

FACTORY AND HOME STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

**Poles and Trees Are Leveled,
Signs Wrecked and Car
Service Halted.**

FRIGHTENED WOMAN DIES

**\$5000 Damage at Henry Mc-
Cleary Co. Plant on West
Goodale Street.**

AUTOISTS STRANDED

**Terrific Wind and Rain Cuts
Swath Across State
Few Casualties.**

Jupiter Pluvius unleashed his fury on Columbus Saturday night. Black menacing clouds which gathered over the city at nightfall burst at 8:30 p. m. and, accompanied by wind, hail and a brilliant and destructive electrical display, the rain fell in torrents, turning streets into rivers. Damage from water, wind and lightning will run into hundreds of thousands of dollars, it is conservatively estimated.

The storm raged for more than an hour, despite numerous indications of a let-up. Signs were torn from their moorings, trees were uprooted across sidewalks and streets, the water poured into basements and excavations with destructive effect, car service was halted in many places, and the lightning jumped hither and yon carrying destruction with it in many places.

Columbus was in the path of the storm which was of a general nature, numerous reports of its destruction being received from other cities. The wind, which swept across the city from the northwest, attained a velocity of 70 miles an hour for five minutes at 9 p. m., according to weather bureau officials, and nearly an inch of rain fell during the evening. At 9 p. m., when the last reading was taken, the rain gauge showed a precipitation of .78 of an inch.

STORE-KEEPER DROPS DEAD.

But one death was attributed to the storm, and this was indirectly. Mrs. Lena Martin, aged 46, dropped dead of heart failure while she was standing in front of the cash register in a grocery store which she conducted at 3670 Cleveland avenue, when lightning struck a pole in front of the establishment. The sharp report and blinding glare of the lightning may have induced the heart failure. None of the other occupants of the store was injured, and there was no loss by fire.

The woman is survived by two sons, Raymond and William, her mother, Mrs. John Dietsch, three brothers and two sisters. Funeral services will be held Monday at 2 p. m. in the chapel of the Glenn L. Myers Co., Rev. O. L. Lindenbold of Thurman Avenue M.

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