# WISCONSIN IS CYCLONE SWEPT

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## NEW RICHMOND DESTROYED

**Impossible to Estimate the Loss of Life—Damage to Railroads and Other Property Immense.**

St. Paul, Minn., June 12, 4:30 a. m.—Scores of persons were killed, the business part of Wisconsin Hollow, Wis., and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property destroyed by a cyclone that swept across the Mississippi valley this afternoon and causing great loss in New Richmond and causing great loss in Hudson, Wis., and at Hastings, Minn., and in the section of country lying between.

How great has been the loss of life it is impossible to tell for the reason that interrupted communication with Hudson and New Richmond, and reports have come in a roundabout way. One man who was at New Richmond when the storm struck, between 3 and 4 o'clock, has reached Minneapolis, Minn., and from there has given out a graphic description of the destruction of the Wisconsin town.

NEW RICHMOND RAZED.

New Richmond, a village of 2,000 inhabitants, according to his story, was razed by the storm, and soon after it had passed the injured persons stood on the wreckage, being taken to die by the side.

The town was crowded with people who had come from the surrounding country to attend a show there, and this fact added to the destruction of life caused by the storm. All the hotels of the village were blown down. The damage to railroads and telegraph and telephone lines is enormous. The wrecking of hotels and stores filled with life and commercial life points in the path of the storm cut off.

LOSS OF LIFE.

Latest reports estimate the loss of life at New Richmond at 50 and some put the figures as high as 100.

Throughout the region of the storm many dwellings were demolished, uprooted from their foundations and turned over by the roots or beaten into the soil. Trees have been uprooted and stripped of their leaves, and roads have been flooded and sections of railroads on all lines passing through the storm area have washed out.

Coming on the heels of a heavy rainstorm of Sunday and Monday night the storm has turned every small stream tributary to the Mississippi in this section into a torrent. Bridges have been swept away and much property ruined by water.

J. A. Cathell, who arrived at Minneapolis late last night, was in New Richmond, Wis., when the cyclone struck. He says the main street was wiped out and Hudson, Wis., is in ruins. He does not know how many so he left town after. The name of the town are burning, he says, owing to oil tanks and gasoline being ignited by the wreckage. Cathell escaped by a hair's breadth and was the means of saving others by the instant that was given for flight.

A PIT OF DEATH.

Every place where a building stood a few hours ago in the village is now a pit of death.

Cathell was in the hotel just before 4 o'clock. It had been sultry hot and he was just leaving the hotel when he felt the storm approaching. It seemed to take the element increasing to a roar.

"I ran to the door of the hotel," he said, "and there was the funnel shaped cloud bearing down upon us. The roar of the wind was deafening. The noise of the wreckage of the city was indescribable. I should think a cyclone was upon us and ran for the cellar. I was just barely an instant before the building was lifted from its foundation, crushed into fragments, and dashed to splinters.

"Charles McKinnon, the proprietor, was in the basement with me. I helped take him out of the wreck of his house. He saved his wife also and one of his children, both injured.

"We could hear the other child crying under the wreck, but were not able to get to it. One of the twenty girls was taken out of the ruins. I expect she was fatally hurt. Not a building is left standing in the main street, which was two built of brick.

TRACK OF THE STORM.

"The track of the storm seemed to be half a mile wide. How far it extended I cannot tell. The storm struck Prescott, on the north side of the village, and was like a tidal wave—nothing could withstand it. There is not a building left standing in Prescott. The main part of the village. Most of them are blown and broken to shreds.

"To add to the confusion, the rain followed the storm. It was night and there was no light. There was the noise of the wind, the roar of the falling city, so could be was to battle for the lives we might reach before the fire catch us. I must have worked two hours in the ruins. I do not know how many we saved. A train was sent from Hudson to carry sufferer to Ship and I came with it."

**Rain Record at Marinette.**

Marinette, Minn., June 12.—six inches of rain is the record for the twenty-four hours up to this morning. It was the worst storm ever known in this section.

**Cyclone at Dubuque.**

Dubuque, Wis., June 12.—One of the most terrible cyclones ever witnessed by the citizens of Dubuque passed through the country about 3:30 p. m. It formed in a waterspout four miles north of Dubuque on Lake St. Croix. It was witnessed by hundreds of people and seemed to follow the lake and to be holding directly for the city. It moved in the east and left the lake and crossed the country. It was about twenty rods wide and destroyed everything in its track.

**Heavy Rains at Eleva, Wis.**

Eleva, Wis., June 12.—Heavy rain has caused the Buffalo river to overflow, and the data for miles are flooded. Milwaukee road north of here is washed out and trains are delayed. Nearly a mile of track is washed out at Arcadia. The iron bridge at Winona was carried away and the abutments damaged.

**Fire Inches of Rain.**

La Crosse, Wis., June 12.—The worst rainstorm in seventeen years swept this section last night and today. Nearly five inches of rain fell. It came from 10 clocks, doing great damage to railroad property. All railroad communication except on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy from South Dubuque and the northern Minnesota division of the Milwaukee line is cut off. Fifty families in Northern La Crosse were compelled to power their homes in boats.

**Winona Under Water.**

Winona, Minn., June 12.—Winona is still cut off from the outer world and the prospects are that it will practically remain so for the next three days. During the day and last night the city was hard hit, the heaviest rain by a deluge the resultant flood carrying damage that will reach thousands of dollars in extent. Two persons are known to have been killed in Winona.

The entire north side of Winona is under water and many families have been carried out on rafts.

The Mississippi has risen a foot and a half since yesterday morning. Four and a half feet of water is over a foot on.

JEFFERS AND SHARKEY.

**The New Champion and the Sailor May Meet in September.**

San Francisco, June 12.—Tom Sharkey, the sailor, has received the following telegram from Jim Jeffers, Tom O'Rourke, Grand New York, Tom City.

"Tom Sharkey, San Francisco, Cal.—Have spoken to Mr. Sullivan and he will not fight you in September. You had better come right home to stay. There is nothing out there.

TOM O'ROURKE.

SHARKEY'S REPLY.

San Francisco, June 12.—Tom O'Rourke, New York.—Am all certainly going home. Will be there about the 20th and will be in New York in three weeks, or sooner, if better worth here. TOM SHARKEY.

From the above it would appear that the coming challenge issued by Jim Jeffers that offer for Sullivan or Fitzsimmons to meet him in September for a battle between the antipodes and the new champion, Sharkey, is to be postponed until next year. Sullivan will not fight, and Fitzsimmons is busy at his work in preparing to put him on offer for a hedging contest. The author has received a letter from Fitzsimmons, Maine, and gives some opinion of Jeffers's say that he is in magnificent condition.

# THE AMERICAN SOLDIER.

## Poultney Bigelow Reads a Paper on Him at the United Service Institution.

**Praises Him, but Considers the Political Element in the Late War —About Staff Officers.**

London, June 11.—At the United Service institution this afternoon in the presence of a distinguished assembly, Mr. Poultney Bigelow read a paper on "The Yankee Soldier," which attracted additional importance from the place where it was delivered. Mr. Bigelow's address was in part as follows:

"Throughout the region of the storm many dwellings were demolished, uprooted from their foundations and turned over by the roots or beaten into the soil. Trees have been uprooted and stripped of their leaves, and roads have been flooded and sections of railroads on all lines passing through the storm area have washed out.

"Coming on the heels of a heavy rainstorm of Sunday and Monday night the storm has turned every small stream tributary to the Mississippi in this section into a torrent. Bridges have been swept away and much property ruined by water.

"The American soldier is a product of his surroundings. He is a man who has been brought up in a country where the political element is strong. He is a man who has been brought up in a country where the political element is strong. He is a man who has been brought up in a country where the political element is strong