

Trail of the Storm.

The terrible shipping disaster off the Cork coast was the worst consequence of the severe storm which during the latter part of last week raged pretty well all over Ireland, and in parts of England as well. "February fill dyke" is well known, and with the usual heavy rains there often come storms of considerable violence. But it is seldom that a gale in these countries lasts so long as the present one, which indeed has not yet quite spent its fury. Besides the poor sailors who perished in the shipwreck, other lives have been lost in the storm during the past few days, and the injury done to property has been very considerable. The accident to the Larne-Stranraer mail train on Saturday night near Carrickfergus, though serious enough was fortunately unattended by loss of life. Presumably the landslide which threw three coaches off the rails and precipitated one of them into the sea was caused by the unusually heavy rains of the last few days. Indeed, many parts of the country are flooded, and the scenes which were witnessed in the Kimmage district yesterday were more like what we read of as having been caused in Paris a few weeks ago by the flooding of the Seine than what might be expected to result from the overflowing of a little stream like the Poddle.