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Opposition to Pennypacker.

Whatever else may be said of Governor PENNYPACKER's intrigue to get a seat on the Supreme court bench, it has now become evident that he will not get the nomination without opposition. In the Republican convention of Schuylkill county, on Monday, while compliments and endorsements were "as free as water" not a kind word was said of PENNYPACKER, or his candidacy. QUAY was praised, PENROSE eulogized, Congressman PATTERSON lauded and even Representatives in the Assembly endorsed. But poor old "PENNY" never got a word of approval or even a sign of recognition.

In Luzerne and Lackawanna counties, moreover, there is a movement in behalf of an opposition candidate and it is intimated that any man can have the support of those counties against the Governor. The same sentiment appears to prevail in several other counties and it is said now that the controversy between the Attorney General and the State Treasurer is more an expression of the Treasurer's antipathy toward PENNYPACKER than an assertion of conscience in the performance of duty. Altogether, unless there is an early and positive intervention in favor of PENNYPACKER he will probably be "snowed under."

Of course we are not deceived by appearance or forgetful that "the old man" can speedily subdue all opposition, if he is so inclined. But reports concerning his inclination are so conflicting as to create perplexity. In fact there are those who assert positively that QUAY has grown tired of "the vain old mountebank" and is likely to wipe him with his official displeasure at any moment. Of course he is attached to "PENNY" in a consistently way and indulgent of him to a considerable extent. But he is marvelously cruel when exigencies demand it, as JOHN ELKIN well knows.

A Decision for School Boards.

Miss Ruth Stroop, of Shamokin, who has been working at the home of S. A. Wetzel, of Mt. Carmel, for her board and clothes, with the privilege of attending the public schools at that place, was the subject Tuesday night of a legal decision handed down by Judge Varies Auten, in the county court, which will likely change the governing of tuition pupils all over the State.

Wetzel, when he sent the girl to school, agreed to pay for her tuition. She was accepted and enrolled as a pupil, but the board later, thinking that they had made a mistake, decided that as the girl was a resident of another town, they could not accept her on the tuition fee.

Wetzel engaged legal counsel and the board asked Judge Auten for his opinion, which was to the effect that as the girl was going to school, she had a right to the educational advantages without cost of tuition. The board will be asked to return to Wetzel all the money paid by him.

The Paramount Issue.

It is meet and fitting, says the Columbia, (S. C.), State, that in issuing the call for the Democratic convention the national committee should have invited the cooperation of "all Democratic citizens in the United States who can unite with us in the effort for a pure and economical government." That is a concise and yet complete statement of the paramount issue of 1904—a pure and economical constitutional government. For that the Democratic party can afford to stand, because it is just and proper and timely, and because "a pure and constitutional government" is not to be had under Republican rule. Excessive tariffs, presidential favoritism and usurpation of power, disregard of other nations' rights, corruption in the public service—these are the proofs that can be presented against the party in power.

Subscriber for the WATCHMAN.

Japan Scores First Victory of War.

Vice Admiral Togo Makes a Night Attack on Russian Fleet, Lying in Roadstead at Port Arthur, Torpedoes Three of the Battleships, and Practically Destroys Them, the Torpedo Flotilla Escaping Practically Unharmful in the Confusion into Which the Czar's Men Were Thrown When the Blow Was Dealt.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—In a dispatch from Chefoo, dated Feb. 9, a correspondent of the Daily Express says:

"The Japanese have dealt the Russians a crushing blow at Port Arthur. An advance squadron of the Japanese fleet, under command of Vice Admiral Togo, and comprising sixteen battleships and cruisers, with a numerous torpedo flotilla, left the main fleet of Shan Tung peninsula on Sunday immediately as soon as the news of the diplomatic rupture became known. This information was conveyed to the Japanese admiral by a destroyer detached from Tsushima Saturday evening. "The Japanese scouting cruisers had given accurate information of the precarious situation of the Russian fleet outside Port Arthur. The squadron steamed slowly in battle formation Sunday morning towards its goal and came within sight of Port Arthur under cover of darkness. It waited slowly outside without showing lights. The Russians were lying in the roadstead apparently feeling secure from attack. Nearly all the Japanese torpedo boats were despatched on their dangerous and difficult task. They rushed full steam on the enemy, who were completely surprised. A great rattling of small arms greeted the invaders, who, however, escaped unhurt, and the Russian battleships and the Palada were almost immediately torpedoed.

"The Japanese dashed along the entire line of the Russians, exposed to a terrible fire from machine guns and small arms from both the ships and the shore. There was the utmost consternation among the Russians, which probably accounts for the Japanese torpedo boats escaping, practically unscathed and rejoining the admiral outside. The admiral's fleet, during the attack, kept out of range of the Russian searchlights.

"Line of battle was then formed and the Japanese fleet moved in within a range of two and one-half miles and opened fire on the Russians. The booming of guns was heard far out to the sea by the officers and crew of a Japanese boat, which has arrived here. The battle is understood to be still raging and the wildest reports are current. The Chinese population of Chefoo is in a frenzy of excitement at the reports that the Japanese, whom they now regard as their friends, scored the first victory."

NAVAL BATTLE AT PORT ARTHUR.

CHEFOO, Feb. 9.—The steamer Columbia has arrived from Port Arthur with additional news of the attack by the Japanese fleet upon the Russian fleet in the roads outside of the harbor of Port Arthur. The Columbia was in the roads at the time and felt the first shock of a torpedo explosion at 11 o'clock on Monday night. The attack continued all night and at daylight this morning two Russian battleships and one of the Russian cruisers were seen to be disabled and beached at the entrance of the harbor. The cruiser was badly listed to one side.

This morning the Russian forts opened fire on the Japanese fleet, which was about three miles distant. The Japanese vessels returned the fire, hitting several of the Russian ships, but doing little damage. The Russian cruisers then went out and the Japanese vessels disappeared. They were seen later going in the direction of Dalny, apparently undamaged. Although the officers of the Columbia say that there were seventeen in the attacking party, only fourteen were seen later in the day near Foo Chow.

The Russians left one cruiser outside to watch for the Japanese ships. The cruiser was fired upon by the Japanese and the other Russian vessels took up their anchorage and cruised around the roadstead. The Japanese fleet came up within three miles and a battle commenced. The Japanese fired on the ships and forts, which replied. Two Russian ships were struck by shells, but only slightly damaged. The Russian fire fell short. The Columbia steamed away while the battle was in progress, but later saw the Japanese cruiser, with torpedo boats, reported north of Chefoo.

The two battleships disabled are the Poltava and the Czarevitch. The disabled armored cruiser Boyarin, and the grounded battleships block the entrance to the harbor preventing gunboats from out and battleships and cruisers from going in and getting coal. Besides this, Japan has the Russian gunboats, Variag and Koretz, caught at Chemulpo. They were bound for Vladivostok.

The Japanese fleet was under the command of Vice Admiral Togo and consisted of four fast cruisers, the Chitose, Kasagi, Tagatago, and Yamashima, which circled outside, drawing the fire of the Russians. They then joined the main fleet and all went in to attack the armored cruisers. In the Japanese fleet, which consisted of two divisions, were the Mikasa, the flagship; the first-class battleships, Ashi, Fugai, Inashima, Shikishima and Hatsuse, and the dispatch boat Tatsuma.

The second division of the fleet, under the command of Admiral Kamimura, on the flagship Isuzu, consisted of the armored cruisers, Yakuma, Asama and Iwat. When seen by steamer Foo Chow Tuesday morning, the fast cruisers were circling in a radius of six miles. No torpedo boats were seen and it is possible that they left the vicinity after the torpedo attack on Monday night.

STORY OF FIGHT BY MEMBER OF THE COLUMBIA'S CREW.

CHEFOO, Feb. 9.—A member of the crew of the Columbia tells this story of the naval battle at Port Arthur: "The Columbia was lying in the roadstead, surrounded by fourteen Russian battleships and cruisers. At 11:30 o'clock (Monday night), a severe shock was felt on board the Columbia. The Russians immediately commenced to operate their searchlights and opened fire towards the sea. The firing lasted only a short time. At 1 o'clock more shocks were felt and the Russians again commenced firing. "The Japanese did not return the fire. At 2 o'clock two Russian battleships went in and were beached across the entrance of the harbor. They were soon followed by a Russian cruiser, which was also beached. None of the vessels were damaged above the water line. More shocks from the torpedoes were felt during the early morning, and then all was quiet.

At 5 o'clock Tuesday morning three Japanese cruisers passed Port Arthur in sight of the Russian fleet. The whole Russian fleet immediately weighed anchor and went after them, but returned in half an hour. FRENCH TROOPS OCCUPYING FORTS RUSSIAN EVACUATED.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—A dispatch to Reuters Telegram company from Tien Tsin says: "A French transport with a battalion of troops from Tonquin is hourly expected at

Shan-Hai-Kwang (on Gulf of Liao-Tung) to garrison the forts which are being evacuated by the Russians. It is reported that the tri-color of France was hoisted there this morning and that the British officer in charge in Shan-Hai-Kwang protested against the French occupation. At present there is only a single sentry guarding the flag.

"The British commander here, General Ventris and his chief of staff, proceeded to Shan-Hai-Kwang this morning."

Japanese Have Taken More Ships.

Two Big Russian Steamers and Four Whalers Are Captured.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—Despatches to the Daily Mail from Tokyo and Nagasaki, dated February 10, report the arrival at Sasebo, Japan, of two large Russian steamers. One is the volunteer fleet association transport Ekaterinoslav, which recently landed troops and arms at Port Arthur, and the other is the steamer Argon, belonging to the Chinese Eastern Railway Company. Both were captured by the Japanese cruiser-destroyer force at sea, in the neighborhood of Pusan, Korea.

The Ekaterinoslav is of ten thousand tons displacement and had been fitted up as an auxiliary cruiser. She had thirty rifles on board and was on her way from Vladivostok to the Argon was going to Vladivostok from Nagasaki.

The Russian whalers Glorie, Nicolai, Alexander and Michael, captured by the Japanese, have also arrived at Sasebo.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 10.—A cablegram to the Associated Press from Nagasaki states that the Russian cruiser Variag, which was reported to have been sunk yesterday at Chemulpo by the Japanese fleet was captured and arrived at Sasebo. The despatch also states that in addition to the Russian vessels damaged in the torpedo attack at Port Arthur seven other vessels were captured.

It is also reported at Nagasaki that General Kuropatkin has arrived at Harbin to take command of the Russian land forces.

RUSSIA MASSING MEN.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 10.—11 p. m.—Viceroy Alexeff began today the mobilization of the army reserves in Eastern Asia. The publication of extra editions of the newspapers containing accounts of the reported injuries to Japanese ships during the Port Arthur engagements, and the sinking of the Japanese battleship Shikishima led to a demand upon the editors for the source of the information. They replied "It came from the British Embassy." These reports were received everywhere with manifestations of joy, but nothing confirming them has come from Viceroy Alexeff.

The only additional intelligence the viceroy has sent up to this hour is the names of the wounded officers, among whom were Lieut. Colonel Zaiotchovsky of the artillery corps, who was on board the transports Angra and a midshipman on board the battleship Sevastopol.

JAPAN TAKES MASAMPHO.

TOKIO, Feb. 10.—Japan seized Masampo Sunday and despatched a heavy force there. Japan will fortify the port and establish a naval and military base there. Masampo is an exceedingly important point as it controls the Korean channel and is an excellent base for future operations. A formal declaration of war is expected tonight. The proclamation has been prepared and approved by the cabinet. Foreign Minister Komura has gone to the palace to secure the Emperor's approval.

BRIDGE REPORTED BLOWN UP.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—The Shang Hai correspondent of the Daily Mail says an important bridge on the Manchurian railroad has been blown up and thirty men have been killed.

Baltimore Will Rise from Ruins.

Business Restored With a Will by Men of all Classes Yesterday.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 9.—Amid ruins still hot and smoking, Baltimore has begun its resurrection. With the dawn of a clear winter day whose brightness was in itself an inspiration, the apathy of yesterday gave way to energy, and from the Gray columns of the State to the least private citizen the people of this distressed city awoke themselves to meet the appalling conditions that confront them.

It was a day of conferences. The Governor, the mayor and various municipal officials met and threshed out the problem in their own way, and the public office. From this conference came a decision that Baltimore, for the present needs no outside help but will endeavor with her own resources and those of the State to meet the emergency. At this conference there was developed the machinery for an advisory legislature committee to act in conjunction with the Legislature.

FIRE DISTRICT OUT OFF.

The military officials had unusual problems to solve and solved them in a military manner, for to-night every man issued driving entrance to the fire lines was revoked. No civilian may pass the cordon of citizen soldiers which after forty-eight hours of continuous duty tonight stretches toward the fire-swept desert where lay safes and vaults containing untold treasure.

The fast cruiser members met and decided to rebuild as soon as possible. The same story can be told of practically every commercial body while on every hand there is evidence of private effort toward rehabilitation. Old buildings long unused, private residences near the business section, in fact every available structure bears crudely lettered signs on board or cloth announcing that within is the temporary office of a firm. The names on some of the signs are those that rank high in the financial and commercial circles of the world and in these temporary offices men who for years have known only mahogany desks, work on deal tables and plain boards.

Hanna Resting Quietly.

Increased Amount of Nourishment Given to Senator.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Senator Hanna was better to-day and to-night he is said to be resting quietly. The vital organs are said to be performing the functions satisfactorily. An increased amount of nourishment was given the Senator to-day. In addition to the pasteurized milk, which he has been taking since his illness began, he took some white of an egg to-day, nearly all of which he retained on his stomach. During the day the Senator's temperature went to 103, which it has done on three separate occasions, and his pulse up to 95, the highest yet reached. The records of both temperature and pulse are being kept with those ordinarily reached in cases of irregular typhoid, from which the Senator is suffering.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Wednesday, February 3.

The national committee of the Socialist party has re-elected William Mailli of Boston, national secretary. The Kentucky legislature has postponed indefinitely consideration of a bill designed to disfranchise illiterate negroes.

Two children of Frank Bennett, of Somerset, Pa., were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home. A lamp exploded and set the fire.

Governor Pennypacker, of Pennsylvania, has issued an appeal for aid for the families of the 184 miners killed in the Hardwick mine at Cheswick, Pa.

The Traders' National Bank, at Clarksburg, Va., has been closed by the comptroller of the currency. Its assets are \$1,250,000; liabilities, unknown.

Thursday, February 4.

The Kentucky legislature held memorial services in honor of William E. Goebel.

The Servian cabinet has resigned and King Peter will instruct the minister of finance to form a new one.

Brooding over political criticism, County Auditor J. H. Miller committed suicide in his office at Chillicothe, O.

A Canadian Pacific express train was wrecked by a broken rail near Halifax, N. S., and three persons were killed and many injured.

Mrs. Sonora McCarthy, of South Shafter, Vt., is preparing to celebrate her 11th birthday. She is the oldest person in the New England states.

Friday, February 5.

The National Republican Editorial Association held a two-days' convention at Washington, D. C.

Boston University will receive \$600,000 under the will of the late James A. Woolson, a banker of that city.

Mexico has issued a decree forbidding all persons bearing firearms to cross the border of the country.

The League of American Municipalities will hold its annual convention in St. Louis on October 4, 5 and 6.

The army tug General Henry J. Hunt was successfully launched at Nasfae & Levy's shipyard, Camden, N. J.

Saturday, February 6.

President Roosevelt has appointed Andrew T. Wood to be pension agent at Louisville, Ky.

Admiral Schley, who was suffering from grip, has recovered and is able to leave his room.

All the coal operators of West county, Va., have made a 12 per cent reduction in wages of miners. Over 7000 men are affected.

The national council of bishops of the African Methodist Episcopal Church was held at Mobile, Ala. All the northern states were represented.

Mrs. Edward Crawford and two children, of Montreal, Can., were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home. The fire started from an overheated kitchen stove.

Monday, February 8.

William J. Bryan addressed an audience of over 5000 people at Nashville, Tenn., on "Moral Issues."

Cornell University, at Ithaca, N. Y., has dropped 106 students as a result of the mid-year examinations.

James Abel, accused of trying to marry Miss Eleanor Anderson, was held in \$5000 bail at New York.

The government has arranged for early tests of New York harbor of the four wireless telegraph systems.

From all fall down stairs, which fractured his skull, Washington Taylor, quartermaster general of the Grand Army of Confederate Veterans, died at Norfolk, Va.

Tuesday, February 9.

Fire destroyed a block of business houses at Houston, Tex., entailing a loss of over \$150,000.

The total revenues of Pennsylvania for the year ending November 30, 1903, were \$21,030,232 and the expenditures \$18,080,480.

Henry M. Oliver, the Pittsburgh steel master and politician, died after an illness of two months from a complication of diseases.

Isaac Flagg, a clerk in the New Brunswick, N. J., postoffice, who was arrested for rifling letters, was sent to the penitentiary for one year.

Mrs. Hannah H. Detwiler, of Norristown, Pa., was found dead in bed. She was the mother of Judge H. Wilis Bland, of Reading, her first husband having been Henry Bland.

GENERAL MARKETS.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 9.—Flour steady; winter superfine, \$3.35@3.60; Penna. roller, clear, \$4.10@4.25; city mills, fancy, \$3.25@3.40. Rye flour was quiet, at \$3.35 per barrel. Wheat was firm; No. 2 Penna. red, new, 95@96 1/2c. Corn firm; No. 2 yellow, white, 53c. Oats were quiet; No. white, clipped, 50c.; lower grades, 49c. Hay steady; No. 1 timothy, large bales, \$16.50@17. Pork firm; family, \$17.50@18. Beef steady; beef hams, \$20@21. Live poultry, 13c. for hens and 9c. for old roosters. Dressed poultry, 13c. for choice fowls and 10c. for old roosters. Butter was steady; creamery, 27c. per pound. Eggs steady; New York and Penna., 33c. per dozen. Potatoes were steady; 95@95c. per bushel. Baltimore, Md., Feb. 9.—Wheat dull and higher; spot contract, 97@97 1/2c.; stealer No. 2 red western, 98@98 1/2c.; steamer No. 2 red, 90 1/2c. Corn firm, but inactive; spot, 50 1/2c. Oats were mixed, 48 1/2c. Oats were No. 2 white, 4 1/2c. No. 2 mixed, 4 1/2c. Rye firm; No. 2 in export elevator, 64c.; upland, 63c.; No. 2 western, in export elevator, 65c.; upland, 70c. Butter steady; fancy creamery, 25c.; fancy imitation, 19@20c.; fancy lard, 16@18c.; store packed, 15@17c. Eggs firm; 32c. doz.

Live Stock Markets.

Union Stock Yards, Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 9.—Cattle steady; choice, \$5.10@5.35; prime, \$4.85@5; fair, \$3.40@3.45. Hogs higher; prime heavy, \$5.20@5.25; medium, \$5.25@5.30; heavy Yorkers, \$5.25@5.30; light Yorkers, \$3.15@5.30; pigs, \$5@5.10; roughs, \$3.50@4.70. Sheep steady; prime wethers, \$4.50@4.65; culls and common, \$2@3; choice lambs, \$6.25@6.40; veal calves, \$7.60@8 per 100 pounds.

Millions For Her If Like Mother.

Girl to Get Fortune if She Has Certain Characteristics.

If 16 year old Mary Agnes Redford, an operator in a telegraph office has the same pretty features that her mother, now dead, had when a girl, she will receive a fortune of \$3,000,000 in round numbers, says an Oakland (Cal.) correspondent of the New York World. But if this telephone girl no matter how good looking she may be has not a striking resemblance to her mother, then it may mean that she and her attorneys will have to undergo a long litigation, and even then may not establish that she is an heiress to millions. Photographs of Miss Redford are now being taken to be used in showing her right to the fortune that is now making another chapter in a romance that commenced forty years ago.

A grizzled old miner of Cariboo, B. C., is to act as judge and jury in this matter, at least, so long as they will let him, for he is executor of the will which bequeaths some \$3,000,000 to a Miss Mary Agnes Redford. Beach La Salle is his name, and he has said that if Miss Mary Agnes Redford, the telephone girl of that city, bears a resemblance to an old sweetheart of his partner, who died two years ago, then she shall receive this fortune.

This is one of the terms of the will left by La Salle's partner, whose name is not known here. The will provides that the daughter of a woman who married a man named William Redford and who died about 1892 shall be given half of his mining interests, or about \$3,000,000. The will says the girl's name is Mary Agnes Redford. Before he died the partner of La Salle told him that the girl lived in Oakland.

Now, Mary Agnes Redford, a telephone operator in that city, has a father named William Redford, but unfortunately, she has not heard from him for years. Further, this telephone girl's mother died in Alameda in the year 1890. Before her death she gave her daughter some gold nuggets of value, but did not tell her child where she had secured them. The friends of this "hello girl" believe that she will have no trouble in establishing her claim to the millions.

La Salle's partner loved Mrs. Redford, but she saw fit to marry William Redford. This was forty years ago. La Salle says he can recognize the daughter of his partner's sweetheart, and now she will be tried by photographs.

What Can He do About It!

From the Pittsburg Post.

President Roosevelt's fame as a cavalryman and an all-round rough rider having penetrated to the capital of his great and good friend, the Sultan of Morocco, that merry monarch has presented him a half dozen of the finest thoroughbreds in the palace at Tangiers, and dispatched them to these shores by two trusted palace officials. The Arabian steeds were brought into the harbor at New York Thursday, and although the President is "de-light-ed," he is in a quandary as to what to do about the Sultan's gift. Unless he gets a special act of Congress authorizing him to do so he cannot accept the horses. If he does this, then he will have to pay tariff levied by the Dingley act, which he is now upholding. This would cost him a pretty penny. Should he decline to accept the gift he would insult the Sultan, and this might lead to trouble. We have already had one war with Morocco. Apparently the only way out of the embarrassing situation is for the President to accept the horses in the name of the United States, and then turn them over to the Government. But in this case he might not feel like ordering them to be kept in the White House stables for the pleasure of himself and friends. Thus his predicament is unpleasant all around.

What Solomon is Willing to Spend.

From the Clearfield Republican.

Congressman Solomon R. Dresser, of McKean, has formally announced his willingness to spend another hundred thousand dollars for a second term in Congress. Of course, he does not say so in that many words, but all the political leg pullers and grafters in the district know what he means and all what he will do. Notwithstanding all this money, Colonel E. A. Irvin can beat him to a pulp if he consents to run when he returns from Europe.

No Peaches The Coming Year.

Says Dr. J. M. Dumm, One of the Largest Growers in Clinton County.

Dr. J. M. Dumm, of Mackeyville, differs materially with some of the peach growers of the state about the outlook for a crop of the luscious fruit next summer. The doctor has an orchard of 3000 bearing peach trees and after the recent cold snap he was of the opinion that the buds had been greatly damaged as they cannot withstand a temperature lower than from 15 to 20 degrees below zero. Last week he removed a number of branches from different trees in his orchard and carefully examined over 1000 buds, all of which were frozen, this confirming his fear. Hence it is the opinion of Dr. Dumm that the peach crop not only of this section, but all through Pennsylvania will be a total failure. Here and there, where a tree was partially protected by sheds, or otherwise, there may be a few peaches.

A Rare Disease.

Mrs. Juniper entered the doctor's office, dragging by the hand an overgrown boy of 14. She was excited and impatient, he was dogged and glum. "O doctor, he has lost his voice! He hasn't spoken a word for two days!" she said.

The boy looked at her sullenly and suffered the doctor to hold his face up to the light.

Open your mouth. H'm! Tongue all right.

"Hold your head up and let me look at your throat. Seems to be nothing the trouble there. Push your tongue out. Feel all right?"

"Ya-ah."

"Why, Mrs. Juniper, there is nothing the matter with him," said the doctor, impatiently. "Boy, why don't you talk?"

"How can I when I ain't got anything to say."—Youth's Companion.

Young Lady Painfully Burned.

Mrs. Margaret Eberhardt, of Williamsport, was painfully scalded about the face by steam on Monday. She was boiling coffee in a bucket with a light lid. As she was about to loosen the covering there was a loud report and the steam and scalding coffee flew into the young lady's face. Fortunately she closed her eyes and her sight will be unimpaired.

Danger from River's Ice Gorge.

Berwick Bridge is Carried Away and Others in Danger from Floods.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The ice and flood situation in the north branch of the Susquehanna has become much more serious since Monday night. There was 25.7 feet of water at Wilkesbarre Tuesday afternoon and a gorge had formed at Nanticoke. At Bloomsburg there were over 28 feet of