

WASH-OUT IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Trains Delayed by Accident at the Vosburg Tunnel.

WILKESBARRE, Penn., Aug. 18.—No little damage was done by Saturday's wash-out on the Lehigh Valley Railroad at Vosburg, forty miles north of here. All traffic came to a standstill, and a large number of passengers, going to and from the Pan-American Exposition, were inconvenienced. The Black Diamond Express, bound west, was halted within six miles of the washout.

It was evidently impossible to get the train through the tunnel during the night, so the officials ordered it back to Wilkesbarre. Most of the passengers remained in the city over night. This morning some of them returned home, while others continued their journey west over the Delaware and Hudson.

Another Black Diamond express train, east bound, was held at Mehoopany, a small station five miles west of the Vosburg tunnel. The passengers were transferred to-day to the Harvey's Lake Branch, arriving in Wilkesbarre at 10 o'clock. They made a rush for the hotels and restaurants here, for the food supply on the dining car had given out last night and they were very hungry.

An investigation showed that a cloudburst had washed out the roadbed for over an eighth of a mile near the tunnel. Thousands of tons of loose earth had been washed down the embankment, carrying with it logs and other debris. The latter blocked the entrance to the tunnel, and the water accumulated on the tracks to a height of five feet. Early this morning an army of men were at work making repairs. At 10 o'clock to-night officials of the road said that the tunnel would be cleared before midnight, and that through traffic would then be resumed.

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