IN DEATH'S VALLEY.

The Gruesome Work Along the Banks of the Conemaugh.

NO SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE

A State Commission Guided by the Governor Will Perform the Work.

DANGER OF AN EPIDEMIC DENIED.

Sorrow's Sway Still Continues in the Melancholy Vale, but Practical Forces Are Dillgently at Work Evolving Order Out of the Chaos of Johnstown's Ruins. Gunpowder and Fire Employed in Removing the Debris-Engineer Park's Graphic Recital of the Scenes at the Breaking of the Dam-Williamsport's Tale of Ruin.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., June 11.-The debris of the raft on the eastern side near the bridge has been fired. This means that a number of bodies must be burned, The fire is burning slowly and no authority is given for the measure. Gen. Hastings didn't care to talk of it.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., June 11.-The exact situation of Johnstown is just this: There are missing and dead about 10,000 people. The refugees are living in tents and crowded into houses of friends on the hills. Debris is piled high all over Johnstown proper, with the exception of a wide swath along the Conemaugh, swept clean of houses, but which is four or five

feet deep with sand.

The debris holds decaying vegetables and animal matter, and the acres of debris remain above the bridge sending forth at all times the strong and almost overpowering odor of decay. Many of the houses of Kernville and Hornersville, which escaped total wreckage, are breeding places for disease, the cellars are full of mud and decay, and among them sickness is gradually increasing. The sanitary conditions are almost beyond description, and with the hot summer just beginning it will be a marvel indeed if contagion does not run riot.

Working in the Wreck. Johnstown, Pa., June 11.—The great raft is in an endless, measureless grave yard, made in a night. Its tombstones are the shattered timbers sticking out of the wreckage. The torn, ragged frag-ments of walls marking where the streets had been. Though hundreds

have already been uncovered, the dead now are coming to light in surprising

THE BRIDGE OF DEATH. numbers-if any one here can be surprised, and there are some faces among

hem that had never been missed. The Sickening Stench. People just arriving in Johnstown say that the stench is sickening and fearful, tainting the air of the valley every-where, while those who have worked

here throughout the trying scenes have noticed it only at times and in certain places, showing that their senses are be-

All the waters are giving up their dead and the skiffs and grapplers are in waiting for them. The red shirted lumberman standing midway in the raft, who is called the marker and color bearer, raised his ax to strike, but the blow never fell. If it had it would have cut in twain the first of the bodies taken from the point on the morning of the tenth day. It was the remains of a woman, Emma Roth by name, identi-fied by her broken hearted husband an

Immediate Burial Necessary. The day is past when the discovered dead can be kept any time for identification. Frightful scenes at the morgues bear quick testimony of this. The keepers say that as soon as the air strikes the corpses now it becomes almost impossible to handle them and the sooner they

are buried the better. There are over fifty new faces on the slabs at the morgue, and a record shows that up to noon Sunday, which was just a week from the time morgues were established, 1,492 people were buried from them who were discovered right in this vicinity. This has nothing to do with the valley, or the dead of Ninevah, New Florence and elsewhere. A great many were also buried who were not taken to These morgues.

THE BOND.

Terms of the Agreement to Indemnify the Governor for Expenses.

PHILADELPHIA, June 11.—The following is a copy of the bond of indemnity repared by Governor Beaver and Mayor Fitler yesterday afternoon:

Fitler yesterday afternoon:

Whereas, James A. Beaver has this day given his bond to William B. Hart, state treasurer of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in the penal sum of \$1,000,000, conditioned for the payment of monies may be advanced by the said William B. Hart for the purpose of clearing the streams and abating public nuisances which threaten the health and safety of the people of this commonwealth, caused by the late floods which have destroyed so much of life and property in the Conemaugh and West Branch valleys, and,

Whereas, There is not sufficient time to as-

Whereas, There is not sufficient time to assemble the legislature in order to secure a regular appropriation for the work which is absolutely necessary to be done for the preservation of the health and safety of the peo-

ple: now, therefore,
We, the undersigned, citizens and corporations of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, each for himself and no one for any other, hereby guarantees the payment of the said bond to the extent of \$5,000 and no more, upon

Suspicion of such violence or other unlawful acts as to make an inquest necessary."

Bitterness Against the Club.

There is great bitterness of feeling

guarantee then the liability of each signer un-der the same be proportionately reduced. | Third. The liability of each to be for a prorata share of whatever amount may be expended by the said James A. Beaver for the purposes aforesaid, not exceeding the penalty

of the bond. for the bond.

Fourth. This guarantee to be binding only in case the legislature should fail to make an appropriation for the work undertaken to be carried out by the governor through the state board of health, under the police powers of the state. Witness our hands and seals this 10th day of June, A. D. 1889.

The Governor's Opinion. In conversation Governor Beaver said: "I don't think we will have any trouble in getting 200 citizens to go on that guarantee.

"I have that many Philadelphians already," interrupted the mayor, "and expect to have 500 before it stops."
"That's good," rejoined the governor.
"Almost everybody I met in Pittsburg

who had any money were willing to go on the bond. I think myself that the amount necessary for the work is greatly exaggerated, but so much is to be done that it will cost anywhere from \$100,000 to \$1,500,000 to complete it. The bonds is simply one of indemnity, and I regard this thing only in the light of a sanitary precaution. In other words, I operate under the police powers of the state, de-clare the Conemaugh river a nuisance, and direct that the nuisance shall be abated as quickly as possible. It is my opinion that the amount of money which would be required for an extra session of the legislature will pay for all the work that is to be done; but I think that the legislature will make an appropriation at the next session to pay for all that is necessary."

GOVERNOR BEAVER'S PLAN. He Visits Johnstown and Perfects a

Scheme of Action. Johnstown, Pa., June 10.-Governor Beaver, so much inquired for during the last week, came here yesterday, looked at the wreck with weeping eyes, conferred for an hour and a half with William Flynn, James B. Scott, William McCreery, Gen. Hasting and others who have borne the burden of the work of rescue and relief and pledged a million

ditions which were satisfied at once. A State Commission. There will be no extra session of the legislature.

dollars from the state treasury upon con-

A state commission, with the gov-A state commission, with the governor at its head, will take control of the relief work on Wednesday.

It was proposed that the state furnish \$1,000,000 to Gen. Beaver for immediate use in clearing up and restoring Johnstown. In order to make the state whole

200 citizens of Pittsburg, Philadelphia and other portions of it will become inavidually responsible until the legisla-ture meets and makes appropriations that will relieve them. This plan was unanimously agreed to. It was also arranged that on

Wednesday morning Gen. Hastings, acting for Governor Beaver, should take charge of the work of policing the valley and clearing it up, including Johnstown and the surrounding boroughs. Governor Beaver left at 7 o'clock last night for Philadelphia.

Governor Beaver Interviewed. In an interview Governor Beaver said that he had been over the entire flooded district and found the supply depots well filled, but they must soon be re-

and accumulated drift in which there is a possibility of human bodies being imbedded, with a probability, if allowed to remain, will endanger public health, leaving it impressed in my mind that the public powers of the state must be exercised to restore things to their normal condition.

'The funds which have come into my hands in such large amounts and from so many quarters outside of the state and which have been imposed upon me as a sacred trust, will be expended wholly and absolutely for the benefit of individual sufferers. No part of it will be expended in work which is legitimately the domain of the state under its police powers. This I wish to empha-size, so that all contributors to the fund may feel assured that their money will be judiciously and economically ex-pended for the benefit of suffering humanity and not to the work which should and will be undertaken by the state or municipal authorities.'

Board of Health Bulletin. The state board of health yesterday hung out the following bulletin: 'The general condition of health in Johnstown and vicinity is excellent. No epidemic disease of any kind pre vails, nor is it expected that any will arise. The whole region has been divided into convenient districts and each placed under a competent sanitarian. The state board of health is prepared to meet all emergencies as they arise. The air is wholesome and the drinking water is generally pure. If the good people of the devastated district will go on as they have so nobly done during the past week in their efforts to clear up the wreckage good health will certainly be main-

Presence of Diphtheria Denied. Dr. Joseph N. Dickson, in charge of the Bedford Street hospital, and Dr. T. L. Hazard, of Allegheny, deny emphatically that there is a single case of diphtheria in Johnstown or any of its suburbs. They say there is a good deal follicular sore throat, but that is rarely fatal and is not contagious. It is some think like quinzy, but a milder disease. Religious services were held at several different places throughout the city yes-

terday and were largely attended. The Waters Give Up Their Dead. The waters began to give up their dead yesterday, the ninth since the flood. Fifty odd bodies were recovered here, most of them floating in the water. Seven of them were dragged out of the raft above the bridge. On the body of Christopher Kempt, an un-dertaker, was found \$3,100.

The Coroner's Jury's Verdict. GREENSBURG, Pa., June 10.-The jury impaneled by the coroner of Westmore land county to inquire into the cause of death of the 218 persons whose bodies were picked up at Ninevah rendered a verdict that each of them "Came to his death by violence due to the flood caused by the breaking of the dam of the South Fork reservoir, and as well the aforesaid coroner as the juvors addressed do certify under their oaths that the said decreased died of violence caused by the ceased died of violence caused by the action of the flood, or there is such strong cion of such violence or other un-

hereby guarantees the payment of the said bond to the extent of \$5,000 and no more, upon the following conditions:

First. This guarantee not to be binding until signed by 200 individuals or corporations. Second. If more than 300 persons sign this superintendent of the club, are enter-

tained. Airead toveral of the villas been I roken into and the furniture in them broken into fragments. Their pleasure and fishing boats have been destroyed, and greater violence is feared.

HARRISBURG, June 10 .- The governor's fund for the relief of the survivors of the flood in the Conemaugh valley and other portions of the state is assuming large proportions and the disposition to contribute appears to be on the increase,

Yesterday letters and telegrams were re-



JOHNSTOWN BEFORE THE FLOOD. ceived requesting the governor to draw \$68,000 additional, swelling the aggregate sum at his disposal to about \$3,000,-

DISEASE IN THE AIR.

Fear of Pestilence Induces Workmen to Abandon Their Posts.

Johnstown, Pa., June 8.-It is feared at the Red Cross corps headquarters that the flood has left a parting curse hovering over the Conemaugh valley in the form of the dread disease, diphtheria. The attentions of the medical people are now directed to Kernville, where the Red Cross makes no secret of a prevailing epidemic.

Miss Clara A. Barton and Dr. O'Neill, of the Red Cross, decided to establish a hospital at Kernville, and, after much trouble with the local authorities, sesecured a site and erected their tents with Dr. Berns, of Philadelphia, in

Workmen Giving Up.

Some of Flynn's men are quitting work. They complain of the stench from the dead bodies. It is so strong that it sickens and drives them from their labor. A guard is thrown around the whole district of Johnstown and no one employed is permitted outside of the line without a pass from Flynn or the adjutant general. Flynn refused to allow the men to leave the town. Flynn admitted the clearing of the debris would be finished with 5,000 men in ten days.

The Stench Unbearable. The stench arising from the debris is becoming almost unbearable in the neighborhood of the bridge and workmen are finding serious difficulty in remaining at their work for more than a few hours at a time. few hours at a time. Disinfectants have not been put on the pile yet, although they are being freely distributed through the town.

Curiosity and relic seekers have been warned to keep away from the debris as disease lurks in the air about it. They pay very little attention to it, however, their desire for plunder evidently being greater than their fear of pestilence.

The Red Cross society have formed a hospital corps for the benefit of the workmen, many of whom are injured daily. This society has been doing excellent work.

Hurlburt House Victims. House have been taken out of the ruins intact. The following is the entire list of dead and the survivors of the ill-fated

The dead are: Mrs. E. E. Benford, Johnsown; Miss Maria Benford, Miss Mary Ben-ord, Lou Benford, Mrs. Matzenstein and shild, Mrs. Smith and three children, Miss Homer, Mrs. Dr. Defrance, Miss Laura Hamilton, Miss Ella Byrne, Jane Maloy, Minnie Houston, Mary Rodgers, Ella Harrigan, Bertha Stofhel, Lottie Yost, Jennie Smouse, Ella Johnston, Charles Wilson, elerk; Wil-liam Henry, J. C. Clark, Nellie Clark, Dr. Brinkley, Elmer Brinkley, — Butler, Charles Marshall, John Byrne, Albert Wherry, J. W. Marshall, John Byrne, Albert Wherry, J. W. Weakland, Dr. St. John, Harrisburg; Carrie Richards, Ypsilanti, Mich.; Moilie Richards, Ypsilanti, Mich.; Jennie Wells, Tioga: Miss Diehl, Shippensburg; J. G. Coz, W. L. Spitz, — Carlin, Philadelphia; J. E. Little, Pittsburg: Sidney McCloud, Chicago; Frank D. Felt, Chicago; W. F. Down, New York; James Murray, Philadelphia; Charles Dewalt, Altona; — Herron, Pittsburg.

The survivors whose names are on the same

toona; — Herron, Pittsburg.

The survivors whose names are on the same register are as follows: John D. Doosy, Philadelphia, in a critical condition; — Hartley, Philadelphia; H. W. Galager, Philadelphia; B. H. Lane, Pittsburg: Mary Early, Johnstown; J. L. Smith, William Marshall, Laura Rodgers, Maggie Jones, Walter Benford, F.A. Benford, Elvira Prosser.

CLEARING THE WRECK.

An Immense Amount of Time and Labor Required for the Work. JOHNSTOWN, Pa., June 7.-Five thousand men were yesterday at work clearing away the debris on the island. Last evening the number was increased to 8,000. Gangs came in from Hollidays-burg, Sandpatch and half a dozen other places and reported for duty. were put to work at once, most of them without any breakfast.

Mr. Flinn estimates that it will take 10,000 men sixty days to clear away the wreck. At this rate it will require \$1,-500,000 to pay for the work. This does not include the expenses. Five million dollars will not be enough to put Johnstown in shape for rebuilding.

The Efficacy of Fire. Dr. Graff has been given charge of the sanitary commission. Dr. Graff talked at length on the different plans of sani-



TRAIN RUNNING ON FLOODED TRACES AT

tation for the flooded district, and finally said: "There is but one sure, safe plan— burn everything. I think the order will be issued to burn everything all over the district. This is the surest plan to pre-vent any contagion or epidemic; but un-derstand there is no immediate danger of epidemic as long as the weather keeps as cool as it is now. There is not so much danger from decomposition and putrefaction unless the weather changes and becomes warm."

Dr. Graff's plan of disposing of the debris above the bridge is to scatter oil over it and burn it.

Powder More Effective Than Dynamite. The first blast of gunpowder fired at the bridge proved more effective than any of the charges of dynamite hereto-fore used and hurled fragments of de-bris 200 feet in the air. Mingled with

it was a round fragment which looked owned by members of the club have like the trunk of a numan body. It fell back into the water with a splash and glided into the swift current under the bridge before it could be pulled in. Explosion after explosion of dynamite fol-lowed the blast of gunpowder, the detonations coming so close together that they might almost be taken for the continuous discharge of heavy guns. An opening 400 feet long, which runs back in some places fifty feet, was made during the afternoon.

Endeavors to Save the Dam. In conversation with a press repre-sentative Resident Engineer Park, who was on the spot when the dam broke on

Friday, said: "On Thursday night I noticed that the dam was in good order, and the water was nearly seven feet from the top. When the water is at this height the lake is then nearly three miles in length.
It rained hard on Thursday night, and I rode up to the end of the lake on the eventful day and saw that the woods around there was teeming with a seething cauldron of water. Col. Unger, the president of the fishing club that owns the property, put twenty-five Italians to work to fix the dam. A farmer in the vicinity also lent a willing hand

"To strengthen the dam a plow was run along the top of it and earth was then thrown into the furrows. On the west side a channel was dug and a sluice was constructed. We cut through about four feet of shale rock, when we came to solid rock which was impossible to cut without blasting. Once we got the channel open the water leaped down to the bed rock, and a stream fully twenty feet wide and three feet deep rushed out on that end of the dam, while great quantities of water were coming in by the pier at the other end. And then in the face of this great escape of water from the dam it kept raising at the rate of ten inches an hour.

Hope Abandoned. "At noon I fully believed that it was practically impossible to save the dam, and I got on a horse and galloped down to South Fork and gave the alarm, telling the people at the same time of their danger and advising them to get to a place of safety. I also sent a couple of men to the telegraph tower, two miles away, to send messages to Johnstown and Cambria and to the other points on the way. The young girl at the instru-ment fainted when the news reached her and was carried away. Then by the timely warning given, the people at South Fork had an opportunity to move their household goods and betake them-



AS THE RECEDING PLOOD LEFT JOHNSTOWN, selves to a place of safety. Only one person was drowned in that place and he was trying to save an old washtub that was floating down stream."

Official List of Passengers Lost. PITTSBURG, June 7.—The official rail-road reports of the dead and the missing from the east bound trains that left-Pittsburg last Friday now give the num-ber at fifteen passengers and the colored porter of the Pullman car New Orleans. ere were no losses from the first two

The corrected list of dead is: Mrs. Talbott, nee Long, of Cleveland, with two or three children; Cyrus Schick, of Reading, Pa., and his sister-in-law, Miss Stinson, who is a sister of Judge Stinson. Mrs. Schick saved her life by go ing back into the car to secure her waterproof. John Ross, of Jersey City; Mrs. J. B. Ranney, of Kalamazoo, Mich.; Miss Jennie Baulson and Miss Mich.; Miss Jennie Baulson and Miss Bryant, of Pittsburg; Mr. Misall, man-ager of the Mansfield, O., Baseball club; Miss Agnes C. Christman, of Beaure-gard, Miss.; L. Phillips (colored) porter of the Pullman car New Orleans; Mrs. Swineford and daughter, Mrs. Smith and child, of Dayton, O.; where the bodies have been forwarded. Miss Hurnish, of Dayton, O.; Andrew Ewing, Ligonier, Pa.; Mrs. Mary Swing, Bellefonte, Pa.

THE DAM DEFECTIVE.

some measure begun to subside. Numbers of correspondents and others have visited the dam, and no one who has seen it confirms the stories of its elaborate structure and fine masonry which have been told in different quarters. Indeed, the general verdict of these visitors seems to be that there was no masonry there. The dam is declared to have been merely a heap of mud, faced with rough stones and filed in somewhat with shale.

The Sluiceways Closed. Years ago, when the reservoir back of the dam was used as a feeder to the Pennsylvania canal, the dam was in better shape, and it is said that there were sluiceways which could readily be opened so as to relieve the reservoir if the press

ure of water became too great.

These sluices had been kept closed by the South Fork Fishing club since they came into possession of the place, in order that the game fish might not escape

to the river below.

Experts have declared that had these extra sluices been kept in order and operated there is no room to doubt that the terrible calamity in the Conemaugh valley could have been averted.

The Dam Improperly Planned. Not only do those who have visited and Fertilizer Drill, the Lighthouse Feedcutter, and iron Water and Feed Troughs. 2my3m sufficient, but they also assert that it Also the celebrated Albright Hayrake. was not lined out on an improved basis of engineering. There was no attempt to give it extra strength by curvature. Its 400 feet of length stretched straight

200 feet wide by 75 feet deep.

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that fatally stanch railway bridge could

Additions to the Death Roll.

The following are additions to the list of dead: Henry Ludwig and wife, Mrs. Morrell Swank and 6-year-old son, Mrs. George Hager, Miss Laura Hamilton, Jacob Wild, wife and daughter, Mrs.

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