

MANLY LIVES LOST.

TERRIBLE EFFECTS OF THE FLOOD IN CAMBRIA COUNTY.

BANKS OF A RESERVOIR BREAK

OVER A THOUSAND CITIZENS OF JOHNSTOWN PERISH IN THE ANGRY WATERS.

DETAILS OF THE AWFUL CALAMITY.

A Hundred Bodies of Unfortunates Are Recovered At Nineveh.

OVER A HUNDRED ARE BURNED.

The Town Inundated and Men, Women and Children Are Carried With the Wild Torrent of the Conemaugh River--Disaster Elsewhere.

NEW FLORENCE, Pa., June 1.--W. N. Hays, a Pennsylvania railroad official, has just returned from Johnstown. He says the place is annihilated. Conemaugh wrecked and Cambria City swept away. Fully 1,200 lives have been lost.

One hundred bodies have been recovered at Nineveh. Seventy persons are reported to have been burned to death in the fire at the Johnstown bridge.

Sang Hollow is the nearest point to Johnstown that has been seen in the morning. All telegraph communication between these two points are cut off, and it is yet impossible to secure definite information.

The gray morning light does not seem to show either hope or mitigation of the awful fears of the night. We are at New Florence, 14 miles from the scene of destruction at Johnstown. It has been a hard night to everybody. The weary, over-worked newspaper men who have been without rest and food since yesterday afternoon, and the operators who have handled the messages, are even now preparing for the work of the day.

Even here, so far from the washed out towns, the horror is in our midst. Seven bodies have been found on the shore near this town, two being in a tree, a man and a woman, where the tide had carried them. The country people are coming into the news centers in large numbers, telling stories of disaster along the river banks in sequestered places.

THE PEOPLE WARNED.

But they remained in Johnstown to be swallowed by the flood.

John McCarthy, a carpenter, who lives in Johnstown, New Florence, Pa., at half past 4 yesterday says the scene when he left was indescribable. People had been warned early in the morning to move to the highland, but they did not need the warning, although it was repeated a number of times up to 1 o'clock, when the water poured into the center street several feet deep.

It is said to be next to impossible to get to Johnstown proper to-day in any manner except by row boat. The roads are cut up so that even the strongest refuse to travel over them in their roughest vehicles. The only hope is to get within about three miles of Johnstown by special train or by hand car. This will be done by the Associated Press agents within the next hour.

LATER--The waters are now receding here as rapidly as they rose last night, and as the banks uncover the dead are showing up. Already nine dead bodies have been picked up within the limits of this borough since daylight. None of them have as yet been recognized; five of those found are women. One lady, probably 25 years old and rather handsome, had clasped in her arms a baby about six months old.

The dead body of a young man was discovered in the branches of a huge tree which had been carried down the stream. The body of another woman has just been discovered in the river here. Her foot was discovered above the surface of the water. A rope was fastened about it and it is now tied to a tree awaiting assistance to land it.

TAKEN FROM A HOUSE ROOF.

John L. Weber and his wife, an old couple, Mike Metzgar and John Forney, were rescued near here early this morning. They had been carried from their home in Cambria City on the roof of a house. There were seven others on the roof of the house when it was carried off by the angry waters. They all were drowned. They are unknown to Weber, they having drifted onto the roof from floating debris. Weber and his wife were almost helpless from exposure. They were unable to walk when taken off the roof at this place. They are now at the hotel here.

The banks on both sides of the river at this place are crowded with anxious watchers, and with hurrying frequency their vigils are rewarded by the discovery of a dead body. Within the last half hour three floating bodies have been recovered at this point, and hundreds of people from Johnstown and up river towns are hurrying here in search of their friends and relatives, who were swept away in last night's flood.

THE SCENE OF THE DISASTER.

Johnstown, the scene of the great disaster, is on the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad, 27 1/2 miles from Philadelphia, and seventy-eight miles from Pittsburgh. It is the headquarters of the great Cambria Iron Company, and its acres of iron works fill the narrow basin in which the city is situated. The rolling mill and Bessemer steel works employ 4,000 men. The mountains rise quite abruptly on almost all sides and the railroad track, which follows the turbulent course of the Conemaugh river is above the level of the town. The city must have been inundated by the flood. The sum of the Allegheny mountains is reached at Gallitzin, about 24 miles east of Johnstown. It is a town where the Allegheny river is in the basin of the mountains and girt about by streams, all of which finally find their way into the Allegheny river, and thence into the Ohio. On one side of the mountain range the water is so high during the dry periods of the summer drought that it readily crosses in many places by stepping from stone to stone, and carries down the mountain side, when swollen by the spring freshets or heavy summer rains. On the other side of the town the water is so high that it carries down the mountain side, when swollen by the spring freshets or heavy summer rains. On the other side of the town the water is so high that it carries down the mountain side, when swollen by the spring freshets or heavy summer rains.

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ONE HUNDRED DEAD AT NINEVEH.

R. B. Rogers, justice of the peace at Nineveh, has wired the coroner at Greensburg that 100 dead bodies have been found at that place, and he asks what to do with them. From this one can estimate that the loss of life will reach more than 1,000. No one knows. No man can guess the sickening aspect of the scene to be met by the correspondents when they arrive at the scene above. A report has just been received that persons are on an island near Nineveh, and that a man and woman are on a partly submerged tree.

The report has just reached here that at least 100 people were consumed in the flames at buildings and other structures swept against the new railroad bridge at Johnstown, and from an overturned stove or some such cause, the upper part of the wreckage caught fire. There were crowds of men, women and children on the wreck, and their screams were soon added to the awful chorus of horror. They were literally roasted on the flood. Soon after the fire burned itself out others were thrown against the mass. There were some 30 people in sight when the ruins suddenly parted, broke up and was swept under the bridge into pitchy darkness.

The latest news from Johnstown is that but two houses can be seen in the town. It is also said that only three houses remain in Cambria City. The first authentic news was from W. N. Hays, of the Pennsylvania railroad company, who reached New Florence at 9 o'clock. He says the valley towns are annihilated.

The Associated Press now has the only news between New Florence and Pittsburgh and has its connections with the main circuit. Details are meagre, but will be furnished as the first moment possible.

Four other bodies were seen, but owing to the mass of wreckage which is coming down the river they could not be recovered and passed down the Ohio river.

Pittsburg--The body of a Welsh woman, 60 years of age, was taken from the river near Suspension bridge, this city, at 10 o'clock this morning.

A citizens meeting has been called to advise means to aid the sufferers of the Johnstown flood. The Pennsylvania railroad officials have already placed cars on the river, to be used for the purpose of receiving provisions and clothing and up to this hour many prominent merchants have made heavy donations.

Following are the reports from the morning papers:

A TERRIBLE CATASTROPHE.

Many Lives Blotted Out By the Flood in Western Pennsylvania.

The flood at Johnstown has resulted in an awful catastrophe. It is said that the reservoir above the town broke about five o'clock yesterday, and that an immense volume of water rushed down to the city, carrying with it death and destruction. Houses with their occupants were swept away, and probably hundreds of people were drowned.

There was no communication on Friday night with Johnstown, but a telegraph tower at Sang Hollow, twelve miles west of Johnstown, says that about seventy-five dead bodies have floated past. The fires in the town have been extinguished, and all the buildings along the Conemaugh between New Florence and Johnstown have been carried away. The railroad tracks are being abandoned by the operators.

At a quarter of eight o'clock a boy was rescued by a man in the signal tower of the Pennsylvania railroad at Sang Hollow. His name is unknown, but he said that with his father, mother, brother and two sisters he was swept away in the light of a house which was their home. He was washed away from the building, but said the other members of the family were in it when it was swept over the breast of the great mountain bridge at Johnstown; that it capsized a few seconds later and they were all drowned so far as he could tell.

The railroad operator officially reports that before dark they were able to count 119 persons clinging to buildings, wreckage, or drowned and floating in the current. The current was so credited the damage in the town proper must be in the nature of a clean sweep.

As early as one o'clock the alarm was sent to Johnstown that the houses were going down the river by the dozen, and people can be seen clinging to the roofs. At Caketown, a village of several hundred inhabitants, the houses are all completely covered, and a great many houses at Blairsville are submerged. Scarcely a dwelling in the vicinity of Sang Hollow can be seen. The Johnstown and Cambria City bridge is reported, have given way, and that at Saltsburg, it is feared, will be carried away.

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THE LOCAL DAMAGE.

Heavy Rain Swept the Conemaugh and Susquehanna Rivers.

The principal point of conversation on the streets to-day is the terrible storm of the past few days. About the station of the Pennsylvania railroad everything is confusion. On account of the washout and floods on the Western division no trains have arrived here from Pittsburgh since early Friday morning. The indications are that there will be none here before Monday. The trains between Philadelphia and Harrisburg are running all right. A telegram was received here this morning from Harrisburg, Pa., that the bridge at W. Rossler, an assistant engineer, left during the forenoon with fifty men.

At Marietta the river is rising rapidly but high water is not expected before Sunday morning. There is a large quantity of lumber on the river banks, and this is being moved to a place of safety. All the available teams in Marietta yesterday were hired to-day and by night all the lumber will be out of danger. A break occurred at the canal at Wild Cat on Friday afternoon, but the full extent of the damage done cannot be ascertained until the water subsides. The railroad tracks at Chickies will be submerged by evening, at least to a considerable extent. The damage will be done, everything that can be destroyed will be moved to a place of safety.

REV. ALONZO F. DILLER AT JOHNSTOWN.

Among the residents of Johnstown is Rev. Alonzo F. Diller, rector of the Episcopal church, son of Isaac Diller. There were many callers at Mr. Diller's store today to make inquiry as to his son, but he could not give any information. He has as yet been unable to reach Johnstown by telegram, nor has he received any message from his son. He or one of his sons would have left on this morning's train for that town, but on account of the washouts and destruction of bridges Johnstown could not be reached. He hopes that his son is safe, but says the suspense is a terrible strain.

This afternoon about fifty men, under Boss Carpenter, were put to work at Dillerville doing work for the bridge which have been swept away on the western division of the Pennsylvania railroad.

Reports from every section of the county show that the rainfall yesterday was high and many trees were blown down. The streams were all very high this morning, but little damage was done by their rise. The wheat is all blown down and lies very flat in many places. Tobacco and corn fields were badly washed, and much of the tobacco that has been set out was swept away.

Several enterprising Philadelphia newspapers issued late editions this morning. On Niagara Express, which arrives here at 10 o'clock, were a number of newsworthy items. It brought large bundles of papers which he sold like hot cakes, and everywhere on the streets crowds of people could be seen reading the news and discussing the terrible calamity.

MANUEL JOHNSON IMMOVED.

He Expected to be Reprised and Thinks Imprisonment a Harsh Fate.

Samuel Johnson was visited by his counsel, John E. Robinson, in the county prison at Media, on Friday afternoon. Johnson, who is in the cell of the prison, is in committal for life. Sheriff Green has not yet received the commutation papers from the State Department, but he has not yet been officially made known to him.

Johnson received the information with very little outward show of rejoicing at his escape from the prison. He said that he had been given an intimation some weeks ago that some one in the prison that he would never hang, and that the prison was a "big charity" and that he would be let out. He said that he had been given an intimation some weeks ago that some one in the prison that he would never hang, and that the prison was a "big charity" and that he would be let out.

Johnson is a feeling of relief that the case has been taken to the State Department, and the decision of the pardon board is generally commended by the best thinking and respectable portions of the community. It is impossible to explain the presence of Chester and other parts of the county approve of the commutation.

Probably Murdered.

The body of Mrs. Margaret Leindner, aged thirty-six years, was found early Tuesday evening by John Leindner, her husband, in the rear of the garage at her home, on the Annapolis road near Baltimore. Her husband says that they did not see her for several days, and that he had been looking for her. He found her body in the rear of the garage, and he was unable to identify her. He is now in the hospital, and he is unable to give any information as to how she came to be there.

Algonquin Officers.

The Algonquin club, of this city, met last evening at the house of H. C. Moore, East King street, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and making arrangements for their annual excursion. The following were selected: President, H. C. Moore; vice president, Rev. J. Max; secretary, John Black. August 30th was selected as the day of opening camp, to continue for one week, and an executive committee, appointed to take charge of the details. The camp will be at York Furnace, on the Susquehanna.

Will Attend the Funeral.

Henry Gast, whose funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon, was one of the oldest members of the Young People's Association. There is no fire company at present, but the members recently formed an association, the members of which will turn out to the funeral to-morrow afternoon, starting from hotel Lancaster at nine o'clock.

DAMAGE TO RAILROADS.

TRAFFIC ON WESTERN AND CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA RAILROADS SUSPENDED.

Tracks Washed Out and Bridges Carried Away--The Boom at Williamsport Barred--The River Rising.

PHILADELPHIA, June 1.--All indications point to the present trouble being the worst ever experienced by the Pennsylvania railroad company. During the blizzard of March, 1888, the road was blocked on the New York division and east of Altoona, for nearly five days. That memorable blockade was caused by snow alone, the road not being damaged in any way. The present suspension of traffic, caused by the washing away of bridges and washed-out washouts and the fall of heavy masses of rock from mountain sides to the tracks, between Altoona and Johnstown, a distance of about 40 miles and east of the former city is expected to last fully as long as the snow blockade of a year ago.

At the office of the general manager of the Pennsylvania railroad, this morning that the new bridge across the Conemaugh river at Johnstown, which was reported to have been swept away by the water, is still standing as firm as ever, but the approach thereto for a distance of 300 or 400 feet between the station and bridge has been washed out. Information received from that point is very meagre. An official of the road there telegraphs that it is impossible to describe the calamity and desolation that followed it. No particulars were given beyond this.

The wires to Williamsport are still down. A dispatch received from that city by way of Reading stated that the lumber boom had broken at 9 o'clock this morning, and the water was rushing through the upper end of the town.

About 2 o'clock this morning word was received at Williamsport, that the boom at Lock Haven had broken, and that the place was overflowed. Since then no news has been received as to the condition of affairs as the wires between Williamsport and Lock Haven need not be repaired until after the sending of the dispatch, and communication has not yet been restored.

The positions of the east and west bound through trains on the Pennsylvania main line, as placed in these dispatches last night, remain unaltered. The New York & Chicago Limited, east bound, is still at Williamsport. Atlantic Express and Seashore Express are at Port Jervis. Day Express from Chicago and mail train are at Conemaugh. The Philadelphia express east-bound from Pittsburgh is at Bolivar Junction. The three west bound trains from New York to Chicago are still at Altoona. No definite information can be given as to when these trains will move from the stations at Altoona, as they are now laid up.

On the Middle division, between Harrisburg and Altoona, the line is very badly blocked, but rain has ceased falling and the flood in the Juniata is likely to decrease. As soon as the water falls the extent of the trouble can be ascertained and the prospects for running trains stated with some degree of accuracy.

From Harrisburg north to Williamsport, on the Northern Central division, the condition of the track is very bad, and no trains will run until the track can be made safe.

Beyond Williamsport, on the Philadelphia & Erie branch, the small amount of information received is enough to show that the running of trains is out of the question.

On the Northern Central branch, between Harrisburg and Baltimore, there are several bad washouts and no trains have yet been run on that division.

On the Philadelphia division, between Harrisburg and Philadelphia, the storm has not yet inflicted violence to do serious damage, and the road therefore is clear between those cities.

At Havre de Grace, Md., the river is reported to be very high, but no serious damage has as yet been reported.

WILLIAMSPORT FLOODED.

A dispatch received from Williamsport at 1 o'clock this afternoon states that the city is flooded and the water still rising. Up to 1 o'clock no news of any sort had been received from Harrisburg as to the state of affairs there and the condition of that water-swept city is only a matter of conjecture. The last news received showed that the place was overflowed by the bursting of the lumber boom located just above the city.

ARRIVING AT HARRISBURG.

People in the Southern Part of the City Suffer.

HARRISBURG, June 1.--The great rain storm has entailed a loss of thousands of dollars to the people of Harrisburg, in the east and south ends of the city. The water rose above the level of the city in several instances and swept away bridges. In many cases it reached the first story of houses. Last night hundreds of families were in distress, and forced to leave their homes. Major Fritchey conducted the relief expeditions, which utilized all the boats to be had, and while the rain came down in torrents, the relief committees did good work. While thus engaged, the major and one of his officers narrowly escaped drowning. The Susquehanna river at this point is 19 feet above low water mark, and its depth increases every hour. Independence island is completely covered. The tracks of the P. R. south of here are covered by about two feet of water. Trains from the east stop here and at this writing the probability is that it will be several hours before traffic to the West will be resumed.

Early this morning Hartman's tannery, at Tenth and State streets, was totally destroyed by fire supposed to be of incendiary origin. The stock was insured.

Advices just received from points up the river, say that the beautiful fish houses near here, were washed away, as were sheds and out-houses of every kind. The great embankments here have caved in, culverts and sewers demolished, and great trees were laid prone.

A party of newspaper men, representing New York and Philadelphia journals came here early this morning with the expectation of reaching Johnstown. Finding travel to the west at a standstill from this point some of them went down the Cumberland valley with the intention of boarding a Baltimore & Ohio train and going to the west by a circuitous route.

A Life Lost at York.

York, Pa., June 1.--The flood in Codorus creek here, reached its greatest height about 6 o'clock this morning, when all bridges save one were under water. Business places and residences in low sections were flooded to a great extent and the damage in this city alone will amount to \$25,000. Injury to the Spring Grove paper mills near this city, is heavy. By noon the water had fallen sufficiently to restore travel over nearly all bridges.

In attempting to catch some driftwood James McElvaine lost his balance and fell into the raging torrent and was drowned. A number of bridges in the county have been swept away and the loss in the county exclusive of the city is estimated at \$100,000.

THE SUQUEHANNA HIGH.

Part of Harrisburg Inundated--People Drowned--The River Rising.

Harrisburg was in the midst of a deluge all day long on Friday. There was a steady down-pour since before daylight Friday morning, and up to 10 o'clock 41 inches of rain was registered at the signal service station. Danger of a disastrous flood in the Susquehanna river is imminent. Old people say the Potomac creek, which waters East Harrisburg from the main section of the city, and is a raging torrent, is higher now than during the great flood of 1883.

People were driven from their houses in Sibletown in boats, and collars along Cameron street are filled with water. Great numbers of people are being driven from their homes in Sibletown in boats, and collars along Cameron street are filled with water. Great numbers of people are being driven from their homes in Sibletown in boats, and collars along Cameron street are filled with water.

Stetson is partially inundated. No trains have arrived from Harrisburg since Friday day morning, owing to a big washout near Lilly's station. Passenger trains for the North were cancelled owing to reports of high water on the line. A landslide is reported on the Pennsylvania railroad at Rockville, five miles west of Harrisburg. The Allison hill branch of the East Harrisburg quarter line is in operation, owing to a wide break in the main sewer, near Cameron and Market streets.

There are over \$5,000,000 worth of logs in the boom at Williamsport, representing the entire season's output of lumber, and grave fears are entertained for their safety. The boom company has put every available means to work for the safety of the logs. It means will be adopted to save this vast quantity of lumber. The rain has fallen in a steady down-pour and showed no signs of cessation. Friday morning, owing to a wide break in the main sewer, near Cameron and Market streets.

News has been received in Williamsport stating that the boom at Carwensville and Carlisle have broken and that the boom at Williamsport is in danger. The boom at Williamsport is in danger. The boom at Williamsport is in danger.

At 2 o'clock on Friday a ball of ball lightning struck on the tower of the First Presbyterian church, and broke off parts of the molding. It then descended and struck the sidewalk with a tremendous report and up numbers of people were killed. Emma Kelly was walking on the street and was so shocked that she had to be taken into a house and the services of a physician called. F. L. Kramer was standing in a store and his neck and left ear were burned into blisters. Emma Zimmerman was burned on the face and neck. The persons in places were lit by electricity from the boom and a number of people sustained slight shocks.

NEWS OF MURKOV.

CHICAGO, June 1.--Capt. J. E. Fitzpatrick, of the Central police detail, has received the following dispatch from his brother, Peter, who was chief of police of Cambria borough, located across the river from Johnstown, Pa.: "Rose her husband and child and my wife and three children were all drowned. Rose and Bob's children. The persons referred to in the message are Rose Brady, Captain Fitzpatrick's sister, J. Brady, the husband, Ellen Brady, daughter, Mary Fitzpatrick and her three children, two boys and one girl. "Bob" refers to another brother living there who had nine children."

BLAINE'S CRICKET.

An Incident in the Career of His Pet Haystack Comedian.

Andrew Johnson issued a proclamation offering a reward of twenty-five thousand dollars for the arrest of Beverly Tucker. In the same proclamation a hundred thousand dollars was offered for Jefferson Davis and rewards were offered for the arrest of Clement C. Clay and his clerk Cleary, Jacob Thompson and George N. Saunders. The opening paragraph of the proclamation declares that they plotted the atrocious murder of Abraham Lincoln.

No More Tickers.

Financial circles were considerably excited on Friday afternoon over the announcement from the board of the New York stock exchange that the market was beginning with to-day quotations will in the future only be obtained by messenger, telephone or private wire. The move was made by the committee of the board of the New York Exchange expired yesterday and the governing committee determined not to give quotations to-day. Brokers will therefore have to depend upon their private wires. Their customers will practically be in the dark as to the market until the morning returns by the Philadelphia exchange. It is believed that unless some arrangement is made immediately the business transacted will be considerably curtailed, if not attend with any more serious consequences.

Arranging For 4th of July.

At a meeting of George H. Thomas post No. 84, held on Friday evening a celebration of the coming Fourth of