



# DAMS BURST

AND GREAT DAMAGE IS DONE  
NEAR PROVIDENCE, R. I.

Providence, R. I., March 12.—Two dams at Wansouck, just north of this city, burst, carrying away two wooden buildings, containing nine persons, one of whom was drowned?

The upper dam burst first and the water, with a rush, swept away the lower dam a few minutes later. Over this lower dam were two wooden buildings of the Allen Print works.

These buildings were crushed by the flood. Firemen, with ropes tied around their bodies, crawled over ladders spliced together, to those who were clinging to debris which had become lodged.

Miss Emily Whimpey and a man were carried down the stream on a raft. They caught in a wire fence. The firemen shouted back to Miss Whimpey to hold to the wire. A heavy timber struck her in the back of the neck and she was carried under and was not seen afterward. The man was saved.

Several bridges have been carried away, and the whole country below the ruined dams presented a scene of devastation.