the streets and trying to get temporary

bridges ready. The Coroner will hold an inquest to-morrow and take testimony. The majority of the manufacturing establishments that were either partly or totally destroyed will be rebuilt at once, and this will give immediate reputit at once, and this will give immediate employment to a large number of men. Rice, Robinson & Forgan, refiners, have already given orders for considerable ma-terial, and will make their refinery more complete than before. Hon. J. P. Thomas owner of the International Refinery, will be here from St. Louis to-morrow, but the Secretary of the company, H. P. Bowald, says the works will be rebuilt. The Cressays the works will be rebuilt. The cres-cent Refinery is in complete ruins, and Mr. Schwartz has made no plans for the future.

Mistakes in the Identifications. A report was current to-night that a mistake had been made in reference to the identification of the remains of three of the Bingenheimer family. It is stated that three mem bers of the Whalon family have been buried in the Bingenheimer coffins. As the re-mains of the members of this family were charred beyond recognition it is thought that the authorities will not allow the grave to be opened.

Joseph Seep, who returned from the Con ference Committee at Oil City states that the Pittsburg and Philadelphia committees, after consultation with local committees of litusville and Oil City, decided to give Titusville 65 per cent of the reliet fund and

Oil City 35 per cent. The prompt action of the joint committee will save an immense amount of trouble in the future. The Relief Committee is providing for 800 destitute people, and the con-tributions of clothing that were received from Buffalo and Meadville to-day will very materially assist the ladies in their grand PETTIT.

#### WORK OF THE WOMEN.

#### The Relief Committee Aids Many of the Suffering-The Wealthy Turn Out En Masse to Contribute to the Welfare of the Devastated Community.

TITUSVILLE, June 8 .- [Special.]-The work of the Women's Relief Committee reveals the full horrors of the destitution, misery and suffering at the flats. There is no attempt to systematize the plan of relief. All that is required is appeal for help. These hardy Pennsylvania working people are averse to making known their poverty and this adds another hill of difficulty to the many which the philanthropic and over-worked committee are climbing. The relief headquarters are in Old City Hall.

This evening it was filled with anxious mothers with their families. In the center of each little weeping group was to be found a listener with ready cars and pencil, and none went away that did not carry more than their arms could comfortably hold, and, had they desired it, they could have returned for more. Titusville has not waited for help from abroad. It was a curious sight to see the carriages of wealthy men driving through the flats loaded with the novel burden of tubs, brooms, buckets and potatoes.

The ruined district is practically aban-doned to the clearing laborers, the sightseers and a few women who wander dis-consolately around the scenes of their fromer home-happiness, telling each other how lovely were the little houses with which they had surrounded themselves. The moment a member of the Relief Committee Two hundred men with their axes, picks appeared she was seized and perforce had to climb stairs up and down. Here had been a cozy parlor, there a completely ap-pointed kitchen or a newly built addition. the day cleaning away the rubbish and zealof their labor is at times grim and ghastly The people seem in a half childish state. and show more relish for a kind word or a touch of the hand than for a well-stocked touching. Here and there is picked up a market basket. Mrs. Cadwallader, prominent in the Re-

lief Committee, said to-day that money was the most pressing need. Contributions offered for clothing have been pouring in. Every wardrobe was robbed of its abundance, every larder of its plenty. In the first confusion everyone premeditated the formation of a chief committee so that at irst there were a dozen or so committees working unwittingly at cross purposes. splintered debris still floats down from the They have all coalesced to-day and affairs scenes of disaster above the city. Sightare in spick-span shape.

From Meadville came a carload of pro-lofty eminences about the city and view

water to release a mighty wave at its burst FIRES, It is pretty well established that at about 10 o'clock on Saturday evening there was a cloudburst a half mile above the dam. This, with the increased volume of water pouring in from the bulging streams that empty into the basin, caused the water to fight furiously The Lowering Heavens Open the basin, caused the water to fight furiously for an exit from the basin. The dam was swept away, but that was only an incident. As this water descended it found relief by spreading over the level on which Titus-ville is built. There was no huge wave; there was simply a rapid rise in the creek that changed it into a river, and made its waves sap the foundations of benzine tanks, ordinarily high and dry. The White Mist on the Benzine. It is the general belief, established by ex-perience in this oil region, that benzine will not explode in the open air. The testimony Their Portals and Rain Quenches the Flames. BUSINESS HAS RESUMED And Merchants Give Freely to the not explode in the open air. The testimony is that the whole surface of the valley, after Needy Poor and Destitute. the benzine tanks had discharged their con-tents, was overlaid with a thick white mist ACTIVITY PREVAILS IN OIL CITY.

Theories That the Fire Had Several Simultaneous Origins.

SIMPLY & PAPID RISE OF THE WATERS It has been shown clearly that none of the fiery water from Titusville reached Oil

## FROM & STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

OIL CITY, June 8.-The lowering heavens opened their portals this evening and rain poured down in deluges, beating out the fires that have been steadily burning for the last 72 hours. The sadness of death still hangs heavily over the citizens, and the bustling activity that usually marks this enterprising place is conspicuous by its absence. The business houses were opened

As a further proof that no tidal wave passed down the Oil Creek Valley, it will be recalled that the Oil City disaster was at 11:40 o'clock in the morning, while the Titusville disaster was at midnight. As again to-day, and many instances of private the two places are only 18 miles distant, philantropy were enacted by merchants | and as the creek was running at a mill-race



pace, the tidal wave, had there been one, would have reached Oil City hours before who gave gratuitously of their stores to the the time of the explosion. Over the creek in the devastated districts

LOSSES, TWO MILLIONS.

City. The benzine and oil discharged from the Titusville tanks burned itself out near

Titusville. The fire at Oil City, although of exactly the same character and arising

from similar causes, was an independent

#### and shovels have been working throughout What a Ride in the Rain to Ronseville Re vealed-The Creek Made a Clean Sweep ously searching for the dead. The reward Through the Town, but No Lives Were

OIL CITY, June 8.-[Special.]-Rain fallng straight from the heavens envelops this place to-night with a veil of gloom, and the valley of Oil creek is covered by the same storm of the elements. This afternoon, in a ride to Rouseville, rain poured down concertain extent and view with the indiffertinuously and swelled Oil creek a half more than its normal size. It banks are full of rubbish which is being swept down by the

noon: "The destruction up the creek is

eneral Wiley said this after

The creek and river is rapidly falling, current. Rouseville, once a growing, prosperous town, is now desolate. No lives were lost, but the individual losses will excel those of Oil City in comparison to the size of the town. The creek made a clean sweep through it. General Wiles said this afterand upon the lusty current of the former splintered debris still floats down from the seers of all classes stand upon the many

WIFE'S SAD VIGIL At the Ruins of Her Former Home She Awaits the Coming of HER HUSBAND, LOST IN THE FLOOD. Rudolph Blankenburg Tells of What He

PITTSBURG DISPATCH

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raw in the Oil Regions.

THE MAYOR CALLS FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

Rudolph Blankenburg and Robert S. Mc-Wade, the sub-committee of the Philadelphia Relief Committee, returned to Pittstents, was overlaid with a thick white mist not more than three feet high. It is prob-able that the soggy, water-soaked air would not permit the gas from the benzine to rise, but held it in a mass, packd as though in-closed by the iron walls of tanks, and when the long, white, slowly rising fumes from this wite the solution of the solution of the solution. burg from Titusville and Oil City at 6 o'clock last night. At 8:10 they left for Philadelphia. Both the Philadelphia gentlemen were greatly impressed with what they had seen in the stricken districts. Both had been to Johnstown in the calamity of 1889, and both are familiar with the wreeks of flood and fire. this mist touched a hot surface, a bed of coals for instance, there was an explosion that shook the valley and stopped nearly every clock in the town.

"I have seen enough misery and distress to-day to last me a life time," Rudolph Blankenburg said. "Graphic as are the correspondents, their flowing words fairly afire with correctness, leave the melancholy picture incomplete. The desolation at Titusville is greater than at OH City, alhough the Oil City wreck is complete. The distress there is wide-spread. Hundreds of women and children are suffering for the necessaries of life. Numbed and dulled by their overwhelming misfortune, they seem unable to the sad story of their tell woes. The dead and dying seem to them as interesting pictures and the unhappy living, pricked to the marrow by their own suffering, are oblivious to the misery of

their fellows and even yet they do not appreciate the enormity of the calamity that has overtaken them.

Women Faralyzed With Grief.

"At Oil City to-day, I saw women wearing the weeds of widows wandering aimlessly through the ruined section of that city. They seemed to be going no-where in particular. Their blanched faces, expressionless as marble, told in a mutely eloquent way the suffering that was consuming them. I attempted to talk with some of those unhappy women, but I could get from them no information. Their eyes, from which no tears had drained, were burning in their sockets and all seemed paralyzed with grief.

band, in his efforts to save his family, had perished, and his remains have not yet been found. With her little boy, probably 4 years old, this woman sat looking into the ruins. Upon her knee she held her little son. When I approached her she was humming incoherently some childish lullaby. She showed no evidence of weeping. She seemed to look longingly into space like a frightened doe. While she caressed her little one her little body swaved back and forth in constant time with her doleful song. I had to speak to her twice before she noticed me. Then she

said she was waiting for her husband. From a workman nearby I learned that her husband had had been lost in the flood. The expression of that poor woman's face seems to be standing out before me now. It was intensely painful. It was distressingly sad."

Conference at the Union D-pot. Before leaving for Philadelphia last night he Philadelphia Committee met with the Pitisburg Committee at Superintendent

Pitcairn's office at the Union Station. It in Treasurer Thompson's Hands. was decided upon the suggeston of the Oil The contributions to the relief of the suf-City and Titusville Committees to distribute erers in the oil country have re

draw on Treasurer Macierron for \$1,200, and to Oil City, giving the Mayor the right to draw for \$1,000. Word was received from Oil City acknowledging the \$1,000 wired Tuesday night. Titusville has not yet esponded. There was a mistake in the afternoon papers the committee desire corrected. J. P. Ober was credited with having given \$1. His subscription was \$100. Active preparations are being made for the concert to-morrow evening at Carnegie Hall for the benefit of the sufferers and its success is now assured. A. Koenig, G. Eisenbeis and U. Baird form the arrangefrom Mr. Eisenbeis, 113 Federal and South Dia-mond. The subscriptions yesterday were:

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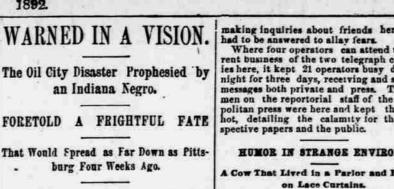
Enterprise Savings Bank, \$25; W. J. Jamison, 10; W. W. Davis, \$5; W. Beckfield, \$5; Cash N. H. Marti, & H. Decknell, & S. Ann, N. Sternell, S. C. Mandall, Sto. P. Andriesson, St. Utillis Baird, Sto. Komitz Bros., Sto. W. Manhall, Stö. Dr. J. H. Wright, Sto. Ross, Sto. W. Manhall, Stö. Crain, Sto. Troy Hill Mannerohor, Stö. Cash, St. Tory Hill Mannerohor, Stö. Cash, St. Voegity, \$100; D. Latz & Son, \$100; J. C. Lappe & Son, \$100; Henry Lenz, \$100; Martin Lappe, Stö. P. J. Heinz Commany, \$100; Martin Lappe, Stö. P. J. Der & Bros. Brewing Company, 255; H. J. Heinz Commany, \$100; Henry Lenz, \$100; Martin Lappe, Stö. Co., \$20; Henry Gerwig, \$10, J. Groetz & Bros. Martin Lappe, Sto. Co., \$20; Henry Gerwig, \$10, J. Groetz Bros. Sto. Stormary, \$100; H. W. Ahlers & Co., \$25; Theodore Heuskin, \$2; A. Groetzinger & Son, \$30; Frank Saunders, Armstrong county, \$10; William Kennewig, \$1; William Wettach & Co., \$25; Thompson, \$10; Strasberger & Joseph, \$25; J. Boolyer, \$25; A. Loch, \$20; cash, \$1; C. H. Kalbfell, \$1; Donglass & Mackin, \$50; D. S. Thompson, \$10; Strasberger & Joseph, \$25; Thomas Kenyon, \$5; cash, \$1; Munden & Addy, \$5; B. Verman, \$5; cohn Lunoto, \$1; B. G. Dash, \$1; M. Josenbuns, \$5; cash, \$2; Thos. Brown, \$2; E. J. Linnekin, \$1; A. Andriessen, \$20; S. Ritchie, \$2; S. Reizenstein, \$20; Mrs. E. Moss, \$1; George C. Johnston, \$10; R. & J. H. Elton, \$10; C. Gilleland, 50c; J. C. Hoimes, 50c; W. C. Elliott, 50c; H. R. Sterheim, 50c; W. Bader, \$5; John H. Bern, \$5; Ohn Doliman, \$2; Mr. Bernein, \$5; C. Mardes \$5; Charles Enlers, \$5; W. Bader, \$5; John H. Bern, \$5; John Ohnein, \$2; Mr. Bernein, \$50; Cash, \$1; William Costello, 50c; A. Sterhein, \$5; F. W. Bader, \$5; John H. Bern, \$5; Cash, \$1; William Kostello, \$10; B. Johnes, \$2; Mr. Bernein, \$5; P. K. Bader, \$5; John H. Bern, \$5; John Ohnein, \$2; Mr. Bernein, \$5; P. K. Bader, \$5; John H. Bernein, \$5; P. K. Bader, \$5; John H. Bernein, \$5; P. K. Bader, \$5; John H. Bernein, \$5; P. K. Bader, \$5; John J. H. Bernei, \$5; P. K. Bader, \$5; John P. Bernein, \$5; P. H. Jekerney, \$10; C. Gilleand, 50c; Johnein, \$2; Mr. Bernein, \$5; P. H. Jekerney, \$2; John P

The total collections made in Alleghenv

are about \$5,200. The committee will meet again this evening. THE GENERAL FUND.

It Has Been Swelled to \$13,354 25 and Is

vandalism.



SUPPOSED RAVINGS OF A CRAZY MAN

1892.

A special telegram from Anderson, Ind. to the DISPATCH received last night says: One night fully four weeks ago William Stoner, of this city, an intensely religious man, was found walking the streets at midaight preaching lustily and warning the people against the vengeance of the Almighty. He claimed that had had a fearful vision he and that he had been delegated to warn the people of a trightful fate that would begin in the oil regions of Pennsylvania and spread to Pittsburg. Fire and flood would literally wipe out the cities and the destruc-tion would be more complete than the

Johnstown disaster. Notwithstanding the unseemly hour the speaker had attracted a number of people about him, for his far-reaching voice had aroused mearly every sleeper in the neigh-borhood. It was taken for granted by per-sons on the ground that the man was simply crazy, and the officer held to the same belief, when he escorted Stoner to jail and locked him behind the bars. But the colored man insisted from the outset he story. was not insane, and protested against the action of the officer who broke up the meet-

ing. He claimed that he had received a revelation to the effect that Pittsburg was to be destroyed by flood and fire and had been destroyed by flood and fire and had been sent out to warn the people of their im-pending fate. It was on Sunday night that Stoner was arrested. He had attended church that day, both morning and evening, and seemed to take especial interest in the de-votions. After returning home from the arrest day attended the manual is the house Carpets, Curtains, evening service the man put in the hours until bed time reading the Bible and sing-ing hymns. Nothing more was thought of the occurrence until the fearful news from the oil regions came to hand and the proph-ecy was remembered and is the sole topic of We begin taking stock on July 1. To lessen the labors of that occasion we will conversation. offer special inducements to buyers in every department during the entire month of

# TRAMPS IN LARGE SQUADS.

Our big stock of Remnants went out in a hurry, but we are making more every day. They Arrive on the Trains and Terroriz and will continue to sell them at ONE-THIRD their actual value. the People of Oil City-Secret Order Given to the Military-A Private Patrol Moquette Carpets, 15 to 40 yards long, at

to Be Organized for Protection. OIL CITY, June 8 .- [Special ]-Mayor Hunt issued a secret order yesterday aftersoon to the military now on duty here to double the guard in the Third ward and place patrols in all parts of the city. Last night the most prominent citizens discussed the advisability of formulating a citizens' patrol and the latter will probably be done the first thing to-morrow morning. The people about the city are considerably agitated and many of them have armed themselves and the locks upon the doors of private dwellings have been made doubly ecure.

The cause of this state of affairs is the ar-rival of a great number of tramps and other hard characters. One freight train alone brought into the city this evening a body of vagrants numbering 32 men. They dis-mounted from between freight cars and cattle cars and other places of concealment about the train, and scattered over the arisabout the train, and scattered over the aris-tocratic Southside. The police are trying to dispel the people's fears by giving out the assurance that the vagrants have simply come here for the purpose of imposing upon the reliet committees, but it is very evident from the stern order to arrest every person who fails to give a good account of himself that the officials apprehend much work of vandalism.

bridges are doubly

making inquiries about friends here, and had to be answered to allay fears. Where four operators can attend to cur-rent business of the two telegraph compan-ies here, it kept 21 operators busy day and night for three days, receiving and sending messages both private and press. The best men on the reportorial staff of the metro-politan press were here and kept the wires hot, detailing the calamity for their re-spective papers and the public. The Leading Pittsburg, Pa., Dry Goods House. Wednesday, June 9, 1892. HUNCE IN STRANGE ENVIRONS. Cow That Lived in a Parlor and Feasted

OIL CITY, June 8 .- [Special.]-Even a lood had a ludicrous side to its element of horror, and amid all the crying there is still Parasols! comething to laugh at. The story was something to laugh at. The story was told at the relief headquarters to-day. When the flood reached Me-chanic street a family named Leiplin made for the second floor, and were then rescued. Mrs. Leiplin is a large woman, weighing nearly 300 pounds, and was with difficulty taken through a small window. For several days the house was not visited, and when it was the family cow from an ad-joining outhouse was found to have been carried by the current through the kitchen door into the parlor, where it stood in three loor into the parlor, where it stood in three feet of water.

In the exigencies of the circumstances the cow had become conscious of the pos-session of a taste for window curtains. The UNPARALLELED BARGAINS lace was rapidly disappearing down its mouth. Mrs. Leiplin owes her name to her marriage and not to her birth, for she a good-natured, witty Irish woman. In her PLAIN, FANCY AND MOURNING broad lingo she exclaimed: "I've heard of pigs in clover and pigs in the parlor, but this is the first time I have met a cow that PARASOLS. lived in a parlor and ate lace." Mrs. Leip lin was waiting for relief when she told the

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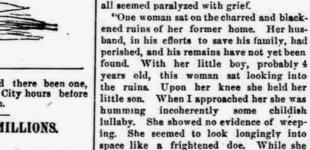
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dividual contributions from Oil City people. The distress is all gradually being grasped in an adequate manner. All the suffering entailed, though, can never be scribed scenes in tones of little above a whisper.

## GIVING UP THE DEAD.

## A Burned Body Taken From the Allegheny River Near Kennerdel.

FRANKLIN, June 8 .- [Special ]-The Allegbeny river is slowly giving up its dead. The body of a man was taken from the river near Kennerdell, five miles below this city, to-day. There is no means of ascertaining his name. The little finger on his left hand is missing. He was evidently a laboring man, and was burned about the head and hands, showing that he is un-doubtedly a victim of the disaster.

The work of searching for the dead among fewer in number to-day, but were none the the debris which lines either side of the less impressive on that account. funeral of Edith Freeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Freeman, occurred this river is being kept up, and more bodies will probably be found. Franklin sent \$2,000 in to the Chairman of the Relief Committee at Oll City last evening and other contribunoon. tions are following it.

## CHANGED THE CREEK'S CHANNEL

## Fifty Feet of the Cliffs Washed Away by

the Rush of Waters, TITUSVILLE, June 8 .- The mighty rush of waters has actually changed the channel of the creek so that one of the refineries, classes of life suffered, the human, animal, which was situated 200 feet from the bank of the creek, is now in the center of the new channel and a number of dwelling houses which were high on the bank 50 feet from the creek are now on the very edge of the creek because the 50 feet in front of them has been washed away completly. Scores of men and teams are kept busy to

clear a passage through the streets, which are filled with pieces of houses and all kinds of iron and timbers.

#### BISMARCK HONORED HIM.

## Funeral of One to Whom the Prince Once Sent a Brass Cannon.

TITUSVILLE, June 8 .- To-day the funeral flood, and his wife and child took place. Mr. marck sent a brass cannon taken from the French in 1871, for the purpose of being cast into a church bell in Titusville.

This was in return for the generous contributions of the citizens of Titusville to the Sanitary Commission of the German BIDY.

## LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

## The Mayor Requested to Retain the Guard Until After Sunday.

OIL CITY, June 8.-[Special.]-At tonight's meeting the Mayor was requested to keep the guard on duty here until after and vandals that have invaded Oil City. The Relief Committee was asked by the Board of Health to aid in clearing away the

rubbish. This was the most important busi-ness transacted to night. The total of the relief fund has been increased to \$47,000.

## SIXIY-ONE ARE MISSING.

#### Seven Are Added to the Fast-Growing List of Titusville Victims,

TITUSVILLE, June 8.-[Special.]-The following is the authentic list of the missing, which swells the total number to 61: Mrs. Newton Omora, three Whalen children, two Engelsky children, the Ormer boy. Doubtless there are many more of whom no knowledge can be obtained, and only time will swell the list. closed together to form a basin behind. This dam made a broad, shallow pool in the basin, but could scarcely shut in enough

with wonder the desolated region The scenes about the undertaking establishments are unchanged. Frantic mothers, grieving fathers, loving wives and tentold to the public. In the headquarters to-day the women repeated stories and decasionally an identification takes place and is followed by scenes of wildest grief.

needful ones.

the scene has been transformed from a spec

tacle of desolation to a scene of activity.

remnant of baby clothing, a half con-

sumed Bible, a blistered photograph and oc-

casionally a crumbling bone from some con-

sumed body. The laborers are stoical to a

Debris Still Floats Downward,

ence of familiarity the awful sights.

About 7 o'clock a woman of some 45 years of age rushed into the undertaking rooms of Paul & Bro. and fell in ,a faint before she reached the charred remains of a young man just brought in. Upon being revived she viewed the corpse, and, failing to recognize the one she sought, burst into tears of bitter disappointment, and was led away with her form shaking with sobs.

Funeral Corteges on the Streets,



ACME REFINERY, TITUSVILLE. ten times that which has been reported here.

Thirty-Five to Oil City-Meeting of Rep-

resentative Citizens of Several Inter-

OIL CITY, June 8.-[Special.]-Repre

The times that which has been reported here. Titusville lost more in an hour than Oil City did in a day. The heaviest losses in Oil City were by the large manafacturers, while those in Titusville were all by small capitalists who could not afford to be losers of what they have now sustained." morning and Mrs. Jolie Hawke's this after-The destruction to animal life heretofore almost unnoticed has been summed up by There is nothing to be written except the the Board of Health with the result of 150 cats, 75 dogs, nine horses, six cows and many goats. The banks of the river where the water overflowed have many bodies of personal experiences of the people who were in the flood and the losses of the victims. The former will fill volumes and the latter, when fully compiled, will aggregate at least

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dead small animals such as rats, mice, cats, etc., and many dead fish are also found in \$2,000,000. RELIEF MONEY APPORTIONED. historical and vegetable, as well as mineral and earthly things. The dual elements had their ghastly run and everything suffered. Sixty-Five Per Cent to Go to Titusville and

ested Cities

## THEORIES ABOUT THE FIRE.

Several Common Origins Found by a Close Investigation of the Facts-How the Creek Was Suddenly Changed Into a Mighty Rushing River.

OIL CITY, June 8.-[Special.]-Although three days have passed no exact and coher-

ent account of what occurred has yet appcared. The people will tell you that they were standing on the bridge over Oil creek, of Fred Leures, one of the victims of the | that they were watching its waters rising and groaning and hissing in their endeavor Leures was the one to whom Prince Bis. to push through the narrow space between the steep hills, that all at once these waters spread out to whirl around the cottages of the laboring men in that low lying district. Then some will say that a flash shot from the locomotive on the bridge, that the thin, white mist hanging low over the water burst into a blaze, and that a roar like the

discharge of a hundred cannon pushed up against the sky. A huge cloud of smoke came, and then everything was on fire, and that there were terrible cries and tramplings and prayers and curses. Others will tell it differently, but all

agree that the valley was changed in a twinkling from a waste of roaring water to a sheet of fire, laden with odors and shrieks, Sunday night, in view of the many tramps and vandals that have invaded Oil City. Since the flood of fire and water every-

inquiry into causes has been made. It was said that the Spartansburg dam burst, and there the matter rested. Your correspond-ent is convinced that the bursting of this dam had little to do with the flood.

Wayes Sapped the Benzine Tanks. It will be remembered that the rain had been falling all of Saturday afternoon, and

that with the night the downpour drove every living thing within doors. Then Oil creek rose and overspread the low-lying district of Titusville. Now, the Spartans-burg dam was a low, weakly-built obstruetion across the path of the Oil creek, seven miles above Titusville, where the hills

Philadelphia people. A Conference Com-mittee was appointed composed of two representatives from each of the afflicted cities. The committee will receive reports similar to those to be sent to Philadelphia expended. thing has been so confused that no definite

and Pittsburg of the money received and

CHICAGO WILL RESPOND.

Mayor Washburne Will Return a Compliment After 21 Years. TITUSVILLE, June 8 -- Mayor Washburne

Mr. Blankenburg complimented Oil City

has wired our Mayor that Chicago will do its part in this hour of our calamity, as

Titusville did in 1871, when Chicago called on the world for assistance, and Titusville responded with \$15,000 in cash and a trainresponded with \$15,000 in cash and a train-load of provisions, etc. The generous people and places are be-ginning to send in their contributions to the Finance Committee or the Mayor direct. By far the largest single contribution so far's from the Standard Oil Company, namely, \$25,000, which is to be applied to Thusville and Oil City and immediate

\$13,354 25. Those turned into Treasurer Thompson vesterday were as follows:

the relief fund in the proportion of \$65 to Titusville and \$35 to Oil City. On this basis Treasurer Thompson will, this morn-ing, send to the stricken cities \$10,000 which has already been placed in his hands. The McConway & Torley Company, \$200 iemans, Sleeth & Black, \$150; W. H. Hamil-At the meeting it was decided that the Mayors of Pittsburg, Allegheny and Phila-delphia will at once issue calls for addi-tional funds. In accordance with this arton & Co., \$100; A. Dempster, \$100; Standard Manufacturing Company, \$100: Hotel Ander-son, \$100: Campbell & Dick, \$50: Hon. J. H. Reed, \$50; Wilson Snyder Manufacturing Company, \$50; James P. Haines & Son, \$50; rangement, Mayor Gourley last night ssued the following to the citzens of Pitts-F. H. Lloyd, \$50; Wolf, Lane & Co., \$50; Scott McLain, \$25; Joseph Eichbaum \$25; James S.

burg: The Pittsburg Relief Committee visited the Union station this evening for the pur-pose of meeting our sub-committee, Captain J. J. Vandegrift, John Eaton and George Hurd, who were accompanied by Mr. Ra-dolph Blankenberg and Mr. Robert Mc Wade, of Philadelphia, on their return of their tour of inspection at Titusville and vicinity. On their arrival the Pittsburg committee and these gentlemen held a meeting in the office of Mr. Robert Pitcairn, of the Pennsyl-vania Railroad, in order that we might re-ceive from them a report of the situation. These gentlemen reported that Titusville has a Relief Committee composed of the best men of the city, as is the case in Oil City. men of the city, as is the case in Oil City. - Agreed Upon the Division.

At a joint meeting of the committees of Titusville and Oil City, at which our sub-committee and the Philadelphia committee were present, it was unanimously agreed that all money collected, or to be collected for the sufferers should be divided between the two cities, 65 per cent being paid to

the two cities, 65 per cent being paid to Titnsville and 35 per cent to Oil City. This basis is entirely satisfactory to the commit-tee of each city. It was also unanimously agreed that the Oil City commit-tree should take charge of all the sufferers in the territory of Oil City and up t and including Petroleum Center; that the 'Itusville committee should take charge of all the suffers in the territory above that point. Our committee directed the treaspoint. Our committee directed the treas-urer of our funds, William R. Thompson, to forward to-morrow morning \$10,000, sending \$5,500 to the Relief Committee of Titusville and \$3,500 to the Relief Committee of Oil

The sub-committee of our committee that visited Titusville reports that in Oil City and vicinity there are about 650 people who must be cared for for some time to come; they report that in Titusville and vicinity there are not less than 750 or 800 persons that are in similar condition. In the judgment of Mr. Rudolph Blanken-berg and Mr. McWade, of Philadelphia, and Captain J. J. Vandergrift, Mr. Joun Eaton and Mr. George Hurd, of Pittsburg, a large amount of money will be necessary to meet the necessities of these stricken people. Our committee therefore urge upon the good people of our own city the propriety of send-ing their contributions promptly and liber-ally. Up to this morning's report they have received at Oil City \$83,000. All checks should be made to William R. Thompson, Treasurer, and sent to him at The sub-committee of our committee that sentatives of Oil City, Titusville, Philadelphia and Pittsburg met to-day in the Press Publishing Company, \$100; D. A. Car ter, \$10; M. J. Rothweiler, \$5. National Transit building to discuss

the proportious of relief to be ap-plied in the two suffering cities. Cap-tain J. J. Vandergrift occupied the chair. Rudolph Blakenburg, of the State Relief Board, told touchingly of the affliction in both towns and drew a terse comparison of their needs. Mr. Seep, of Titusville, con-tinued in the same vein, and when he had

concluded Mr. Hukill, of Oil City, moved that 65 per cent of the fund be applied to Titusville and 35 to Oil City. The percent-age was to be reapportioned if the exigen-Chompson, Tressurer, and sent to him at fourth avenue and Wood street. A Victim of Fire and Flood, cies of the situation required it. In offer ing the resolution Mr. Hukill said he be-lieved he expressed the sentiments of the

The body of an unknown man was found

n the Allegheny river at Natrona yesterpeople of Oil City, and the other members of the Oil City committee supported him in that statement. day afternoon and from its appearance it is supposed to be one of the victims of the oil ntry flood. Both hands are burned and blistered, but it does not look as if it had for its beautiful spirit and said he should be proud to tell the generous offer to the een in the water many days.

Coroner McDowell sent word to 'Squire Drury to hold an inquest in the case and to get a complete description of the body and wearing apparel. Before burial, however, it will be brought to the city for the purse of possible identification.

## THE FUND IS GROWING.

Over \$2,000 Collected Testerday for the Oil Country sufferers-The Committee Industriously at Work-Arranging for the Benefit at Carnegie Bail To-Morrow Night

The Allegheny Relief Committee was a busy body yesterday, and all of the members worked hard securing aid for the sufferers in the oil region. Over \$2,000 was collected yesterday, and the prospects are that the committee will raise at least \$10,000 before they will be satisfied. A meeting was held in the Mayor's office last evening and the collectors gave in returns for their day's work. At the conclusion a felegram

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was sent to Titusville telling the Mayor to

every street corner in the business por ions of the city as well as at the quarter

streets, in the residence districts, are being patrolled by either police officers of soldiers. Captain C. F. Spencer, of Company D, Pennsylvania National Guard, says he has given explicit orders to his men, an as they could be depended upon at all times and have had good military training, there would be little opportunity for the tramps to commit any depredations. The little jail under the city hall & McLain, \$25; Joseph Eichhaum \$25; James S. McCord, \$20; J. P. Kelso, Burgettstown, \$10; W. J. Bender & Co., \$10; M. F. Hipple, \$10; Mrs, S. B. McLaughlin, \$2; J. B. Hvudman, \$5; James M. Bell, \$20; S. W. Black, \$25; A. C. F. \$20; Wm. A. Caldwell, \$25; cash, \$2; W. F. B, \$5; W. J. W., \$1; Arthur Stewart, 50 cents; T. M. B., \$150; H. Sampson, \$25; R. F., \$5; Oliver McClintock & Co., \$100; Curry & Metz-ers, \$50, Shoenberger & Co., \$500; cent \$50. has been crowded ever since last night and other people are being brought in with startling frequency. The guards are searching the alleys, and when anybody approaches bring their bayoneted muskets in most unpleasant proximity to the chest. Women are permitted to pass b) New Action of the second state se gar, \$50; Shoenberger & Co., \$250; cash, \$2; Bissei & Co., \$50; cash, \$10; Henry A. Porterunquestioned, but every man, whether dressed in r ch clothes or poor, is stopped and put through the rigid examination. Between the hours of midnight and 3 o'clock this morning 17 men were arrested and placed in the jail, and off and on additional arrests have been made. There is much trepidation felt among the more timid here and there. There has not been an un escorted woman upon the streets since the

fall of night.

THREE MORE BODIES FOUND.

Two Taken From the River and the Other From Among the Debris. OIL CITY, June 8.-[Special.]-Corone Snowden received a telegram to-night, about 9 o'clock, from the Allegheny Valley Railroad agent, Charles Refhner, at Natrons, bearing the information that the body of a young man had been taken from the river at that place at about 11:20 o'clock. A good gen-eral description was given of the corpse, and it is supposed to be the remains of Ben-jamin Terwilliger, making, if the supposition proves correct, the third dead member of the Terwilliger family. Coroner Snow

side Shawls at reduced figures. den wired the agent to forward the body to the city at once. This morning a badly burned body resem-bling the missing man, Frank Eakin, was

taken from the river at Kennerdell station and will be brought here to-morrow. At the ruins of the Seneca street bridge the missing body of John C. Hawke, whose wife and child have died from injuries re-OIL CITY, June 8.-[Special.]-The ghoul-good appearance standing upon one of the most prominent corners in the city with a

#### FOUR THOUSAND MESSAGES.

and a tress of singed dark hair, made him self prominently conspicuous as he proudly and laughingly displayed it to the horror-Twenty-One Operators Required to Attend to the Telegraph Business.

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stricken passersby. The man went about the street with his horrible trophy for a TITUSVILLE, June 8.-Among the 4,000 elegrams which have been received here while, and then getting a point of informa tion that he was being looked for by the the past three days there are about 150 police turned it over to another man and which the telegraph company has been unable to deliver, for the reason that the per-The second possessor was arrested shortly sons addressed cannot be found. About 50 atterward and was taken to the police cablegrams have been received from Europe,

station, where he was most rigidly cross-examined by Chief of Police Ray. He was finally liberated after receiving a severe scoring for his inhumanity, and the mem-bers of the dead body turned over to the undertakers, Paul & Bro., to await the finding of the body to which they belong.

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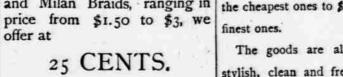
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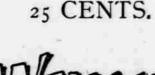
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