

(Special Telegram.)

PORT HURON, Mich., June 15.—Three deaths by drowning, six miraculous escapes, and several other incidents in which a number of yachts narrowly missed being swamped, is

the record for Sunday afternoon at the beaches. About 4 o'clock the storm, which had been gathering for several hours, broke loose in all its fury. Numerous sailboats and rowboats dotted the water in the vicinity of Huronia and Edison beaches, but the wise seamen, when the storm began, put for shore.

In one of the rowboats was Arthur Martin, aged 21, and little Beatrice and Norma Abraham, aged 14 and 7. When the storm broke loose, Martin was but 50 yards from the shore, and pulling down the lake, apparently trying to reach the boat house, which was at the south end of Edison beach. The wind shifted to the northwest and blew almost a gale. The rain fell in torrents and darkness overspread the water so as to make it almost impossible to see the shore. A number of people stood along the beach and watched the unequal battle that young Martin was fighting to make the shore, but could render no assistance. The two little girls could be seen huddled in the boat and clinging to the sides.

TRIED TO FACE THE GALE.

Evidently Martin attempted to turn around in the face of the wind so as to row head into the wind, in a vain attempt to reach safety, as the gale was blowing him out into the lake. A heavy sea had come up in the meantime and the frail craft was caught in the trough and overturned, and the three young people were in the water struggling for life, but no help could reach them.

A number of eyewitnesses realized the situation, but no boats were handy. A minute or so after the accident Martin was seen on the keel of the boat, the smallest of the girls in his arms, tossing on the waves like a cork. Then they disappeared, and three lives had been blotted out.

The storm was over in less than an hour and soon the beach in front of the cottages was lined with people. Boats were hastily secured and men set to work at once to grapple for the bodies. A telephone message was sent for the life saving crew in the meantime, as other boats were seen to be in distress. It was not necessary to grapple for the bodies, however, for, as the sun burst through the clouds and the lake settled down to calmness the body of Beatrice Abraham, the oldest of the two girls, came floating in to shore and was tenderly lifted from the water and taken into a cottage.

A few minutes later and little Norma floated to the shore, scarcely a 100 feet from her sister and was taken from the water. The body of Martin was found in shallow water later at about the place where he went down. The three bodies were worked over for some time by the cottagers and others, but death had come. The bodies are then taken to the home

of Mr. and Mrs. James Abraham at 2568 Omar street. Martin was a nephew of the Abraham's and had been over from England but a few months. Two brothers, a father and mother survive the two little girls.

RESCUED JUST IN TIME.

While his incident was taking place, four other young people, the Misses Jennie and Marion Patton, Elwyn Skimmin of this city, and Ernest Parr, of St. John's, Mich., were clinging to the fish nets out in the lake, weakening every minute and death staring them in the face. Their boats had been swept against the fish nets by the violence of the storm and overturned. They clung to the nets, the boys supporting the girls, sometimes being submerged by the waves, which swept over them.

Van Crane and Robert Nelson, two young men of this city, with great difficulty launched a boat in the sea and went to the rescue. All four were brought safely to shore and just in the nick of time, for all were exhausted and would have sunk in a few more minutes.

Hiel Buckeridge, Jr., and Clarence McGregor, two young men were picked up near the life saving station after their boat had swamped. The yacht Alberta, of Sarnia, also had an awful run down the lake with but a few shreds of canvas flying.

When the life saving crew arrived on the scene everyone had been rescued except the three young people who found watery graves.