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COUNTING UP THE COST

ESTIMATES MADE BY THE COOL-HEADED MEN.

A Difficulty Experienced in the Distribution of Food at Johnstown—Many Suffering From Hunger—The Work of Excavating Goes on.

JOHNSTOWN, June 6.—The loss of life by the floods in the towns of Mineral Point, Franklin borough, East Conemaugh, Woodvale, Kernville, Cambria, Minersville, Morrellville, Sheridan and Cooperdale, which, with Johnstown, constituted the string of communities in the direct path of the flood is about 2,000, and the loss of property about $6,000,000. Johnstown proper and Millvale will probably add 7,000 to the death-list and about $18,000,000 to the financial loss. The Pennsylvania Railroad's loss will be about $10,000,000, making the total loss, as near as it can now be figured, over 9,000 lives and more than $34,000,000 of property. The loss of life at Johnstown proper is but little more than a guess. It is too large a place for anybody to know everybody and the survivors are so scattered that the registration of the living, which has reached 12,000 in the district, indicates nothing. The loss in the smaller towns is obtained from leading men in each case, who have, in a measure, got their heads again and are able to think with some coolness. P. E. Chapin of Washington, who built the Gautier Steel Works, and up to January, 1888, was general superintendent of the Cambria Iron Works at Johnstown, said last evening: "The loss sustained in round numbers, I should think, would reach $30,000,000. I doubt if twenty years will enable the valley to recover from the awful shock, which is almost too horrible to realize."

W. S. Steele, secretary of the Westmoreland and Cambria Natural Gas Company, said: "Our company alone cannot replace its plant which has been washed out for less than $175,000."

Postmaster Bauman of Johnstown, who knew every building in it and is a stockholder in a large number of manufacturing and other concerns in the valley, says: "I think that $20,000,000 will be found a very low estimate of Johnstown's financial loss. I am trustee for the largest estate in Johnstown, and know what I am talking about when I make this estimate."

At 10 o'clock this morning the Altoona men who have charge of the wreckage above the bridge loosened up the debris by a blast of twenty-five large dynamite cartridges, making it possible to open the mouth of the old channel. The day express, which was swept away at Conemaugh, was also located. Ruins of the train lie about 100 feet from the fourth buttress from the western end of the stone bridge. It is evident from the traces of some of the passenger which have been found that more live were lost from this train than at first supposed.

In Conemaugh valley this morning the waters have subsided almost to their usual level. The sun is shining brightly, and work of recovering the dead goes on with undiminished vigor.

There is a scarcity of provisions here this morning; not probably because the stuff is not somewhere on the ground, but because it was not distributed properly. Plenty of people are running around at the west end of the bridge asking for something to eat.

The American Club's Relief Corps cars are at Morrellville, and they are taking care of all the needy people in that district. Both Superintendent Flynn and Captain Jones' supplies for their men are all right. The provisions wanted are for people who are willing to buy but can't find a place from which anything is sold.

James B. Scott, chairman of the relief committee, has issued a new order this morning, positively forbidding any one from entering the town without a pass signed by him. W. J. Ellis, who represents the New York *Mail and Express*, this morning received a telegram from Elliot F. Shepard of New York, notifying him to direct Mayor Harrell, or some other one of the authorities, to draw on him at once for $10,000.

Scarcity of food for the men, owing partly to a lack of utensils to cook with, caused a small-sized riot at the labor camp this morning.

It was quelled, however, by a speech from Mr. Flynn, the contractor, who afterward had the ringleaders expelled from the town.

Tents for the laborers to sleep in are arriving from Washington, and fully 5,000 men are at work this morning.

In Cambria City shortly after midnight last night some drunken Italians caused trouble and one company of the First Regiment was sent to the scene but their services were not needed.

Adjutant-General Hastings says troops are needed only for squad duty, and denies the report that he ordered the Tenth Regiment out.

The Responsibility for the Disaster.

JOHNSTOWN, June 6.—Coroner Hammer of Westmoreland County and the jury which was empaneled at Nineveh Saturday has been taking testimony there, and yesterday inspected the dam at the lake on the South Fork branch of the Conemaugh. Witnesses testified that a quantity straw, loose clay and stones were dumped in the dam to repair a break about three years ago. These witnesses considered the dam unsafe. Witness David Homer testified that the dam was condemned six years ago. There is no doubt the jury will hold the club responsible.

Blind Tom Thought to be Lost.

PITTSBURG, PA., June 6.—Among those believed to have been swept away by the flood is Blind Tom, the well-known pianist. He, with his manager, left this city on Friday morning for Johnstown, and as they have not been heard of since it is thought they are both drowned. Being strangers and one of them only a colored man, it is more than likely that if their bodies were recovered they were unidentified.

More Troops for Johnstown.

PITTSBURG, June 6.—A *Leader* special says Adjutant-General Hastings has ordered Battery B to Johnstown at once. The Eighteenth Regiment has been ordered under arms, prepared to leave for Johnstown at a moment's notice. The occasion for this action has not yet been ascertained.

Not so Bad at Williamsport.

WILLIAMSPORT, PA., June 6.—As the natural confusion that followed last Saturday's flood disappears it becomes apparent that neither in property nor life has Williamsport suffered so much as was thought. The value of the lumber lost, instead of being $5,000,000, as was at first believed, will probably not exceed $2,500,000.

A Miraculous Escape

BEDFORD, June 6.—Herbert W. Gulager, a traveling man, representing Strawbridge & Clothier of Philadelphia, was in the Hurlbut House, in Johnstown, when the hotel was swept away. He tells the following story of his escape:

"I was sitting in the office of the hotel writing a letter, when somebody in the street screamed fire. With several others I ran for the roof. We were hardly there over five minutes when the building appeared to sink within the ground. I grabbed for a window-sill that was floating, and reached the Wolff building, where with some assistance I climbed to the roof. There I remained until Saturday morning. There were in all 125 of us on the roof of the building, fifty of whom were women and children. At one time when we saw the skating-rink come floating toward the building there was not one of us there but thought we would be lost, but when it was within fifteen feet of the building the current changed the course of the building, and we felt that the Almighty had watched over us. There was not a soul of us there but offered thanks then for our preservation."

The case of Bertie McIntosh, charged with infanticide, was before Mayor Downham in Alexandria yesterday, and the parties were sent in to the grand jury.

The Phrenian Society of Gonzaga College engaged in a debate for a gold medal last night. The debaters were Jeremiah J. O'Connor and Dennis J. Downing, and Ambrose Beaver and Vincent A. Sheehy.

SUPPLIES FOR THE SUFFERERS.

Governor Beaver States the Condition of Affairs.

NEW YORK, June 6.—The following dispatch was received this morning by Mayor Grant, from Governor Beaver:

"HARRISBURG, PA., June 6.

Hon. Hugh J. Grant, Mayor, New York:

"Good morning, Your Honor. Succeeded in reaching Williamsport last evening with seven carloads of provisions, by ferrying the river twice. This averts present danger of lack of food. Area flooded district increases. City of Lockhaven in distressing plight. Reservoirs and bridges destroyed. City entirely covered with water, and provisions and other supplies utterly ruined. Hope to reach them with provisions to-day, as we did Williamsport yesterday. Both cities need supplies of clothing of all kinds and bedding. Johnstown is being well supplied in these respects, but the work of clearing away the wreck and putting things in order will be one of weeks. We will need further help of all kinds for a few days. Our money will be husbanded as much as possible for the future exigencies, which will be quite as pressing as present ones. Our charitable institutions are opening wide their doors for orphans and those otherwise afflicted. Let me thank your people again for the large-hearted generosity which they have manifested toward our people. I hope there may never be an occasion in New York to return in kind. JAMES A. BEAVER."

IT LOOKED LIKE NIAGARA.

The Huge Wall of Water That Bore Thousands to Death.

DELHI, IND., June 6.—It has been known for several days that the Rev. J. A. Ranney and wife, parents of Mrs. Charles Harley of this city, were on one of the ill-fated trains overtaken by the flood in Conemaugh valley, and no tidings could be received from them. Yesterday afternoon's train brought the Rev. Mr. Ranney to this place, wron out and broken hearted. To a correspondent he said: "Mrs. Ranney and I were on the train at Conemaugh when the flood came. The occupants of our car rushed for the door, where Mrs. Ranney and I became separated. She was one of the first to jump and I saw her run and disappear behind the first houses in sight. Before I could get out the deluge was too high, and, with a number of others, I remained in the car. Our car was lifted up and dashed against one loaded with stone and was badly wrecked, but most of the occupants were saved. As far as I know, all who jumped from the car lost their lives. The rest of the train was swept away. I searched for days for Mrs. Ranney and could find no trace of her. I think she perished. The mind cannot conceive the awful sight presented when we first saw the danger. The approaching wall of water looked like Niagara, and huge engines were caught up and whirled away as if they were wheelbarrows."

LATE DEPARTMENT NEWS.

Secretary Tracy left Washington for Annapolis to-day to attend the commencement exercises at the Naval Academy. Before returning to Washington he will inspect the Norfolk Navy-Yard, arriving there on Saturday morning.

John Vigneaux, who has been appointed United States Marshal for the Western District of Louisiana, is a Democrat. During the troubles between negroes and whites at the election last November, Vigneaux defended the negroes, protecting them from violence and saved one of them from hanging by a mob. For this he was highly recommended to the President by Louisiana Republicans.

Secretary Noble, on account of the continued rush of visitors, has issued an order that he will not receive visitors after 12 m. each day. He issues the order, he says, that he may have time to attend to the business of his Department.

A subscription for the Johnstown sufferers was started in the Interior Department to-day.

At the Navy Department it is said the new gunboat Petrel, now building at Baltimore, will be ready in a short time for her contract trial.

First Lieutenant L. J. Gulick, Marine Corps, now on the Mohican, has been condemned by medical survey and ordered to the Naval Hospital at New York for treatment.

A Lucky Escape for Indianapolis.

The Indianapolis Club made a lucky escape, and the players have Manager Wright to thank for being able to tell how they did not get killed at Johnstown. Last Friday was an open day in Philadelphia, but Indianapolis had made a date with Johnstown, where they were to play, and take the train the following morning for Pittsburg. The Hurlbut House was where they were to stop, and not a soul in that hotel escaped. Manager Wright prevailed on Manager Bancroft to cancel the Johnstown game and play two games in Philadelphia. If it had not rained May 27 and 28 Indianapolis would not have had a postponed game in Philadelphia, and they would have been getting ready to go out to the Johnstown grounds about the time the flood struck the hotel.

A Credulous Man's Indorsement.

On the 23d of last May, Samuel M. Jenkinson met Mr. O'Brien Moore and asked him to indorse a draft on O'Connor & Sullivan of San Antonio, Tex., for $27.65. He said that he was a friend of Commodore Walker who had just appointed him to command in the vessel Yorktown. Later, he discovered that Jenkinson had no such appointment, that he was unknown to Commodore Walker, and further, that the draft for $27.65 which he had indorsed was worthless. He was held for the grand jury in the Police Court this morning.

City and Suburban.

Colonel H. L. Bruce's daughter, Hattie, won a gold medal at the Lutherville, Md., Seminary.

President Young has consented to umpire Saturday's game between the Reporters and the Policemen.

The fourteenth annual commencement of the Linthicum Institute will be held this evening at Linthicum Hall, Georgetown.

A special grand jury has been drawn in Alexandria, and it is said that they will make an investigation of the gambling houses in that city.

Miss K. E. Conners of St. Elizabeth and Mr. Redmund Burke of Washington were married at the rectory of St. Theresa's Church in Anacostia yesterday.

The Michigan veterans meet to-night at Colonel Lincoln's offices, at 1307 F street, to arrange for attending the Michigan Monument unveiling at Gettysburg.

John Stafford and George Burns, two sailors recently arrived from South America, were fined $5 each in the Police Court this morning for striking Eben Smither, an engineer.

At the commencement exercises of Miss Earle's school last evening prizes were awarded the graduating class as follows: Miss Belle Cadleay, Miss Bertha Lookee, Miss Lulu Libbey, Miss Nettie Archer and Miss Rittenhouse.

A movement is on foot in Anacostia to organize two fire companies, and subscriptions are now being collected by Dr. A. M. Green and Mr. John M. Minnix for the purpose of purchasing the engines. One hundred and seventeen dollars has been subscribed.

Miss Genevieve Deitz and Mr. S. Edgar Mahon were married in the parlors of St. Aloysius' Church last evening at 7:30 o'clock. Father McGuirk performed the ceremony. The couple will in future reside at Rives' Station on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

When Rock Creek rose up over its banks last Saturday it played sad havoc with the portions of Rock Creek Valley selected for the "Zoo" Park. Lots of trees were uprooted and the course of the creek changed in one place. Professor Hornady is engaged in staking out the high-water line, which may change the proposed location of some of the buildings so that they will be out of reach of the flood.

OPEN-HANDED CHARITY

AID FREELY GIVEN TO THE JOHNSTOWN RELIEF FUND.

The First Money Sent on To-day—A Train Load of Supplies to Go Out To-night—Lively Scenes at Willard Hall.

Practical charity was never more manifest in Washington than to-day. Be Washington even as wicked as some like to paint her, her charity to stricken Johnstown would do far toward covering its multitude of sins. Willard Hall has all day been a scene of the liveliest sort of activity. A tobacco firm donated a lot of packing boxes already perfumed and prepared for keeping moths from the clothes. These boxes were taken to the hall, and there a dozen or so men and as many women, the men with their coats off and the women sun-bonnets and gloves and ceremony, packed them full of clothes. It was a motly collection of raiments that they put into the boxes. Some society girl sent a half dozen pretty handkerchiefs and a soiled ball-dress, cut V-shaped back and front. Another odd contribution was an English cane of a pronounced dude type.

But for the most part people have been sending just the right sort of things, things that will make glad the desolate hearts of the Johnstown unfortunates, and keep their backs warm. There are hats and caps and pants and coats, and shoes and stockings, both long and short, and mysterious women's undergarments galore. Colonel Emery is in charge of the packing of the wearing apparel, and the work was rushed to-day as rapidly as possible so that the hall can be cleared and cleaned for to-night's entertainment for the benefit of the sufferers. It is interesting to watch this work. The clothes are brought in from the various collecting points scattered all over the city in wagons volunteered by merchants and others who have wagons. Lots, too, are brought and left at Willard Hall by the donors.

The bundles are untied and the clothes separated into different piles. Bed clothing is put in one pile, children's clothes in another, men's in a third and women's in a fourth pile. Boots and shoes and hats and bonnets are put in another. This is done, for the most part, by the big-hearted women, who are giving their time and strength to the matter. Meanwhile Colonel Emery's men assistants are knocking the tops off the packing-boxes and carrying one to each of the piles of clothes. Then the big boxes are quickly packed and the drivers of the wagons, waiting to take the boxes to the cars, nail them up as fast as they are filled. Then each box is addressed and a number marked on it. The number is for a sort of an index that is put in an envelope and sent with each consignment, so that the contents of each box can be found by means of the number on it.

Some of the clothing is being addressed to Miss Clara Barton, whose Red Cross nurses are showing how much of a heroine a nurse can be.

Three carloads of provisions and clothing from this city and ten from other cities were sent out to Johnstown last night over the B. & O. line, and another train is being made up to-day. These trains are being rushed right through on special time, and stop nowhere save at stations where a carload of assistance is waiting to be taken to the flood sufferers.

General Manager Alvey of the B. & O. says that he thinks there will be seven or eight carloads more of clothing and provisions ready to send to-night. The contributions of clothing are coming in very rapidly. Mr. Smith says their lines are running clear into Johnstown regularly, and that their special relief trains make the distance from here in about 8 hours.

Both the express companies have volunteered to take clothes and provisions and money to the Johnstown sufferers free of charge, but the Adams Company is not yet in such condition that they can handle freight to Johnstown Agent Moss thinks they will be before the end of the week. The washed-out bridges are being replaced by pontoons. At present Mr. Moss says that his company is turning over all the contributions they collect to the United States Express Company, which operates on the B. & O. lines, and can ship freight direct to Johnstown. Their agent says that they will send two or three carloads of contributions to-night. They sent one carload last night. The express companies are not only forwarding contributions free, but also, when asked to, gather them up in their wagons at residences throughout the city.

It is only to a fortunate accident that the B. & O. is indebted to the fact that their tracks to Johnstown are intact. Their connection with the deluged city is by a spur that crosses the mountains from the mainline, and their depot at Johnstown is on the side of a hill across the Conemaugh River from the town proper. The Pennsylvania's depot was located in the centre of the town, and it and their bridges and tracks were swept away with it. The B. & O. tracks were buried under a half a mile or so of driftwood and debris, but a large force of men were put at work and a way cut through wide enough to admit the passage of a train.

The collections of money are progressing finely. It is rather too early to form any idea of what the total amount will be, but it will be decidedly creditable to Washington. There were nearly 150 of the printed blanks signed by President Harrison given out, and so far but three or four of them have been returned by the solicitors.

There were no committee meetings to-day, but the ladies' committee meets at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The citizens' committee and the general committee and the collectors are to meet at 7:30 this evening in Colonel Anderson's room at Willard's. All of them are desired to be present.

Admiral Rodgers is interesting himself in the matter especially, and was at the headquarters in Colonel Anderson's room this morning. There were several other prominent callers who came to give their contributions to Treasurer Johnson direct.

Among them was Dr. Townshend, the Health Officer. He is chairman of the doctors' committee. He called to say that there is quite a number of families along the Potomac River and canal, between Georgetown and the Great Falls, whose homes and about everything they had were swept away in the flood, and who were in urgent need of assistance; these he proposed to aid. Some $100 was contributed by the clerks in the Health Office, and he asked Treasurer Johnson's advice as to using this $100 for them Treasurer Johnson concurred heartily in this idea, and Dr. Townshend started for a trip up the river shore to carry out the ideas of charity that begins at home.

The universal spirit of charity was exemplified at Willard Hall this morning. One of the men who was hard at work packing goods took off his coat and laid it down carelessly. A little while after he picked it up and packed it into one of the boxes and then nailed it up. When the owner of the involuntarily contributed coat went to get it and put it on he was not unnaturally inclined to feel angry. But he philosophically decided that somebody in Johnstown would need it even more than he did and sent home for another coat. This is but an example of the universal spirit of good will that animates everybody.

As the day wore on Willard Hall became livelier and livelier. Business men, who were passing by, dropped in and watched the work of packing, and most of them lalled to resist the temptation to nail up a box if they could find a hammer. Police-Sergeant Boyle and Policeman Weedon took a hand and sawed and hammered at the boxes and shouldered the packed ones and carried them out to the waiting drays in a muscular way that was good to see.

This morning Treasurer Johnson of the Citizens' Relief Committee telegraphed Governor Beaver and General Hastings to ask how money should be sent. Word has come that money is now more needed than clothes or provisions, and so Treasurer Johnson will send his first installment of Washington money as soon as his telegram is answered.

The committee on food bought a lot of flour and meat and canned goods yesterday and shipped them on the relief train last night. During the day more will be bought, and the well-filled train that will leave to-night will carry joy for many a flood sufferer.

The members of the Frederick Warde Dramatic Club, who will appear at the National Friday evening, in J. P. Simpson's play, "Time and the Hour," include Mrs. Lockwood, Miss Anita Hendrie, Miss L. B. Porter, Mr. G. Dickerman, Mr. W. L. Boyer, Professor R. G. Barnwell, Mr. Edgar Baum, Mr. Carter and Mr. W. Boag. Mr. G. Buckley will act as manager. Tickets at the box office of the theatre.

Harmony Lodge, No. 21, K. of P., has appropriated $10 for the benefit of suffering Knights of Pythias at Johnstown, Pa.

At the Postoffice Department this afternoon the fund for the Johnstown sufferers amounted to $890.

The lady clerks have formed committees for the purpose of gathering clothing, and at the close of business enough had been obtained to fill two large boxes.

Professor Sousa and Marine Band will give a concert next Sunday night at the National Theatre for benefit of flood sufferers. Mr. Bagley has kindly donated his theatre for the performance.

The *Post's* fund amounts to $3,045.96, the *Star's* to $2,397.97. The Treasury Department fund, up to this afternoon, amounted to $1,737.85.

The contributions continue to pour in to Mr. Johnson. The total has not been footed up yet, as many subscriptions remain yet unpaid. The amount is about $30,000.

Clerks of the Land Office contributed $343.73 for the benefit of the Johnstown sufferers.

Miss Clara Barton, president of the Red Cross, is now at Johnstown. The following cable message addressed to her was received to-day from the Grand Duchess of Baden:

"CARLSRUHE, June 6.

"*Miss Clara Barton, Washington, D. C.:*

"God bless your work in floods disaster.

"GRAND DUCHESS."

WHAT PEOPLE SAY.

Colored Man on the Avenue: "'Taint that; 'taint that; the Washingtons plays ball all right; it's the battin' and runnin'."

L. C. Cutler & Co., real estate brokers: "The destruction of the canal will doubtless disturb real estate in Georgetown to a large extent."

Harry Stevens, Ebbitt House newsstand: "An abscess of the tooth is a regular picnic. If anybody wants information about an abscess of the right molar send them to me. I can give 'em points."

Dr. Charles A. Bacon: "All I can say is that wherever they drink water from the Conemaugh there is sure to be typhoid fever, unless the water is previously boiled, in which case they would be tolerably safe."

Mr. Miller of Miller & Herbert: "The latest fad of the ladies is to have a raised address at the top of their note-paper instead of the time-honored crest die, though some of those that have crests still cling lovingly to them."

Mrs. Offley, Summit Hotel, Gaithersburg: "This is a charming suburb of Washington and promises to be more popular than ever this summer. There are already a large number of visitors, the majority of whom will spend the season here."

Andrew B. Videtto, Willard's Hotel: "Do you notice how fat I am getting in the face? The only annoyance is that its all on one side. I'm afraid to walk for fear of losing my equilibrium. I'll bet Job never had a boil on his right cheek."

Inspector of Plumbing Robinson: "As you know, more cellars have been flooded during this freshet than has been the case for years. The sewers are inadequate for the needs of the city and this rise in the river demonstrates the fact better than anything else could possibly do."

Manager Fort: "In the course of about ten days we intend to give a monster concert in aid of the Johnstown survivors, including all the company and outside talent also. We will delay it a couple of weeks in order to give an entertainment worthy of the patronage of the best Washingtonians."

Dr. Grant of Anacostia: "Anacostia is one of the most growing of the suburban towns in the District, but has many wants, the principal one being the need of a fire engine, which was fully demonstrated in the fire here recently. A fire engine here would do a great deal to build up the town and would also decrease the sum of insurance."

Mayor Grant of New York: "This Johnstown catastrophy is beyond doubt the most appalling and disastrious event of the age, but I hardly apprehend the danger of an epidemic in Pittsburgh, as some of the morning papers suggested, because relief has come so speedily. With the sanitary corps now at work I hope and believe that all such danger will be avoided."

E. J. Lockwood, Passenger Agent, Norfolk & Western R. R. Company: "Our road is all right; damaged a little at Petersburg—soon got that in working order. We are sending our passengers to Norfolk by the 'Bay Line' or Potomac steamers, making good connections, and giving satisfaction all around. One has to 'hustle' to keep up with the times now."

Treasurer Waller of Kernan's: "There is a great deal more money being bet on this match than there was on the ladies' last week. I've got several bets in my safe, the money being placed with me as stakeholder. One of them is $20 to $8 on Hoagland. There is another of $10 to $4 the same way. Another one is a bet of $5 to $10 that McGovern will not finish first or second. There are several I don't remember the exact terms of."

Colonel Rosaline, doorkeeper of the National: "Well, that crowd at the National Monday night beat anything I ever saw. About ten thousand people insisted on having seats, and they crowded into the lobby until I thought there would be a panic and somebody would be killed. We had to shut the outside doors finally. At 10 o'clock there were women waiting out on the steps in the hope that they might be able to get the places left by those going away before the performance was over. Yes, it was a good show on the stage."

Charles D. Parsons, Ogram's Drug Store: "The soda-water season is just beginning, and, in the evening, when the impecunitous young man has under his wing two or three pretty damsels and he desires to show them some attention, why he can raise their hopes by remarking: 'Well, girls, what do you say to some ice-cream'—and the girls, before he has finished the sentence, say: 'Ga! ah!' and the young man, not noticing the interruption, continues: 'Ice-cream soda-water, its very cooling.' Oh, the girls never refuse anything in the shape of something to eat or drink; and the result is the treat will cost not more than thirty cents."

George H. Lawrence, Hotel Arno: "There are more pretty girls in Washington to the square than any other city in the country, but it's been said in my presence by a society cynic that the pretty girls are not natives, but only visiting here. The cynic—perhaps it's superfluous to say it—hails from Boston. Now, while I don't claim to be an authority on symmetry, I will make the statement, without fear of contradiction, that the Washington girls have the most perfect feet and trimmest ankles of any girls in the country. A shapely foot and ankle are to be admired, and many a pretty foot has made an impression where a pretty face would fail."

Surgeon-General Hamilton: "This talk about pestilence, epidemic and contagious diseases in the Johnstown region is all stuff. To have typhoid fever there must be initial cases, and so far as I have learned there are none in that region. The talk of danger from decomposing bodies is nonsense. They are being buried as fast as found, and there are not enough of them anyway to be a source of danger, however disagreeable they may be. The disinfectants that are to be used are expected to overcome any danger there may be in the disordered sewerage of the flooded cities. Bi-chloride of mercury and potash will be used for the disinfecting, in solution, and applied by means of a force pump stuck in a barrel; or, better still, by a chemical fire engine if they have one there. But, really, there is no danger to the people of Johnstown, save from exposure."

THE TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The Finals for the First Prizes to be Played To-day.

The tournament of the Southern Lawn Tennis Association was resumed yesterday afternoon. The results are: Singles—McCawley vs. McLane, 8-6, 6-4; Woodward vs. Hodge, 6-3, 6-2. Doubles—Preliminary round, Wortman and Parks defaulted to Stevens and Herbert; first round, Menocal and partner defaulted to McLane and Pennington; Post and Hodge vs. Stevens and Herbert, 6-3, 6-3; Woodward and Menocal vs. Goodfellow and Walker, 2-6, 6-4, 6-0; Beach and McCawley vs. Button and Wootten, 6-2, 6-3; McLane and Pennington vs. Post and Hodge, 6-0, 6-3; Woodward and Menocal vs. Beach and McCawley, 6-8, 6-3, 6-3. The winner in the final for singles will play Mr. Post for the championship and the pitcher at 4:15 to-morrow. Finals for first prize in doubles will be played this afternoon at 4:15. To-day's games are being played on Connecticut avenue opposite the British Legation.

The final between McCawley and Woodward was won by McCawley—6-3, 2-6 and 6-1. As soon as the players were rested and had eaten some lunch the doubles were begun on.

DIED IN THE FLAMES.

Three Persons Lose Their Lives in a Hotel Fire.

STEVENS POINT, WIS., June 6.—The St. James Hotel, near the Wisconsin Central depot, caught fire shortly after 8 o'clock last evening and was totally destroyed with all its contents. The night clerk, Charles Cathall, and two of the girls, Maggie Reilly and one known as Nettie, are missing, and there is little doubt that all three lost their lives. The two first named were on the second floor when the fire started, and came down but went back to secure their wearing apparel. All who escaped saved nothing but what they had on their persons. The station and adjacent buildings to the hotel were saved with hard work. A number of travelling men lost their baggage and samples. The loss is $15,000 with an insurance of $10,000.

Georgetown University Law School.

The class of '89 of the Georgetown University School of Law holds its commencement exercises Monday evening, June 10, at 8 o'clock in the National Theatre. The music for the occasion will be furnished by the Marine Band. Degrees will be conferred by the Rev. J. Havens Richards, S. J., and prizes awarded by Hon. Jeremiah M. Wilson. Hon. T. M. Norwood will deliver an address.

Protecting Her Honor.

SHELBYVILLE, IND., June 6.—Mrs. Mollie Corwin, who last week obtained a divorce from her seventh husband, whom she had married twice, distinguished herself again on Tuesday night, but this time in another manner. She shot George Palmer, badly wounding him and fatally shot his son, William. The men desired admittance to the woman's house against her will.

Again Indicted.

CHICAGO, June 6.—P. O. Sullivan, Coughlin and Woodruff were arraigned before Judge Williamson yesterday morning on the indictment found last Saturday, which was an amendment of the first one found, the change being the addition of the words, "and others unknown," to the names of the three men. All pleaded not guilty.

The New National Bank.

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Rev. George O. Little, pastor of the Assembly's Church, this city, and Hon. Jacob Tome, the Port Deposit banker, called also to pay their respects and were cordially received. A delegation of clergymen, merchants, lawyers and business men from Baltimore put in an appearance to keep up Maryland's record for persistency in office-hunting, and incidentally they mentioned the name of H. N. Bankard for Naval Officer of the Monumental City.

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Charles G. Williams of Watertown, Dak., to be Register of the Land Office at Watertown, Dak.

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SITTING BULL DYING.

The Indians at Rosebud Said to be Signing the Treaty.

ROSEBUD AGENCY, SOUTH DAKOTA, June 6.—Sitting Bull, the Sioux war chief, is dying of pneumonia at Standing Rock, and his death is momentarily expected. The news was brought here yesterday by a courier from Standing Rock and caused much excitement among the 9,000 Indians gathered at the council at Swift Bear's camp.

PIERRE, DAK., June 6.—An Indian runner arrived at Fort Pierre yesterday direct from Rosebud Agency on his way to Cheyenne with word that the Indians at the agency had commenced to sign the treaty, and that the commission would get them all. Fort Pierre is a hard day's travel from Rosebud, and on the direct trail to Cheyenne, and runners were sent from Rosebud as soon as the result was known of the Indians' action there to inform all other agencies.

THE TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The Finals for the First Prizes to be Played To-day.

The tournament of the Southern Lawn Tennis Association was resumed yesterday afternoon. The results are: Singles—McCawley vs. McLane, 8-6, 6-4; Woodward vs. Hodge, 6-3, 6-2. Doubles—Preliminary round, Wortman and Parks defaulted to Stevens and Herbert; first round, Menocal and partner defaulted to McLane and Pennington; Post and Hodge vs. Stevens and Herbert, 6-3, 6-3; Woodward and Menocal vs. Goodfellow and Walker, 2-6, 6-4, 6-0; Beach and McCawley vs. Button and Wootten, 6-2, 6-3; McLane and Pennington vs. Post and Hodge, 6-0, 6-3; Woodward and Menocal vs. Beach and McCawley, 6-8, 6-3, 6-3. The winner in the final for singles will play Mr. Post for the championship and the pitcher at 4:15 to-morrow. Finals for first prize in doubles will be played this afternoon at 4:15. To-day's games are being played on Connecticut avenue opposite the British Legation.

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DIED IN THE FLAMES.

Three Persons Lose Their Lives in a Hotel Fire.

STEVENS POINT, WIS., June 6.—The St. James Hotel, near the Wisconsin Central depot, caught fire shortly after 8 o'clock last evening and was totally destroyed with all its contents. The night clerk, Charles Cathall, and two of the girls, Maggie Reilly and one known as Nettie, are missing, and there is little doubt that all three lost their lives. The two first named were on the second floor when the fire started, and came down but went back to secure their wearing apparel. All who escaped saved nothing but what they had on their persons. The station and adjacent buildings to the hotel were saved with hard work. A number of travelling men lost their baggage and samples. The loss is $15,000 with an insurance of $10,000.

Georgetown University Law School.

The class of '89 of the Georgetown University School of Law holds its commencement exercises Monday evening, June 10, at 8 o'clock in the National Theatre. The music for the occasion will be furnished by the Marine Band. Degrees will be conferred by the Rev. J. Havens Richards, S. J., and prizes awarded by Hon. Jeremiah M. Wilson. Hon. T. M. Norwood will deliver an address.

Protecting Her Honor.

SHELBYVILLE, IND., June 6.—Mrs. Mollie Corwin, who last week obtained a divorce from her seventh husband, whom she had married twice, distinguished herself again on Tuesday night, but this time in another manner. She shot George Palmer, badly wounding him and fatally shot his son, William. The men desired admittance to the woman's house against her will.

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WASHINGTON RECOVERING FROM THE LATE DISASTER.

The Mails and Trains Running More Regularly—The Work on the Long Bridge Progressing—Condition of the County Roads and Bridges.

Work on the Long Bridge to-day made but little progress, and when a CRITIC reporter was there in the middle of the afternoon the work seemed practically but little farther advanced than yesterday. The debris of the wrecked span is not yet entirely cleared away, and some of the drift remains tangled with it. The coal barge that was dashed against the span has been abandoned. It had probably two or three hundred tons of coal in it and the loss was a heavy one. The broken timbers at various points along the bridge that were struck and shivered by the swollen river's fury have all been repaired, and nothing more remains to be done save to fix the wrecked span.

MAILS AND TRAINS.

Things Slowly Regaining Their Normal Condition.

The City Postoffice is inundated with mails and the long, narrow porch in the rear of the building has all day been piled high with well-filled pouches. More mail is passing through the office than ever before. All mail from Philadelphia and intermediate points for Pittsburg and the Northwest is forwarded to Washington, and the mails from Pittsburg for the North go over the same route. This is rather a roundabout way, but it is the best that the authorities can do under existing circumstances. Travel from the West continues to come in a rush and every