

PITTSBURG, SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 1889.

THEIR EPITAPH.

The 10,000 New Tombs in the Conemaugh Valley.

MANY WILL BE UNMARKED,

And Aching Hearts of Survivors Will Make a Vale of Sadness.

REVIEW OF ALL THE FLOOD LOSSES.

What Changes a Week Has Wrought Among the Ruins at Johnstown.

SOMETHINGS NEVER YET TOLD IN PRINT

OD moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform; He plants His foot steps in the snow...

Night! Night! Everlasting night! It seemed to have descended upon Johnstown and its surrounding peaceful towns of the Conemaugh Valley...

It was night to the dead when the roaring waters closed their eyes. It was night to the living in the whole week that has since followed...

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Youngstown. She lost her whole family, and I am so heart-broken," she said, "that I have left Johnstown and never want to see it again."

That woman did not register as among the living. She left no relatives in the ruined city to inquire about her, and consequently neither she nor her family will probably ever be missed.

THEIR SAD FATE UNWEPT. As is the case in all large communities where laborers are employed for manufacturing purposes new arrivals, and especially foreigners, were little known.

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OF A FEATURE THAN CEREMONY. In a great many instances people are being buried without any knowledge of who they are. So fast is decomposition going on that there is no time for identification.

COFFINS SOON BECAME THE MOST FAMILIAR OBJECTS in the stricken town. They were to be seen everywhere—on the street corners, in the yards of homes, at the depots, and even between every box of food handed off...

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Before leaving town the reporters had been informed by the railroad officials that they could not get nearer Johnstown than eight miles from Bolivar, which is 18 miles this side of the scene of the accident.

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