

GREAT DAMAGE IN PATH OF THE FLOOD

Two Boys Drowned by Falling Into the Keyser and Leggett's Creeks.

HAD TO DESERT HOMES

Rise of the Lackawanna and Roaring Brook Was of an Unprecedented Character. Water Invaded Many Mines.

What the old residents agree is the biggest flood they remember, swept the Lackawanna valley yesterday from head to foot, causing no end of havoc to property and interference with business, and resulting in the loss of two lives, besides the endangering of many more.

Twenty-four hours of rain, accompanied by a thaw—and the first thunder and lightning of the year—transformed the usually insignificant Lackawanna into a mighty river, and all its tributary creeks into raging torrents. The rain began at daybreak. Before noon the river was over its banks in various places, and at 9 o'clock last night it had risen twelve feet above highwater mark. Though the rain ceased at 4:30 p. m., the waters continued to rise and between 6 and 9 o'clock last night they gained a depth of eight inches.

BOYS DROWNED.

The two boys whose lives were lost yesterday, were Thomas Naughton, 8 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Naughton, of West Market street, and Daniel Davis, 14 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Davis, of Sloan street.

The boy disappeared in the rear of the house with a number of other boys. The Leggett's Creek, swollen to four times its usual proportions, was flowing near the house and the boys were throwing sticks and stone into the swiftly rushing water. The Naughton boy was standing on a bank just above the stream when the ground under his feet caved in and he went tumbling into the water uttering a piercing shriek as he did so.

When part way across he discovered that the pipe was too large to maintain his grip on it, and gradually he weakened. Just then his dinner pail fell from his arm, and in his endeavor to grasp it he fell into the creek and was quickly carried down stream by the swiftly running current.

TILLMAN AND M'LAURIN CENSURED BY THE SENATE

A Resolution, Closing the Incident, Is Passed by Vote of 52 to 12—Tillman Creates Another Sensation—His Remarks Cause the Member from New Jersey to Change His Vote.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Senators Mc Laurin and Tillman, of South Carolina, were severely censured today by the United States senate for the sensational personal encounter between the two senators on the floor of the senate last Saturday, during the consideration of the Philippine tariff bill.

The boy's cries attracted attention from a few persons in the vicinity, but before help could reach him he disappeared in the water, and was lost to view.

BODY NOT FOUND.

A diligent search was made for the body, but up to a late hour last night it had not been recovered. Another effort will be made today to recover it.

PATH OF FLOOD.

Not a town skirting the river in all the length of the valley failed to feel the effects of the flood. Bridges were washed away, houses inundated, streets submerged, mines flooded, railroad tracks washed out or buried beneath landslides and many industries thrown idle by the water inundating some part or all of the plant.

RAFTS IN USE.

Elephant rafts, which suffer heavily at every flood, are in use here, and their use is a matter of course. Hundreds of residents of that locality were driven from home and some who were late in starting had to make use of rafts in covering part of the distance to higher ground.

PUT OUT FIRES.

Just below the Carbon street bridge the river spread over the lowlands back of the Scranton Railway company's power house and kept gradually encroaching upon them, hour by hour, as the water rose slowly but surely. The railway officials felt confident all day that the power house would be flooded before midnight, and it was no surprise to them when the firemen reported, shortly after 8 o'clock last night, that the water was several inches deep in the engine rooms.

COVERED GREAT AREA.

Just below these two bridges the river spread out to the west over a great area, flowing over the Ontario and Western tracks and for a considerable distance beyond them. The rain within a few inches of the Delaware and Hudson tracks all day long, and last night they were almost awash.

DAMS ALL RIGHT.

All during the day reports circulated to the effect that the big dams on the East mountain were threatening to give way and that a devastating flood might ensue on the Scranton Plain.

exception of the street lights, were put out. It is believed that the plant will be in condition to permit of the resumption of operation on this morning in time to furnish power to the many manufacturing establishments and business places which it supplies.

FIREMEN AS RESCUERS.

The Green Ridge flats from the lace curtain works to the river were flooded late in the afternoon, and the first floors of upwards of twenty houses were filled with the running water. Many Aug. Myer and Gardner avenues, from Glen street nearly to Marion street, were covered with nearly four feet of water at 8 o'clock last night, and the firemen of the General Phinney Engine company were engaged in rescuing them.

NOT SUCCESSFUL.

They arrived on the scene in remarkably quick time and were obliged to take up a position almost a block away from the house, because of the rapidly rising water. The gun was fired a number of times, but the line persisted in getting mixed up in trees and doing other contending things.

THE MEADOW BROOK.

At that time the Stafford Meadow brook, which divides the Nineteenth and Twentieth wards, had overflowed its banks and spread over Remington avenue to the properties occupied by Casey & Kelly's brewery, T. E. Carr's slaughter-house, and a number of dwelling houses, occupied by Philip Giff, Mrs. Muldoon, and about twenty Polish families.

AT THE BRIDGE.

At the Brooklyn street bridge it leaped angrily from its bed and swept with wild force three or four properties, flooding Brooklyn street, converting it into a rushing river, rushing through cellars and even the first floors of some of the houses.

POLICE ON HAND.

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THE FIRST CONCERN.

The Brooklyn creek was the first concern of the city engineer and the men under his charge. The residents in the vicinity of the bridge on Brooklyn street who have been uneasy from apprehension since the channel of the creek became blocked with ice, weeks ago, looked with dread and fear upon the rise of the stream early this morning.

CONDITIONS RIPE.

The conditions of this morning, it is to be seen, are ripe for the havoc that was wrought. When the creek began to swell and ceased to be a creek, but a raging river, the course was not half big enough. Here and there it did cut its way through and broke up great pieces of ice, but the freezing process had been carried so far that there were seven or eight feet of ice and snow in some places.

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