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Ten Thousand Dead.

The Johnstown Disaster the Greatest on Record.

ALMOST BEYOND BELIEF.

Over a Thousand Bodies Recovered at Johnstown.

A THOUSAND MORE BURNED IN THE DEBRIS.

Vivid Description of the Scenes of Desolation and Death—First Accounts Not Exaggerated, the Difficulty Being to Tell the Whole of the Truth—Hungarians Caught Robbing Bodies and Two are Hanged—Another Shot and Several Driven Into the River and Drowned.

The awful torrent came down the narrow defile between the mountains, a distance of nine miles, and with a fall of 300 feet in that distance, sweeping away the villages of South Fork, Mineral Point, Woodvale and Conemaugh.

The plume in which sat Johnston, sits in the mountains like a jewel in the queen's diadem. The great Gantier Steel-works sat in this plain, and the city below it, the railroad tracks bounding it at the base of the mountains on the north.

The low arches of the stone viaduct choked up immediately, and the water backed over the entire level of the valley, upon which the city stood, to the depth of what from the water works indicate about thirty-eight feet.

From infancy a few days old to the wasted figures of age, were burned before the eyes of the beholders, and no rescue from such a fate was possible.

There is no possibility of telling just who has been lost, as thousands are missing. The survivors, many of whom tell of the most thrilling escapes from collections of debris, house roofs, car doors and planks, seek the banks and gaze with stupor, born of paralyzation of their mental faculties from fright and horror they have been subjected to.

The impression is gaining that the disclosures yet to come where the gorge collected, and which is now burning over an area of several acres, are yet more ghastly.

either of the area of the extent of the damage. It is impossible to narrate the many pathetic incidents that occurred on all sides.

At Morrell forty-five bodies were laid out waiting to be identified. Eight of them were children, one that of a child which a physician said had been born while the mother was fighting for her life in the raging flood.

At Nineveh, nine miles down the stream, 106 bodies, mostly women and children, were laid out in a saw mill, and additions were being made by wagon loads at a time which were being picked up on the meadows, over which the great tide had surged with the fury of a demon.

Many were found with their hands yet clinging tenaciously to branches of trees and shrubs. In one case a young couple were found locked in each other's arms? In another case a mother was found with a child clasped in each arm and held closely to her bosom.

THROUGH TO JOHNSTOWN. Efforts to Reach the Unfortunate City Finally Successful.

PITTSBURG, June 2.—The first force of rescuers and press representatives, who have been making every effort for several days to gain an entrance into the valley in which was located the city of Johnstown, accomplished their purpose just as the light of Sunday morning's sun broke over the mountain-tops surrounding the place of desolation.

From Johnstown to Mineral Point tower the Pennsylvania road bed has been completely swept away. For a distance of one fourth mile the road is uninjured, then comes another complete wreck to a point above South Fork.

Twenty-seven Pennsylvania railroad locomotives and an unknown number of both freight cars and passenger coaches are lying in the river bed under the debris of Johnstown, at the stone bridge.

Two Towns Entirely Wiped Out. The towns of Woodville and Conemaugh borough, above Johnstown, are swept as clearly off the face of the earth as if they had never had an existence.

The work of exhuming the dead at Johnstown has only begun, but already more than one hundred bodies have been carried out of the ruins.

Eleven car loads of finished coffins and thirty undertakers arrived during the day, and the work of interment will rapidly progress under the direction of a specially organized force of men.

Temporarily Morgue at Nineveh. Nineveh will hereafter be known as the city of the dead. At this point the Conemaugh has given up a large portion of its dead.

Ninemacher's planing mill was used as a temporary morgue, and it was there that the bloodstained, swollen and disfigured remains of whites and negroes were first placed for protection and identification, if such thing were possible.

During the day several persons succeeded in making a tour of what is left of Johnstown. On the upper floor of the club house, the best preserved building standing, five bodies are lying unidentified, one of them, a woman of fine appearance. Here and there bodies can be seen sticking in the ruins.

Loss of Life Not Overestimated. There is no doubt but what, wild as the estimates of the loss of life and damage to property have been, it is even larger than there is yet any idea of.

Mr. Lou T. Dallmyer, a passenger on the express, said that Secretary Halford's wife and daughter were both with him and escaped to the mountain-side in safety.

Telegraph Communication Established. The Western Union Telegraph company succeeded in opening a temporary office in an abandoned oil house on the

mountain side, and have seven good wires working to Pittsburg, but none east.

The chasm between the railroad bridge and the depot has just been spanned by a rope bridge. The river can now be crossed at this place in safety. The skiffs sent from Pittsburg have arrived and will greatly aid in the search for bodies among the debris in the still furiously rushing river.

Several hundred bridge builders and trackmen are repairing the railroad company property, and trains will be able to cross the chasm by to-morrow morning.

Communication Established, But the Half Can Never be Told.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., June 3.—Telegraphic communication has again been established from what is left of this once beautiful city to the outside world. Although this has been done, it will be impossible to ever tell the extent of the disasters which has visited us.

The recovery of bodies has taken up the time of thousands all day. The theory now is that most of those killed by the torrent are buried beneath the debris, and the events of the day's work in the ruins, in a large degree justifies this assumption. Six bodies were taken out of one pile of rubbish not eight feet square. The truth is that bodies are almost as plentiful as logs, only the swirl of the waters put the bodies under and the logs and boards on top in the general stacking up of the animate and inanimate.

Dr. D. G. Foster, who has been here all day, is of the opinion that most of the victims were killed by coming in violent contact with objects in the river and not by drowning.

Three hundred bodies were recovered yesterday. The eastern end of Main street, through which the waters tore most madly and destructively and in which they left their legacy of wrecked houses, fallen trees and dead bodies in a greater degree than in any other portion of the city, has been cleared and the remains of over fifty taken out of the portion cleared.

As soon as a body is found it is placed on a litter and sent to the morgue, where it is washed and placed on a board for several hours to await identification. The morgue is the Fourth ward school house, and it has been surrounded all day by a crowd of several thousand people.

It is astonishing to find how small a number of injured are in the city. Few survived. It was death or nothing, with the demon of the flood. It is true that not a few escaped, but they got off almost unhurt.

The central portion of Johnstown is as completely obliterated as if it had never had foundations. The river has made its bed upon the sites of the dwellings and a vast area of sand, mud, gravel and furrowed grounds marks the old channel.

The massive accumulation of debris extending from 800 to 1,000 feet along the south shore of the Conemaugh, and immediately above the bridge, is now in complete possession of the flames and will be until the arrival of further relief from the Pittsburg fire department is received, so that another pang is added to those who had hoped to rescue the remains of their friends and relatives from the debris.

The magnitude of the horror increases with the hours. It is believed that not less than 2,000 of the drowned found lodgement beneath the mass of debris in the triangle of ground that the Conemaugh cut out of the bank between the river proper and the Pennsylvania railway bridge.

When the upsetting of a cook stove ignited the mass and the work of cremation began, it was a costly sacrifice to the demon of the flood, being a literal breast of fire. The smoke arise in a huge funnel-shaped cloud, and at times it changed to the formation of an hour glass.

It was with a feeling of absolute loathing that all people herabout, awoke Sunday morning to find that nothing but a mass of ashes, calcined human bones, stoves, old iron and other ap-

proximately indestructible matter, from which only a light blue vapor was arising.

Gen. Hastings took precautions to prevent the extension of the fire to another huge pile, a short distance away and this will be searched at once for bodies of flood victims.

The people who escaped to the hillsides have no boats to get around with, and are hard pressed for food. They are camped out in the brush, and the women and children suffer greatly from hardships, besides being half crazed with anxiety over the fate of friends and relatives. The water is not receding much, because the choked up railroad bridge acts as a dam, and will do so until the debris that clogs the arches is removed, which will be a big job.

The most awful destruction in a single house occurred at the Hurlburt hotel. There were fifty-seven people in the house when the mountain of water came down, and of these only ten are living.

The register of the wrecked hotel cannot be found, and it is impossible to give the names of all those who perished in the Hurlburt house. Those who are known to have perished are: Elmer Brinker and Dr. Brinker, two brothers, two Mrs. Richards, a man named Butler, Mrs. Miss and Lewis Benford, mother, sister and brother of the proprietor, Mrs. Smith and her two children ascended to fourth floor with the four travelers when the flood came.

The names of prominent people drowned. JOHNSTOWN, Pa., June 3.—Some of the most prominent citizens of this city and of the state are among those who have perished.

John Fulton, President of the Constitutional Amendment association and General Manager of the Cambria Iron works is drowned with his wife and children. Howard J. Roberts, cashier of the First National bank, and John Dibert, a banker, were drowned, the former's son perishing with him.

The relief provisions for Johnstown must be extended to these other places as rapidly as railroad transportation facilities can be furnished.

The towns named all lie between Johnstown and the South Fork dam, whose bursting caused the disaster. At Woodvale the dead bodies of hundreds are lying in the debris relatively as numerous as they are in Johnstown.

At Conemaugh the same condition of things prevails. The scarcity of the living at both places makes the recovery of bodies very slow work.

A special train of twelve cars loaded with provisions for the sufferers has just arrived.

ROBBING THE DEAD. One of the Villains Shot and Two Others Hung to a Tree.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., June 3.—Reports of looting and wholesale robbery have been greatly exaggerated. There is a disposition on the part of the Hungarians, laboring Irish and negroes to raid houses, but not the dead.

Yesterday afternoon C. L. Dick, ex-mayor of Johnstown, and several other gentlemen, while patrolling that part of the city known as the Point, discovered a party of Hungarians looting the houses and robbing the bodies of the dead.

The parties had no guns with them, but Mr. Dick leveled his revolver at one of the plunderers and shot him dead. He fell into the river and no further attention was paid to his remains. The city is guarded by over 300 special officers.

A party of searchers saw two men robbing the body of a woman yesterday. The thieves were caught. In one of their

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