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ETC., ETC.
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CURRENT TOPICS.

THE physicians of Paris have formed a trust.

THE pigs-in-clover puzzle has captured London.

THE rush to Paris is not as great as anticipated.

BEER is now sold in New York City by the pound.

QUEEN VICTORIA has just passed her seventieth birthday.

THE International Salt Trust has been substantially completed.

A GEORGIA man has a red bat which he captured a few days ago.

ALBANY, Ga., rejoices in the possession of a three-legged alligator.

THERE are 156 applicants for one Consular place in South America.

COLONEL INGERSOLL'S law practice is said to bring him $100,000 a year.

MORE than 22,000,000 acres of American soil belongs to non-resident aliens.

SHOCKNESSES of the Suez Canal will receive this year a dividend of 24 per cent.

HOME rule for India promises to give England as much trouble as home rule for Ireland.

ENORMOUS icebergs have been reported to be floating around in the North Atlantic this spring.

CHARLES WEBER, a Cincinnati plumber, is the father of five pairs of twins. All are alive and healthy.

JOHN G. WHITTIER, the poet, says that he expects to live to be a hundred, though he is not anxious to.

TWO friends met on the streets of Waterbury, Conn., a few days ago for the first time in seventy years.

A SHADE of pink scarf very much affected by Harvard boys is commercially known as "raw veal."

THE Chinese Government refuses to agree to the treaty restricting Chinese immigration to Australia.

JAMES GORDON BENNETT paid a Paris doctor $5,000 for three minutes' work in cutting a wart off his neck.

MISS JULIA HILL, of Franklin, Pa., discovered a minnow two inches long in a plate of restaurant ice-cream.

THE editor of a Fort Ogden (Fla.) paper asserts that a bamboo sprout near his well grew five inches in one night.

ABOUT one hundred and fifty colors are obtained from coal tar, which has almost entirely supplanted vegetable and animal dyes.

AT the Troy polytechnic the students have a craze. They paper their ceilings with envelopes of letters from their best girls.

THE Kansas State Historical Society is negotiating for the purchase of the rifle which John Brown used at Harper's Ferry.

A LAW of the New York State Legislature, forbidding the heating of railway cars by stoves, has been declared constitutional.

IN Roosteen, Holland, there is a giant rose tree belonging to Mme. Reguen, which a few years ago held 6,000 roses at the same time.

PAPER clothing is being made by a Minnesota inventor. It is as soft as cloth and it is claimed that the cold can not penetrate it.

AMERICANS are expected to spend this year, for one purpose or another, aside from purely business, the snug sum of $100,000,000 in Europe.

"A DYNAMITE cartridge one foot in length takes only 1-240th of a second to explode, scientists say." We are willing to take their word for it.

THE Countess Crosby, of the old nobility of Austria, has gone on the road with her circus troupe. She will take it to Paris before the Exposition closes.

A SWARM of bees, attracted by a comb of honey in the window, took possession of a grocery store in Plainfield, N. J., and put an end to business for the day.

WHITELAW REID, minister to Paris, has rented the house of Comtesse de Grammont, in that city, at an annual rental of $24,000. His salary as Minister is $17,500.

GEO. A. WESTHERILL, a Chicago young man, fell in love with Lydia Thompson, the burlesque actress, and growing despondent after she left the city, killed himself.

LEVI CLOWDIS, of Livingston, Mo., used to boast that he had not read a newspaper for fifty years. The other day two strangers played the bunko game on him for $1,500.

THE Navy Department has decided to send the remains of Captain John Ericsson to Sweden, his native land, for burial. They will be taken on the new cruiser Chicago.

BETWEEN fifteen and sixteen thousand children are lost in London every year, almost all of whom are found and restored to their parents by the aid of the Metropolitan police.

WM. H. CAMPBELL, an old-fashioned Democrat, who has been postmaster in a Vermont town for four years, has just stepped out and his wife, a "staunch Republican," has been given the commission.

OF ten English business men seven die under the age of 47. Of ten French business men eight die under that age. In the United States the ratio is less than six. How about that old howl that we are living too fast?

JOHN B. DAVIS, a farmer, residing at New Diggins, Ill., put his milk cans on the wood-pile to dry, and the reflection of the sun's rays from them set the wood on fire, doing considerable damage to his house and barn.

TEN leading coal firms of Pittsburgh engaged in shipping coal South have combined, it is said, to buy out all the small operators and secure a monopoly, by which they can dictate prices to consumers from Wheeling to New Orleans.

IN a theater at Ashton, England, during the performance of a melodrama, an excited woman threw her bonnet and umbrella at the "villain" on the stage when he was strangling one of the characters. She "brought down the house."

THE Japanese Government has engaged two German lawyers in Berlin to proceed to Tokio and reframe the Japanese penal code to conform to the German instead of the French code, as now.

THE Mormon Church has bought a large amount of land in Manitoba and many of the saints, with their flocks, their herds, their wives, children, man servants and maid servants, are leaving Utah and Idaho and going to the new promised land.

IT is proposed to erect a monument to the late E. P. Roe by placing a natural boulder at some suitable spot near his home at Cornwall-on-Hudson, N. Y., and the Christian Union invites subscriptions. A few hundred dollars will cover the cost.

A CHESTER, Pa., doctor, who advised a mother to give her child sage tea, for its ailments, has been suspended from the County Medical Association for unprofessional conduct. He should have made out a regular prescription and charged for it.

TO SAY of a man that he wants the earth is to give him credit for a good deal of what the phrenologists call acquisitiveness. But now we hear of a Scottish laird who actually claims a right in the whales caught in the sea which washes his lands.

THE New Haven Register will give $100 for a properly authenticated case wherein the cucumber ever did anyone harm

APPALLING!

The Greatest Disaster America Has Ever Known.*

A Waterspout Bursts a Reservoir.

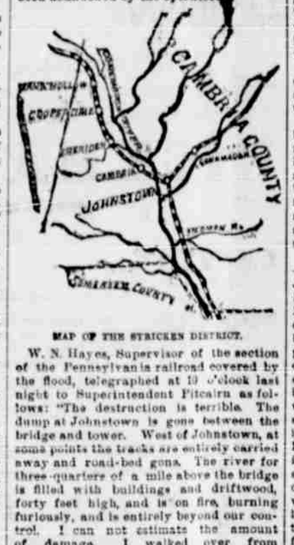
Johnstown, Pa., Overwhelmed and Almost Entirely Swept Away.

Seven Hundred Feet Thick and a Half Miles Long and a Quarter Wide, in Some Places a Hundred Feet Deep Plunges Down from a Height of Three Hundred Feet—Fifteen Thousand Lives Lost and Immense Destruction of Property.

PITTSBURGH, PA., June 1.—The flood at Johnstown has resulted in an awful catastrophe. The reservoir above the town broke about five o'clock, last evening, and the immense volume of water rushed down to the city, carrying with it death and destruction. Houses, with their occupants, were swept away, and scores—probably hundreds—of people were drowned. There is no communication with Johnstown, but a telegraph operator in the Pennsylvania railroad town of Sang Hollow, twelve miles this side of Johnstown, says at least seventy-five dead bodies have floated past. The wires are all down and no trains are running east of Blairsville, which is about twenty-five miles west of Johnstown.

Latest reliable information received from Johnstown comes through Pennsylvania railroad officials, who aver that over two hundred dead bodies have been counted floating down stream at Johnstown, while along the line many additional lives have been lost. It is asserted that there are but two houses in Johnstown proper entirely above the water line. A special train, bearing Pennsylvania railroad officials and a large number of newspaper men, has left this city for the scene. Telegraphic communication is entirely cut off, and until telegraph repairmen and operators, with necessary instruments, open up at the nearest point, but little reliable information can be obtained.

A special from Greensburg says: "A report has just reached here that the greater portion of Johnstown has been flooded and thousands of lives lost. Houses are floating about, and the people who are free are panic-stricken, and are fleeing to the mountains. At a point near New Florence eighty-five persons have been seen floating down the river on driftwood. One report comes that but two rows of houses in Johnstown can be seen. The Covetown and New Florence bridges have been washed away, and all of P. A. lies along the Conemaugh are in the flood. New Florence and Johnstown are swept away. The railroad bridges have been abandoned by the operators."



MAP OF THE STRICKEN DISTRICT.

W. N. Hayes, Supervisor of the section of the Pennsylvania railroad covered by the flood, telegraphed at 10 o'clock last night to Superintendent Pitcairn as follows: "The destruction is terrible. The dump at Johnstown is gone between the bridge and tower. West of Johnstown, at some points the tracks are entirely carried away and road-bed gone. The river for three-quarters of a mile above the bridge is filled with buildings and driftwood, forty feet high, and is on fire, burning furiously, and is entirely beyond our control. I can not estimate the amount of damage. I walked over from Johnstown to Sangholow, four miles. Johnstown is literally wiped out." Superintendent Pitcairn, who is at New Florence, sixty-five miles east of Pittsburgh, telegraphs that over one hundred men, women and children passed Sangholow, clinging to debris. Seven were rescued at Sangholow, two at Conemaugh Furnace and two at New Florence. Only forty-seven of the hundred and over passed New Florence. The loss of life and property will be terrible. A freight engineer says that at 2 p. m. he saw three men and a woman struggling for their lives in the Conemaugh river just below Johnstown.

The Western Union office in Johnstown was swept away at 4 o'clock. The water in Cambria City, where were located the Cambria Iron Works, is thirty-five feet deep and rising.

Pennsylvania railway officials state that they have advices that over 200 dead bodies have been counted floating down stream at Johnstown alone, while all along the line many additional lives have been lost. Johnstown is described as wholly submerged, only two houses being entirely above the water line.

GREENSBURG, PA., June 1.—In order to understand the nature of the calamity it is necessary to describe the respective locations of the reservoir at Johnstown. The reservoir lies about two and one-half miles northeast of Johnstown, and is the site of the old reservoir, which was one of the feeders of the old Pennsylvania canal. It is the property of wealthy men in Pittsburgh, who formed themselves into a corporation, the title of which is the South Fork Fishing and Hunting Club. This sheet of water was formerly known as Conemaugh Lake. It is from 200 to 300 feet above the level of Johnstown, being in the mountains. It is about three and a half miles long and from a mile to a mile and a quarter in width and in some places it is 100 in depth. It holds more water than any other reservoir, natural or artificial, in the United States. The lake has been quadrupled in size by artificial means, and was held in check by a dam from 700 to 1,000 feet wide. It is 90 feet in thickness at the base, and the height is 110 feet. The top has a breadth of over 20 feet. Recognizing the menace which the lake had to the region below the South Fork Club had the dam inspected once a month by the Pennsylvania Railroad Engineer, and their investigation showed that nothing less than some convulsion of nature would tear the barrier away and loosen the weapon of death. The steady rains of the past forty-eight hours increased the volume of water in all the mountain streams which were already swelled by the lesser rains earlier in the week. From the best information obtained at this time it is evident that something in the nature of a cloud-burst must have been the culmination of the struggle of the water against the embankment.

The course of the torrent from the broken dam at the foot of the lake to Johnstown is almost eighteen miles, and, with the exception of at one point, the water passed through a narrow, V-shaped valley. Four miles below the dam lay the town of South Fork, where the South Fork itself empties into Conemaugh river. The town contained about 2,000 inhabitants. It has not been heard from, but it is said that four-fifths of it has been swept away. Four miles further down, on Conemaugh river, which runs parallel with the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad, was the town of Mineral Point. It had 800 inhabitants, 90 per cent. of the houses being on a flat close to the river. It seems impossible at this time to hope that any of them have escaped. A distance of six miles further down was the town of Conemaugh, and here alone was there a topographical possibility of the spreading of the flood and the breaking of its force. It contained about 2,500 inhabitants, and must be almost wholly devastated.

Woodvale, with 2,000 people, lay a mile below Conemaugh in the flat, and one mile further down where Johnstown and its cluster of sister towns, Cambria City and Conemaugh borough, with a total population of 30,000. On made ground and stretched along right at the river verge were the immense iron works of the Cambria Iron and Steel Company, which has $5,000,000 invested in their plant. Besides this there are many other large industrial establishments on the bank of the river, how badly damaged can not be estimated.

At 11 p. m. a railroad man says the loss of life will reach hundreds and possibly over a thousand. The report of the losses of these towns above can not yet be confirmed.

The banks of the Conemaugh river are overflowed for miles, and the whole country is deluged with water. The Pennsylvania railroad, all along the river from Johnstown to New Florence, is washed away, and travel is entirely suspended. At Sang Hollow the operator in one of the railroad towers counted eighty-seven dead bodies floating down the river on the driftwood. The river rose so rapidly that all the operators in the towers between Sang Hollow and New Florence had to flee for their lives. The bridges at New Florence on the Pennsylvania railroad, and Coketown, on the West Pennsylvania, were carried away. Houses, furniture, etc., are being carried down the river.

PITTSBURGH, June 1.—Reports from along the Kiskiminetas river, into which the Conemaugh empties, are most distressing. The river near Saltsburg is filled with wreckage, and a number of persons were noticed clinging to such timbers as would bear their weight. At Blairsville men are stationed on the bridges and banks in the hope of rescuing some of those who were being carried down the stream. The volume of water is unprecedented. The iron bridge connecting Blairsville with the Blairsville intersection has been carried away, and with it a train of heavily loaded cars standing upon the bridge to hold it in place. This was the largest and strongest bridge on the West Pennsylvania railway. It is thought that all of the West Pennsylvania railway bridges will share a similar fate.

All of the towns in the Kiskiminetas valley are expected to be submerged. Among them are Livermore, Saltsburg, Apollo, Leechburg and Avonmore, having a population of from 8,000 to 10,000 each. The inhabitants along the river have been warned, but are almost panic-stricken at the idea of their great loss of property which is inevitable.

Later reports from Coketown is to the effect that the entire town is submerged, and a number of lives have been lost at that place.

BOLIVAR, PA., June 1.—A man rescued in the river here, who was swept away from Johnstown, says positively that not less than fifteen thousand lives are probably lost in the valley of the Conemaugh. This point is twenty miles below Johnstown, and the work of rescuing men, women and children sweeping down the river has been going steadily forward all night.

BLAIRSVILLE INTERSECTION, PA., June 1.—At Lockport, about eighteen miles from Johnstown, the scene of the disaster, Elliot Benson, an old man, Mrs. Boyle, Paddy Madden and two Hungarians were rescued. Mr. Benson said: "I live in Cambria City. I think that not less than 15,000 people were lost. In the house with me on Chestnut street were ten persons beside myself, and I feel sure they were all lost. Up to 4 o'clock in the afternoon the water, which was seven feet deep in the streets, remained stationary. About 4 in the afternoon the great rush came. In fifteen minutes the water rose fully ten feet. Houses came floating down the streets. There were people in every one of them, and God only knows how many were lost. As they were carried off the houses were jammed together and against the houses still standing, and in a very few min tes they were all battered to pieces before they were carried very far. The house I was in was soon smashed to pieces, and I managed to jump onto a cellar door. In a few seconds I was rushed into the flood, and when I looked back where Cambria City stood there was nothing but a great lake of water. It looks to me as if every house had been razed or covered over. The vast sheet of water was full of floating timbers, roofs of houses, rafts, boards and other articles. The scene was indescribable. The cries of the men, women and children were frightful. I passed Paddy Madden's wife, my son's wife and a man clinging to the roof of a house. I called to them and bade them good-bye. In a short time I was caught by the water and turned under. Every once in a while I got into a whirlpool, and more than once almost lost my grip on the cellar-door. I saw people in the water ahead of me and all around me. Many of them were struck by the crashing timbers and killed outright; others were so badly hurt that they fell into the water and were drowned at once.

BOLIVAR, PA., June 1.—At Lockport sixty-five families are homeless, having lost every thing but their lives. Edward Deck, a young railroader, rescued an old gentleman, a lady named Adams, of Cambria, and her two children by swimming out to the house in which they were imprisoned. Cutting a hole in the roof and putting them through, he then swam ashore with them, one at a time until all were saved. Deck then fell exhausted.

Patrick Madden was nearly dead when pulled from the river. He was in the house of Edward Garvey. All were caught. Ten minutes later the house was wrecked. Garvey and his brother-in-law were both drowned, and Madden was thrown into the flood. "When I rose to the surface I saw my wife hanging to a piece of scantling. She let it go and was drowned, almost within reach of my arm, and I could not help or save her. I caught a log and floated with it for five or six miles, but it was knocked from under me when I went over the dam. I then caught a bale of hay and was taken out by Mr. Marenrow. My wife is certainly drowned and six children are all missing, and I fear all are drowned. There are, without doubt, fully three thousand people lost between Conemaugh borough and Cambridge City."

Henry Berkert and George Richt were also conspicuous among the life-saving corps, and rescued four people from the water.

—The society man, like the turtle, is no sooner "out of the swim" than he is "in the soup."—Puck.

DEATH'S VALLEY.

Thousands of Bodies Found in the Mud.

Insanity of Many of the Surviving Destitute Sufferers—Money Loss Will Reach Forty Million Dollars.

JOHNSTOWN, PA., June 4.—Over 1,000 bodies were taken from near Kerrville yesterday. This is official. Have just seen a committee of gentlemen who organized for the purpose of covering the worst of the devastated district to ascertain, if possible, the number of lives lost. The committee, after comparing notes, concludes that 15,000 people are to be accounted for, and it is the belief that thousands of the missing will never be found. The situation grows more and more gloomy. Many of the survivors are losing their minds, and many are dying of their injuries. The developments of every hour make it more and more apparent that the exact number of lives lost in the Johnstown horror will never be known. All estimates that have been made up to this time are conservative, and when all is known will doubtless be found to have been too small. Over one thousand bodies have been found since sunrise to-day, and the most skeptical concede that the remains of thousands more rest beneath the debris above Johnstown bridge. The population of Johnstown, the surrounding towns and the portion of the valley affected by the flood is, or was, from fifty to fifty-five thousand. The money loss will reach $40,000,000.

PITTSBURGH, PA., June 4.—There have been between four and five thousand coffins sent or ordered to be sent from Pittsburgh. Of these, twenty-two thousand were sent this morning. At noon an order was given for two thousand more. The relief committee received a telegram today from the New York and Brooklyn Casket Company offering two carloads of caskets and all the help necessary to handle them. Only the caskets are being sent to Johnstown, as the force of undertakers has not time to handle rough boxes. Another firm has shipped four hundred caskets and five hundred shrouds. The statement that there is a coffin famine is untrue. Two carloads of caskets shipped from Cincinnati were sent to Johnstown on the Baltimore and Ohio road to-day.

AT THE BROKEN DAM.

First Tidings from the Source of the Awful Calamity—A Graphic Story of the Break.

JOHNSTOWN, PA., June 4.—Messrs. H. Singer, George Singer, Louis Clark and R. Hussey Binns, of Pittsburgh, relatives of members of the South Fork Fishing club, have arrived from the broken dam. There was no one at the lake when they arrived except the custodians of the building and some workmen. The lake is completely dried out. The dam broke in the center at three o'clock on Friday afternoon, and at four o'clock it was dry. That great body of water passed out in one hour. Messrs. Park and Van Buren, who are building a new draining system at the lake, tried to avert the disaster by digging a sluice way on one side to ease the pressure on the dam. They had about forty men at work, and did all they could without avail. The water passed over the dam about a foot above its top, beginning at about half-past 2. Whatever happened in the way of a cloud burst took place during the night. There had been but little rain up to dark. When the workmen woke up in the morning the lake was very full and was rising at the rate of a foot an hour. It kept on rising until at 2 o'clock it first began breaking over the dam and undermining it; men were sent three or four times during the day to warn people below of their danger. When the final break came at three o'clock there was a sound like tremendous and continued peals of thunder, trees, rocks and earth were shot up into midair in great columns, and then the wave started down the ravine. A farmer who escaped said that the water did not come down like a wave, but jumped on his house and beat it to fragments in an instant. He was safe up on the hillside but his wife and two children were killed.

Another Stricken Town.

WILLIAMSPORT, PA., June 4.—Since Saturday morning last this city has undergone the experience of being flooded with thirty-four feet of water, of having the Susquehanna boom taken out with two million feet of logs; over ten million feet of sawed lumber taken; mills carried away and others wrecked; business and industrial establishments wrecked and a large number of lives lost—a flood nearly seven feet higher than that of 1865. A level surface of water extended from the northern line of the city entirely across the city to the mountains on the south side. This meant that the water was six feet deep on the floors of the buildings in Market Square, over four feet deep in the station of the Pennsylvania railroad and at the Bark Hotel. Fully three-quarters of the city was submerged. The loss is enormous. Nearly forty persons were drowned in this city and vicinity.

Sympathy From Abroad.

LONDON, June 4.—The Daily News, discussing the danger of artificial lakes, says: "America, where every thing is on a scale of vastness which we can not experience, seems destined to suffer calamities of civilization, as it exhibits its triumphs, on the most colossal scale. The sympathy of the whole civilized world will be with the people of Pennsylvania in the saddest, most striking and most overwhelming misfortune that ever befell a people of the English race." The other morning dailies refer to the disaster in a similar strain.

Potomac Bridge Wrecked.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—Two spans of the long bridge crossing the Potomac river here have been carried away by the flood.

TRANSPIRING OF LATE.

THE New York Legislature has appropriated $10,000 for a monument to John Ericsson in New York City.

A TEAM of four cows appeared in Bellevue, I. T., not long ago, having been driven from Nebraska, a distance of one thousand miles.

THE New York celebration has demonstrated the possibility of massing seventy thousand militia in New York within fifteen hours.

MRS. ANN DAVIS, who died in Philadelphia a few days ago, had the distinction of dying in the bed in which President William Henry Harrison expired.

ONE of the greatest innovations in the House of Parliament is the introduction of a bootblack in the Commons cloak-room. He is the first of his kind.

THE English sparrow is credited with having nearly exterminated the foreign cabbage worm in the very extensive cabbage fields around Chicago.

THE Massachusetts Legislature recently passed a law, whereby the assessors are obliged to ask at every residence for the names of women desiring to vote.

THE "Goddess of Liberty" on one of the floats in the New York centennial parade was observed to chew tobacco and expectorate vigorously. "She" was a young man hired for the occasion, but this fact may not have been patent to all those who viewed the performance.

THE DEAD.

Almost a Thousand Bodies Collected at Johnstown and Vicinity—While Thousands More Are Burned or Buried in the Mud and Debris—Hungarians Caught Robbing the Dead and Two Are Hanged, Another Shot and Several Driven Into the River and Drowned.

JOHNSTOWN, PA., June 3.—To say that Johnstown is a wreck is but stating the case of the case. Nothing like it was ever seen in this country. Where long rows of dwelling-houses and business blocks stood forty-eight hours ago, ruin and desolation now reign supreme. Probably fifteen hundred houses have been swept from the face of the earth as completely as if they had never been erected. Main street, from end to end, is piled fifteen and twenty feet high with debris, and in some instances it is as high as the roofs of the houses. This great mass of wreckage fills the street from curb to curb, and frequently has crushed the fronts of buildings in and filled the space with results of the terrible calamity. It will take several days yet to form a definite idea as to the loss of life, but it will certainly reach thousands. Every hour brings fresh evidences of the fact that the disaster eclipses anything of the kind in the history of the country and no one can say when the final results will be. Every hour or so the forces of men working on the various heaps of debris find a number of bodies buried in the mud and wreckage. It is believed that when the flames are extinguished in the wreckage at the bridge, and the same is removed, that hundreds and hundreds of victims will be discovered. In fact, this seems certain, as dozens of bodies have already been found on the outskirts of the huge mass of broken timber. Reports from outside points are also appalling. Up to 9 o'clock to-night 180 bodies have been embalmed at Nineveh, and there is a report that 200 more have been discovered half buried in the mud on an island between New Florence and the place named. At the Fourth Ward school-house over 100 victims have been laid out for identification. In many cases they have been recognized, while in many more the tabs bear the simple word "Unknown." Nearly a thousand bodies so far have been collected. Former reports have not been exaggerated. The loss of life is so frightful that it is feared to tell the truth about it. Fifteen thousand men, women and children have perished in the flood and flames, and several hundred more will die from wounds and exhaustion. The people here are apprehensive of pestilential epidemic as the direct cause of the thousands of bodies putrifying in the river. The waters of the Conemaugh are literally choked with masses of putrescent humanity, the stench of which is so powerful that in places it is impossible to approach within a square of the river. Just as the shadows began to fall upon the earth last evening a party of thirteen Hungarians were noticed stealthily picking their way along the banks of Conemaugh towards Sang Hollow. Suspicious of their purpose, several farmers armed themselves and started in pursuit. Soon their most horrible fears were realized. The Hungarians went out for plunder. Lying upon the shore they came upon the dead and mangled body of a woman upon whose person there were a number of trinkets of jewelry and two diamond rings. In their eagerness to secure the plunder the Hungarians got into a squabble, during which one of their number severed the finger upon which were the ring, and started on a run with his fearful prize. The revolting nature of the deed so wrought up the pursuing farmers, who by this time were close at hand, that they gave immediate chase. Some of the Hungarians showed fight, but being outnumbered were compelled to flee for their lives. Nine of the brutes escaped, but four were literally driven into the surging river and to their death. The inhuman monster whose atrocious act has been described was among the number of the involuntary suicides. Two other Hungarians were caught robbing the dead and were hanged from a tree; another was shot.

South Pacific Mail Service.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 3.—John D. Spreckels, the president of the Oceanic Steamship Company, states that New South Wales has renewed its contract with the company for one year to carry the Australian mails, which the Canadian Line of the steamship was seeking to obtain. The Government of New Zealand has not joined in the contract, owing to the failure of the United States to share in the expenses equally, as heretofore, and the steamers may not stop at Auckland in consequence, but, in the event that an arrangement can be effected with the U. S. postal authorities, will stop at Honolulu and at Apia, and will also stop at Auckland provided a satisfactory understanding is reached between New Zealand and the American postal authorities.

Rescue of a Laughing Baby.

PITTSBURGH, June 3.—A man named McAul, residing at Verona, noticed a large piece of driftwood floating down. He was impelled to go to it; he could not tell why, which he did in a boat. To his intense surprise he found in the center of it a cradle in which a few months old babe lay, and which looked up into his face and laughed. Mr. McAul took the child to his house, where it is now well cared for.

An Expensive Railroad Ride.

DENVER, COL., June 3.—Jacob Bohm, a wealthy German, paid two dollars a mile to ride over the Denver and Rio Grande railroad yesterday. He wanted to go from Denver to Trinidad in the shortest possible time, as he had $20,000 at stake. He paid the company $410 for a trip of six hours.

He Was Determined to Die.

PERU, IND., June 3.—Gus Nelp, butcher, aged thirty-five, made a fourth and successful attempt at suicide last night. He took five grains of morphine, from the effect of which he died this morning.

Heavy Losses at Washington.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—The rising of the waters here has eclipsed the high-water mark of 1877. The loss will be enormous. Some place it at $1,000,000, but no reliable figures can be given until the waters subsides and allows property owners to examine their buildings.

Denver Breweries Gobbled.

DENVER, COL., June 3.—The English syndicate, which for some time past has been busily engaged in buying up American breweries, have succeeded in getting control of Denver's two leading properties. The amount paid is said to have been $3,000,000.

Playfully Kicked Her Lover.

POMEROY, O., June 3.—While on the way home from a spelling match in Bedford Township Saturday night Miss Della Baker playfully kicked her companion, George Sutler, on the shin, fracturing the bone. When she found that the young man could not get up she fainted, when Sutler called lustily for help, which soon came, and both were taken home in a wagon.

Gold Watch Found in a Floating Pocket.

PITTSBURGH, June 3.—At Avenue A a pedpost floated down, and at the top of it was a pair of pants, in which was contained an elegant gold watch.

SOCIAL DUTIES

Absorbing the Time of the Samoan Commissioners.

They Are Kept Busy Attending Dinners and Receptions—How the Newspaper Men Are Working the Mine.

BERLIN, June 1.—In addition to the hard work which the American Commissioners to the Samoan Conference lay out for themselves each day, they are obliged to give up considerable time to social duties in the gay German Capital, and every night when they are not entertaining guests at their rooms at the Kaiserhof, they are sure to be at some dinner given in their honor by some distinguished resident of Berlin. During the past week two notable dinners were given for them—the first on Wednesday by Sir Edward Malet, the English Embassador, and the other on Friday night, when Count Von Holstein, one of the German Secretaries of State, gave them a banquet, which for menu, wines and character of its guests is said never to have been equaled in Berlin. The wines were of the rarest vintages, and, indeed, most of them are unpurchasable now. Among the guests were Count Waldersee (Von Moltke's successor), Count Von Wedell, the Emperor's Aid, Mr. William Walter Phelps, Mr. Kasson, Count Eulenberg and many other representatives of political and social rank. Count Von Holstein visited the United States some thirty years ago and was then so kindly received by friends of Mr. Phelps that he has been most lavish in his hospitality here to that gentleman and his colleagues during their stay. The American delegation occupied an entire floor of the Kaiserhof Hotel. Each member has his private bedroom and working-room adjoining, and in the center of the suit is a large and handsomely furnished room which during the day is used as a reception room for formal visitors, and in the evening as a common dining-room. The work-room of each Commissioner is besieged day and night by newspaper men representing London and American journals, but thus far their success in getting news of the proceedings of the commission has been confined to what they have been able to get in the form of indignant denial from the German officials. Their method has been to concoct some story which, if true, would be so injurious to German interests that the German commissioners have felt compelled to deny it, and this denial generally forms the basis of voluminous dispatches.

Dr. Cronin's Clothing Found.

CHICAGO, June 1.—Dr. Cronin's clothing has been found, and another link forged in the chain of evidence that surrounds the murder. The first clue was obtained by the finding of the drawers by Sol Hamberger and Eddie Bresch, two little boys of Lake View. Louis Hamberger, the eighteen-year-old brother of the first named lad, then notified the police, and conducting Lieutenant Schuettler to the mouth of the Fifty-ninth street sewer, instituted a search which resulted in the unearthing of the physician's pants, coat and undershirt. They were buried over a foot under ground, and were only discovered by probing in the sand with sharp sticks. The shirt bore the name of the unfortunate doctor, and the other articles were readily recognized as portions of his apparel. The pants in places were deeply stained with blood.

Crushed by a Falling Tree.

NEW ORLEANS, June 1.—Wednesday evening, during a storm on Red Bayou, in DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, a red oak tree was blown over, and, falling on the dwelling of Joe Raffela, close behind, it crushed the house and killed or wounded six persons. Mrs. Raffela; a daughter, Octana, aged 17; a son, Felix, aged 11; a son, Evans, aged 4, and William, 18 months old, were all crushed to death. The eldest son, Joseph, was wounded severely, but not fatally, by the splinters, while Joseph, sr., the head of the family, who was lying sick in bed, was the only member of the family who escaped uninjured.

Canada Ponies Up.

OTTAWA, June 1.—The Canadian government will have to pay Captain Allan, owner of the American ship Bridgewater, $25,000 damages, sustained through the illegal seizure of his vessel by the Canadian customs authorities. This is not all, either. Ten chances to one the Canadian authorities will have to tender an apology to the United States for an insult offered to the stars and stripes on board the Bridgewater while under seizure at Shelbourne, N. S.

Boodler McGarigle Gives Himself Up.

CHICAGO, June 1.—W. J. McGarigle, ex-warden of the Cook County Hospital, who has been a fugitive from justice, under indictment as one of the "boodlers" in the county ring, living for some time in Banff, British Columbia, walked into Judge Shepard's court room shortly before noon today and delivered himself up. He was at once taken to the office of the State's attorney.

Frost in Alabama.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., June 1.—The weather here yesterday morning was the coldest ever known in this section at this season of the year. Light frosts are reported at several points near the city, and crops are injured slightly. The thermometer registered thirty-eight degrees at points in the city at daylight this morning.

Samoan Conference.

BERLIN, June 1.—The Samoan conference will not meet again for several days. The Commissioners have agreed to the questions at issue, and have drawn up a protocol. This has been telegraphed to the governments interested, and it is expected that replies will be received by wire. On their arrival a formal sitting will be held.

Estimated Public Debt Decrease.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—It is estimated at the Treasury Department that there has been a decrease of $8,000,000 in the public debt during the month of May, notwithstanding the disbursement of nearly $12,000,000 during the month on account of pensions. The Treasury surplus is now stated at $54,000,000.

Christening at the White House.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—The President's granddaughter, Mary Lodge McKee, was christened at the White House by her great-grandfather, Rev. Dr. Scott, in the presence of the family, the members of the Cabinet and General and Mrs. Williams.

Decision Against Chewing Gum.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—Acting Secretary Tichenor has informed the Surveyor of Customs at Memphis that chewing gum, manufactured from imported Mexican chicle and balsam tulu and domestic sugar, is not entitled to a drawback under the law because of the presence of domestic material.

Heavy Frost in Illinois.

GALENA, ILL., June 1.—A heavy white frost visited this section yesterday morning. Corn in low ground was blasted to the sprout, and all kind of tender fruit killed. The damage is very serious.

UNSEASONABLE WEATHER.

[illegible] in Michigan. [illegible] Heavy.

WABASH, Ind., June 31.—The heaviest rainfall in [illegible] has been prevailing throughout this [illegible] for two days. At Benton Harbor, [illegible] line of the Cincinnati, Wabash and Michigan railway, snow fell this morning to a depth of six inches. Snow is also reported at other places.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., June 31.—Rain fell heavily all day long [illegible] lightly, and continued last night. [illegible] Decoration Day services were entirely [illegible] with.

WINTHROP, Me., June 31.—Rain has fallen without ceasing for forty-eight hours, but [illegible] snow-storm yesterday afternoon. [illegible] have had nearly two inches [illegible] and much damage will be done [illegible]

INDIANAPOLIS, June 31.—The constant rain of Thursday morning [illegible] way early yesterday morning to a snow-fall, which melted as it fell, [illegible] was succeeded again by rain [illegible] continued all day.

CINCINNATI, June 31.—[illegible] weather in this section was very heavy.

DETROIT, May 31.—At Schoolcraft the snow is four inches deep and still falling, while at Portland and Flint the average depth is two inches, but owing to almost a hurricane it has drifted to a much greater depth. The damage to crops is very great.

PEORIA, May 31.—Heavy rains have fallen for fifty hours in Central Illinois. At Galena there was a damaging frost last night, blighting fields of corn and blasting fruit trees.

CHEBOYGAN, MICH., May 31.—It froze hard here Tuesday night, ice forming an eighth of an inch thick. Early vegetables and tender plants were killed and fruit trees badly nipped by the frost.

BUILDING COLLAPSES,

Burying the Workmen in Its Ruins—Five Lives Lost by a Shocking Accident at Danville, Virginia.

DANVILLE, VA., May 31.—A terrible accident occurred here yesterday. J. G. Penn was building a large brick tobacco factory on Bridge street, nearly 200 feet long and six stories high. The wall had been completed and carpenters were at work on it. The wind was blowing hard, and about 2 o'clock this afternoon the entire building came down with a crash. Robert Pruitt, Wm. Young, G. B. Jones, Buck Hooper and D. N. Collie were killed. Henry Oakes will die, and six others were badly injured. Several men were buried in the ruins, and a considerable time elapsed before they were extricated.

Haymarket Monument Unveiled.

CHICAGO, May 31.—At 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon the memorial monument erected by citizens in honor of the policemen who were killed by an Anarchist bomb in the Haymarket riot on May 4, 1886, was unveiled. The ceremonies were very simple. The monument consists of a

pedestal surmounted by a bronze statue of a policeman in uniform, of heroic size. The statue is the work of Mr. J. J. Gelert, a Chicago sculptor. The memorial stands upon the scene of the riot at the intersection of Desplaines and West Randolph streets, and is something over twenty feet in height.

Counterfeit Gold Coin.

WATERLOO, IA., May 31.—For some time past counterfeit five-dollar gold pieces have been in circulation in different parts of the State. The pieces appeared to be of the coinage of 1884 and their appearance was perfect except that they were light weight. Yesterday a man was caught passing one, and was later arrested, at La Porte, Ia. On being searched, $222 in bogus gold coin was found on his person.

A Demand on France.

NEW YORK, May 31.—The Herald Washington correspondent telegraphs that Secretary Blaine yesterday sent a long cablegram to Minister Reid, at Paris, demanding an immediate investigation of the matter of the arrest and alleged ill-treatment of three New York ladies at Mentone, France, and insisting upon an ample apology.

Iron Discovered in Oklahoma.

ST. LOUIS, May 31.—Dispatches from Oklahoma report the finding of rich iron mines a short distance from Guthrie. The ore is said to be very fine and probably contains sixty-five per cent. of iron. A shaft will be sunk at once.

Mexico Has a Disastrous Flood.

CITY OF MEXICO, May 31.—Via Galveston.—Heavy storms of rain and hail at Huentjutla have caused the river to inundate that town, drowning many persons and cattle, washing away many houses and destroying crops.

Barnum's Successor.

NEW HAVEN, CT., May 31.—Congressman Carlos French has been elected a member of the National Democratic Committee to represent this State in place of Wm. H. Barnum, deceased.

For Life.

SHREVEPORT, LA., May 31.—In the district court Walter Douglas and Jake Bergman, two men convicted of murdering Jno. Dickinson recently, were sentenced to the penitentiary for life.

Railroaders Fatally Hurt.

BUCKEYE, TENN., May 31.—In a freight train collision here, Engineer Wm. Bogart and Fireman John Hammond were fatally injured.

Drainage Bill Signed.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., May 31.—Governor Fifer has signed the Chicago drainage bill.

Suspected of an Awful Deed.

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