

little soil on them. The water was so swift that it practically cleaned everything in its path. There was no time for sedimentation. We are nearing the source of the Tye River now, and under normal conditions one would expect shallow waters, and hardly any flooding conditions. But then, no one expected 31 inches of rain to fall on this watershed ^{that night.} ~~in less than a 24-hour period.~~ *udf*

31 ▲ The mountain slide to the right, aided by the raging waters, washed this roadway out. In this Tye River area, the slides occurred numerous and quickly. There is evidence of 5 great waves or surges of water along the course of this watershed. It was as if the slides formed dams, collected water, the water broke the dams and surged forward, more slides formed, more dams and more surges occurred. All this happened in the course of one night.

▲ Here is the Tye River near the village of Crabtree Falls. The Tye is a stream well known nationally to sports fishermen. As soon as the area became accessible after the flood, the editors of Field & Stream Magazine flew down here and surveyed the stream so that they could report to their subscribers on its availability for the coming fishing season. This Tye River bed is now many many times its original width.

▲ Further up the Tye we see, near the bottom center of this slide, the iron girders which once formed the floor of a sturdy iron bridge. Near the upper right center of this view is the overhead steel structure of the bridge. The complete bridge was once further upstream from where it now is. In this view are also a house & several other wrecked buildings. It is amazing that so much destruction occurred so close to where the Tye River is born. Residents of the area speak of the violence of that night as beyond description. We returned through Tyro and Massies Mill and headed north for Hat Creek.

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