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FLOOD DAMAGE IS HEAVY

Reports From Most River Points Say Water Has Receded.

COAL MINES ARE STILL CLOSED

Many Towns Are Recovering Normal Conditions and Resuming Business. Conditions Along the Susquehanna Are Yet Very Serious.

Philadelphia, March 3.—The Schuylkill river was again within its banks and close to its normal condition last night. Today the railroads which skirt the shores of this river resumed operations. Service to Pottsville and Reading over both the Pennsylvania and Reading railroads from this city is again in full operation. The destruction wrought by the storm was so great that many industrial establishments along the river's banks will be unable to resume work for several days.

All reports from up-river points carry the information that great damage was done. The various towns, now that the water has receded, are rapidly recovering their normal condition. Electric light plants, street railways and water companies are resuming work as best they can. The big iron works at Pottstown, which suffered considerably from the swollen waters, partially resumed operations today, as did also numerous other industrial plants located along the upper Schuylkill.

At Pottsville rail fell heavily all day, which resulted in again sending the river up slightly at that point, but no further damage is apprehended. Not one coal mine in Schuylkill county resumed operations today. Most of the mines were flooded by swollen mountain streams.

Two Drowned in Flood.

Scranton, Pa., March 3.—Incessant rain yesterday caused the Lackawanna to begin to rise again, and in five hours it had increased its depth 30 inches. It had receded five feet prior to this. Joseph Gallagher, a 14-year-old boy, was drowned by falling from a bridge into the river, and James O'Malley, a miner, 35 years of age, who has not been seen since Saturday morning, is supposed to have lost his life in crossing Keyser Creek on his way home from work.

SUSQUEHANNA STILL RISING

Entire Towns Are Under Water and Several Lives Have Been Lost.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., March 3.—A heavy rainfall and rush of water from its upper tributaries caused the North Branch of the Susquehanna river to rise rapidly yesterday. At 1 o'clock this morning the gauge showed 31 feet 3 inches above low-water mark, equaling that of 1865, which has always been known as a record breaker.

The water is over the banks of the river from Pittston to Nanticoke and resembles a vast lake. Nearly one-half of the city is under water. At West Moor, Fire Wood and Riverside nearly all the residents vacated their houses. The water had reached the first stories and was gradually going up to the second. Those who lingered too long had to be removed in boats.

Two hundred families living in the lowlands in the town of Plymouth had to leave their houses hastily yesterday, the water covering the first floors and putting out the fires. At Nanticoke several houses were swept away by the rushing waters, and the people living in them had a narrow escape with their lives.

Reports from the mines show that many of them were flooded, and it will take some days before they can be pumped out. This will curtail the output of coal.

Nine lives have been lost so far. The casualties for the past 24 hours were three. William P. Reilly hired a cab from Richard Beckert to drive him across the river to his home in Luzerne Borough early yesterday morning. The carriage, horses and occupants were caught in the swift current on the roadway above the North street bridge and carried down stream. The horses were quickly drowned. Reilly was drowned before help could reach him. Beckert landed on a big cake of ice. Two men started after him in a boat and after floating around on the ice for an hour he was rescued. The other victims were unknown.

The damage to property is already estimated at \$1,000,000.

Much Damage at Harrisburg.
Harrisburg, Pa., March 3.—The second and third piers of the famous old Camel Back bridge, on the Harrisburg side, were washed away by high water yesterday morning. The bridge was built in 1816, and was probably the oldest bridge across the Susquehanna river. Much damage has been done by the high water in and about Harrisburg. The Pennsylvania railroad's steel bridge at Rockville is in danger and the company is sending its trains over the Cumberland Valley bridge at

Bridgeport. The Pennsylvania Steel Works, at Steelton, and the iron and steel mills in South Harrisburg have been forced to close down on account of water in the flywheel pits. South Harrisburg is under water, and many of the families in that locality are living in the upper stories of their homes. About 200 persons sought safety in the school house at Lochiel.

Still Rising at Sunbury.

Sunbury, Pa., March 3.—A 13-foot flood in the Susquehanna river at this place threatens the town with serious damage. Back water has flooded the lower or central portion of the town to a depth of from four to six feet, and the residents were last night forced to seek shelter on the high lands, leaving their household effects to the mercy of the water. The river is still rising and is within a few inches of overflowing the bank. To protect their bridge which spans the Susquehanna river, the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad company has placed upon it a train of cars loaded with iron. Although no fatalities have been reported as yet, many narrow escapes from drowning have occurred.

THE WEEK IN CONGRESS

Important Measures Before the National Legislature.

Washington, March 3.—In accordance with Saturday's decision, the senate took up the ship subsidy bill today and will continue to hold its place as the unfinished business until disposed of. There is, however, no disposition for the present to press the matter to the exclusion of all other business, so that it probably will be laid aside temporarily at different times to permit the consideration of other matters, including Senator Hoar's bill for the protection of the president against assault. The legislative appropriation bill will be reported during the week and will take precedence in its own right, if Senator Cullom, who will have it in charge, decides to ask the senate to take it up, as he probably will.

The subsidy bill will not be debated for so great a length of time as was the measure of the last congress. There will be a number of speeches on it, however, before it is allowed to go to a vote. Senator Frye, chairman of the committee on commerce, who will have the bill in charge, will explain the measure when it is taken up on Wednesday. Senator Clay will address the senate from the Democratic point of view, and probably will be followed by Senators Turner, Vest, Mallory and other Democratic senators. Senator Turner has abandoned his announced intention of reviewing President Pro Tem. Frye's ruling in the Tillman-McLaurin contempt proceedings, and the present indication is that the incident will not receive any immediate attention.

The house of representatives will give most of its time during the present week to postal affairs. The rural free delivery measure has aroused much controversy, and there promises to be an active debate, with considerable doubt as to the passage of the bill. It was the original plan to make the change in the rural free delivery system a feature of the postoffice appropriation bill, but as this would have necessitated a special rule, the proposition was brought forward in a special bill. The postoffice appropriation bill contains items relating to subsidy for fast mail, which are usually fruitful of much discussion. It is expected that the appropriation bill will occupy all the latter part of the week, although next Friday is set aside for war claims.

VILLAGE WIPED OUT

Fire and Flood Almost Destroy Sprakers, N. Y.

Fort Plain, N. Y., March 3.—The hamlet of Sprakers, six miles east of here, has been almost wiped out by the combined forces of water and fire. Sprakers is made up of 50 families, and has been under water for two days. Great masses of ice came down the river and struck the houses, some of which were so shaken that stoves were overturned and the dwellings were burned. One end of the West Shore bridge was moved 18 inches, just a few minutes after a fast passenger train had dashed over it.

Four Men Drowned.

Freehold, N. J., March 3.—A horrible catastrophe occurred at the little village of Holt's Neck, near here, when four men lost their lives through the breaking away of the dam at Frank E. Heyer's mill pond. Charles Conover, Henry Bennett, James King and Charles Herbert were the victims. The men were on the dam, engaged in attempts to release the pent-up water. Ice on the pond had gorged at the dam, and the men had been breaking the ice up. The ice gradually collected in a pushing mass at the bottom of the dam, and the men then tried to raise the gates to let the water through. Without warning the dam gave way at the bottom, carrying all the men with it.

600 FAMILIES HOMELESS

Patterson, N. J., is Now Overwhelmed by Flood.

GREAT SUFFERING AMONG POOR

Big Blast of Dynamite Ready to Force Open New Channel For the Water, to Save Industrial Plants—Heroic Rescuer Drowned.

Paterson, N. J., March 3.—This city, so recently swept by fire, is now overwhelmed by flood. The quarter occupied by the houses of the poorer class is inundated. Hundreds of families have been made homeless by the overflow of the Passaic river, and the country for miles around the city is under water. The great peril now is that the Spruce street raceway may overflow, in which event a great loss of property in the manufacturing district is sure to ensue. The city authorities have placed expert engineers, who are instructed to touch off a blast of dynamite which will open a new channel for the immense volume of water which is held there, and by diverting it to the bed of the river in a new direction the authorities hope to save a great deal of valuable property. In a cliff about 70 feet below the Spruce street bridge the experts have placed mines of dynamite, which if it is found necessary will be exploded.

The danger to the city from the flood, and especially from the raceway, was somewhat diminished at midnight, when it was noticed that the water in the river had begun to recede, and the citizens began to hope the worst was over.

The great fire of three weeks ago did not create such suffering and widespread desolation as the flood of yesterday. The district for a mile along the river front and nearly half a mile in width is covered with water, which in many cases reached to the second-story of the dwellings. In this district are situated the Rogers Locomotive Works and several silk mills and dye works. In the immediate vicinity of these hives of industry fully 600 families have been driven from their tenements. Of these unfortunately several hundred were taken from their houses in boats and barges amid scenes of much excitement.

In the work of rescue Henry Richards, one of the most earnest toilers, lost his life. After making several successful trips, on each of which he brought three or four persons from the neighborhood of Kearns Brothers' dye works, his boat was upset and he was swept away in the waters, which were rushing with the force of a mill race. He clung to the branch of a tree for nearly half an hour, but in spite of many attempts to reach him he finally disappeared in the muddy waters.

The Hillman street bridge, a steel span, went into the river late last night. Word came from Singac, a few miles up the river, that the bridge over the Passaic, on the Greenwood Lake division of the Erie, had fallen yesterday.

ACETYLENE WRECKS BUILDING

Three Dead in Terrific Explosion at a Reading Music Store.

Reading, Pa., March 3.—At 10 o'clock last night a terrific explosion occurred in the four-story music store of C. H. Lichty. The building at once completely collapsed. This was followed by the adjoining three-story brick umbrella factory of Mrs. Mary Rolland. Both buildings and contents were destroyed. A number of persons were in the buildings, but they were all accounted for except Mrs. Rolland and a friend, who called to spend the evening, and the watchman in the Lichty building. It is believed these three persons perished. The explosion is said to have been due to acetylene gas, which was manufactured by a local company, of which Mr. Lichty was president. The building was filled with musical instruments. The total loss is \$250,000. Many of the total loss will be about \$250,000. Half a dozen people were seriously injured and badly damaged. The scene of the explosion was in the center of the city and aroused everybody within its limits.

Millionaire Kills Himself.

Warren, O., March 3.—Hon. Henry P. Perkins, one of Ohio's most prominent and philanthropic citizens, killed himself by hanging yesterday in his office adjoining his home in this city. The body was found shortly afterward by his family, who went to call him to dinner. Illness and the suicide of a favorite son, a Yale graduate, a year ago, it believed to have made Mr. Perkins temporarily insane. Mr. Perkins was born in Warren and spent his life here. He was a man of large fortune, said to be several million dollars.

William Emerson Richmond, better known as "Billy" Emerson, the famous minstrel, died of consumption in Boston.