

BRINGING THE DEAD.

AND UNKNOWN LAID TO REST.

PATHETIC SCENES.

Do the Work as a Mere Matter of Business.

FIRE ABOUT SUBDUED.

Corpses Still Remain in the Dying Embers.

PERSON ON THE FIELD.

There is Authority of the Governor, Gen. Hastings Denies That He Has Been Wholesale Lying—The Bodies Found in the Morgues—Provisional Bodies Found at Nineveh—The Bodies Coming in Rapidly—The Bodies Found Again Running Into the Once Thriving City.

Johnstown, June 5.—The Pittsburgh Tribune is now believed, will succeed in bringing the fire at the ruins in the stone bridge by noon.

One of God's Noblemen. JOHNSTOWN, June 5.—P. A. Cobalt, one of the large dry goods dealers here, had about the only store left from the flood. It is said he had about \$20,000 worth of stock on hand, but gave it all away to the flood sufferers.

Recovery of Bodies Proceeding Rapidly. JOHNSTOWN, June 5.—The list of casualties in the valley of the Conemaugh grows with appalling rapidity, and as the piles of debris at different points are moved additional bodies are brought to the view of those engaged in the ghostly search. The work of recovering the bodies is being carried on in a very systematic manner, but there are a hundred of bodies which will be numbered among the unknown.

Yankeeism in the Morgues. JOHNSTOWN, June 5.—The Rev. Beale who has charge of the principal morgue states that acts of the most extreme Yankeeism continue to occur throughout the ruins. The depositions reach even to the morgues, where numerous individuals have found their way under the pretense of looking for dead friends and relatives, and have engaged in picking pockets and extracting money from the clothing of the dead. He says that they have a competent, hard-working and thoroughly honest lot of people there, but they are unable to watch everything that goes on, so that those godless scoundrels can easily pursue their vocation, if they use a little precaution, without fear of detection.

Police and Firemen Relieved. JOHNSTOWN, June 5.—Chief J. O. Brown of the department of public safety has arrived here with gangs of firemen and police to relieve those on duty who are tired out. There are sixteen firemen under the control of Chief Evans, who relieves Chief Steele. Detective O'Mara has charge of the fresh police and Lieut. Roberts, who has done able work, will go home to get some rest. Superintendent Baker of the health department and 130 men arrived on the same train and will report to the undertakers.

One Laid Out of a Family of Ten. JOHNSTOWN, June 5.—A family of ten persons named Berber came here last Wednesday from some town in Rhode Island. The father and several sons secured work in the Cambria iron works. All were drowned except Harry, 13 years old. The little fellow has been taken charge of by a kindly disposed lady living out of town. The boy says he has an uncle named Thomas B. Pugh living in Westerly, R. I.

Set Upon by a Mob. JOHNSTOWN, June 5.—A man who was employed by Capt. Jones was discovered purloining valuables from a residence. He was set upon by an infuriated mob of workmen, and but for the intervention of Capt. Jones he would have been hung up to the nearest telegraph pole. He was sent to the lockup after being searched by Capt. Jones. This is probably the only time the peace was disturbed on this side of the river up to noon.

At Cambria City over 50 Hungarian houses were carried away, and of 300 Hungarians employed in the mill over one-half are missing. Sikamo denies the stories that the Huns are robbing, and says they are treated humanely and some are in a starving condition without food or clothing, and are treated like dogs when they apply for aid.

Horses, Carts and Wagons Shipped. PITTSBURG, June 5.—The B. & O. Railroad company sent out 35 cars of lumber, horses, carts, wagons, hoisting engines, and tools of all kinds for removing the wreck. Twelve cars of provisions arrived at Johnstown to-day, sent from Baltimore. Bradlock sent another car of provisions and Pittsburgh shipped two more cars of miscellaneous provisions and clothing. Booth & Blinn sent out 800 laborers.

15,000 the Latest Estimate. JOHNSTOWN, June 5.—The latest estimate of the number of bodies buried beneath the ruins at the stone bridge is by Superintendent Patton of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. Mr. Patton says he thinks at the latest calculation

there are from 15,000 to 17,000 human beings and 70,000 dumb animals sleeping in the smoldering debris. These figures, added to the 3,200 bodies already recovered and those not yet found, would bring the awful total up to at least 15,000.

While crossing the mountain yesterday from Sang Hollow to Johnstown a correspondent came across a little knot of workmen engaged in burying the dead. In one immense tomb twelve coffins were lowered. They were the remains of a few of the unknown dead whose identity will never be known in this life.

The Debris Must be Burned. JOHNSTOWN, June 5.—Dynamite had little effect on the cover where so many victims of the flood are buried to death. Persons with sensitive consciences declare that a stench is thereby arising from the mass almost beyond belief that the six acres of debris must be burned. There seems to be no other way to get rid of it.

A Spectator's Estimate. JOHNSTOWN, June 5.—"Ten thousand people beyond a doubt assembled to the ravages of the flood," said Mr. Elick, "and instead of the accounts sent out by the papers being exaggerated they were the very reverse. I was down the street for ten minutes before the flood in all its fury burst upon the city. Twenty thousand people had heard the fearful warning that the flood was to come, and were already on their way to the mountain for safety. That hour half of them could have escaped to the highest ground before the water submerged the valley seems to me an absolute impossibility. For this reason I am inclined to believe with Adm. Gen. Hastings that 10,000 lives have been lost."

Sightseers in the Way. JOHNSTOWN, June 5.—The day has been prolific of incidents of more than ordinary interest. The work of hauling the debris from about the stone bridge was greatly interfered with by the immense numbers of curiosity seekers who thronged the bridge. About 2 o'clock Lieut. Leonard, commanding a squad of the 15th regiment, National Guards of Pennsylvania, marched upon the bridge, and drawing his men in the ordered everybody but the militiamen from the bridge to the plain of instant death. Such a scattering as followed has not been witnessed here since the disaster occurred.

Hastings spent considerable time at the school house directing the men. The high-spirited general could not have been kinder. His position was a most delicate one, and his generous deeds will not be forgotten. When his speakers, even when he called aloud to the men, there is pity and sympathy in his tones, and the people know it.

Strung Up by the Neck. JOHNSTOWN, June 5.—The exhalations of lawlessness that have taken place have been felt, and some of them appear elsewhere this morning. One of the most serious was last night from Sheraton station, five miles below Johnstown. Lewis Hogan, an itinerant at the Bedford street hotel, was strung up by the neck by a mob of about thirty men, and was at once strung up by the neck by an infuriated crowd and ridiculed with belittling the authorities. The bodies were left in the vicinities wrecked on the hill.

Under Martial Law. JOHNSTOWN, June 5.—The town is now in the hands of the militia and the deputy sheriffs and it is a matter of course that there are no more instances of the peace within the town than there has at present. The sheriff has made it his business to make sure that no lawless individual will be allowed to disturb the peace. The deputy sheriffs and the police officers of the town were given orders not to allow any one to enter through the lines of the city proper. The deputies are armed with arms and the men given to understand that if more than six men should appear at any place they were to be shot on sight, by whom the city is in the hands of the militia.

Still Digging Out the Dead. JOHNSTOWN, June 5.—Bodies are still being recovered between New Florence and Johnstown. So far no bodies have been found at Ferry, Bellver or Hainesville. The people in these places are still starving, but the most and worst is no food that nothing of any account can be done. At Moresville some boys playing in the sand unearthed another corpse. About fifteen men were sent to the mill to clear up the bodies, but they were ordered to stop. One was recognized as Miss Barney of Germantown. About 25 bodies are now lying at this place. The coroner's clerk has no account of the dead.

Attempt to Shoot Ghosts. JOHNSTOWN, June 5.—Late yesterday afternoon Mrs. Keiser reported that thieves had just robbed her place. A crowd of men, some of whom were officers to the scene. There were six men contacted with the robbery. They were promptly arrested, and while on their way to the town of Johnstown a gentleman pulled his revolver and called, "Boy, you don't you, grave robbers!" but the police arrived before he could do anything. The officers had turned around and they at once required the upper hand and placed their men in the hands of the Johnstown police, and lodged in a temporary jail box for the purpose.

Bought Ground for a Cemetery. GREENSBURG, June 5.—Rev. D. Shoenor, presiding elder of the Altoona district of the C. B. church, wife and daughter, Rebecca, and niece, Edna Shoenor, who lived in Greensville, and who were in the flood, but escaped, arrived here yesterday, and are at the residence of their son, Mack, El. Whitefield and wife of this city, who were visiting in Johnstown, and who were reported drowned, are safe. A force of 150 men left here yesterday afternoon for Nineveh to dig trenches and bury the dead who are not identified. The commissioners of Westmoreland, Cambria and Indiana counties have bought a tract of ground there for a cemetery.

The Governor Wakes Up. PITTSBURG, June 5.—The following telegram has been received by the relief committee, in response to one sent asking the governor for aid:

Wm. McCready, Esq., Pittsburg, Pa.

Have made regulation for provisions. Have urged immediate shipment to the president over a direct wire. Will endeavor to get up organization in Westmoreland county to clear the banks of Conemaugh. Have your committee cooperate and I will pay expenses. There should be no delay. JAMES A. BRAVER, Governor.

Instructions have been issued from Ottawa to release the captured American schooner *Mattie Winslip* at Halifax upon the United States consul giving security for her value.

BREAD UPON THE WATERS.

ASYMPATHIZING PEOPLE CONTRIBUTING LIBERALLY TO THE SUFFERERS.

Washingtonians Sorry \$10,000 Worth. Besides Carbons of Clothing and Provisions—The President Presides at a Meeting and Makes a Feeling Speech—Charitable Donations from Many Other Sources.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—The meeting for the relief of the Johnstown sufferers at Willard's hall brought together many prominent public officials, army and navy officers and citizens and resulted in generous contributions and donations of money, provisions and clothing. President Harrison presided and made a brief but eloquent and impressive speech that touched the sensibilities of all who heard him and elicited from his audience frequent applause. His arrival in the hall was the occasion for loud applause. District Commissioner Douglas called the meeting to order and introducing the president to the audience, invited him to preside over the deliberations.

President Harrison in taking the chair spoke as follows: "Everywhere to-day is distressingly conscious of the circumstances which have convened this meeting. It would be impossible to state more impressively than the newspapers have already done the distressing incidents attending the calamity which has fallen upon the city of Johnstown and from the Saving Handlets and upon a large section of Pennsylvania situated upon the Susquehanna river. The grim penalty of fate would be inadequate to portray the horrors of this visitation."

"In such meetings as we have here in the national capital and other like gatherings that are taking place in all the cities of this land, we have the only rays of hope and light in the general gloom. When such a calamitous visitation falls upon any section of our country we can do no more than to put about the dark picture the golden border of love and charity. [Applause.] It is in such times as these that the brotherhood of man is welded. And where is sympathy and help more appropriate than here in the national capital? I am glad to say that early this morning from a city not long ago visited with pestilence, not long ago itself appealing to the charitable people of the whole land for relief—the city of Jacksonville, Fla., there came an oboe of that tide of charity which flowed toward it in the time of its need, in a telegram from the Sanitary Relief association authorizing us to draw upon them for \$2,000 for the relief of the Pennsylvania sufferers. [Applause.] But this is but time for speech. While I talk, men, women and children are suffering for the relief which we plan to give. Our word or two of practical suggestion and I will leave this meeting in your hands to give effect to your impatient benevolence. I have a despatch from the governor of Pennsylvania advising me that communication has just been opened with Williamsport, on a branch of the Susquehanna river, and that the losses in that section have been appalling; that thousands of people there are homeless and penniless."

And that there is an immediate call for food to relieve the necessities. He advises me that any supplies of food that can be hastily gathered here should be sent via Harrisburg to Williamsport where they will be distributed. I suggest, therefore, that a committee be constituted having in charge the speedy collection of articles of food. The occasion is such that the bells might well be rung through your streets to call the attention of the thoughtless to this great emergency, in order that a train load of provisions may be dispatched to-night or the early morning to this suffering people. I suggest secondly as many of the people have had the entire furnishings of their houses swept away and have now only temporary shelter, that a committee be appointed to collect such articles of clothing, and especially bed clothing, as can be spared. Now that the summer season is on it can hardly be that a house in Washington can't spare a blanket or a coverlet. And third, I suggest that from the substantial business men and bankers there be appointed a committee who shall collect money, for after the first exigency is passed there will be found in those communities very many who have lost their all, who will need aid in the reconstruction of their demolished homes and in furnishing them so that they may be again inhabited. Need I say in conclusion that as a temporary citizen of Washington it would give me great satisfaction if the national capital should so generously respond to this call of our distressed fellow citizens as to be conspicuous among the cities of our land. [Applause.]

The President sends His Note. I feel that as I am now calling for contributions, I should say that on Saturday, when first apprised of the disaster at Johnstown, I telegraphed a subscription to the mayor of that city. I do not like to speak of anything so personal as this, but I felt it due to myself and to you that I should say so much as this."

After the president concluded his address, a number of vice presidents, secretaries and the treasurer of the meeting were selected and working committees were appointed. It was an enthusiastic meeting and the responses to the president's call for immediate subscriptions were prompt and liberal. The district bar gave \$435, Attorney General Miller \$100, John W. Thompson \$500, National Metropolitan Bank \$500, National Bank of Republic \$300, Private Secretary Halford \$50, Secretary Noble \$250, G. H. Lemon \$500, Bancroft Davis \$100, Secretary and Mrs. Proctor \$300 and Auditor John Lynch \$100. A great number of citizens subscribed \$100. An aggregate of \$10,000 was subscribed. Perhaps more valuable than the money subscriptions were the large quantities of food and clothing donated by scores of merchants throughout the city.

WILLIAMSPORT'S FLIGHT.

Mayor Foreman Telegraphs the Governor of the Dept table Situation of the People.

HARRISBURG, June 5.—The following telegraphic correspondence passed yesterday between Governor Beaver and Mayor Foreman of Williamsport:

Governor BEAVER, WILLIAMSPORT, June 4. The town has been cleared of looters from the principal yards along the river front and the manufactured lumber has been swept away. The houses of the people miserably poor have been carried away with all they possessed. Thousands of people are homeless and without anything but the clothes upon their backs. Provisions are scarce and needed quickly. Many of our people are in absolute want for necessities of life. We badly need disinfectants. Dead animals and all kinds of litter are strewn upon the streets and grave fears of an epidemic are entertained. Stacks of goods of stores in the center of the city are ruined. It is impossible to estimate the loss and damage to property. Five million dollars is a low estimate on lumber alone. Other losses larger. The surrounding country has suffered just as badly. Rooms, bridges and villages have been swept away and the loss of life is considerable. Judge Cummins, treasurer of the relief funds, will see personally to the faithful distribution of all contributions. Responsible relief committees are now organized in each ward in the city and aid is administered as fast as we get it. Please God, we are not dismayed, and rely on His guidance, the generosity of our own state and country to aid us in this hour of dire necessity.

His Honor military tents will afford the greatest possible relief to our people who are now without shelter. Send us several large numbers, where we can feed the people in large numbers. The low ground where these people reside is an awful place for them to return to for sanitary reasons. MAYOR FOREMAN.

The governor replied:

Be of good cheer. Your relief will be not misplaced. God and the country will sustain you. Will reach you with help as soon as possible. Money bridges can be crossed. An loading cars here with flour and groceries, not standing the pressure of our own stricken people. Will telegraph Philadelphia at once for provisions and disinfectants. If you employed men to work in removing debris and cleaning your city, I will furnish means for paying them reasonable wages and this will answer the double purpose of preventing sickness and lawlessness which springs from idleness. May not be able to send you tents, but may be able to send canvas.

Justice Gray Married. WASHINGTON, June 5.—Justice Gray of the United States supreme court and Miss Jeannette Matthews, daughter of the late Justice Matthews, were married at the bride's residence last evening. A large number of distinguished guests witnessed the ceremony.

THE NEWS FROM PITTSBURG.

Soldiers, Citizens, Provisions and Money Sent to Aid the Johnstown Sufferers. PITTSBURG, June 5.—Sixteen passenger coaches on the Pennsylvania road were standing on the Liberty street tracks last evening waiting to be loaded with laborers to render whatever assistance they could at the scene of the flood. A policeman stood at the entrance of each coach to see that no mere curiosity seekers and loungers boarded the train. Wagon load after wagon load of meat, bread and other solid provisions were also being loaded into the express cars and coaches. The men who go to give a helping hand are composed of nearly every nationality of the world. Each man carried a pick ax, shovel or crowbar. The street was packed with citizens watching the motley crowd, and when the train started a cheer went up. The men are under orders from the Chamber of Commerce. The train started on its destination about 9 o'clock.

At 1 o'clock in the afternoon four companies of the Fourteenth regiment left the Union depot for Johnstown. Governor Beaver having called for them early in the morning. At 4 p. m. other members who missed the first train left to join their comrades.

Telegrams have been passing between members of the relief committee here and at the scene and between railroad officials. One of these especially is not calculated to be reassuring, and is little less than alarming. It was from a member of the relief corps there, and said: "For God's sake hurry the troops. The situation here is indescribable."

BRIEFS ABOUT THE FLOOD.

The loss to the Pennsylvania road will run up into millions. Gov. Beaver has ordered all members of his staff to report to him at Johnstown at once. G. A. R. posts are responding liberally to the fund. Many of their comrades have found watery graves.

Many of the rescued survivors have arrived in Williamsport and are comfortably housed by kind-hearted citizens.

Charles B. Dowell, a traveling man from Altoona, is still missing and it is believed he perished in the waters.

The Huns were not the only ones who were guilty of robbing the dead. Many professional thieves were on the scene.

Three hundred more bodies were found yesterday afternoon opposite Nineveh. This makes 700 bodies found at that point.

Nine thousand persons out of 31,000 recorded their names at the twenty-five registry offices opened Tuesday morning for the living.

Allentown City sent six car loads of provisions to Johnstown this morning. Over \$400 in money was also sent from the same city.

S. B. Bradford, of Pittsburg, who was reported drowned, returned home at a late hour Tuesday night, coming by way of Erie, Pa.

A woman was taken into a morgue with \$500 in gold and silver on her person. She probably lost her life in the attempt to save her money.

The body of Joseph Ross, the first victim of the flood, has been recovered. Ross was crossing the street on a mule when the flood caught him.

Many heroic men are utterly worn out, having been on duty constantly from the first. Many of them fall to the earth from sheer fatigue.

Pittsburg has established a bank at Johnstown and will receive all contributions and handle all warrants ordered by the proper committee.

It will take weeks to ascertain the total number drowned. Well-informed people at Johnstown still insist that 10,000 is not putting the number any too high.

Maj. Frank K. Patterson has telegraphed to friends in Pittsburg that his wife and children, who were reported lost on the day express, were safe at Ebersburg.

For the first time since the flood communication by the Pennsylvania railroad was re-established between the stricken city and the outside world on Tuesday noon.

Will Reed of Pittsburg has been sworn in as mayor of Johnstown by Gen. Hastings. His first official act was to close all the saloons and empty what stray whiskey he could find into the river.

The water departments of Pittsburg and Allentown and many prominent physicians tragically family in the city to use no city water for drinking and culinary purposes unless it has first been filtered and distilled.

JUST AT THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING AN EFFORT WAS MADE TO PASS RESOLUTIONS THANKING THE PRESIDENT FOR HIS SERVICES AS CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING AND FOR THE INTEREST HE HAD MANIFESTED IN THE PROCEEDINGS; BUT THE PRESIDENT BEGGED THE GENTLEMEN WHO OFFERED THE RESOLUTION TO WITHDRAW IT AND THEN, DECLARING THE MEETING ADJOURNED, QUIETLY LEFT THE HALL.

Minor Contributions.

Glenwood Springs, Colo., forwarded \$315.

Tuloso has forwarded sixteen cars of lumber and two cars of cotton.

Two car loads of provisions and 200 men with tools arrived from Beaver.

The National Tube works of McKeesport sent fifty-five acres fully equipped. The men are under full pay from the company.

Dayton, O., telegraphed this morning that \$1,000 had been raised in six minutes for the sufferers.

HER HAIR TURNS WHITE.

A Thrilling Story of the Escape of Two Mothers and Their Children.

PITTSBURG, June 5.—Mr. W. A. Crawford, a Cooperstown merchant, with his wife and family arrived in Pittsburg yesterday. His wife was one of the rescued from the great Johnstown horror. Her hair has turned white from the awful experience and she looks weak and pale. Mr. Crawford tells the story of their escape:

"My little family left me," he said, "two months ago for a visit in Harrisburg. On their way home they stopped at Johnstown to visit friends, the family of Mr. John Fulton, general manager of the Cambria Iron company. They were there when the flood—

And here Mr. Crawford stopped. There was all the pent-up emotion of the suspense and torture and danger of long hours and days in his faltering voice. His wife came to his help.

"Yes, daughter and I were visiting with Mrs. Fulton. Mr. Fulton was away at Connelville. We had had some warning of the high water and had taken up our carpets. Shouts and cries warned us for our lives. We made for the roof of the house. It was a three-story brick structure. How we got our children up there I shall never know. I remember Mrs. Fulton was the last to come up through the hatchway to the roof; and that her clothing was drenched. But there we were at last. Mrs. Fulton, her two little girls, my daughter and myself and a hired girl—there alone upon the roof of that floating house, borne upon by a flood of rushing waters.

"What did I do? I shut my eyes and clasped my little girl and prayed. It seemed but a moment, another floating house bore crashing down upon us. We could feel the house beneath us passing over from under us, leaving us with the roof alone between us and the water, and that roof fast giving way. I thought it was death we faced, and my heart was breaking for my little girl and for my husband." And here Mr. Crawford interposed, fearing the nervous strain upon his wife.

"Marvelous enough," he said, "these two women and four girls, with nothing left them but the raft roof in that terrible flood, were saved. With desperate strength, taking their little ones, they made their way to another roof against which their swings and from that were taken into the upper story of a house not driven from its foundations. There they stayed, packed in a darkened hall all night, and from there they were finally rescued. This is in brief the story."

SOUTH FORK LAKE.

SOUTH FORK, June 5.—A number of runners have been flying around as to what had become of two or three of the Pittsburghers who were supposed to have been at the lake. There were but three or four gentlemen there, and they went overland to Cresson and from there east and are presumably now at Pittsburg.

Col. Unzer started east Monday for the purpose of reaching Pittsburg via the Philadelphia & Erie. He was deeply grieved over the affair. A story prevailed here that the Pittsburg Sportsman's club had failed on an indemnifying bond of \$5,000,000, but it proved to be incorrect. Another story is in circulation that the club intends to at once commence to repair the damage done to the lake, and this story created the most intense excitement, and around the station several men emphatically stated that they would shoot the first man that ever attempted to repair it. As far as has been learned by the expressions made South Fork would not be a very pleasant place, to say the least, for any member of the club to be just now, for the expression appears to be general that had they exercised proper care the accident would never have occurred. The Cambria county courts were to have opened on Monday, but on account of the terrible calamity and the loss of all the indictments with District Attorney Rose it will be postponed and an effort is to be made to have the grand jury call the attention of the court to the accident to see who is responsible.



BREAK IN DAM AT SOUTH FORK.