

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 40 more fatally injured, with a property loss of something like \$300,000.

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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.

Killed at the Paoclet Mills at New Holland

- Mrs. Alice B. ... Mrs. P. C. ... Mrs. Wm. ... Mrs. M. ... Mrs. J. ... Mrs. ...

The only part of the storm, extending two miles from the Gainesville mills around the outskirts of the city to the Paoclet mills at New Holland is a mass of ruins, but fortunately the cottages in the trail of the tornado between the Southern station and New Holland were those of negroes who were all absent from the city Monday in attendance on a colored excursion.

The work of the tornado was complete. From the factory where it first descended upon the doomed city to the hills beyond New Holland where it rose into the upper air, the destruction of property is appalling.

Along this entire course for a distance of two miles there is not a fence standing nor a habitable house, most of the latter being reduced to strips like laths and scarcely a tree left.

At New Holland the storm did its worst. Nothing but the barren red hills are left there to tell the story of the awful disaster.

POSTAL FRAUDS.

Two More Arrests Made in Paoclet. On the Charge of Conspiracy and Defrauding the Government in the Purchase of Leather Pouches Furnished to Rural Carriers.

As a result of the sweeping investigation in Washington of affairs at the postoffice department, Thomas W. McGregor, a clerk in charge of the supplies for the free rural delivery service, and C. Ellsworth Upton of Baltimore, one of McGregor's assistants, Friday were arrested on the charge of conspiracy, with Charles E. Smith of Hall county, ex-clerk of the superior court of Hay county, Md.

The story of the arrests is best told in the following official statement given by Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristol Friday evening: "Thomas W. McGregor and C. Ellsworth Upton were arrested Friday afternoon upon warrants sworn out in Baltimore by Inspectors J. D. Sullivan and R. D. Simmons, charged with a conspiracy, with Charles E. Smith and others, to defraud the United States government in the purchase of pouches from C. E. Smith of Baltimore.

McGregor has been in the postal service since 1891. He came to Washington from Nebraska as a messenger and subsequently was promoted to a clerkship and finally was appointed by Mr. Machen in charge of the supply work of the rural free delivery service.

August W. Machen, former superintendent of the free delivery service of the postoffice department, who was arrested several days ago charged with sharing profits on government contracts for letter box fasteners has been indicted by the grand jury at Washington. The amount which the indictment finds he received illegally is \$18,987.

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.

At New Holland: Number killed, 33; sure to die, 4; wounded, 75; need hospital treatment, 40; total injured, 115; fatally injured, 4; total injured, 119; number needing hospital treatment, 8; number now in hospital, 7; number to be moved to hospital, 1. Between Athens and Main streets: Number dead, 20; injured, 25; needing hospital treatment, 12; in hospital, 5; to move to hospital, 7. Houses destroyed, 60; people homeless, 300.

CORN WILL BE SCARCER.

At Least That is What the Storms Now Indicate. 6-5th Carolina farmers are laboring in the report that the floods in the West have seriously affected the crop of corn and wheat.

The heavy rains throughout the great corn-growing regions beyond the flooded valleys, if continued much longer, will, it is feared, do irreparable injury. All of the corn planting that was done was done before May 15, and probably not more than 60 or 70 per cent of the planting was finished up to that date.

Some one has truly said that there are three things that man is destined never to solve—perpetual motion, the square of a circle, and the heart of a woman. While the man may get a little way into the labyrinth of the heart with the thread of love, while the Ariadne will gladly give him at the door, he will never solve it.

There are dark corners where there has been torture, of which he will never know. The dark shadows and ghostly shapes which Penelope has hidden with the fastest of her loom. There are doors tightly locked, which he has no key to open; rooms which have contained costly vessels, empty and deep with dust.

It is a wonderful thing. For it is so small he could hold it in the hollow of his hand, yet it is great enough to shelter him forever. All the world may not break it if his love is steadfast and unchanging, and loving him, looks out into the blacky pitchiness of the night, the light of the doom that hung over them.

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.

A Frenchman fell into a cataleptic trance May 21, 1883, just after giving birth to a child. All these years she lay with jaws clinched, limbs rigid and in a profound lethargy. Her eyes were closed for a few years, tried by some doctors for a few years, but all known remedies failed.

FEARFUL DISASTER.

With a Mighty Rush Angry Waters Came Down, Destroying their Homes, and Killing. WRECK SEVERAL COTTON MILLS. The Loss of Property Will Reach Into the Millions and Many Persons Perished in Their Homes.

Before the waters of a mighty flood Paoclet, S. C., has been swept from the map and the great cotton mills of that place and Clifton, S. C., are beneath the surface of a cloudburst's onward rush, completely wiped out by the storm. As the Topeka disaster was eclipsed by the Gainesville horror so it now seems in turn that the loss of property if not of life in the Georgia city will be eclipsed by the great wave of devastation which has swept through and over the great milling districts of Clifton and Paoclet with such destructive violence.

The dark shadow of the storm settled over Spartanburg Friday night, hanging above the city like some grim spectre of death. With increasing vehemence the elements prepared for their invasion of the doomed district until the storm reached the proportions of a giant cloudburst when the downpour from the black depths of heaven swept away the dams which in turn settled the city like some grim spectre of death.

Mill No. 1 has been washed completely away. Mill No. 2 totally destroyed. Mill No. 3 partially destroyed. The waters of the three mills are swept away and the rushing water checked through the wide gap thus opened. The warehouse of Mill No. 1 with its total stock of goods and cotton was swept away, while the hotel, the leading churches and almost every building in the doomed little city has been swept away or totally destroyed.

Just at the hour when the sun should have been setting behind the western hills the storm broke over the doomed valley with a fury. For over four hours the terrific downpour continued in all the fury of a giant cloudburst and the angry waters soon loosened the fastenings of the dam above the mills and homes of the terror-stricken families who, peering with white faces and terror-stricken looks out into the blacky pitchiness of the night, saw the light of the doom that hung over them.

Just above the valley three dams are located, equal distance apart, one above the other. Slowly but surely the first dam gave way before the surge of waters which took on renewed force as the storm continued. The work of a man soon gave way before the dread onslaught of heaven and the total destruction of the first dam the two remaining fell in swift succession.

The latest news indicates that the loss of life and the damage to property will be appalling. The detailed loss is not obtainable as yet, but the most conservative estimates put loss of life in the neighborhood of one hundred and damage to property at something like \$10,000,000. At Clifton the drowned are said to be in the neighborhood of fifty.

MANAGED BY COWBOYS.

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The recent great catastrophes, in which so many lives were lost, calls for a comparison in figures by the Scientific American between the loss of life by accidents, particularly railroads, and the loss of life by the American, according to Accident Bulletin, No. 6, published by the Interstate Commerce committee, that the number of passengers killed in train accidents during the months of October, November and December, 1902, was 266 and 27,788.

During the whole of the Boer war, which lasted about three years, the total number of casualties (killed, wounded, died of disease, and invalided home) in the British army was 27,342, of whom 5,727 were killed in action. The Boer losses, we exclude the number of prisoners taken, were not so numerous as those of the British; but even if we allow that they were approximately equal, we find that the whole number of casualties of British and Boers, throughout the three years, was only about equal to the total number of railroad casualties in the Boer losses, supposing that is, that the rate should be the same for the last three months of last year to prevail for the whole year.

Women's Scholarships. Miss Louisa B. Popenhelm, chairman of the educational department, South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, announces that the following scholarships will be awarded by the Federation: Converse College—Three scholarships, each valued at \$100 a year, for four years academic work in college.

A Bad White Boy. Geo. Overstreet, a 17-year old white boy of Columbus, Ga., was killed Wednesday at Salem, Ala., near Columbus, by a ball hit. Overstreet and a companion named Reeves of Atlanta, burglarized a store at Salem, Ala., and while resisting arrest Overstreet was killed by the officer. Reeves escaped.

Shot to Death. Samuel Westmoreland and his wife were shot to death in their house at Rankin, Texas, on Monday night. Ellis Chady, a brother of Mrs. Westmoreland, is charged with the crime.

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