

JOHNSTOWN RELIEF

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The Comptroller Department Gradually Coming to its Feet.

Figures on the relief fund and the aid thus far given show that after Judge Cummin distributes his half million there will yet be \$2,000,000 for the flood sufferers.

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PHILADELPHIA, July 15.—The Johnstown fund business is creating the most intense interest.

The public meeting held at Johnstown on Saturday, in which the State commission's work was denounced, has attracted unusual attention, and further developments are awaited with impatience.

So far as can be reasonably calculated, there has been \$3,200,000 and \$3,500,000 in cash contributed for the flood sufferers.

Of this amount more than \$2,500,000, including the \$500,000 appropriated by the State commission to Judge Cummin's committee to be distributed at once, but not yet paid out, can be traced to the several committees and persons now in charge of it, as follows:

Table listing various committees and their contributions: Governor Beaver (\$200,000), Pittsburgh Committee (\$200,000), etc.

THE MONEY ON HAND.

Governor Beaver says that he has received through various sources \$1,100,000, and that \$800,000 of it has been used in the Conemaugh Valley and \$300,000 in other parts of the State.

He says that he has \$300,000 on hand in addition to this he has spent \$250,000 on behalf of the State from funds loaned by him (not included in the receipts of \$1,100,000) from a Philadelphia bank President, which is to be paid back by the State.

This has been used in abating nuisances in Johnstown and other places. The Governor values the clothing and provisions sent direct from the donors to sufferers at \$600,000. If this is correct there has been contributed in cash and value, nearly \$4,000,000 for the flood sufferers.

Not including the \$500,000 in the hands of Judge Cummin, which he has been directed to distribute by check on behalf of the State Commission, there is more than \$2,000,000 in cash on hand yet to be handed over to the people to whom it was contributed.

Telegrams from Johnstown say: The Board of Inquiry sat in their office to-day and handed out orders to those entitled to relief. All persons in the flooded district have been classified, those entitled to immediate relief being placed in classes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. At the meeting at Cresson the board had recommended the immediate payment of classes 1, 2 and 3, which would require \$400,000, and a like amount for classes 4 and 5, requiring \$600,000. While the amounts in classes 4 and 5 were smaller, there were a great many more cases in each class; hence the larger sum was recommended.

DISTRIBUTING THE MONEY.

As the commission only appropriated \$500,000, without intimating when another distribution would be made, the board determined to appropriate \$200,000 among the five classes, instead of the three classes, as at first proposed. Accordingly they will be paid on the following basis: class 1 will get \$600 each; class 2, \$400; class 3, \$300; class 4, \$250, and class 5, \$200. All those in the seventh ward will receive a check of paper classifying them to be entitled to under their classification. To-morrow those in the Fourth ward will receive like orders, and the work will continue right along, one day being devoted to each ward.

The Judge has announced that he will begin on Thursday morning to pay out. Before giving the money, however, he proposes to require each person to be qualified to his or her loss. He does not propose to reduce or increase the amounts coming to each, but requires the sworn statement for a purpose of his own. At least 1,000 orders will be issued by that time, each having the same right as the other to their money, the Judge will find himself strongly urged.

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