

UNDER WATER. Continued Rains Cause a Repetition of the Great Flood of 1884. THE RIVERS BOOMING. Hours of Deep Anxiety to Thousands of Families in the Twin Cities.

MANY HOUSES VACATED, And the Occupants Forced to Seek Shelter Under Friendly Neighbors' Roofs.

TRAVEL ON THE BRIDGES CUT OFF. Pittsburgh and Allegheny Separated by a Wide Waste of Seething Water on the Rise. GREATEST DAMAGE ON THE NORTHSIDE. Where Buildings Are Submerged, Streets Flooded, and Valuable Property Has Been Destroyed.

DRINKING WATER AND ARTIFICIAL GAS SHORT. HE rainfall of the past 24 hours contained in a flood extending over the water courses of the Allegheny mountains, which presents every indication of being as great as that of 1884, if it does not exceed it.

At 3 o'clock this morning the Allegheny in a k s showed 22 feet 6 inches, and rising at the rate of 3 inches an hour. The Monongahela at Wood street registered 21 feet 8 inches, and rising 3 inches an hour.

Fortunately, so far, the rapid rise of the waters along the Monongahela and Allegheny valleys is unattended by any loss of life or such destruction of property. Locally, the rivers rose so rapidly that the aspect of the positions of the twin cities shutting on the rivers was completely changed in the course of a few hours.

ALLEGHENY A VENICE. A LARGE PART OF THE LOWER PORTION OF THE TOWN HALF SUBMERGED. At Least 1,500 Families Either Driven From Home or Fanned Up Without Food or Fuel—What a Tour of the Lower City Discloses.

Allegheny is suffering most of all by the flood. About 1,500 families are to-day surrounded by a waste of water ranging from eight feet to two feet deep, and without means of obtaining provisions until succor reaches them.

From Anderson street to Smoky Island is a continuous stretch of submerged streets extending back to Laccock and the foot of Monument Hill. A couple of Alleghenians in an amphibious character and a skiff also of the same nature,

conveyed a DISPATCH reporter through the flooded district at 10 o'clock last night. From windows and doorways the inhabitants looked out in silent contemplation of the damp surroundings, and no doubt reflecting on the means of reaching the pier to-day.

The streets are filled with floating wreckage. Hundreds of people tramped about in the drizzling rain, hunting for a place of rest and shelter. Most of the people, however, found friends new and old who extended all the aid possible, and but few were compelled to stay in the streets all night.

This morning Mayor Wyman will issue an order for the suspension of all streetcars and even last night many contributions were offered to City Hall. Up until noon the water had been rising rapidly. From that time until 8 o'clock it came down, and at that hour the flooded portions reached from Chestnut street along River avenue to the Allegheny Artificial Gas Works, and from the foot of the city and to the upper side of Rebecca street in the lower portion.

Collecting the Mail in Allegheny. Within two hours almost every spot south of Laccock street was covered by the water. The city's Venetian in its appearance, but it was getting most in their neighborhood, and many began to move their furniture and effects into the nearest vacant houses. On Feb. 17, 1891, the Ohio river at this point is still rising, and it is feared the high water of 1884 will be reached, when a loss of \$75,000 was inflicted.

The denizens of the Point district, to wit, in a few houses of Penn avenue, were housed in by the rising waters, many having to take refuge on the second floor. Early in the evening the people began to appreciate the fact that it was getting most in their neighborhood, and many began to move their furniture and effects into the nearest vacant houses. On Feb. 17, 1891, the Ohio river at this point is still rising, and it is feared the high water of 1884 will be reached, when a loss of \$75,000 was inflicted.

conveying passengers excited the interest of large crowds, who were afforded much amusement by the many mishaps that occurred. Balby horses were in plenty, and frequently the drivers had to descend and lead their animals through the water. There were several accidents, and many mishaps.

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GETTING USED TO IT. The Residents of Johnstown Rather Enjoy Watching a Flood Now.

WATER ABOVE AND-BELOW. Reports of Inundated Towns and Property Loss From All Sides.

THE ALLEGHENY STILL RISING. At a Very Steady Rate at Every Point From Source to Mouth.

SERIOUS SITUATION AT SOME PLACES. JOHNSTOWN, Feb. 17.—From early morning until night the Stoney creek was stationary, its highest point at no time varying three inches, the greater part of the city being under water.

Early in the morning an authentic report from the log boom up the Shade creek set at rest the story that it was liable to break, and the people breathed much more freely.

A RAILROAD SLIPPING DOWN HILL. The Waters at Little Washington Subiding, but Railroads Have Trouble.

THE BEAVER RIVER RAGES. Water Works Knocked Out, Mills Shut Down and Families Moving.

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THE SUSQUEHANNA. WILLIAMSPORT THE CENTER OF FLOOD NEWS ON THAT RIVER.

Everybody Preparing for a Great Deluge.—Lively Times Amongst the Railroad People—All Small Streams Out of Their Banks—A Log Boom.

WILLIAMSPORT, Feb. 17.—Great excitement has reigned along the banks of the river here. The shores have been crowded with anxious people, waiting the elements and watching with eager eyes the water.

At 8:30 the water had reached the 12-foot mark and was gaining at a rate that would soon cause the water to overflow the banks of the river. Anderson creek, emptying into the river at Chewink, had been running high for several days.

The flood Company men were at work all last night, attempting to get the water out of the log boom. A quantity of logs got together up the river, and it is expected there is a battle in railroad circles which forbids no good.

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A STEAMBOAT WRECK. In Which Two Members of a Well-Known Pittsburgh Family Perish. HELPLESS IN THE RIVER.

Wife and Granddaughter of G. F. McCleane, of Moorhead & McCleane, FALL VICTIMS TO THE FLOOD. Thirty Other Passengers Have Narrow Escapes From Death.

LAST FATAL TRIP OF THE SHERLOCK. CINCINNATI, Feb. 17.—It was at 7 o'clock to-night when the steamer Sherlock of the Cincinnati and New Orleans line, under command of Captain McIntyre, backed out from her wharf and started down the river on her last trip.

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EXCITEMENT AT WHEELING. The Flood the Greatest Since 1884, and Still Increasing Rapidly. SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

WHEELING, Feb. 17.—The river at T.M.M. is 24 feet 2 inches, having risen 7 1/2 feet during the past hour. It looks as if it will be the greatest flood since 1884, and the streets are filled with excited rumors of 45 feet and more.

At 10 o'clock to-day eight persons had a narrow escape from drowning at the Union railroad bridge, at the north end of the city. A trading boat containing 4 men, 1 woman and 3 children was blown against a pier, and the occupants were saved from the wreck by the crew of the Clatsop.

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TWO BIG EXPLOSIONS. Wreck Four Dwelling Houses in the Flooded District of Allegheny, and INJURE ELEVEN PERSONS.

The High Water in Cellars Breaks Two Natural Gas Pipes, and CAUSES MUCH DAMAGE AND PAIN. Origin of One of the Accidents, Yet Buried in Mystery.

ONE OF THE VICTIMS IN SOME DANGER. In addition to the terrors of the flood, Allegheny was visited by two disastrous natural gas explosions yesterday.

Eleven people are injured, some of them maimed for life. All save one are expected to recover. Three houses are total wrecks and five families are rendered homeless.

One explosion occurred last night at the home of Mr. B. T. Hubbard, on Laccock street. The other was at 9:50 yesterday morning at the homes of Samuel and William Hazlett, on River avenue. The latter one has a mystery connected with it, for the reason that there was no fire either during or after the explosion.

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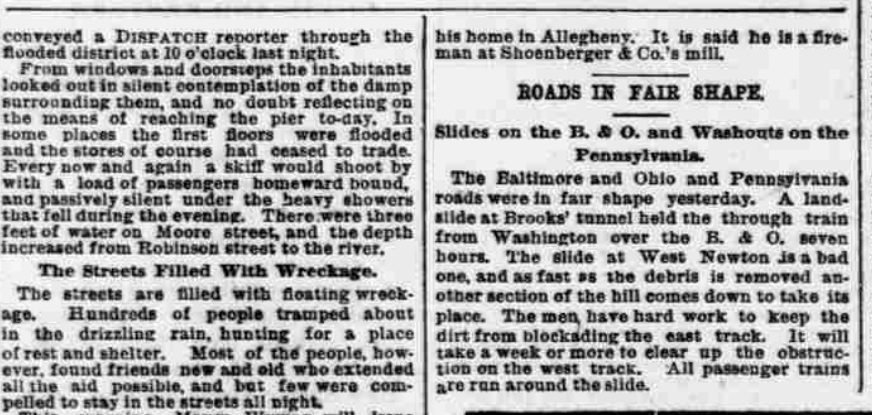
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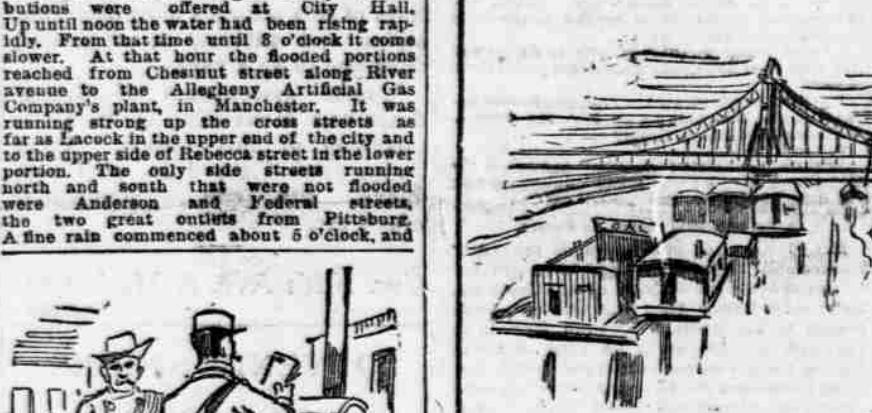
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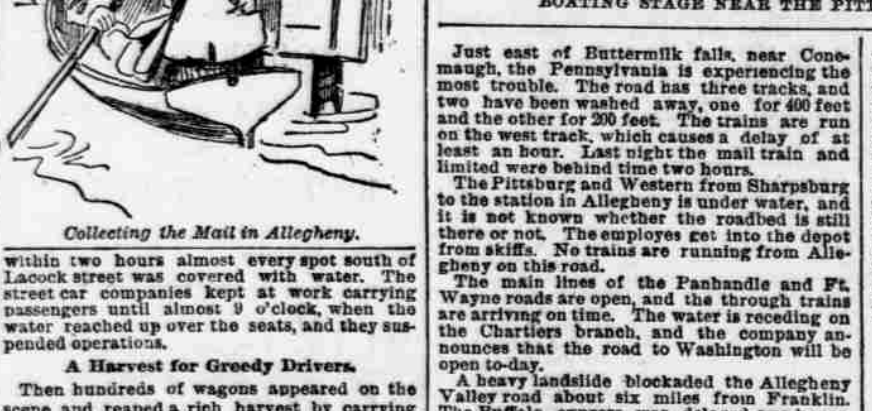
AQUATIC VIEW OF ROBINSON STREET, ALLEGHENY.



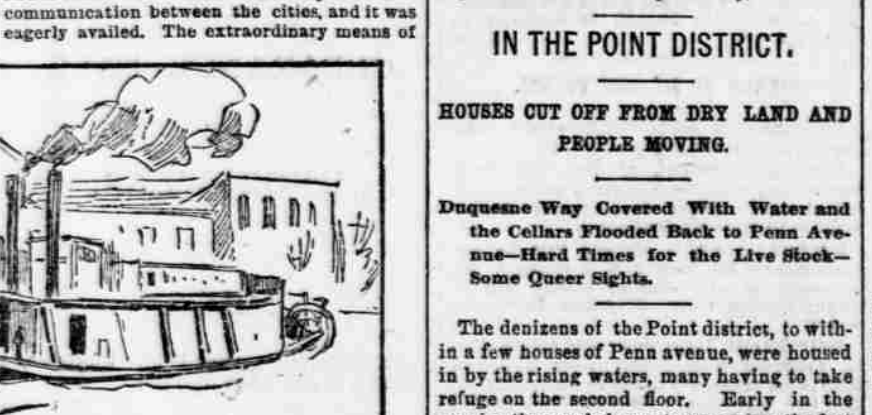
ROADS IN FAIR SHAPE.



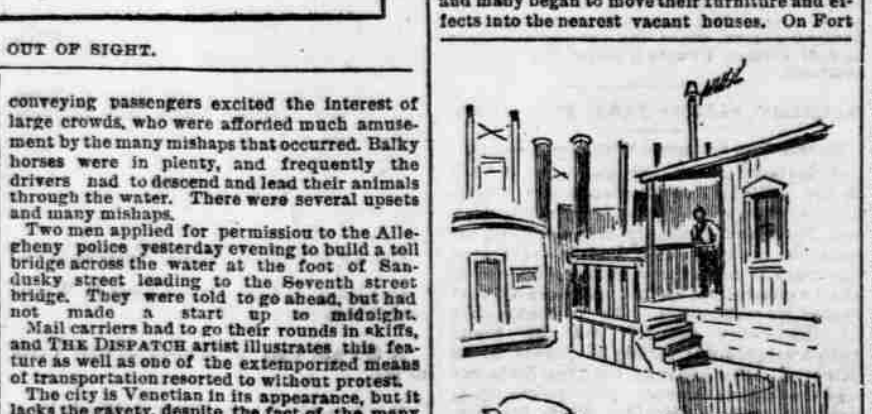
SLIDES ON THE B. & O. AND WASHOUTS ON THE PENNSYLVANIA.



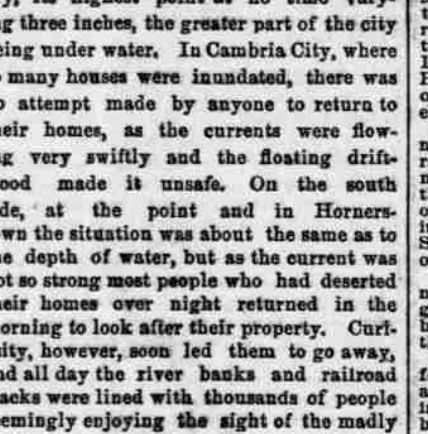
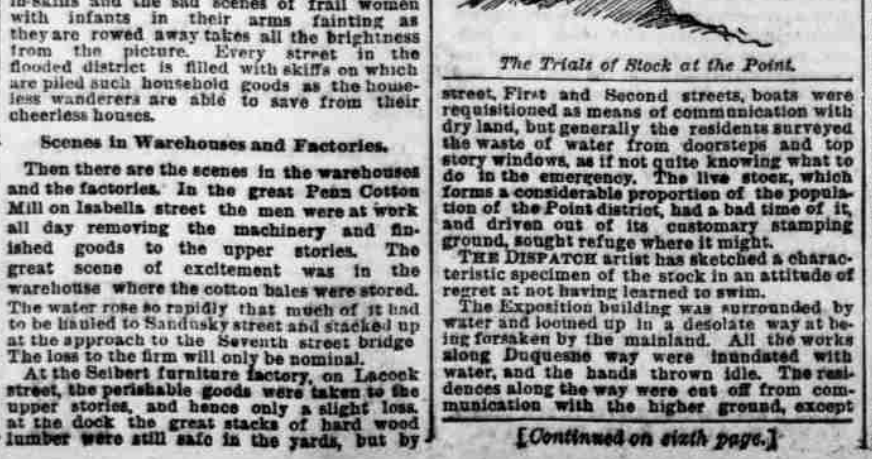
BOATING STAGE NEAR THE PITTSBURG AND WESTERN DEPOT.



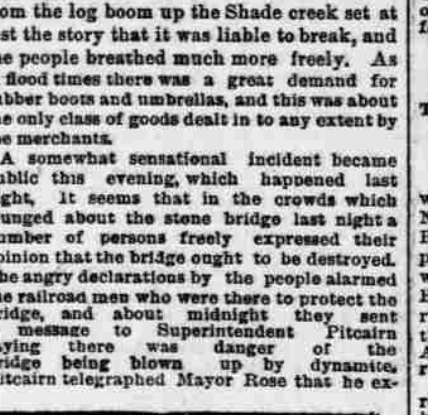
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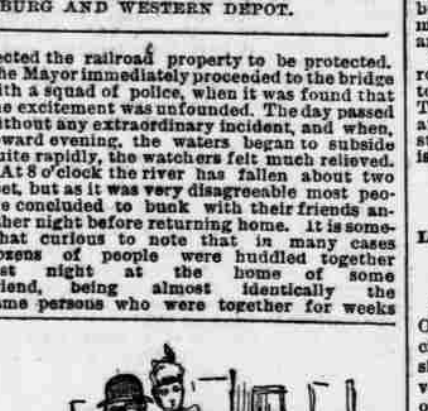
THE POINT DISTRICT.



DUQUENNE WAY COVERED WITH WATER AND THE CELLARS FLOODED BACK TO PENN AVENUE—HARD TIMES FOR THE LIVE STOCK—SOME QUARTER SIGHTS.



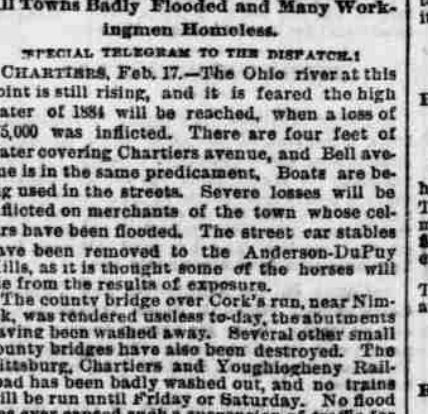
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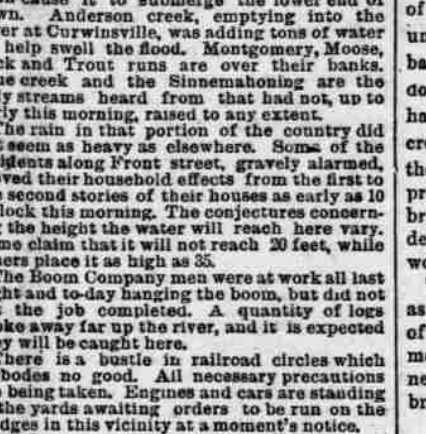
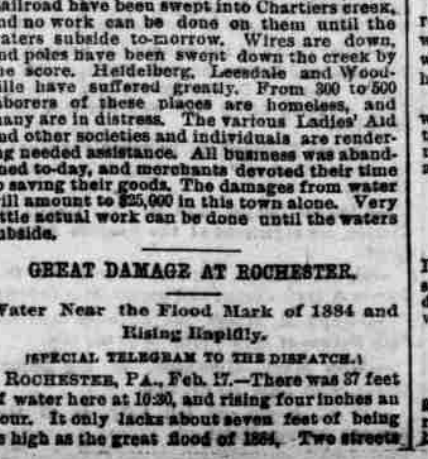
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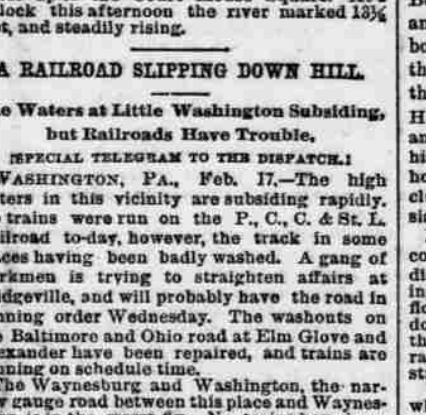
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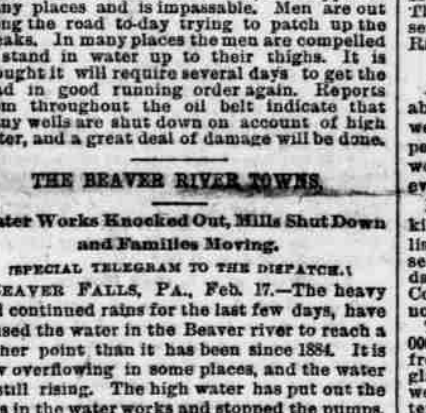
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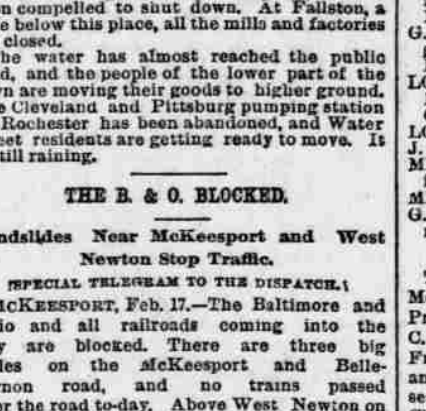
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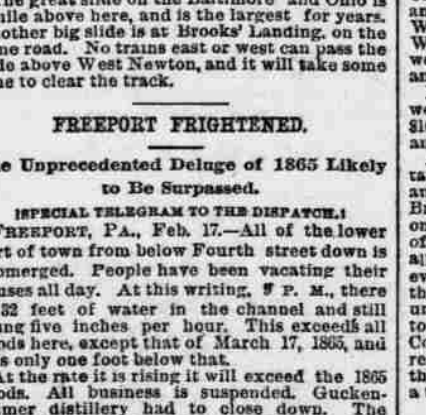
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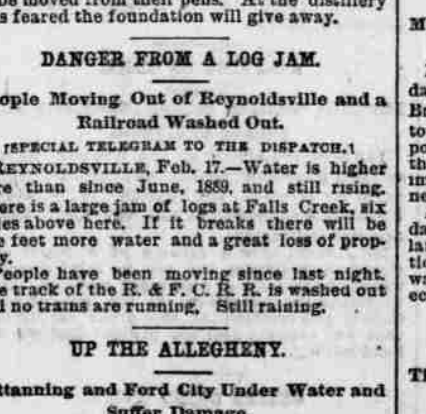
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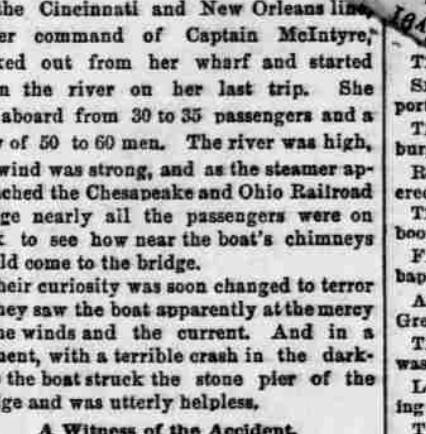
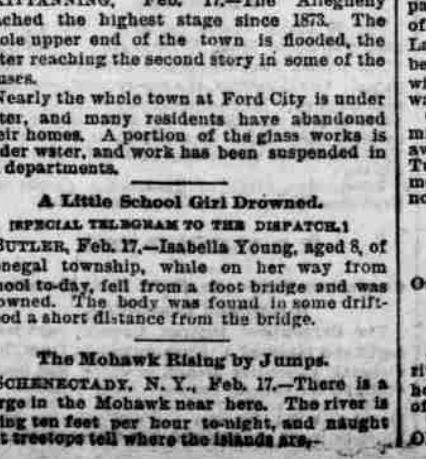
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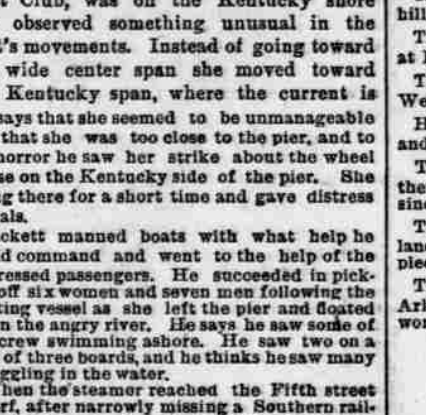
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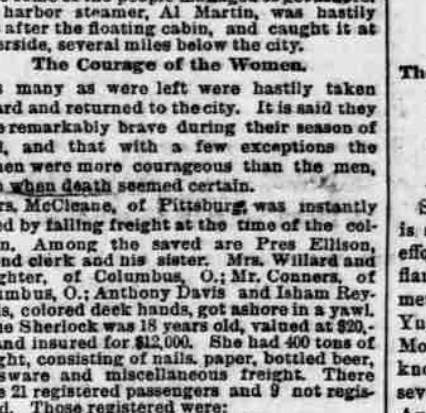
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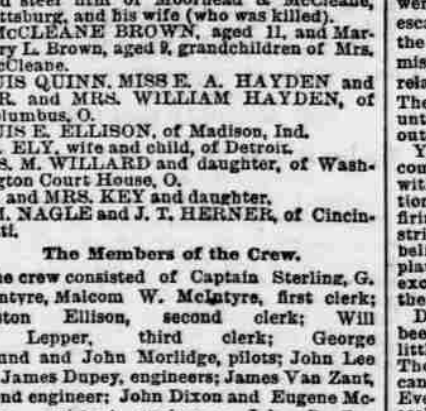
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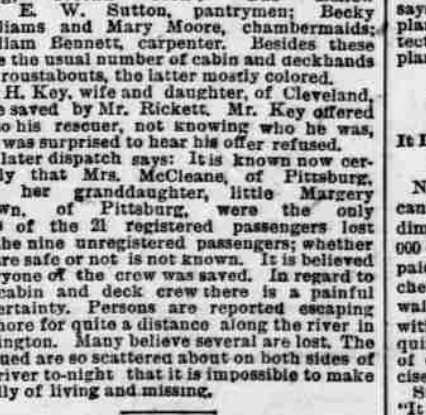
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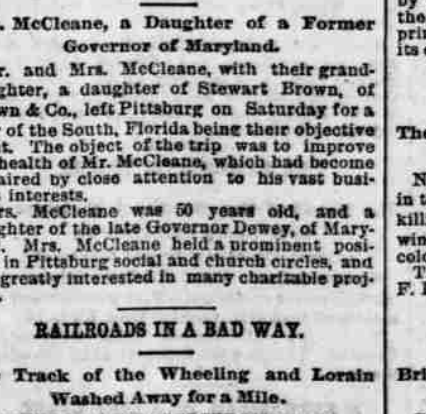
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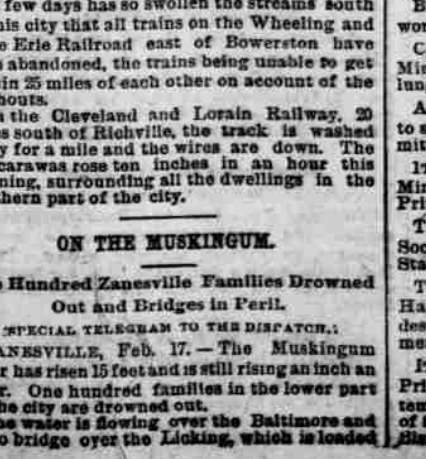
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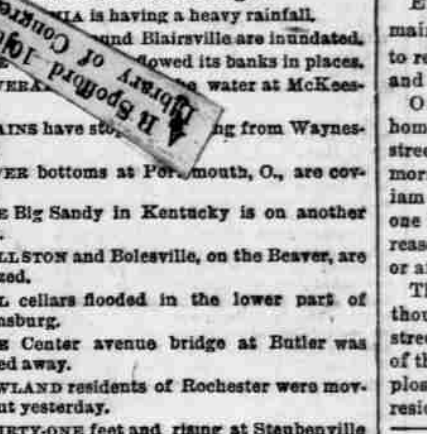
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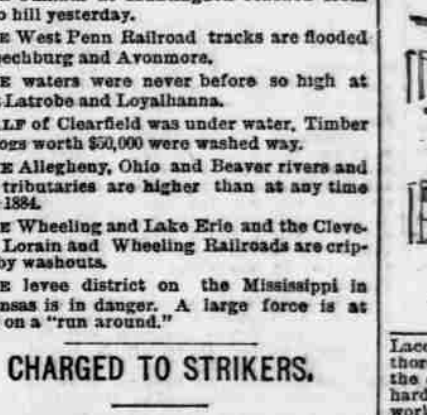
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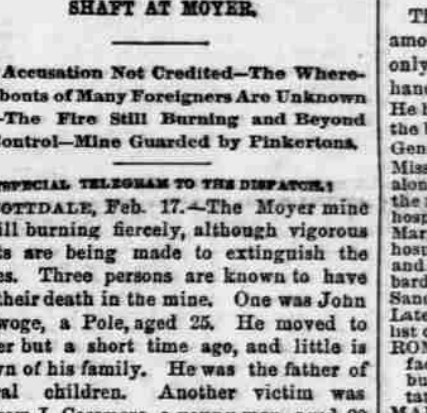
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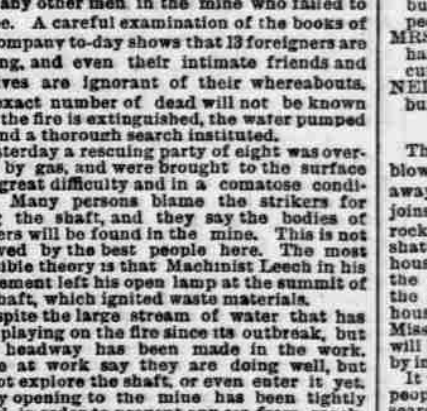
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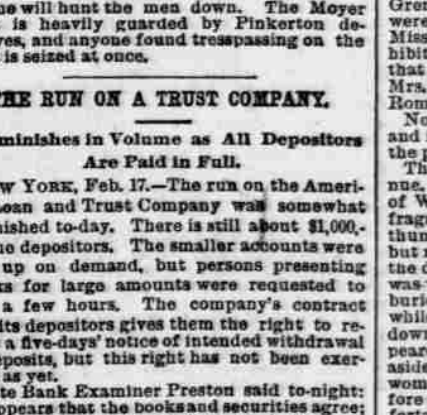
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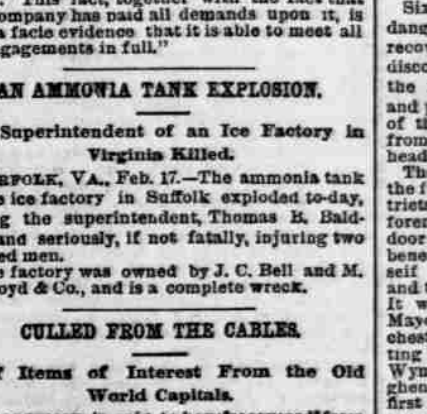
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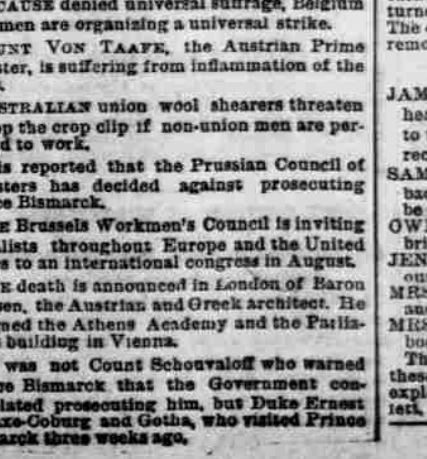
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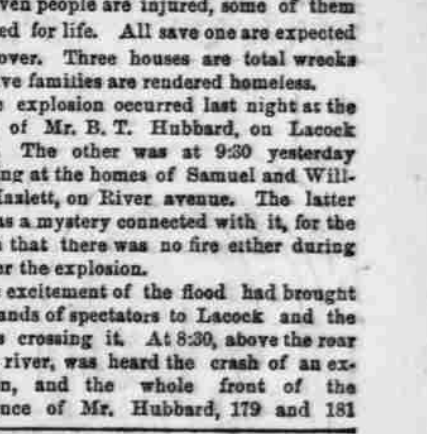
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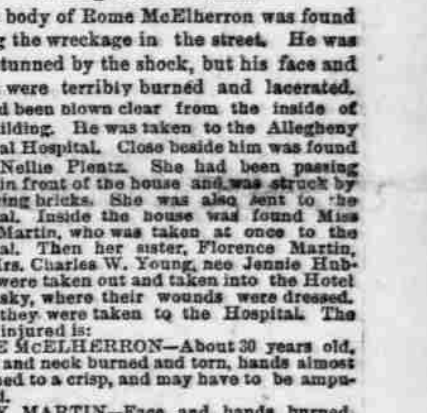
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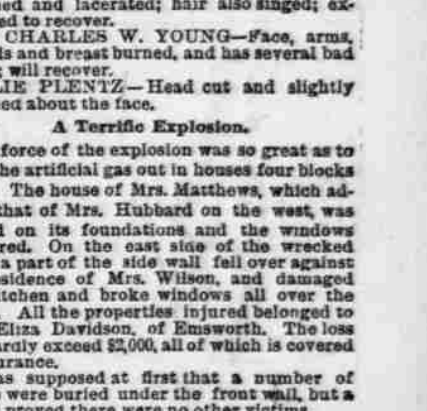
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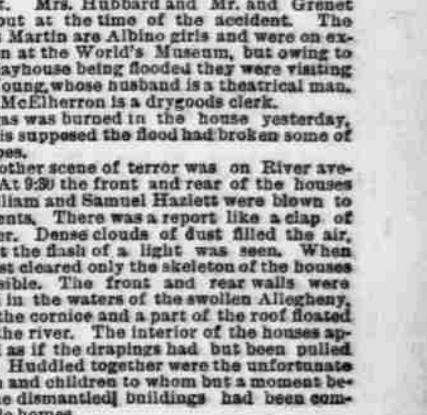
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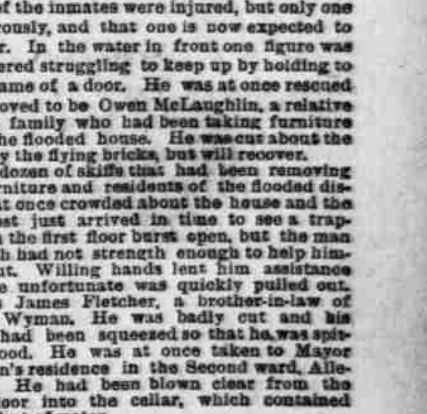
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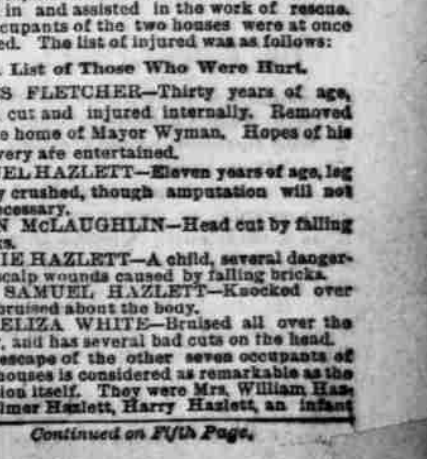
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