to the east of White Sulphur, a town of about 100 persons. The extent of its destruction there cannot now be definitely told, but reports so far received indicate considerable loss of life.

#### TERIBLY MANAGED.

The bodies of most of the dead in the two cotton mills were fearfully torn and mangled; the skulls of many of them were crushed and the limbs broken; some were torn and crushed about the abdomen with the viscera visibly protruding. The local physicians who gave first aid to the injured say the sights were horrible beyond description. The death list is expected to be of much greater magnitude by morning, as nearly 30 are believed to be hurt beyond hope of recovery.

#### BURGONS FROM ATLANTA.

Gainesville has only 12 local physicians, newspaper men and citizens of Gainesville a relief committee was formed with James R. Gray of Atlanta as the chairman. Supplies will be rushed into the stricken city as rapidly as possible. Gainesville feels able to take care of the immediate needs of the suffering, but unless supplies are received much distress is likely to result, as the families visited by death and mutilation were almost without exception dependent upon their daily labor for support.

The property loss, it is now estimated, will reach about \$300,000.

#### THE FIRST DETAILS.

Just after the noon hour the city was struck by a terrific cyclone, killing probably one hundred persons, unroofing the city hotels, other large buildings and destroying the Gainesville cotton mills.

The greatest loss of life is reported 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 centre of town and the 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 500 persons at work in the cotton mill when the cyclone struck. The mill was a three-story building. The first was left standing but badly wrecked.

The second and third floors were completely demolished and the employees caught under the wreckage and mangled.

Five brick stores on the main street of Gainesville were swept away. In all 20 buildings are demolished there. The cyclone went on to New Holland and it is believed at least 75 persons are killed there.

#### THE DEAD.

The list revised up to a late hour Tuesday night is as follows:

Killed at the Pacolet mills at New Holland:

Mrs. Alice Bobo, aged 40.  
Mrs. F. O'Kelly, 35.  
Mrs. Wm. Westmoreland, 41.  
Mrs. Marion W. Nichols, 40.  
Mrs. H. Nelson, 45.  
Henry Hendricks, 12.  
Mrs. J. C. Bryan, 47.  
Lester Phillips, 60.  
Mrs. T. A. Coker, 60.  
Wm. Tatum, 25.  
Norman White, 10.  
Mrs. J. R. White, 35.  
Ola White, 10.  
Mrs. Wm. Ledford, 10.  
Willie Ledford, 18 months.  
Barry Loyd, 60.  
Mrs. Thomas Truelove, 18.  
Mrs. M. A. Pass, 50.  
Spurgeons Pass, 50.  
Spurgeons Pass, Jr., 12.  
John Mayne, ex-clerk of the superior court of Hall county, 62.  
Mrs. H. L. Nicks, 42.  
Mrs. Julia Neely, 55.  
Baby York, 16 months.  
Pearl York, 4.  
Leon McGill, 1.  
Mrs. Mary Abel, 70.  
Mrs. Bell York, 27.  
Mafey Westmoreland, 9.  
Myrtle Westmoreland, 6.  
Manda Wyche, colored, 45.  
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Mrs. Annie Garrett.  
John Wesley Adams, 14.  
Mary Clarke, 18.  
Maud Ford, 16.  
Bettie Linton, 14.  
Fannie Duncan, 11.  
Mary Lou Duncan, 11.  
C. Knobell.  
Bessie Skinner, 15.  
Edna Beers.  
Lillie Woodie, 13.  
Mr. J. M. Camp and baby.  
Bob Morris, 12.  
Claude Shad, 11.  
Orin Haynes, 12.  
Jack Murphy.  
Jake Waddell, 17.  
Lizzie Rich, 16.  
Grady Lee, 14.  
Ethel Lyle, 12.  
Dorothy Sloan.  
Minnie Stowe, 14.  
Ed. Nagle.  
Herman English, 13.  
Dorothy Sloan, 15.  
Lillie Lodgins, 15.  
Lula Lodgins, 15.  
Mrs. Nathan Jones.  
Hoimer Ash, 21.  
Comp Ash, 16.  
Minnie Jackson, 17.  
Morris Child.  
Baby of:errington.  
Missing:

W. E. Bannister.

Eight persons killed in the destruction of the Jones & Logan stores near the Southern depot are not included in the above list. All of them were men except Mrs. Jones, the wife of the proprietor of Jones' general store. Two of the men killed in the Logan store were negroes.

A MASSACRED BY COWBOYS.

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The GAINESVILLE TORNADO.

A Condensed Statement of the Results of the Awful Catastrophe.

A dispatch from Gainesville, Ga., says the relief committee met Thursday night and issued a statement as to lives lost, houses destroyed, number dead and injured, those needing hospital treatment, etc. This is the first authentic report from the committee, it is as follows:

At New Holland: Number killed, 33; sure to die, 4; wounded, 75; need hospital treatment, 30; in hospital, 22.

Houses totally demolished, 40; total number of families, 60; representing 300 persons all of whose effects were destroyed; houses damaged, 42; total number families, 60; representing 300 people one-third of whose effects were destroyed.

In the Gainesville Mill district: number killed, 36; number missing, 1; fatally injured, 3; total injured, 115; number needing hospital treatment, 8; number now in hospital, 7; number to be moved to hospital, 1.

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Women's Scholarships.

The Atlanta News says gossip and slander have grown apace since the creeds of the old south were swept away by war, and were choked by the gross materialism of the age. Virtue on wagging tongues is held lightly and character is of small esteem. Good names are bandied in idle gossip and fair report. In man or woman is injured in the careless whisper of the street, Rumors roll like a highwayman, and slander stalks like a bandit with never a code, save the doubtful process of law, to make them afraid. The age of personal responsibility was the age of purity and the age of courtesy. It had its limitations and it can scarcely be justified in the law of God or man, but this much at least is true: That in the time of its best expression it must be set down as one at least of the essential glories of the old south that no man spoke lightly of the honor of woman or of the good name of his fellow-man.

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A special dispatch from Columbia to the Augusta Chronicle says news from Hopkins, Congaree and Westons in the lower part of Bladensburg county indicates that the planters in that section have lost thousands of dollars from a destructive hailstorm that swept over that section Monday night, and an immense amount of stock and poultry were killed. The heaviest loss was in tobacco and cotton, and it is doubtful if any of these two crops can be saved. The planters had employed experts and had gone into the tobacco business quite heavily, expending considerable money upon it. The heavy hailstones cut the leaves into shreds, leaving nothing but the stalk standing and ruining the crop. The cotton stalks were treated in the same manner, and are also ruined.

The storm passed over in two directions at right angles, and this accounts for the destruction of so many barns, houses and negro cabins. One negro was killed. The coroner went down Tuesday afternoon to hold the inquest. Several others, both white and colored were injured. It will be several days before an estimate of the damage can be obtained, but a partial list of the planters who lost heavily is as follows:

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