

TWO CENTS

## FLOOD AT PITTSBURG

### An Inundation That Has Caused Great Financial Loss and Discomfort in the Smoky City.

### LOSS NEARLY \$3,000,000

The Waters Near the Junction of the Allegheny and Monongahela Remain for Twelve Hours at a Point 28 Feet Above the Low Mark. Fifty Thousand Workers Are Suffering from Enforced Idleness. List of the Manufacturing Plants Flooded—Loss to Railroads.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Pittsburgh, April 21.—Pittsburg and Allegheny are slowly emerging from the murky flood. At 8 p. m. the rivers were receding nearly a foot an hour. The highest point reached at Davis Island dam was 25.8 feet at 3 a. m., which means 28 feet at the junction of the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers. The water remained stationary until about 3 p. m., when it began to fall. Conservative estimates of the total damage in this district is between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000. Fifty thousand workers are suffering from enforced idleness.

While there have been greater floods at this point, there was never one that caused so much financial loss and discomfort. This was due to the denser population caused by the recent rapid growth of the two cities and to the fact that all the manufacturing plants on the river banks were in active operation. Most of them worked night and day until the rising water put out the fires and drove the workers to higher grounds.

Among the plants flooded wholly or in part are the Grotzinger tannery, Valley tannery, Standard Ice company, Armstrong, McKelvy & Co., Lutz & Schram Pickling works, McGraw's tannery, Carlin Foundry and Machine company, Pittsburgh Provision company, Walker's Soap works, Crawford's Saw mill, Charles Nut works, Baker Manufacturing company, Peter Resick & Co., Hardsong Mfg. Co., Damasus Bronze company, Tower City Spring company, Eagle Paint and Varnish company, Morrison Davy Stone works, Hall Pump works, Seillon Asphalt and Paving company, pipe cutting department of the Pennsylvania Tube works, Jones & Laughlin, the National Tube works, the Elba Iron company, National Supply company, Keystone Smelting company, Glenshaw Glass company, Spang, Chalfant & Co., American Steel Hoop company, Columbia Bridge company, Superior Iron and Steel works, American Steel and Wire mills, Dilworth, Porter & Co., M. Myers & Co., Oliver Steel and Wire company, Berry & Co., Planning mill, McDonaway Torley Co., Sheffield Bridge works, H. K. Porter & Co.'s Locomotive works, Keystone Bridge works, Carnegie's upper and lower Union mills, Black Diamond Steel works, Pittsburgh Bridge works, Wayne Steel and Iron works, Carnegie's Sixty-second street furnace, Lacy furnaces, Crescent Steel works, Marshall Structural and Foundry company's works, Armstrong Coke company, A. & H. Hewitt company, Best Box factory, Schoenberger Steel works, Fort Pitt Foundry and Zinc's mill.

Loss to Railroads. The loss to the railroads entering Pittsburgh from flood, landslides, wrecked bridges, heavy snow and the interference with traffic is roughly estimated at \$1,000,000.

On the Fort Wayne the worst trouble was a snow blockade between Salem and Massillon, Ohio. This began Saturday morning and tied up the road for twenty-four hours. At 9 o'clock this morning one track was cleared and trains began moving. The same trouble kept the Cleveland trains of the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie late, five having been blocked at Windom, near Leavittsburg for twenty-four hours. The snowfall did not extend east of New Castle, but at Youngstown, Ohio, it was two feet deep and the drifts in the cut north of that city were up to the locomotive headlights. The wreck of an Erie train blocked the road, so that drifts from undisturbed water were two feet deep on the Lake Erie tracks at Saw Mill, but trains got through.

Big landslides occurred on the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie, the Baltimore and Ohio, at Soho, on the Pan Handle, on the South Side, the Bessemer at several points, and the Allegheny Valley near Franklin, Pa. The slide at Soho was one hundred and fifty feet long and it required fourteen hours work to clear one track. Through east-bound trains were loaded at Thirty-third street, passengers being transferred by street car.

At Soho, between Monaca and Alloups, the Lake Erie suffered its most serious landslide. One hundred feet of the west-bound track was carried fifty feet down the steep bank, the whole face of the bank slipping into the river. On the lines of the Pennsylvania and Baltimore and Ohio to Wheeling great damage is reported, and both lines were tied up for several hours. Five miles of the Pittsburgh, Bessemer and Lake Erie tracks were either under water or mud. The bank was continually sliding down on the tracks and a large force of men could not keep them clear. The damage to telegraph poles and lines along all the

## MYSTERIOUS SHOOTING.

### George F. Stover Found with a Bullet in His Head.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Philadelphia, April 21.—George F. Stover, aged 47 years, a cigarmaker, of 2310 Dauphin street, died in a hospital this morning from a bullet wound in the head, which he received in a mysterious manner. His 19-year-old daughter, Annie, is being held by the police as a witness, if not for a more serious reason.

When Stover was found last night by the police on a lounge in his dining room, it was supposed he had received a fracture of the skull, and it was not until after his removal to the hospital that it was found the wound was caused by a 22-caliber bullet which had lodged at the base of the brain. They immediately made an investigation and took the daughter into custody. She emphatically denies any connection with her father's death. She says her father was lying on the lounge when she went up stairs to prepare to receive company. Her mother had gone to a grocery store and her other sister was absent from the house. Upon Annie's return to the first floor she heard a sound in the yard and upon opening the door leading to the yard found her father lying on the ground unconscious. The young woman says she dragged her father's body to the lounge and ran for the police. This all took place before the mother's return. The police suspect the theory of suicide because they cannot find the revolver; neither do they believe that the man could have been shot by a stray bullet fired promiscuously by some one.

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## PLAGUE PRECAUTIONS.

### Recommendation Made by the Special Commission Which Investigated Conditions.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, D. C., April 21.—The surgeon general of the Marine hospital made public today the report of the commission appointed by the secretary of the treasury, consisting of Drs. Simon Flexner, G. Noy and L. P. Parker, for the independent investigation of the plague in San Francisco. The report is dated February 26 last, the investigation having begun two months previous.

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## REWARD WITHDRAWN.

### Father Mullin Besieged by Mountebanks, Clairvoyants and Fakirs of Every Sort.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, April 21.—The \$10,000 reward offered by the Rev. Father Mullin, of the Church of the Sacred Heart, Highbridge, for the return of the lost Willie McCormick to his parents and the arrest of his kidnapers was withdrawn by the priest today. Father Mullin said he had been compelled to take this action to escape a horde of mountebanks, clairvoyants, fakirs of every sort and cranks of all degrees who have besieged him since he posted the money.

"I have had no time whatever for the performance of my sacred duties since I offered the reward," said Father Mullin. "I have had letters from all over the country and there have awaited me daily scores of persons pretending to know something of the lost lad. I have withdrawn the reward temporarily as I have work that must be attended to. If there come any news of the boy within the next week that appears to give hope I will at once renew my offer and increase the amount to any sum that will produce the results—the capture of the kidnapers and the return of the boy."

## WASHOUT ON D. & H.

### One Hundred Feet of Track Washed Away Near Duane.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Schenectady, N. Y., April 21.—A serious washout is reported on the main line of the Delaware and Hudson railroad between Duane and Albany, about one hundred feet of the track having been washed away by the rains. Another washout occurred on a branch line between Normanskill and Kelley's station.

## DEATHS OF A DAY.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Dover, Del., April 21.—Former Governor Charles C. Stockett, a picturesque figure in Delaware politics and formerly a Democratic state leader, died late last night after a long illness at his home in Georgetown. He was 82 years of age and had served in public life since 1855.

New York, April 21.—Patrick W. Tandy, pastor of St. Jerome's Roman Catholic church in the Bronx, died today after an illness of two weeks in the paternal residence, leaving this child.

## SNOW STORM IN THE WEST

### Northern Ohio Is Covered with a Mantle of the Beautiful.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Cleveland, April 21.—The fierce storm of wind and snow that swept over this city and northern Ohio throughout yesterday and last night gradually subsided today. It was followed tonight by a fog so dense that it is impossible to see from one side of the street to the other. Notwithstanding the heroic efforts of the telegraph and telephone companies to repair their prostrated lines, there has thus far been little improvement to the service. Not a single wire was working on any direct route between this city and Buffalo or Pittsburgh tonight. Throughout the day big gangs of men have been at work on the various lines resetting poles and stringing wires. Every available man has been pressed into service by the several companies and while the repair work is progressing rapidly, it will perhaps be several days before direct communication with points east of Cleveland is fully established.

Trains on practically all roads entering the city continue to arrive from one to three hours behind schedule time. This is especially true in regard to the lines from the east. The fact that there are no wires to facilitate the movement of trains is responsible to a large extent for the delay to traffic.

A number of suburban electric lines, running east and south from this city, are still tied up and will likely remain so for many hours to come. Traffic on the city street car lines continues to be badly crippled all day, as a result of a deep snow and slush on the tracks. So heavy is the snow and slush in many places that the most powerful sweepers are stalled in it.

A large section of the city is still cut off from communication by wire with fire headquarters. Scores of fire alarm boxes are out of service, and seven fire department stations are without telegraph or telephone communication as a result of the general prostration of wires.

## HEAVY RAINS IN CONNECTICUT.

### Serious Damage in the Vicinity of Winsted.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New Haven, Conn., April 21.—Reports from around the state show that damage done by the floods resulting from the rain of the last thirty-six hours has been very serious. The worst situation is at Winsted, where a large section of the city is cut off almost an hour. If such occurs here it is feared a terrible loss of life and property will ensue. A score of washouts have occurred on the Central New England railroad between Winsted and Hartford. The train leaving the former town at 4:45 this afternoon was unable to reach Hartford as a result of two landslides, which have covered the tracks with sand and rocks. At Satan's Kingdom, a few minutes from Winsted, tons of rock have fallen on the tracks and a hundred men have gone to the scene to clear the way. The men will be obliged to use dynamite to remove the debris and it is not expected that travel will be resumed before tomorrow morning.

At Derby the Nagatuck river has done considerable damage to property along the banks, breaking factories and cutting off communication by a number of highways leading to the city. The lower portion of the city, inhabited by the foreign colony, is completely under water and on several streets boats have been called into service.

## GIRL STUDENTS POISONED.

### School Became a Hospital After They Ate Rhubarb Pie.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Altoona, Pa., April 21.—The holidays meant an exclusive school for girls was transformed into a hospital today shortly after the students had partaken of the noon luncheon. On the menu was rhubarb pie, of which twenty-seven of the girls partook. The count was easily kept for each one of the pie shortly afterward became violently ill with symptoms of poisoning.

All the physicians in the town were called to the sanitary hall within an hour after dinner was finished. The physicians, after a short search, found the poison in the rhubarb and gave the necessary antidotes. This evening all the girls are considered out of danger, though six were sent to their homes in Altoona in a precarious condition.

## FIRE IN BROOKLYN.

### Several Firms Burned Out—In Most Instances Full Insurance Carried.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, April 21.—A fire on Wallon street in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn which started early this morning caused an estimated loss of about \$200,000 and the several firms burned out in most instances carried full insurance. The heaviest losses are the North American Book company, 255,000, and the owner of the building, \$25,000.

Edis Roubelle, a watchmaker, jumped from a window and fractured his skull. John O'Brien, a plumber, fell through an open hatchway and fractured his spine. These two men, it is thought, caused serious.

## FAMOUS BLIZZARD OUTDONE.

### Snow Storm at Erie the Worst That Has Been Known in Sixty Years.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Erie, Pa., April 21.—The snow storm on Friday night and Saturday and the sleet storm on Saturday night was the worst known here in sixty years and surpassed the famous blizzard of March, 1858. There is twelve inches of snow on the level and during Saturday nearly every alleyway in the city was knocked out. Today traffic was resumed irregularly. Wires are down and crossed and telephone companies are blocked. Suburban stage mail and trolley cars were abandoned.

Saturday night there were two fires from crossed telephone wires carrying heavy currents into the buildings. Reports from outside the city, west, east and south show snow three feet deep and great damage to fruit trees from the wet snow. There were four freight trains on the Lake Shore road at Girard and thirty-one on the Erie. Snow went off the rails and tore up 200 feet of track.

At Swanville and Harbor Creek cars jumped the tracks and at Westfield, today, seven cars on a freight train left the rails. The night Erie and Pittsburgh run was abandoned when the train went off the track at the west city limits. The thermometer was at no time below 32 degrees and today rain has been falling.

## CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

### Date of the Hearing for the Position of Department Assistants Has Been Fixed on June 3 and 4.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, April 21.—The civil service commission announces that the examination appointed for April 21, 1901, for the position of department assistants in the Philippine service has been postponed to June 3 and 4, and that this examination will be held in any city in the United States where postal free delivery has been established. Competitors in the examination, in addition to taking the regular examination required for this position, may also take one or more of the optional subjects, for which due credit will be given.

Particular attention is called to the fact that within a few months it is probable that a number of financial agents will be needed. These agents will be selected from this examination and the selections will be confined, as far as practicable, to those who have shown proficiency in the optional subjects of bookkeeping and finance, and who have passed the regular examination. The salary of the position of financial agent will be about \$2,000 per annum.

The entrance salary of the position of department assistant will not be less than \$1,200 per annum.

## PITTSBURG OR A DIVORCE.

### Wife of Baltimore Insurance Man Chose Latter Alternative.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Baltimore, Md., April 21.—According to the testimony of Harry Cook, an insurance agent here, his wife would not leave New York to live with him in Pittsburgh, on the ground that the latter city was slow, smoky and dirty. He was granted a divorce in Baltimore in circuit court No. 2.

The Cooks were married in Minneapolis in 1888, and went to New York to live. Mr. Cook testified that he made \$75 a week, but this was not sufficient for his wife in New York, and he accepted better position in Pittsburgh. He has never heard from his wife since they parted.

## CHILDREN TRAIN-WRECKERS.

### Four Arrested While Trying to Throw Open a Switch.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Easton, Pa., April 21.—The attempts to wreck passenger trains on the Lehigh and Lackawanna railroad near Bethlehem and Bangor, this week, resulted in the arrest today of four boys residing at Bangor. They were Joseph Compton, aged 11 years; Nicholas Compton, aged 9; Frank Yancola, aged 10, and Dominic Capolo, aged 10.

The boys were caught in the act of throwing open a switch. They admitted their guilt and said they wanted to see the engine go over the bank.

## STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. New York, April 21.—Arrived: A. L. ...

## MINISTER WU'S MEMORIAL

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## PHILIPPINES TARIFF.

### Will Be Promulgated After the Decision of the Supreme Court in Similar Cases.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, April 21.—It is not likely that the new Philippines tariff will be promulgated until after the decision of the Supreme court in the insurance cases. It is stated at the war department, where the matter has received consideration, that this decision may make it unnecessary for the government to establish a system of tariff rates in the Philippines, although the department has proceeded with the work of equalizing the rates and receiving and considering suggestions as though the coming decision would not make any change in the present conditions.

Some months ago the war department published the tariff as prepared by the tariff experts in the Philippines and approved by the tariff commission. Interested parties, especially manufacturers and shippers, were invited to examine this proposed tariff and make suggestions and criticisms. It is interesting to note that of the 410 paragraphs in the proposed tariff only thirty-three paragraphs have provoked criticism or suggestions. Even these are in a mild tone and nearly all take the form of suggestion.

## CREEK RAN DEEP WITH BEER.

### Revenue Collector Emptied 100 Barrels Left on His Hands.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Beloit, Pa., April 21.—Matthew Volk, proprietor of a hotel at Beloit, Pa., who was a brewer's licensee at the recent license court, was unable to raise the \$250 necessary to pay the license fee and costs of procuring same. He closed the brewery and left for other climes. The failure to renew the license left the internal revenue collector with about 100 barrels of beer on his hands. Being possessed of no legal warrant to sell the stock or give it away, the collector settled the matter by emptying the whole lot into Spring creek.

## CHASING "BOXERS."

### The Indian Imperial Service Troops Engage Robbers.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Peking, April 21.—Brigadier General A. J. P. Bled, commanding the Third brigade of the Indian imperial service troops in China, who is now at Shan Hai Kwan, sent a company of Punjab infantry to disperse a band of robbers in the neighborhood of Fu Hing. A force of "Boxers" and others, more than a thousand strong, attacked the Indian troops, killing Major Bunting and one Sepoy and wounding others. The robbers have been sent from Shan Hai Kwan. The "Boxers" are apparently well armed with modern arms.

## RAIN AT WINSTED.

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## THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

### Weather Indications Today: RAIN; COLDER.

- 1 General—Floods Do Much Damage in Pittsburgh.
- 2 Snow Storm at Cleveland Impedes Travel. Beneficial Effect of Aguinaldo's Address. Minister Wu to the Chinese Government.
- 3 General—Carbondale Department.
- 4 Local—Director Hitchcock Hospital. Sermon by Rev. Dr. Simpson.
- 5 Editorial. Weekly Letter on Municipal Affairs.
- 6 Local—Argument of the Respondent in the Ripper Case.
- 7 Mention of Some Men of the Hour. Probably Fatal Strabing at Dunmore.
- 8 Local—West Scranton and Suburban.
- 9 General—Northwestern Pennsylvania. Financial and Commercial.
- 10 Local—Sentence Day in Court. News of the Labor World.

## TWO BANK OFFICIALS COMMIT SUICIDE

### President and Cashier of the First National Bank of Vancouver Shoot Themselves.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Vancouver, Wash., April 21.—Charles Brown and E. L. Canby, president and cashier, respectively, of the First National bank of Vancouver, which was closed yesterday by the controller of the currency, committed suicide last night, two miles from this city, by shooting themselves with revolvers. Their bodies were found this morning lying together in a small clump of bushes. Both used the same weapon, and Canby evidently died first, as the revolver was found in Brown's hand. Each put the muzzle of the revolver in his mouth and blew the top of his head off.

The fact that Brown's bicycle and an umbrella were found a short distance out of town last night led to the belief that they had taken their lives. A searching party started out today, and after several hours' search the bodies were found.

Canby, upon being told by Bank Examiner J. W. Maxwell on Friday evening that the bank would not be permitted to open Saturday, went out in the yard behind the bank and attempted to shoot himself. His revolver failed to explode. After failing to shoot himself, Canby came back into the bank, and he and President Brown left together, taking a revolver with them. When Examiner Maxwell confronted the bank officials with the shortage of \$81,000, both men admitted their guilt. It is said that Brown and Canby had been speculating in stocks. Beside Brown's body there was found a package containing \$25, and a note saying that the money belonged to his daughter. Upon Canby's body the following brief note was found:

"My Dear Wife: I feel what I am about to do is for the best. Forgive me, if you can, and try to live for our dear children. God bless you all. Good-bye. Ned. April 19."

Brown, who was fifty-four years of age, had lived in Vancouver since 1882. Canby was fifty-two years of age, and was well connected. A brother is a paymaster in the United States army. Another brother committed suicide by jumping off the wharf at Vancouver several years ago.

Bank Examiner Maxwell, who is now in charge as receiver, has made no official statement. It is known that the bank has loaned a large sum of money on insufficient security. According to his report to the controller of the currency, there is a shortage of \$81,000 in the bank's accounts, and it is understood that a considerable portion of this amount was loaned to Brown and Canby on their personal notes. About a year ago the bank reduced its capital stock from \$100,000 to \$50,000. At that time about one-half of the so-called bond asset were "charged off," and have been carried as an asset since that time.

The heaviest stockholder is Colonel Stephen Joslyn, of the regular army, a member of General Shafter's staff. "Colonel Joslyn is stated to be San Francisco. He was stationed at Vancouver when the bank was organized in 1883, and ever since that time he has been the heaviest stockholder. According to the last statement, issued in February, the bank had deposits amounting to about \$200,000.

## AGONCILLO ON ANXIOUS SEAT.

### Will Swear Allegiance When He is Sure Aguinaldo Has.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Paris, April 21.—Aguinaldo diplomatically holds back, "not having received official confirmation of the report that Aguinaldo has sworn allegiance"; yet he admits being engaged in writing a paper addressed to the American people, stating how he thinks pacification can be best and quickest obtained. The moment he is satisfied that Aguinaldo has taken the oath he will call on Ambassador Porter to say that he considers Aguinaldo an American citizen. "This will awaken rather curious recollections, as the embassy has closely watched his every movement, and when he came to Paris, about two years ago, a detective followed him everywhere. If he had done any overt act Ambassador Porter intended to ask the French government to expel him. If Aguinaldo swears allegiance he will immediately revisit Washington.

## NOTE IN THE FAMILY BIBLE.

### Abram Nesbitt, Millionaire, Refuses to Honor Claim of Mrs. Richards.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., April 21.—One day last week Mrs. George F. Richards, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., who is a member of the family Bible, says she found a judgment note for \$84,000 in favor of her late husband, and signed by Abram Nesbitt, president of the Second National bank of this city. The note was dated March 1, 1888, four days before Mr. Richards' death.

When the note was presented for payment Mr. Nesbitt pronounced it a forgery. Mrs. Richards then placed the matter in the hands of her attorneys, who notified the bank president that a suit would follow unless the note was paid. Mr. Nesbitt at once engaged Congressman Palmer to look after his interests. Mr. Nesbitt is a millionaire and a man of the highest character.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press. Washington, April 21.—Forecast for Monday, April 22: Partly cloudy, with showers of rain and sleet. Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with showers of rain. Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with showers of rain. Thursday: Partly cloudy, with showers of rain. Friday: Partly cloudy, with showers of rain. Saturday: Partly cloudy, with showers of rain. Sunday: Partly cloudy, with showers of rain.