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## Extent of the Loss.

**The Disaster at Johnstown Growing in Proportion.**

**TWELVE THOUSAND LOST.**

**Recovering the Bodies of the Dead.**

**NEARLY THREE THOUSAND ALREADY SECURED.**

**Hundreds of Others Within Sight, But Cannot Be Properly Cared For—Remarkable Escapes from the Rushing Waters—Rapid Work in Rebuilding the Railroad—A New Graveyard Necessary. Other Echoes of the Greatest Disaster on Record.**

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., June 4.—Two hundred and fifteen bodies were received at the Pennsylvania railroad depot during the day. After being washed they were placed in caskets and arranged in long rows on the platform for identification. Only a few of the number were recognized. Some were so terribly disfigured as to be wholly unrecognizable. The waiting rooms in which the embalming was done presented a sickening sight. Human forms frightfully burned or cut or bruised were laid upon a rough board table, washed and coffined. If they were not recognized in a very short time they were placed on wagons and taken to the Adams Street school house, where they will be kept as long as possible, and then be buried in a grave bearing the legend "Unknown."

**Swiftmess of the Current.**

To give some idea of the destructive power with which the volume of water from the lake struck East Conemaugh, it is only necessary to state that it took the round-house, with twenty-seven engines in and around it, 200 freight cars and about twenty passenger cars, including four Pullman cars. One train of passenger cars on the track was full of passengers. The conductor and engineer ran along the train warning the passengers to flee for their lives. Some started and a portion remained and went down. How many perished is not known. The track, depot, freight house and coal sheds are entirely washed away.

**Mail Saved.**  
The mail matter on the eastbound train held there was saved in a marvelous way by two or three engines washing against the head of the train, and making a break that divided the water, which, being very rapid, did not close until the cars were passed. The mail was not even wet.

**Remarkable Escapes.**  
There were some remarkable escapes. Mrs. John Geis was standing on Main street as the flood struck the houses, and a portion of a brick house fell on her. She was rescued through one of the windows.

Nannie Greenwood was in her house talking to her sister when the building was struck and her father, mother and two sisters were drowned, while she caught in an eddy, was whirled around into safety.

Mrs. Dr. John K. Lee, whose husband is lost, hung by her arms suspended for four hours in the water, supporting at the same time her aged mother, until both were rescued.

The most pathetic case yet brought to light is that of James Elgin. He had come to Johnstown to attend the wedding of his sister, which was to have taken place last night. He knew of the fact that the terrible disaster had taken place, but had no idea that his family were involved. His agony may be imagined rather than described when learning on his arrival yesterday that his mother and three sisters had been drowned, and his father demented over the terrible afflictions. The old gentleman was crying like a child and asking those he met: "Did you see them? Did you see them go down; they will come back for the wedding. She is gone for her bridal wreath."

**Recovering the Bodies.**  
The total number of bodies recovered is now estimated by Adjutant General Hastings and the undertakers at 2,300, but the general has wired Governor Beaver that he believes the loss will amount to from 5,000 to 8,000 lives, and that time would produce ample proof of this. In order to facilitate the ascertaining of the number of the dead, all surviving residents of Johnstown and Cambria City have been required to register at various designated places. While the estimates of the undertakers is that the number of bodies recovered is 2,300, the actual record at the different improvised morgues in this vicinity do not show this, but the reason is mainly that at first, before order was established, many corpses were buried immediately upon identification, without the formality of registering. The undertakers, however, had matters systematized to a wonderful extent by Sunday evening, and their services were most valuable.

**The Dead of Ninevah.**

Yesterday a corn patch of about an acre in extent at Ninevah was dug over by a volunteer force, and 138 corpses were recovered. The manner in which the ghastly find was made was purely accidental. A man walking over the field kicked at a clump of maraud; overturning it, uncovered a woman's face. This indicated a rich find, and the people around were called in to assist, with the results above stated. This increases the list of dead in Ninevah to 230. The new dead were found under about four feet of alluvial deposit.

**A Pitiable Story.**

At 6 o'clock last night George Irwins, a resident of Hillside, Westmoreland county, was discovered in a dying condition in a clump of bushes just above the tracks of the Pennsylvania railway, about a mile below Johnstown. When stretched upon two railroad ties near the track below, his tongue extended from his mouth and he gasped as if death was at hand. With the assistance of stimulants he was in a degree revived and told a reporter the following story: "I was visiting friends in Johnstown on Friday when the flood came up. We were submerged without a moment's warning. I was taken from the window of the house, in which I was then a prisoner, by Mr. Hay, the druggist at Johnstown, but lost my footing and was not rescued. I clung to a log until I struck the works of the Cambria Iron company, when I caught on the roof of the building. I remained there for nearly an hour, when I was knocked again from my position by a piece of a raft. I floated on top of this until I got down here and I stuck in an apple tree. I saw and heard a number of other unfortunate victims when swept by me appealing for some one to save them. One woman and two children were floating along in apparent safety when they struck the corner of a building and all went down together, and I would have rather died than have been compelled to witness that sight. I have not had a bite to eat since Friday night, and, as heaven is my judge, I don't feel hungry. I am afraid my stomach is gone and I am about done for."

**He was taken to a hospital by several soldiers and railroad men who rescued him.**

**Newspaper Enterprise.**

It rained New York newspaper men for half an hour yesterday afternoon. None of them had reached here before. The Sun men got out off at Harrisburg, went back to New York, then to Albany, then to Buffalo, then to Cleveland, then to Ashtabula, then to Pittsburgh and here by special train on the Baltimore and Ohio. The Tribune, World and Herald men went down from Harrisburg to Chambersburg and drove from there here, 140 miles, without getting out of their carriage seat. It cost these men \$670 to get here from New York.

**Imposing on Charity.**

A boarding house crowd of twelve were arrested in a body down at Morrellville yesterday. They had been going to the relief committee and each representing himself as the head of a family, and drawing supplies. With these they had opened an impromptu grocery and clothing store and were doing a thriving business.

**No Need of the Military.**

The burgess of Johnstown and the acting chief of police deny that there was any one shot by ex-Burgess L. Dick. The only man shot was punctured in the leg by Constable Callahan for refusing to stop when ordered to do so on being detected in a theft.

There are now on duty in and about the ruins 400 police and deputies, which the burgess thinks is ample without the assistance of the military. Very few arrests have been made by order of the burgess. All men who refused to go to work are given twenty-four hours to get out of town.

**Warning Just in Time.**

The destruction of life at East Conemaugh was less than reported, not more than twenty-five having perished. The property, however, for three squares up from the river was totally destroyed. About 4:25 on Friday afternoon, word was telegraphed from South Fork that the dam was breaking. Almost immediately the whistles of several locomotives were blown so long and loud that the people, realizing that something was wrong, rushed from their homes, and seeing the water coming, fled to the mountains, but twenty-five being caught in the flood.

Ex-Postmaster General Hutton is safe at Ebensburg. William Henry Smith, manager of the Associated Press, says they were on the same train and escaped together.

Stephen Collins, assistant superintendent of mails, has arrived here and made arrangements for resumption of the service east and west to-morrow.

**Almost a Riot.**

Yesterday evening Robert Bridgord, a letter carrier of Johnstown, mounted a wagon and began a speech to 300 men on the horrors of the "Huns," the necessity of good workmen for the clearing away of the debris and rescuing the dead. He closed with a bitter attack on the lazy "Huns" and "Poles," who have lived in the valley only a short time and refuse to turn a hand towards the relief of their suffering neighbors, yet are begging, and even stealing the provisions which the people of the United States are sending here. The crowd soon numbered nearly 1,000, which greeted Bridgord's words with cheers and shouts of approval. The feelings of the mob intensified in bitterness to such an alarming extent that an outbreak was feared, but it finally subsided to a calm, determined body, which adopted resolutions requesting that nothing be given to the "Huns" and "Poles" unless they worked for it, and if they would not work that they be warned to vacate the premises.

**A Prayer Meeting in the Flood.**

While the flood was at its height Rev. Beam, Episcopal minister, and 200 others took refuge in Alma hall. The water began to rise about the building and dash about its sides with awful fury. When Mr. Beam called to prayer every one responded, and while the voices of all rose in supplication to the God of storms, Alma hall was saved and all in it. Rev. J. C. Grier, Presbyterian minister, held services in Morrell institute hall—another building which withstood the fury of the storm—Sunday. Rev. Mr. Develin's father and sister were saved. It was reported that they were lost.

**A New Graveyard Started.**

A big new graveyard was started on the mountain side above Johnstown. There victims of Friday's disaster will be buried in ground belonging to the Cambria Iron company. The graves will be numbered and no unidentified body will be interred until a complete description is taken.

**Dynamite to Be Used.**

The twenty-five acres of debris accumulated by the Pennsylvania bridge over the Conemaugh will be dynamited. The idea is to disintegrate the mass, start the logs down the river, catch the bodies thus dislodged and inter them as rapidly as possible.

**Horrible Sights.**

From the banks many charred remains of victims of flames and flood are plainly visible as the receding waters reluctantly give up their dead. Beneath almost every log or blackened beam, a glittering skull or the blanched remnants of ribs or limbs mark all that remains of lives hopes and dreams.

**The Fire Pot Out.**

Since 10 o'clock Sunday night the fire engines have constantly played on burning ruins. At times the fire seems suddenly break out a-fresh in some new quarter. The sensation of the morning has been the united remonstrance of the physicians against the extinguishment of the burning wreck. They maintain, with a philosophy that to anxious searchers seems heartless, that hundreds, if not thousands of lifeless and decaying bodies lie beneath this mass of burning ruins. "It would better be," they say, "to permit nature's greatest scavenger, the flames, to pursue his work unmolested than to further decay the horde of putrefying bodies that lie beneath this debris. There can be but one result. Days will elapse before the rubbish can be sufficiently removed to permit the recovery of these bodies; and long ere that, every corpse will be a putrid mass, yielding forth those frightful emanations of decaying human flesh that can give but one result—the dreadful typhus. Every battlefield has demonstrated the necessity of the hasty interment of decaying bodies, and the stench that already arises is a forerunner of the impending danger. Burn the wreck! Burn the wreck!"

A loud cry of indignation arose from the lips of the vast multitude and the warnings of science were lost in the eager demands of those that sought the remains of friends. The hose was again turned upon the hissing mass and rapidly the flames yielded to the supremacy of water.

**Some Idea of the Loss of Life.**

It is almost impossible to conceive the extent of the smoking ruins. An area of eight or ten acres above the dam is covered to a depth of forty feet with shattered houses, borne from the resident center of Johnstown. In each of these it is estimated there were from one to twenty-five people. This is accepted as data upon which to estimate the number that perished on this spot, and, if the data be correct, the bodies that lie beneath these ruins must number into the hundreds, if not the thousands.

The scene at the lower end of the city is beyond description. The half has not been told and never can be as to the full extent of the awful wreck.

**Martial Law Prevails.**

The town is now under martial law and everyone who goes about the place is challenged and required to give an account of himself. The water has subsided to a great extent and the streets in the main part of the town are free from water. The falling water has laid bare the terrible work of the flood and the full extent of the disaster is only being ascertained now. The streets are one sickening, foul smelling mass of wood and debris, and the work of searching for bodies has only fairly begun.

**Loss of Life Growing.**

The latest estimates put the loss of life at from 10,000 to 12,000. A Baltimore and Ohio conductor, Frank McDonald, witnessed the first awful smash against the stone bridge. He said when he first saw the flood it was thirty feet high and gradually rose to at least forty feet. "I certainly think I saw 1,000 bodies go over the bridge. The first house that came down struck the bridge and at once took fire, and as fast as the others came down they were consumed. I believe I am safe in saying I saw a thousand bodies burn. It reminded me of a lot of flies on fly paper, struggling to get away, with no hope and no chance to save them."

**Touching Scenes.**

At the Kearnyville morgue one little boy named Elrod, in finding his father and mother both dead, seized a hatchet, and for some time wouldn't let no one enter the place, claiming that the people were lying to him and wanted to rob him of his father and mother. One sad incident was the sight of two coffins in the Gantier grave yard, while nobody was around to bury them except a young woman gazing at them in a dazed manner, while the rain beat on her unprotected head.

**Iron Works to Be Rebuilt.**

Col. James A. McMillan, of the Cambria iron works, said last night: "In from ten to twelve days we will have our works in operation, and I feel confident

we will be getting rails at our own works inside of fifty days. As we employ about 5,000 men in our works, I think our renewal of operations will give the people more encouragement than can be imagined."

**Rebuilding the Railroad.**

The Pennsylvania railroad has spanned the Conemaugh and at 9 o'clock yesterday evening ran a train one mile above the Johnstown station. This is a most remarkable work.

**FROM PITTSBURG.**

**Accounts of the Great Disaster as Gathered at That City.**

PITTSBURG, June 4.—A steambot was secured by the Allegheny city councilmanic committee yesterday and will leave to-day to explore the Allegheny river up as far as the Kiskimintus for dead bodies. The latter will be taken out of the water as a sanitary precaution.

**Asking for Workingmen.**

A message for the chamber of commerce was received last night from Adj. Gen. Hastings, asking for 1,000 men with axes, picks, shovels, etc.

**Establishing Railroad Connection.**

Train Dispatcher Culp stated yesterday that by 4:30 they would have two tracks laid to the bridge at Johnstown, and by 8 o'clock two tracks would be laid two miles east of Johnstown. There are 5,000 laborers on the ground. Superintendent Patton, of the Baltimore and Ohio railway, announced last night the Baltimore and Ohio would be open to-morrow morning for through traffic to the east. The road has been open to the west all the time.

**In the Water Seventeen Hours.**

Dr. H. Phillips, of the east end, has just returned from Johnstown. He was visiting his mother and there were five people in the house besides himself when the flood came. Dr. Phillips was the only person who escaped death, and he was only rescued after being in the water for seventeen hours.

**Died to Save Others.**

A Times' Johnstown special says: Last night while coming down Main street my attention was attracted to a beautiful woman, whose facial expression told of a broken heart. Being asked what she had lost, she said: "The kindest hearted husband that ever graced a home would still be with me had he not sacrificed his life in the rescue of others. For ten minutes before the dreadful torrent came down upon us he had been carrying people from the houses across the street to the second floor of our own house. He crossed the street the seventh time to rescue a lady, but failed to return. That is all I know. My heart will burst with grief." The lady was Mrs. Lindsay, the wife of the most prominent wallpaper man of Johnstown, and the daughter of Mr. Ludwig, the wholesale liquor dealer.

**The Loss at Renoval.**

RENOVAL, Pa., June 4.—This town suffered about \$250,000 loss by Friday night's flood. Telegraphic communication has just been restored. Three-quarters of the town was under water, and many people are homeless, their houses being ruined. Railroad bridges all through this section were carried away. The flood came suddenly and people had to flee for life, saving nothing else. At Lockhaven the damage was equally great. The lumber industries suffer at least \$1,000,000. The loss of life is small.

**A Hospital Established.**

A regular hospital has been opened on Bedford street. Dr. Foster, of Pittsburgh, is in charge. Dr. Alexander E. McCandless, the sheriff, is his assistant. The physicians have been divided into regular hospital corps, and placed in charge of the various departments. A drug store has been opened in the rear of the hospital, containing also a large supply of surgical supplies.

**Army Officers at Johnstown.**

WASHINGTON, June 4.—At the request of Adj. Gen. Hastings, Maj. Gen. Schofield, acting secretary of war, two army officers, who volunteered their service, has been detailed to assist Gen. Hastings in maintaining order at Johnstown. These officers are Capt. Cagely and Lieut. Miller.

**A Baby's Perilous Trip.**

PITTSBURG, June 4.—John Crimes, while searching amid the debris in the Allegheny opposite Verona, came across a baby snugly resting in its cradle. It had floated a long distance on its perilous trip, and had a most miraculous escape.

**SPORT TALK.**

**Small Events Which Took Place at Different Places.**

Miss Lillie Hull was murdered by a rejected lover at Monticello, Ill.

Charles Levi was yesterday chosen assistant to Rabbi Wise, of Cincinnati.

Allen C. Day, who was shot by his son, near Loveland, O., May 15, died yesterday.

An editor arrested at Pembroke, Ky., for drunkenness, attacked an officer with a sword concealed in his cane.

The body of Dr. Harry Glover was found on the sidewalk at Terre Haute, Ind. He is supposed to have died from heart disease.

President Harrison is in constant telegraphic communication with Governor Beaver concerning the Johnstown calamity.

Neil Brown, Jr., reading clerk of the National house of representatives, was run over by a railroad train at Nashville and instantly killed.

Cincinnati merchants yesterday subscribed nearly \$1,000 for the relief of the Johnstown sufferers. Relief meetings were held throughout the country.

At Shreve, Ky., a farmer named Dewees assaulted a mail carrier named Dalton about a small sum of money owing by the latter, Dalton shot and killed Dewees.