

# MORE SNOW IN THE WEST

## A FURIOUS STORM RAGING BETWEEN DAKOTA AND CHICAGO.

SNOW AND SLEET AND HEAVY WINDS —  
TRAINS ABANDONED ON THE TRACKS—  
TRAVEL AND BUSINESS NEARLY SUSPENDED—THE STORM MOVING EASTWARD.

CHICAGO, March 3.—Another heavy snow-storm is reported to be prevailing throughout the North-west, extending from this city to Dakota, and moving eastward. It reached here about midnight, and the very high wind was accompanied by driving sleet. If there is any meaning in the phrase the "worst storm of the season," used so repeatedly this Winter, it applies truthfully to the present one. It is impossible to get at how much snow has really fallen, as it has rested in no two places alike. In Wisconsin, Iowa, and Illinois, where the railroads have not recovered from the storm of Saturday and Sunday, it is feared the present snow will prevent travel for a week. There is a most hopeless blockade of the traffic in this city, and the incoming trains this morning were delayed seven to eight hours. Two trains on the Illinois Central Road are snowed in between here and Kensington, Ill., and the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad has been obliged to abandon all its trains between Chicago and Milwaukee, until the cessation of the storm, of which, at present, there is not the slightest indication. Trains on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Road, in addition to the snow, are delayed by the burning of the station at Galesburg, Ill., which occurred this morning, and which involves a loss of \$6,000. Nothing like the present storm has been seen in Chicago this Winter. The snow is falling and drifting so fast that all efforts to keep the sidewalks passable to pedestrians has been abandoned, and they plunge along through drifts with difficulty. Up to noon no trains arrived this morning from the West, and only two from the East.

Milwaukee reports: "The railroad blockade throughout Wisconsin is more complete than at any time during the Winter, and railroad men say that the tracks will be much harder to clear this time than before. The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad has suspended all its trains." Elkhorn, Wis., says: "Never before has the work of snow-plows seemed more futile, as the tracks are covered in some places for hundreds of yards with water and snow, so that shovels are the only means available to bail out the slush." Dubuque, Iowa, reports: "A furious storm is raging, insuring another railroad blockade, during which no trains can be expected, as those west and east were all abandoned last night." A dispatch from Sioux City says: "The present storm is particularly discouraging. Snow has been blown by the wind so that it has filled all the tracks leading to the city. All the roads within 200 miles east, north, and west of Sioux City are blockaded, some of them since New Year's Day."

At nightfall there was no apparent abatement of the storm, and the streets were almost deserted, except by snow-plows, which are kept moving in order to keep the tracks clear for to-morrow. Dispatches from Western Iowa note the cessation of the storm there, but in Wisconsin and Illinois it continues with remarkable persistency. A special from Elgin, Ill., summarizes the situation thus: "No trains; no mails; no Chicago papers; no business." A special from Madison, Wis., speaking of the storm, says: "Nothing like it has ever been known in this section. About three feet of snow has fallen, and the drifts are from 16 to 18 feet high."

At 10 o'clock to-night the force of the storm in this city was about spent, although light snow continued to fall. No mails have been received from or sent to the North-west from the Post Office to-day, all trains going in that direction or coming being crippled or abandoned. The latter is the state of the trains on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul, the Chicago and North-western, and the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Roads. Nearly all the trains on the Eastern roads are badly delayed, and those on the Michigan Central have been abandoned and none has been sent out since morning. The loss by the storm to this city in the stoppage of trains and detention of business is estimated at \$250,000. The State-street branch of the North Division-street car system was abandoned during the day, and only a few cars were run on the other lines, the horses being concentrated at the snow-plows. The most northerly point from which a report of the storm comes is La Crosse, Wis., where it began last night and continued the greater part of to-day.

A special to the *Inter-Ocean* from St. Paul, Minn., says: "The Fort Dodge train on the Minneapolis and St. Louis Road to-day was suspended. This division of the road is buried beneath the snow from Forest City to Fort Dodge. A dispatch to the same paper from Watertown, Wis., says business is entirely suspended there on account of the storm, and if it continues all night people will not be able to leave their houses in the morning. The main streets are lined with drifts from 15 to 20 feet deep. At Meattoon, Ill., the storm is reported to be increasing in force. At 8 P. M. the storm at Fon du Lac, Wis., showed no signs of abating, and had then continued for nearly 30 hours.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 3.—There was another heavy snow-storm last night. The blizzard is general throughout the southern half of Wisconsin. North of Stevens Point, in the centre of the State, the snow-fall has been less heavy. All the railroad trains are suspended and side-tracked where they happen to reach way stations. The Chicago mail is stuck at Racine. No effort will be made to get trains out of Milwaukee to-day. Some lines in this State will be blockaded a week. It is the worst storm of the season. The telegraph wires are all right.

The storm, which began last night at 8 o'clock, was general all over Wisconsin. It has raged without a moment's cessation, and is the heaviest snow-fall ever known in Wisconsin and the North-west. Reports from all the telegraphic points in Wisconsin show that the snow is from three to six feet on the level, and drifts are reported covering houses, telegraph poles, trains, &c. The cuts on all the railroads are filled full. A dispatch to the *Daily Republican* states that there is great inconvenience in all places in obtaining food and fuel, and in some places actual suffering. Not a single railroad train is running in the entire State, every line being effectually blocked and all business suspended. No attempt to clear the tracks will be made until after the storm ceases, and to-night it is raging as bad as ever. Railway men estimate that fully a week must elapse even with favorable weather before trains can be resumed regularly. Mails all over the State are stopped. Telegraph wires continue to work to most points. The oldest inhabitants of Milwaukee and throughout the State say nothing even approaching the present storm has ever been known. From almost every interior town come dispatches announcing distress among the people, and stating that unless the storm ceases, so that supplies can be got in within a few days, there will be great suffering and actual danger of starvation among people isolated from neighbors and assistance. All of the railroads have passenger and other trains snowed in at various points on their lines. In Milwaukee there is a genuine coal famine. There is but little coal in the city, and it is impossible for dealers to deliver.

All business is suspended. Managers of street car lines do not even attempt to clear their tracks. Railroad companies have ceased attempting to send out snow-plows. Last night a snow-plow train, with 70 shovelers aboard, on the Wisconsin Central, just north of Sherman, Wis., 40 miles from Milwaukee, broke through a small bridge, and the snow-plow, engine, and several men fell several feet. Only one man was injured, he having ribs broken. The American Express Company here has tons of freight on hand, and refuses to take money from the banks for transportation. The companies have entirely suspended business. Dispatches from the interior of Wisconsin to the *Daily Republican* state that the snow is absolutely burying everything smaller than large buildings. Railroad trains are buried out of sight, buildings are snowed over, and the storm still continues. All reports say the blizzard is unprecedented.

EAST SAGINAW, Mich., March 3.—The most severe storm of the season thus far prevails here. It is snowing and blowing furiously. The snow is from 20 inches to 3 feet in depth in Northern Michigan. The trains north are blockaded. Six inches of snow have fallen in the past four hours.

DETROIT, Mich., March 3.—A furious snow-storm prevails here. The street car railroad travel is seriously impeded.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, March 3.—The disheartening news of the approach of the storm from the West comes by frequent telegrams. It is cold and furious, with wind and snow. At noon, it is fully 75 miles east of the Mississippi River, and presents a front extending from Minnesota to far south of the mouth of the Ohio River.

TORONTO, Ontario, March 3.—A heavy snow-storm set in to-night, and railway traffic is likely to suffer. Dispatches from north and west of here report the storm as the most severe of the season.