

THOUSANDS DROWNED.

One of the Most Horrible Calamities on Record.

The City of Johnstown and Other Pennsylvania Towns Swept Out of Existence by Rushing Waters.

Terrific Scenes.

PHILADELPHIA, June 3.—Late details of the calamity in Pennsylvania multiply many times the estimate of the number of lives lost and the probable value of property destroyed.

The first reports were confined mainly to the destruction wrought at Johnstown, but they have since been extended to a dozen towns and villages and to cover a vast extent of territory.

When the flood, caused by the bursting of the South Fork dam, came rushing down the fearful rapids, a wall of water from thirty to fifty feet high, Johnstown was almost totally destroyed in a few minutes.

Large factories, stores, public buildings, residences and modest homes were swept away and their inmates crushed to death in the collapse of buildings or drowned after heroic but vain efforts to reach places of safety.

It is estimated that 12,000 citizens of Johnstown and its immediate vicinity perished.

The towns of South Fork, Mineral Point, Conemaugh, Woodville, Cambria City and other places, having from 1,000 to 2,000 inhabitants, were completely devastated, and hundreds of their citizens carried down by the torrent to be found miles upon the banks and partly buried in debris.

Such fearful destruction as was occasioned by thirty miles from the dam to the town of Johnstown, has been before the eyes of the people of Pennsylvania.

The stone bridge of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company just below Johnstown withstood the tremendous flood and against the pier was piled a mass of wreckage, to which perished 1,000 human beings were clinging tenaciously for life.

Portions of houses were lodged there. Then to the horror of the flood was added the sight of a man communicating to the debris from a stove, and many who had hoped for succor from the waters were burned to death.

The magnitude of the catastrophe can not be approximately stated. The devastation in the entire region is so complete as to prevent access to the desolated and heartbroken survivors, and the property loss is incalculable.

On the banks of the rivers recovering bodies. Villages below Johnstown have become charred houses, all points remaining numbers of dead left by the receding flood.

Several trains on the Pennsylvania railroad were overtaken by the rising waters and some passengers, strangers to the locality, lost their lives in the excitement which prevailed in Johnstown and neighboring places.

When they were swept away together. The scene of utter desolation, the dead and agonizing and the lamentations of those unable to learn tidings of loved ones make a pathetic story, but it is marred by the deplorable fact that the gloom which a flood robbed the dead bodies of variables.

Some corpses were taken from the river near Pittsburgh and others at long distances from the point where the disaster occurred.

Movements for the relief of survivors, who are in need of all comforts of life, have been made promptly by Federal, State and municipal authorities and by individuals.

HOW THE FLOOD CAME.

At 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, just before the wires went down, the second largest iron works in the country were buried out of sight, except the roofs and chimney-tops, and these soon began to crumble and collapse under the battering of the floating timber.

An hour later there came a rush of water into Johnstown compared with which the preceding flood had been as nothing. It poured down Conemaugh creek in a great way like a wall of water, sweeping every thing before it.

The immense works of the Cambria Iron Company, employing 400 men, the second largest iron works in the country, were buried out of sight, except the roofs and chimney-tops, and these soon began to crumble and collapse under the battering of the floating timber.

Half the town seemed to be lifted from the foundations and swept away at once. The wreckage covered the water thicker than the houses that had stood in the town before. It was no longer a flood of water. It was a town afloat.

Many had been warning and fled to higher ground, but hundreds of men, women and children were swept away, their heartrending cries rising above the crash of smashing houses.

The blackest water, dead bodies and drowning people rushed down to the mouth of the gorge, where the hills come together like a pair of giant arms, and choked the stream.

The stone bridge stood firm as the hills. The wreck caught on the masonry. It thickened into a dam. It clung to the bridge and the hollow, the water behind it gathered strength with every piece of wreck and every body that was crushed into it and found them all together in a tangled wall.

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The water burst even the flood limits which it had taken for its new banks and poured a new river in its path, changing through the heart of the great part of the city. The drift piled up against the dam it had formed at the bridge. House after house added its wreck to the heap until it formed a tangled mass of timber, a great, fast, rising high above the water and stretching back three-quarters of a mile along the curve of the hill. Here it was that the awful holocaust took place.

The thousands of houses flung against the bank on one side have been jammed and pounded by logs coming down from above, and human occupants have been crushed in as part and parcel of the heterogeneous mass, which extends for three-quarters of a mile and is 60 to 80 feet high and 500 to 800 feet wide. It is this mass which has been burning above the water line.

THE FLOOD CONTINUED.

DEBRY, Pa., June 3.—Of all the fearful occurrences the most terrible was the fire in which Superior Hays, of the Pennsylvania road, estimated that from 1,000 to 2,000 beings were burned to death.

Over 20 frame houses were jammed together in a heap forty feet high against the massive viaduct of the Pennsylvania road at Johnstown. All the houses were destroyed and the majority of the inmates were crushed to death before the terrible fire began. Men, women and children, with their limbs pinioned between the members, their heads slowly sliding away, begged for relief. One woman asked a man on the banks to cut her legs off. A man was caught by the arm and he asked for a knife to sever the member. Others were all smashed and squeezed to death beneath the grinding timbers and surging waters. Some were pressed deep into the water.

THE GRANGER STEWART, M. D., F. R. S. E., Ordinary physician to H. M. the Queen, in Scotland; Professor of Practice of Physic in the University of Edinburgh, in writing of Bright's disease, says: "The blood itself is altered in its chemical composition. Its density is diminished, the corpuscles and albumen being deficient, while the water is correspondingly increased. The quantity of urea is above the normal. This is a plain recognition of the necessity of dressing active treatment with Warner's Safe Cure when the blood is overcharged with urea or uric acid poison.

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FROM WASHINGTON.

A Daily Record of Events at the Nation's Capital.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—Adjutant-General Drum, having reached the age of 64 years, Robert retired from active service in the army. General Kelton, who has been Assistant Adjutant-General will act as Adjutant-General until an appointment is made to fill the office.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—A cablegram has been received at the Argentine Legation in this city from the Argentine Minister in Paris stating that a treaty had been signed by the Governments of Bolivia and the Argentine Republic by which the differences between the two countries in regard to the boundary line between them had been satisfactorily adjusted.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—Counsel Griffin reports from New South Wales that there has been a decline in the gold production of all the colonies except Victoria, and even there the increase amounts to only 1,022 ounces.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—Secretary Blaine and Sir John Pannico, accompanied by a distinguished party of officials and diplomats, yesterday took a cruise down the Potomac on the Despatch.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—The Secretary of the Treasury has rendered a decision affirming the appeal against the Acting Collector of Customs at New York in assessing country produce for more than a year. No woolen goods at thirty-five cents per pound and 25 per cent ad valorem. Appellants claimed goods were "worsted" and liable to duty at eighty cents per pound and 25 per cent ad valorem.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—The President has appointed Oliver W. Chapman, of New York, to be Collector of Customs at New York.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—The President has appointed John R. Cotton, of Lewiston, Me., as Assistant Attorney-General, vice James H. Ward, of Chicago, resigning.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—The statement of the public debt is published today shows the total debt to be \$1,524,923,348, cash in Treasury \$48,117,272, debt less cash in Treasury, \$1,476,806,076. Decrease during May, \$5,022,877. Decrease since June 31, 1888, \$672,682,100.

Health in Michigan.

Reports to the State Board of Health by fifty-six observers in different parts of the State for the week ended May 25 indicated that pneumonia increased, and pneumonia and typhoid-malarial fever decreased in area of prevalence. Deaths were reported at five places, scabies, fever, and their children, typhoid fever, at two, measles at nine, and small-pox at Battle Creek and Detroit.

An Important Suit.

The city of Iron Mountain has been sued for \$10,000 by one Barker, who was arrested for peddling goods without a license. Barker's attorney claims that he should be exempt from paying municipal license fees.

Married Fifty Years.

Captn. and Mrs. George Cottrell, of Marine City, have enjoyed fifty years of married harmony and happiness, and recently returned from a wedding trip, held at the residence of their son, E. H. Cottrell, in Detroit. Captain Cottrell was born seventy-three years ago on the farm which he has taken from his father, and by his grandfather more than a century ago.

A Novel Cottage.

Grand Rapids boasts of a novel structure in the construction of the modern cottage. The first story of the building is an imitation of a log cabin, being made of small timbers turned to represent logs. At the corners of the cottage and at the openings for the doors and windows the ends of the logs are beveled. The effect of the whole is quite rustic.

Short but Newsworthy Items.

Managers and North Muskegon are to be connected by a toll bridge.

The Nequaque post-office was robbed the other morning of \$700 worth of stamps.

A Jackson bride of four days, writing while on her wedding trip, had finally decided a long-disputed point—she says marriage is not a failure.

Father Grochowick, the Manistee Polish priest about whom all the recent trouble has been, has taken his departure for Midland to the music of a brass band.

Henry Pratt, the bright son of Rev. J. W. Pratt of Monroe, has become insane through grief at the loss of the senior class of the high school of that place.

Alger, Smith & Co. have bought eight hundred and eighty acres of pine lands in Alcona county for \$35,000.

The Government appropriation for the State militia is \$123,300.

A company of which Representative Randall is president has been organized in Detroit with the avowed purpose of manufacturing a log cabin, being made of small timbers turned to represent logs.

Rev. J. P. Phillips has resigned the pastorate of the Coldwater Baptist Church.

Suits made to order at R. C. Smith's, from \$15 up.

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NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES. Lake Odessa. This town is already making preparations to celebrate the 4th. F. D. M. Davis has been engaged as orator.

Freeport. Rumored that work will soon commence on the railroad between this place and Hastings. The men engaged in gathering cream for the Lowell creamery are meeting with excellent success.

Logan. Mr. and Mrs. J. O'Brien and Frank Heintzelman, Dutton, visited at E. Heintzelman's last week. M. B. Thompson, of Kalkaska, is visiting his parents here.

Morse Lake Rippler. Clem Perrott had a valuable six year old mare taken suddenly sick, while on his way to Lowell Saturday afternoon. She died Sunday morning.

West Lowell Links. Alex Campbell has the rheumatism so badly he can scarcely get about. E. Green is building an addition to his house.

West Campbell. Farmers are beginning to wonder when it is going to stop raining. Mrs. Chittenden who has been quite sick is gaining slowly.

Ada Items. Mr. Myers has been confined at his home for some time with the mumps. His brother-in-law is teaching school in his place.

Vergennes Visitor. T. I. Daniels is gradually falling. D. S. Blanding has bought the Soules farm that joins him on the west.

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