

bay, and nothing is known regarding the shipping. Several washouts on the New-Orleans and Mobile, and Mobile and Montgomery railroads are reported. Trains have been suspended and the wires are down pretty much everywhere. The damage in the city is slight.

PENSACOLA, Fla., Feb. 7.—The heaviest gale known for years has been blowing for 24 hours. Several vessels have cast their moorings and fouled one another in the harbor. One large bark broke through three wharves, and is now ashore flying a signal of distress. It is impossible to obtain particulars until the storm lulls. The Havana steamship Admiral did not sail last night, but will await fairer weather.

SNOW, RAIN, AND WIND.

VERY SEVERE SNOW-STORM IN THE NORTH-WEST—THE CALIFORNIA FLOODS—NEW-ORLEANS PARTLY INUNDATED.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—The storm which has been prevailing in the North-west for the past two days reached Chicago during the night, and the rain which is now falling congeals on the telegraph wires and covers the sidewalks with ice. The wires in and about the city are breaking under the weight, which is constly increasing. In Iowa and Minnesota the Western Union Company reports that the wires are generally disabled in all directions, the rain being accompanied by a high wind. Reports from Minnesota state that the river division of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad is the only railroad line in operation in the State. The snow which fell on Saturday has been melted and packed by the milder weather and rain until it is improbable that the roads will be open inside of a week. The storm is reported to be still raging west and north of St. Paul, and the rain which has fallen to the south has frozen as it fell and crusted the exceptionally deep snow. All the lines of travel will have to be dug out with picks and shovels, snow-plows being useless. It is the worst storm and blockade known in Minnesota for years. A dispatch from Waterloo, Iowa, reports the severest snow-storm of the season, blocking the railroad travel to the north and west. Trains on the Illinois Central and Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroads, after getting a short distance from the city, have been compelled to return. A dispatch from McGregor, Iowa, states that all trains on the Iowa and Minnesota and Iowa and Dakota divisions of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad have been suspended since Saturday in consequence of the general snow blockade.

A dispatch from Omaha, Neb., says that the heaviest snow-storm of the season occurred last night, the snow being very heavy with water, but further west it was drier and drifting. It was snowing from Omaha to Cheyenne, and further west with very high wind. Telegraphic communication is almost entirely cut off, the only Eastern outlet being by way of Cheyenne, Denver, and Kansas City. The cattle men entertain great fear about their cattle, which have already suffered a great deal.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 7.—Two days' rain has raised the water in the Missouri and Kansas Rivers very rapidly, and resulted in much damage. The stock yards' bridge across the Kansas River was carried out. At one time to-day the gorge of thick ice placed the Kansas Pacific Railroad bridges in great danger, and new dredging boat with expensive machinery was demolished and is a total loss. The rapid rise in the Missouri River alarmed the people of Harlem, opposite this city, and many moved to this side for safety. The rain being over, no further damage is apprehended. Great injury has been done to the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fé Railroad bed, and trains were to-day sent out and arrived over the Kansas Pacific track to Topeka. Heavy storms and freshets from melted snow in Colorado and South-western Kansas have caused serious delays on the Santa Fé road. No trains have arrived from Pueblo since Wednesday. It will be some time before the water has subsided and the tracks can be put in repair. At a small station west of Sargent several tons of mail and express matter are delayed and upward of 300 passengers are boarding the train.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 7.—A dispatch from Stockton says that all the islands in the San Joaquin River are to a greater or less extent covered with water, as is also the mainland on the lower portions of the river. This morning it is raining again all over the northern and central portions of the State.

NEW-ORLEANS, Feb. 7.—The storm yesterday was the heaviest recorded at this signal office. The cautionary signal-flag displayed at the Custom-house was torn to pieces. Several breaks in the levee are reported along Bayou St. John and the Old Basin. This morning the water was passing through Tremé Market, and that quarter of the city is partly flooded.

The water along the line of the Mobile Railroad is much higher to-day, with indications that the entire road-bed from Michoud to Look-out Station is submerged. The steamer *Camelia* left the West End at noon to-day for Bay St. Louis, and will convey the passengers of the Louisville and Nashville Road to and from that point. No train has passed over this road since early Sunday morning. Several theatrical companies have been detained by the break on the Mobile Road. Crevasses in the new and old canal levees have occurred, submerging nearly all that portion of the city west of Broadstreet, between the two canals, and all that portion west of Johnson-street and north as far as Ursuline-street. Within this last-mentioned district, embracing a hundred squares, the streets and sidewalks are entirely covered with water. Strenuous efforts are being made by the city authorities to close the breaks in the canal levees. The district from the new basin to Carrollton-street, west of Magnolia-street, is also flooded. The water at all points is still rising. The Shell road, from the New Lake end to the Half-way House is two feet under water. The Police report that over 300 fences were blown down in the city yesterday by the storm. The roof at the north end of Dryade's market was blown off and carried several feet in the air by the wind. Morgan's wharf, at the foot of Esplanado street, was severely damaged, so that the ferry was prevented from running. The roof of the wing of the State House in which the offices of the State Superintendent of Education and the Commissioner of Immigration are located, blew off in the storm, and the records received a wetting. Algiers suffered terribly, nearly every fence in the town being blown down, together with several smoke-stacks and roofs. A house, which was being erected on Valette-street, was blown to pieces.

The Signal officer reports threatening weather, with brisk easterly winds, which will have the effect of forcing more water into the city from the lake and Gulf. Among the theatrical companies detained by the break on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad are "Fun on the Bristol," and J. K. Emmet's company. Lotta and Oliver Doud Byron were prevented from leaving the city by the same cause. The water in the rear of the city is rising and spreading rapidly. The indications are that by Tuesday noon all that portion of the city west of Claiborne-street, from Carrollton to Elysian Fields-street, will be submerged.

MOBILE, Ala., Feb. 7.—A heavy storm began here Sunday morning, attaining its greatest force Sunday night. There has been no news from the lower