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The town of Hamilton took the brunt of the damage on the upriver flood water. Residents of that city were awakened about 2:00 a.m. to watch the waters rise in the west end of town. Soon the water was advancing almost as fast as a person could walk down the main highway through town and by morning almost the entire flat had been covered. The rise continued until there was from two to four feet of water over the entire area.

All homes and business houses suffered damage as silt and dampness took toll against furniture, store stocks and buildings.

Red Cross working visiting the upper valley made Hamilton their principal object in offering aid in rehabilitation.

Damage to Collette’s Grocery and Cold Storage was estimated $4,000.