

Tidal Wave Strikes Cleveland, Ohio June 1882

**REMARKABLE PHENOMENON!
TIDAL WAVE SWEEPS THE SHORE OF LAKE ERIE
CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE DONE
TWO MEN WASHED OFF THE SHORE**

Cleveland, Ohio, June 23 - A remarkable tidal-wave swept the lake front here at six o'clock this morning. From the best information known it was about two miles wide and 11 feet higher than the surface of the lake. It came in the wake of a dense and angry looking black gray cloud, which moved sullenly from the north west over the city.

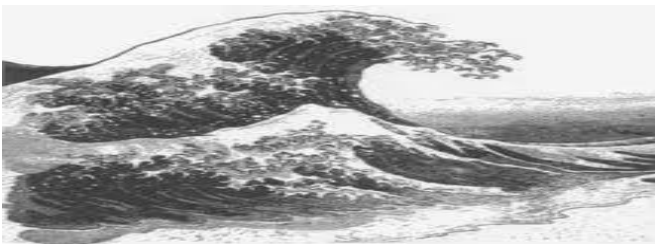
No wind or rain at the lake shore, but a dash of rain fell in some parts of the city, and the wind blew so fiercely at the south of the town that vessels parted their lines at the mouth of the river.

The piers and docks were submerged to the depth of four feet in some places. Hundreds of fish were cast ashore. A scow loaded with sand, lying at the breakwater, was landed high and dry on the shore. A short stretch of railroad near the Union depot was ripped up, and numerous switch shanties and small buildings were overturned or moved about.

A tramp sleeping upon the top of the sewer, where it emptied into the lake, was drowned. One man standing on the bank was thrown down and washed against the wall of the Union depot, and another sitting on a smith house was buried under a shower of timber heads, torn out of two scows in the river. Iron rails, twenty-eight feet long, piled near the depot, were lifted out and scattered in confusion.

Huge logs washed ashore. Life saving station was badly wrecked. Much other damage was done. The wave lasted about one minute and several parties who were fishing in skiffs report a sudden rise in the water and violent commotion like a whirlpool, but the skiffs mastered the singular storm without an accident. The damage to property on shore is roughly estimated at \$30,000. Steamboat men who come in this morning report a short squall and sudden movement of water off this port, of which no particular notice was taken at the time.

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Fireworks Factory Explosion Cleveland Ohio May 1903

**THREE ARE KILLED AS EXPLOSION IN A FIREWORKS
FACTORY SCATTERS DESTRUCTION. THREE DEAD,
TWO FATALLY INJURED AND 28 OTHERS SLIGHTLY
HURT.**

Cleveland, Ohio May 2 - An explosion that caused death and destruction occurred in the plant of the Thor Manufacturing Company on Orange Avenue this afternoon. Thus far three people are dead, 28 others are at the hospitals, two fatally and others more or less seriously injured.

HORRIBLE DESTRUCTION

The company is a manufacturer of toy torpedo canes and other explosives and was amidst its busy season. The force of the explosion was tremendous and windows within a radius of a quarter of a mile were broken.

In the house next to the factory lived **MAURICE COHEN**, his wife and eight children. With the collapse of the house crushed: all were taken out unconscious. **MRS. COHEN** died on the way to the hospital, and her 12-year-old son, **MAURICE**, died later. In the house directly in the rear were **MRS. BARNEY QUASS** and two boys. All three were badly injured.

During the lunch hour, the shoe of one of the girls struck a spark in the fulminating powder on the floor. Instantly the floor was ablaze. The water thrown upon it had no effect. The girls did not seem to realize the danger and continued in their efforts to extinguish the fire, until a man outside warned them to run for their lives. Ten girls, four boys, and one man were in the factory at the time. All but three escaped -- **FLORENCE LIPSTER**, **WILBUR COLE** and a 14 year -old boy.

After the firemen had subdued the flames they began the ruins for victims. **COLE** was dug from under a mass of debris, and **FLORENCE LIPSTER** was found soon after, and the boy, **ARTHUR CONWAY**, was taken out later. None were seriously injured. Many occupants of neighboring houses were injured. **HARRY GLUECKMANN**, lying ill with typhoid fever in his home, was so severely shocked by the explosion that he died in a few minutes. **MAY MAYERS**, aged 15, suffering with scarlet fever, was rendered blind by glass thrown upon her as she was lying in bed near the window of her home. Pedestrians on the street were thrown down by the detonation, many sustaining slight injuries. The two fatally injured are **BEN ESCHEN**, aged 13 and **MRS. ANNA STONE**.

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