STORM ON LAND AND SEA.

Damage Wrought In Pennsylvania — Fears for Coastwise Vessels.

WILKESBARRE, Dec. 21.—A heavy rain and wind storm, which practically reached the dimensions of a hurricane, swept the Wyoming Valley to-day. One man was killed and much property was destroyed in this city and adjoining towns. Telegraph and telephone wires were broken down, and for several hours communication was cut off.

At Laflin, north of this city, a large trestle leading to the Delaware and Hudson, Laflin Colliery was overturned by the wind and a Hungarian laborer was crushed to death.

At Plymouth, Pittston, Nanticoke, and other towns in the valley the storm wrought considerable damage. In West Scranton, Washington Hall, the society house of the Patriotic Sons of America, was partly destroyed.

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