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Bridge Weakened by Storm Gives Way Under a Fast Pennsylvania Freight.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Dec. 15.—A freight train on the Philadelphia and Erie division of the Pennsylvania railway went through the bridge spanning Leaning creek, between this city and Newberry, at 6 o'clock this morning. Three lives were lost.

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Heavy Damage in Every Section Caused by Sudden Thaw.

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TWO RAILROADS STOP TRAFFIC
Lehigh Valley and Jersey Central Are Victims of Greatest Freshet Since 1841.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Dec. 15.—In six hours this morning the Lehigh river overflowed the canal and the adjoining tracks on both sides. Both the Lehigh Valley and the Jersey Central railroads were forced to suspend traffic. Not since 1841 has the backwater from the river wrought such serious damage...

JUNIATA VALLEY IS AFLOAT
Farmers Along Streams Suffer Incalculable Damage to Grain and Real Estate.

HUNTINGDON, Pa., Dec. 15.—Yesterday's excessive rainfall has precipitated a devastating flood throughout the Juniata valley and through the low lying country traversed by the Raystown branch. The line of the stream has become obliterated in many places by the overflow. Today the Juniata river has risen fourteen feet and the Raystown branch much higher.

HIGHEST SINCE JOHNSTOWN
Streams Around Bedford Submerge Pennsylvania Railroad and Electric Power System.

BEDFORD, Pa., Dec. 15.—One of the heaviest wind and rainstorms in its history visited Bedford last night. The rain fell in torrents and a gale shook the buildings. The Raystown branch reached its highest point since the Johnstown flood.

PITTSBURG'S WHIRLING RIVERS
Three Mad Streams Tear Fleets from Moorings and Threaten Great Destruction.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 15.—Pittsburg's three rivers at 9 o'clock tonight have passed the danger line and are still rising, with reports from the headwaters of the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers stating that both streams were still rising. The water bureau estimates that the cold wave will prevent the streams from reaching thirty feet, but considerable damage will result from the unexpected rise and the inability of shippers and river men to craft securely before the worst of the rise arrived.

MANY HOUSES ARE UNROOFED
Theater, Hotels, Church and Dwellings Wrecked at Lancaster.

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 15.—A rain and wind storm of great fury raged here during the early part of this morning. Many houses were unroofed, including Fulton's opera house, Hotel Lincoln, the Stevens house and St. Mary's Catholic church. Some streets were strewn with limbs torn from trees and bricks of dismantled chimneys.

ALLENTOWN WET AND DARK
Most Destructive Overflow Known in that Section Since 1802.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Dec. 15.—The most destructive flood in the Lehigh valley since 1802 started this morning at 1 o'clock following a two days' drenching rain, which melted the snow in the mountains, causing the Lehigh river to become a raging torrent. The Traction company's power houses are flooded with seven feet of water, which drowned fires under the boilers. No trolley cars have run since 6 a. m., and Allentown is in darkness.

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Winds of Great Velocity Sweep the Valley and Freshets and Landslides Blockade Railway Tracks.

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BATTLE CREEK'S HEAVY DROP
RATTLE CREEK, Neb., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—After almost a week of snow and cloudy weather, it cleared up Thursday evening. The thermometer then stood at 20 above. Friday morning it had fallen to 12 below, a drop of 32 degrees.

SHENOYAN MEN ARE FROSTBITTEN
SHEBOYGAN, Wis., Dec. 15.—The thermometer dropped to 18 below zero today and a Douglas street restaurant in which a simple friendly question, the question of the hour asked by everybody every time everybody meets anybody.

DOES NOT BEAR REPETITION
Not Safe to Ask a Man with No Overcoat or Gloves "Is It Cold Enough for You?"

Claud Williams and Thomas Kitchens are lodged in the city jail, charged with fighting a Douglas street restaurant in which Kitchens is employed is out of a trayfull of dishes; a patron of the restaurant failed to get a good supper; Williams is suffering with a badly disfigured nose; and a new overcoat is almost ruined; and all on account of a simple friendly question, the question of the hour asked by everybody every time everybody meets anybody.

BRIDGES AND DAMS SWEEP AWAY
Reports of destruction of bridges and bursting of dams along all streams in this vicinity continue to come in.

At Waverly a great damage was done, roads being washed out, cellars filled and buildings undermined and fallen. There was a washout on the Erie railroad near Wellsburg and another near Oswego. It is believed no trains can get through on the Erie before Monday night.

FAIR AND WARMER MONDAY
Tuesday Fair, but Colder in Northern and Western Portions of Nebraska.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Forecast: For Nebraska—Fair and warmer Monday; Tuesday fair, colder in northern and western portions; variable winds. For Missouri—Fair with rising temperature; Tuesday fair; westerly winds. For South Dakota—Snow and rising temperature Monday and Tuesday; southeasterly winds, becoming westerly.

ERIE ROAD AT A STANDSTILL
Wind Aids to Damage Done by Susquehanna and Delaware Rivers.

At Rome the rapid rise of the Mohawk river caused heavy loss and great distress. The city and suburbs are under water for miles. Only one train passed the city today and the few hundred people who were taken from their homes in boats and others are entirely without fuel. Logs valued at \$75,000 were swept away on East Canada creek, north of Herkimer.

SUSQUEHANNA STEADILY RISING
Harrisburg Reports Engine Room of Water Works Two Feet Under Flood.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 15.—The Susquehanna river has been rising at the rate of nine inches an hour since 2 o'clock this morning, with indications that it will continue to rise all night. There were two feet of water in the engine room of the Harrisburg water works this evening. The frost was caused by the heavy rainfall in the Juniata valley and along the west branch of the Susquehanna.

WEST VIRGINIA CATCHES IT
Chesapeake & Ohio Bridge Washes Away and Eastbound Traffic is Abandoned.

HINTON, W. Va., Dec. 15.—A portion of the Chesapeake & Ohio bridge at Lowell, eight miles east of the city, was washed out today. All eastbound traffic today is abandoned. The company will try to repair the damage for traffic tomorrow, but it all depends on the stage of the water, and it is rising tonight.

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