

WIND AND RAIN STORM CAUSED GREAT DAMAGE

**Half of Columbus Without
Light Monday Evening and
Phone Service Crippled.**

POWER LINES DESTROYED

**For About Minute Gale Blew
at Rate of 102 Miles Per
Hour—Inch of Rain Fell.**

Damage estimated at thousands of dollars was caused by the storm which visited Columbus Monday afternoon, drenching the city with an inch of rainfall and playing havoc with trees, roofs, signs and telephone and light wires with a wind which is estimated to have blown at the rate of 102 miles an hour for about a minute and which blew at the rate of 68 miles an hour for a period of five minutes.

As the result of the wire damage, more than half of Columbus was without lights Monday evening and many homes were without telephone service. At Olentangy park the stock company was forced to give up its performance and the crowd which had assembled to hear it groped its way out of the park through the darkness after having its money refunded.

WIRE SYSTEMS DAMAGED.

Circuits of the Columbus Railway, Power & Light Co. in the vicinity of Goodale street and Dennison avenue, were put out of commission, causing the entire North Side on both sides of High street to be without electric lights. The West Side was also without lights until about 8 o'clock when repairs had been made. Street lights all over the city were out most of the night. Near the municipal light plant on Dublin avenue 12 poles on which lead wires were strung were blown down. Wires of the light company at Spring street and the penitentiary and at Dublin and Cozzens avenues were tangled up with city wires which had blown down. Wire trouble at Fourth and Long streets caused most of the East Side to be without lights also for a time.

City Wire Chief Dunham of the Ohio State Telephone Co., said that 500 of the company's telephones were out of commission as a result of the storm, caused in most cases by lightning burning out fuses. Twenty-one poles of this company were blown down on the Canal Winchester pike and the plant at Canal Winchester was entirely out of commission. Although the Central Union Telephone Co.'s wire chief reported no damage, a number of phones of this company were out of commission.

Electric signs all over the city were blown down by the wind. At the Union station several box skylights were torn from the roof, the crash causing considerable commotion among travelers in the station at the time. At the B. & O. freight house a huge sign was blown down.

MANY TREES FELLED.

The university campus was hard hit by the wind. Six large trees in the vicinity of the spring were felled, including the famous "owl" tree, in the hollow of which students built a fire a dozen years ago to scare out a roosting owl. Parts of the roofs of Page hall and the physics building were ripped off and in the former building a number of books in the law library were damaged. One of the small corner turrets on University hall was blown off also, and many windows in various buildings were smashed. On Neil avenue and side streets in the vicinity of the university many fallen trees line the pavement.

Windows in the building recently occupied by the Ohio Cities Gas Co., formerly the Green-Joyce retail store, at High and Chestnut streets, were blown out by the wind and the upper story and roof of the Eagles' hall on East Long street were destroyed when lightning hit the building.

The wind unroofed another building at Long and Wall streets about the same time. Lightning also inflicted damage on a building at Indianola park and on the residence of George Bausch, 657 Beech street.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUSY.

The fire department and linemen were kept busy all afternoon and evening answering calls from places where damage had been done by falling trees and wires. At Lexington avenue and Long street, a line gang from the fire department narrowly escaped injury when their truck hit another machine. A horse drawing a wagon of the Tracy-Wells Co. became frightened by a sign blowing down and ran away from Spring and Water streets, later crashing into an auto of the American Motor Washer Co.

During the storm the temperature fell from 96, the day's maximum, to 68, but rose again later in the afternoon. The night's minimum was 73. From a velocity of 68 miles per hour, recorded for five minutes during the storm, the wind subsided immediately following the storm to a velocity of two miles per hour, a scarcely perceptible speed.

According to the forecast issued Tuesday morning, the weather for Columbus Tuesday night and Wednesday will be fair and continued warm, with probably somewhat cooler weather by Wednesday night. The state forecast calls for fair weather Tuesday night and Wednesday, except probably thunder showers and cooler weather along Lake Erie.

Temperature yesterday at 1 p. m., kiosk 97; in Majestic Theater 73.

—Adv.