

Part of a Town Swept Away.

An Iberville, (Louisiana) paper of last week says: Our town was visited with a most terrible calamity on the evening of the 17th ult. About 8 P. M. a crash was heard on the river front at the head of Main street, and the people living near the levee, who rushed out of their houses to see what was the matter, discovered that one-half of the brick warehouse of Mr. A. Caneza had fallen into the river, and the levee had also gone down. A short time afterward we arrived upon the scene, when the remainder of the building went into the river.

A Planters' warehouse, occupied by Mr. Gustavo Roth, was the next to go. In this building was a lot of sugar and molasses, but by great exertions this was rolled out and fortunately saved. In a short time the building occupied by Mr. Laboye as a cake shop began to totter, and before everything could be taken out, it went over in the river with a loud crash.

The night was very dark, but by the aid of a lantern we wended our way along toward the mouth of the bayou, where we found the levee caving in all the way up to the point at the bayou. Every one living on Front street were moving their goods and chattels. Attempting to return, we found a yawning gulf of water in place of the road over which we had just travelled. We then came into Bank street, and on going around to the head of Pledeming street, we found it was there the cave had begun. It was now about 12 o'clock midnight, and we left the scene.

Early on the following morning we again visited the scene of disaster, and we found that the row of houses on Front street, consisting of some ten or twelve, were on the brink of the cave, about to topple over. The people were tearing down their houses and endeavoring to save the lumber. Eight houses fell into the river, and about a dozen more have since been torn down, and before the levee is built over thirty houses will have disappeared from the most populous portion of the town. This is doubly unfortunate, as the greater portion of this property belonged to poor people, who have been deprived of their homes by this sad disaster.

This cave will necessitate the building of a new levee about 1,800 feet in length, and as now laid off by the State engineers will deprive a large number of poor people of every vestige of home.

A Sad Case.

The Philadelphia North American of the 24th inst., says: Coroner Goddard yesterday held an inquest upon the body of a boy named William B. Harvey, a soldier's orphan, who died at the University Hospital from the effect of abuse administered by H. E. Eida, a resident of Lambertville, New Jersey. It appears that the lad was an inmate of the Northern Home, and was sent last September from that institution to the farm of Eida. Last week he was brought back to the city, with his feet so badly frozen as to be unable to walk. He said that during the time he was employed at the farm he was compelled to rise at an early hour and chop wood, and that if he failed to obtain a certain amount in a given time he would be deprived of his breakfast, and that he had gone without his meals on nine different occasions. He also stated that about two weeks before coming home he had been severely beaten, and that his feet became frozen from being compelled to work out in the cold. The Coroner's physician testified regarding the post-mortem. Several bruises upon the back were found. The toes appeared as if they had been severely frozen; two toes on the right foot and one on the left were missing. The feet were in a gangrenous condition. The case was postponed until next Tuesday, and in the meantime Mr. Eida will be visited by an officer of the law. Ex-Mayor Fox and officers of the Grand Army of the Republic were present at the inquest.

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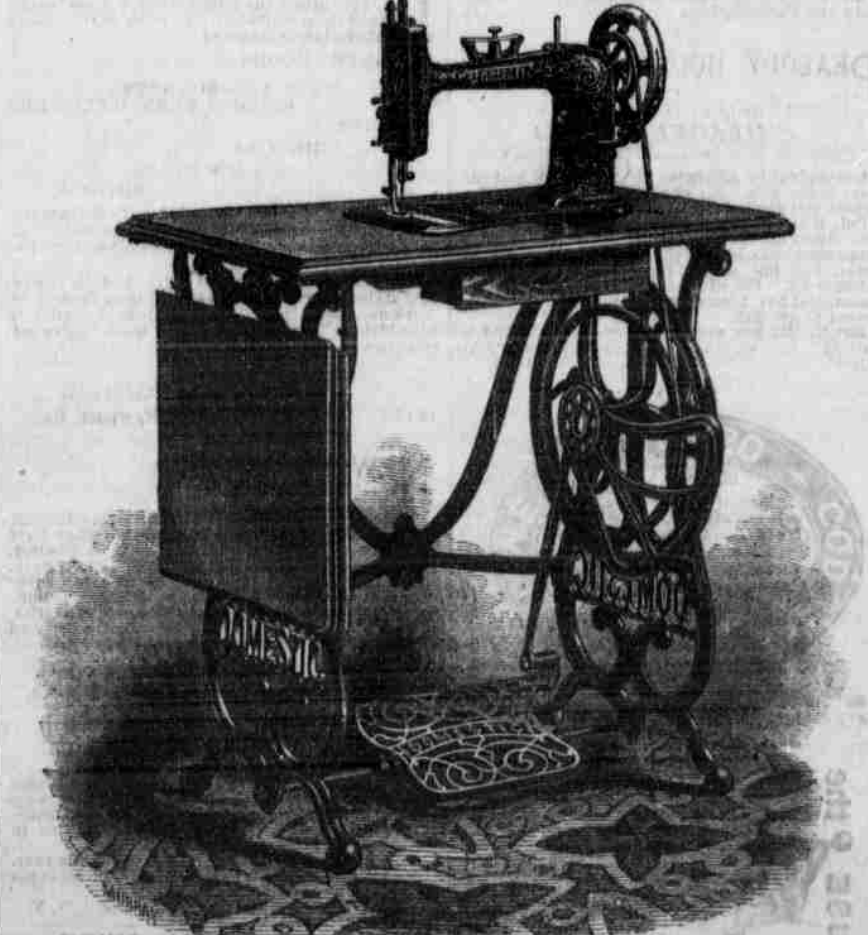
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