

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

St. Louis, April 28.—A brief dispatch from Guthrie, O. T., says:

At 6 o'clock this morning a mighty wave of water six feet high and a mile wide swept down Cottonwood valley and struck this city. A deafening roar went up as the water crashed the houses and drove the people from their homes. At the first rush every boat and bridge was swept away. All West Guthrie is submerged. Twenty business houses have ten feet of water in them. The river is thirty feet above the ordinary level. Hundreds of people are in the trees but cannot be helped. Several men in trying to swim the current to reach four women and a baby in a tree were carried away. A woman wading from her home with a baby on her head was swept away and lost. It is believed more than a score of negroes were drowned. Persons who escaped the flood estimate that fully fifty persons were drowned.

KANSAS CITY, April 28.—A special to the Star from Guthrie, Oklahoma, says: The terrible flood of Cottonwood river suddenly engulfed West Guthrie shortly after sunrise this morning. There is reason to believe that fully a score of persons were drowned. Hundreds were driven from their homes and many houses swept away. It is the most appalling disaster that ever befell Guthrie.

The river burst from the banks and a raging sea half a mile wide swept across the valley, carrying houses, barns and fences with it. To add sorrow to the situation the main supply pipe of the waterworks system burst where it crossed Cottonwood in the southern part and all the water in the reservoirs poured into the river.

During the night the bridge leading across the river to the city has been swept away.

People were absorbed watching the rising waters. When the flood from the reservoirs came down in a solid wall and out across the arm of land near the main land, cutting off people's escape, they fled to higher parts of the newly formed island. The river at 9 o'clock was 30 feet higher than the usual level.

It is believed that there is much loss of life in that part of the city, but people are so bewildered as to make it impossible to secure facts. House after house was swept away. The debris came against the strong bridge near Hemm's ice plant. The bridge was torn from its moorings and carried away. Horses, cows, chickens, etc., soon dotted the river in all directions. Men and women could be seen in the houses beckoning for help. There were no boats and the men set about constructing rafts.

The Guthrie club quickly organized a rescuing party and began the construction of boats. Three daring raftsmen sought to rescue an old man from a tree. The raft as it rushed down the river was watched with breathless excitement. It struck the overhanging limbs and the raftsmen were knocked from their feet. They managed to stay with the raft, however, and it went whirling toward

Cimmarron. Nothing has since been heard of them.

Two men secured a small stern wheeled pleasure boat and heroically went to rescue men and women lodged in the trees. Many persons were rescued amid the cheers of the spectators. The cable which held the boat suddenly parted. The boat was drawn into the current and whirled away. Fortunately it landed further down the stream.

Many overturned houses can be seen far out in the flood. It will be hours before the fate of their occupants can be learned.

Many persons claim to have seen others drowned. It will be impossible to find the bodies for weeks, as everything is swept into Cimmarron river, two miles away. The Cimmarron river is from one to two miles wide.

A wagon bridge has gone out. It is feared the newly completed steel bridge of the Santa Fe railway is weakened. The tracks are submerged and traffic abandoned. Small railway bridges in all directions have been washed out. The loss in Guthrie is many thousands of dollars. The disaster equals the Chandler tornado for terrible suddenness.

GUTHRIE, O. T., April 28.—The heaviest rain in years fell throughout the territory yesterday and last night, a continuous downpour keeping up for seven hours.

Southwest of Waterloo, this county, a waterspout occurred and half a dozen farms were inundated. Near Clifton, Lincoln county, scores of farms have been swept of everything and many cattle and horses were drowned. Near Cushing, Payne county, dozens of people have been driven from their homes by the high water. In the western part of Logan county, several large bridges on the Cimmarron and Cottonwood rivers have been abandoned and trains in every direction are delayed by washouts.

At El Reno lightning struck the Presbyterian church spire and a negro school house, knocking the children right and left, but killing none. No fatalities have been reported from any point.

The total rain fall since Saturday noon amounts 11.98 inches. It is still raining hard.

WICHITA, Kansas, April 28.—A special from Guthrie to the Beacon, says:

Nine people were seen to drown, two women and a child were carried away on a bridge. One man and two women were on the house roof when it went to pieces, and perished. As there is no communication it was absolutely impossible to get the names. Scores are missing. Many buildings are still going down. A girl in a peach tree for hours just gave up and fell in the water.

Hundreds of men are building boats at the lumber yards. Gus Platt and George Wells swam the main current, cut a flat boat from its moorings and saved seven people.

It is believed that many were caught in bed in the small houses and drowned. The big Cimmarron bridge is gone. Immense damage has been

done to the country. Skeleton creek has washed away scores of farmhouses and several people are drowned.

KING FISHER, O. T., April 28.—Hardly had the streams and creeks of this vicinity returned to the normal conditions from Saturday's terrific rains before they were again flooded higher than ever by a cloud burst which washed the bridges out, carried great trees, houses, fences and everything portable down the stream. Several persons are reported drowned. Large numbers of stock perished.

St. Louis, April 28.—A special from San Luis Potosi, Mexico, to the Globe-Democrat, says the Rio Verde valley has been visited by a terrific hailstorm which ruined the growing crops and caused great loss of life.

Reports have been received here of the killing of forty-one persons by hailstones. On one hacienda twelve farm hands were killed. Some of the hailstones weighed over three pounds.

NEW YORK, April 27.—This day of days in Manhattan's history of pageants dawned clear and cool. The wind briskly tossed the flags and bunting hung from every point of vantage in Greater New York. Long before sunrise the streets were thronged.

The ceremonies proper began at sunrise when from a tall flagpole near the tomb was flung an immense American flag furnished by the Daughters of the Revolution. There it will fly night and day, in fair weather and foul until the winds have worn it away and the sun faded its colors. At the same time the marines on the warships were piped to their quarters and landed to stand and receive the head of the column. Bands were playing and youths shouting in joyousness of spirit, for it was agreed that the prevailing note should be joy over the memory of the great man honored; not sorrow over the death of the hero.

Louie snouts pronounced the arrival of the President at 9:20. He rode in a carriage with General Porter and Mayor Strong. His reception was flattering in the extreme and he bowed repeatedly. His usually grave face was wreathed in smiles. Vice President Hobart joined the President. The open barouche, in which they were seated took its place at the head of the line. General Butterfield in the uniform of a retired general of the army rode at the right of the barouche which was preceded by a piked force of mounted policemen. The military escort included one sergeant and ten men of A troop.

The Grants left the hotel by the Fifth Avenue entrance a few minutes ahead of the President's party. Mrs. Grant leaned on the arm of her son, Col. Fred D. Grant. Altogether they occupied eight carriages. The initial step in the parade was made almost on schedule time and at 9:40 o'clock the presidential procession was on the move.

The visitors got a chance to see a million people. The unbroken humanity six miles long was an inspiring sight. The arrival of the official section of the procession at the tomb was the signal of the stupendous outburst of patriotic cheering from 50,000 people in the grand stands, on lawns around the monument and on the