

g coming up through a field in my bottom about 2 o'clock Wednesday.

Joseph Deeds—Live in Ligonier township; acquainted with John Koontz; on evening of arrest of the Nieces had a conversation with him; he said he did not know where the Nieces were on the 27th; saw him next morning; he then told me he didn't know where either of the Nieces boys were on the 27th of February.

Cross-examined—I asked him if he had heard anything of Nieces boys; said he did not; that they could be cleared easy; his boy, West Ferry, and Nieces' boy had seen him that night, but that he did not see him that afternoon.

I. B. Matthews—Am acquainted with Gilbert Rose; had a conversation with him after the arrest of the Nieces; said he was at Joe Nieces' home till a little after 12 o'clock that day, and could clear him that far and no farther; have lived in the Ligonier valley 47 years; am acquainted with every road in it.

[Map shown to witness and he explains to jury about roads in neighborhood of Ligonier and where the Nieces live.]

Hampton Smith—Know Gilbert Rose; talked with him after the arrest; he said he had been at Joe Nieces' the day of the murder with a load of coal, in the neighborhood of 12 o'clock, and could clear him up that far but no farther.

T. J. Langbery—Know Gilbert Rose; had a conversation with him after the arrest of the Nieces; he said he had left Joe's house before 1 o'clock on the 27th of February.

Adjourned to 7:30 p. m.

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**DEFENSE.**

Clinton McMillan—Son of the Sheriff; know Joseph and Dave Nieces; have frequently been sent errands by them. The counsel offered to prove by this witness that Dave Nieces was eating things to keep him sick; the defense objected and the court ruled that the evidence was not admissible.

Joseph W. Ambrose—Was along when Leach got the hat; the hat was hanging against the partition; I examined it; there was a hole out of it; there was no wire rim in it at that time across the hole; was along to old Mr. Nieces when we got the money; he said "you must not think hard of me because I lied about the money," or words to that effect.

Cross-examination—Was at the door on the outside when I examined the hat; a boy was holding a handkerchief inside at the time.

Albert Hoffman—Followed the tracks; there were no marks made in the middle of the bed by nails; the tracks were made in snow.

Cross-examined—Saw no marks in the middle of the bed at all.

John W. Koontz—Followed the tracks; there was no mark made on the tracks by nails in the middle of the bed; there were nails on the side of the bed.

Cross-examined—Went down on my knees to look at the tracks; I stooped down to examine the tracks; there was no mark of nails in the gum boots.

Einer Snyder—Live in Jenner township; drove over to the hearing from Umberger's to Squire Ranch's in a carriage with Wm. Thomas, Ella Stearn and Annie Homer; Thomas and I sat on the front seat; Thomas asked Ella Stearn what kind of looking men they were; she said one was tall and the other was short; one had on a cap and the other a hat; said they had on overalls something like the one that he wore; he had on a sort of a rough, grayish coat; she did not see his forehead or mouth; did not say anything about the color of his face.

Cross-examined—Was living about two miles west of Jenner town; went West on the 15th of March; came back on Monday day; they sent for me to come.

Adjourned to 8:30 a. m., Thursday.

**The Shaullis Case Continued.**

During Wednesday afternoon's session of court General Coffey, of counsel for defense, asked to have the case of the Commonwealth vs. George Shaullis and David J. Shaullis continued on account of the sickness of Mrs. David J. Shaullis, a material witness in the case. Proof of the materiality and inability of the witness to be present in court was satisfactorily made and the court continued the case to September term. The original bondsmen renewed their recognizance in the sum of \$3,000 each.

# IT HAS A FUTURE!

## JOHNSTOWN WILL REBUILD.

### A Herald Correspondent Talks to Leading Citizens.

Our reporter, as Chairman of the Committee to hunt up destitute women and children at Johnstown, spent Tuesday in the ill-fated and destitute place, and interviewed many of the leading men of the town, and the Secretary of the Cambria Iron Works, Mr. Paul Stackhouse, who came from Philadelphia the day before. Following are some of the facts obtained by the interview:

Mr. Morham (President of the new Steel Rail Company), the Chairman of the Relief Committee, said Somerset's offer to take destitute women and children and provide for them was among the most timely, generous, and acceptable acts yet proffered—and one that would greatly aid them in solving the problem of ministering to the wants of the suffering. And here a word respecting Mr. Morham: He is a small, delicate looking man, of a highly sensitive, nervous temperament—all of life and alert, as well as eminently efficient, in discharging the duties of his responsible position. Every difficult and delicate question pertaining to the work of bringing order out of "confusion worse confounded" is referred to him, and his opinion and advice are sought for by all other committees. His temporary office is in a ruderly constructed building, on which there are chalked in large letters, the words "Headquarters." Access to it is exceedingly difficult, in view of the scores constantly flocking there, who can only be kept back by two stalwart Pittsburgh policemen. The office is filled with telephones, telegraph instruments, operators and clerks. In the fifteen minutes talk with him it was made quite evident that under the guiding hand of such a man Johnstown, with its now suspended industries, has a future.

It was learned from such enterprising citizens as Mr. Wesley Rose, contractor, Dr. Lawson, the two Drs. Young, Dr. Swan, Mr. John Fulton, Superintendent of the Cambria Iron Works, Cyrus Eder, Esq., Solicitor for the Company, Mr. John Thomas, merchant, Mr. James A. McMillan, President of the First National Bank, and many others, that steps would be taken immediately to repair such buildings were beyond reconstruction, and to put up new ones. It is highly probable that within the next sixty days thousands of mechanics will be employed in the work of building the waste places of the now ruined town.

As to the great industries of the town, it is a mistake to think, much less to say, as some do, that they are buried so deep as to be beyond the reach of a resurrection. The great Maxham Works, on the banks of the Stony Brook, two miles above the town, stand intact, and work will be resumed at once. The big mills, below the Pennsylvania railroad bridge, were not swept away, nor any part of them; but have simply sustained injury by being covered with water.

In a long talk with Mr. Paul Stackhouse, Secretary of the Mammoth Company, who has been in examination with the directors since last Saturday, it was learned that work at the mills was now being pushed in cleaning up and repairing machinery, and that they would be in operation within the next thirty days. What about the large Gaultier Wire Works? was asked. To which answer was made, that they would most certainly be rebuilt, and to a much larger scale.

These positive facts and assurances are well calculated to inspire the utmost confidence in a glorious and prosperous future for Johnstown on whose prosperity depends so largely the interests of Somerset county farmers.

On wending his way to what remains of the B. & O. railroad station, (the only vestige of a building left from Washington street back to the Conemaugh and from Woodvale to the demoralized store of Wood, Marrell & Co., a distance of a mile and a half,) our reporter waded through mud six inches deep in climbing up to the Desoutre office, where Editor Woodruff sat amid the wreck of his office. It will be gratifying news to hundreds to learn that the Desoutre will be published again, and that, within the next week, Mr. George T. Swan, editor of the Tribune, said the Tribune will be out as soon as the side and end of the building could be put in. But, on inquiring for his generous-hearted friend, Mr. Shabert, editor of the German paper, our reporter was grieved to learn he was among the lost.

Just as our reporter was leaving for home he learned that a meeting of leading citizens and distinguished men from Pittsburgh was to be held to effect a more thorough organization for work and protection. For the time being it is probable the town will be put under a kind of despotic government to handle and keep out all idlers and sight-seers, which is absolutely necessary.

The naked, unvarnished truth in respect to scenes witnessed is sufficiently touching and tragic without any adornments by pen or tongue, so that there is no excuse for reporting the idle tales told about retributive justice in shooting and hanging people. After careful inquiry not one solitary story of the kind could be verified. If recourse to mob law was resorted to, not one of the leading men was aware of it; and much indignation was manifested over the baseless and cruel reports.

Among other things connected with the catastrophe that is beginning to be talked about is with reference to fixing the responsibility. Not a few had the South Fork Sporting Club responsible for it. The New York Sea at great expense, sent a competent man to the broken reservoir to make an investigation. The dem, that is, the break-work, was found to be a gigantic heap of dirt dumped across a mountain stream—nothing to indicate masonry or engineering skill. When first constructed as a feeder for the old Canal, away back in the 40s, five large pipes were put in the bottom and covered with solid masonry and so arranged as to be opened from the tower and thus prevent too great a body of water to accumulate. But, in rebuilding it, the club covered them up to prevent a few fish from getting out. The Sea's comment is stinging, scathing and withering in simply saying "8,000 human lives were sacrificed to save a few fish." On his way up on the cars our reporter heard the matter discussed by some Pittsburgh lawyers, one of them saying the club was morally but not legally responsible.

No trustworthy estimate can yet be made of the number carried away by the relentless torrent. Few now put it at less than 5,000, and most think it will run from 8,000 to 10,000.

# CONDEMNING THE HUNS.

## The Good People Say They Must Leave the Town.

JOHNSTOWN, June 4.—Robert Bridgman, a letter carrier of Johnstown, marched at the head of 500 men to the corner of Marcell Avenue and Columbus street, where he mounted a wagon and began a speech on the horrors of the hour, the necessity of good workmen for the clearing away of the debris which straws every street in the city, and the extricating of bodies from the wreck, and closed with a bitter attack on the lazy Huns and Poles who have lived in the valley only a short time and refuse to turn a hand towards the relief of their suffering neighbors, yet are begging and even stealing the provisions which the people of the United States are sending here to feed the honest sufferers and allay their thirst and hunger. The crowd soon numbered nearly 1,000, which greeted Bridgman's words with cheers and shouts of approval. Another resident of the city then mounted a barrel and made a ringing speech in condemnation of the slothful foreigners, who have proven themselves a menace to the valley and its inhabitants.

# Drift From the Flood.

Many of the escapes from the fury of the flood avowed of the miraclous but none more so than the report of one that came up to town last night. In tearing away the enormous pile of debris lodged against the P. R. E. bridge this morning three persons were found alive, a man and two women, the man was caught by one leg between two heavy timbers and the leg was so badly crushed that it was thought best to amputate it where he lay; this was done and he was taken to the hospital; the women were able to get on their feet and walk away. Think of it! Caught up by the fury of the flood Friday night and dashed with irremediable force into the fast accumulating mountain of debris! Think of the rush and surge of the angry water all around and about them all of Friday night and Saturday! Think of the roaring bell of fire and flames that swept over them all of Saturday and Sunday! Think of this mass of material shattered and rent by dynamite! Think of the agony of apprehension and dread, then conceive if you can how three human beings could pass through it all and come out sane and alive. Truly miraculous is the word to apply to it and the power of the Lord is as great to save as to destroy.

# AT WILLIAMSPORT.

Many Lives Lost and Millions of Feet of Logs and Lumber Lost in the Mad-dened Waters.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., June 4.—The water here rose 34 feet, flooding three-quarters of the city. About 2,000,000 feet of logs, 40,000,000 feet of lumber, seven mills and factories and much other property have been carried away or destroyed and a number of lives lost. Many business men suffer heavily, but the largest loss is to the lumbermen.

Two children of Charles Edwards, three of a family named Schultz, a child of William Dertrich, a man named Mitchell, an unknown man, perished in this city. At Nippenox, 12 miles up the river, 12 persons were drowned. They were members of the families of George and William Youngman and two young lady visitors. The Beaver saw mill was taken bodily down stream and lodged inland a few miles below the city. J. T. Duffy's shingle mill and a quantity of his logs and shingles were carried away. The boom can be repaired in 30 days.

Adam Federick and his 14-year-old son were drowned to-day by being carried over the falls in their boat. Five men and a baby were drowned at Baker's camp, in the northern part of Lycoming county. All bridges on the Pennsylvania railroad from Linden to Sunbury were carried away. Railroad traffic is almost suspended.

# Sale Survivor of a Family.

LOCKPORT, Pa., June 4.—The bodies still rise to the surface or are dug from the ruins, increasing the death roll to frightful dimensions. This morning a girl of 18 was found at Bolivar, and a small child, boy unknown. A girl named Jennie Mundevort caught in the bushes at 9 o'clock. She lived at No. 250 Washington street, Johnstown. Her father and mother and their seven children, Edward, Joseph, Lou, Lida, Mary, Nellie and Laura, were also drowned. She is the sole survivor of the family.

# Turned Into a Camping Ground.

HARPER'S FERRY, Va., June 4.—The Baltimore and Ohio bridge here is greatly damaged. The town has sustained great loss and Harper Heights has been turned into a big camping ground. At Berlin, Knoxville, Waynesville, Sandy Hook and Point of Rocks great damage was done. The new bridge at the latter place was mostly destroyed.

# Turned Up All Right.

PHILADELPHIA, June 4.—John Dorsey, representing the firm of Bettever & Co., this city, who was reported dead at Johnstown, is safe.

BOSTON, June 4.—The Johnstown relief meeting at city hall on Monday was adjourned to reasonable at Faneuil hall to-day.

# How They Feel.

Mrs. William Vanderbilt of New York contributed \$2,000.

The American Express company will carry all provisions free, and insurance companies will give thirty days' extension.

A committee from Alliance, O., arrived on Monday with five car loads of provisions. They came on a special train, and was composed of the most prominent iron and steel merchants of that lively city.

Two car loads of provisions and about \$500 in money is contributed by Canton, O., people.

# Convention Postponed.

LEWISBURG, Neb., June 4.—President Fitzgerald has issued an order postponing the convention of the Irish National League, called for the 9th and 10th of July at Philadelphia, until after the present session of the British parliament, in compliance with the cabined advice of Mr. Parnell. The postponement is made in order to secure the attendance, if possible, of two or three nationalist members of parliament.

# Weather Indications.

For western Pennsylvania: Light rain, followed in Ohio and West Virginia by fair weather and stationary temperature.

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