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SEATTLE, W. T., IS BURNING

The Whole Business Portion of the

Town in Ashes.

THE FIREMEN ARE HELPLESS.

Over a Thousand Feet of Hose Det

stroyed-An Engine and Crew

On the Way From

A WALL ABOUT JOHNSTOWN.

Soldiers Guard the Entrances to the Stricken City.

SIGHTSEERS NOT ALLOWED.

The Belief Growing That the Bodies in the Debris Must be Cremated -A National Relief Committee Proposed.

Dismal Sights and Scenes.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., June 6 .- A bird's eye view from the mountain side this morning shows that the waters in the Conemaugh valley have subsided almost to their usual level. With the receding waters the scene of desolation becomes hourly more wierd and picturesque. Like a desert swept by some fierce simoon, the valley level is an unbroken plain for miles, only at last to find abrupt termination in the mountain of debris that found lodgment on some projecting rock. The work of recovering the dead goes on with undiminished vigor, and as the workmen become

ACCUSTOMED TO THEIR GHASTLY FINDS, and the horrors of the scene become commonplace, they apply themselves more diligently to their duty and labor with a system that produces rapid results.

The Altoona delegation has been one of the busiest and most useful on the ground. They took charge of the two leading hospitals and ran them until this morning, when they were relieved by the Philadelphia branch of the Red Cross society under Clara Barton. They have also been in charge of the wreckage above the bridge.

The party of sixty men from Altoona have done so well that a big blast of

TWENTY-FIVE DYNAMITE CARTRIDGES at 10 o'clock loosened up the debris and made it possible to open the mouth of the old channel. This gang of workmen has located the day express which was swept away at Conemaugh. The ruins of the train lie about a hundred feet from the fourth buttress from the western end of the stone bridge. Parts of parlor cars have to-day been found, as

well as traces of the passengers. About 9 o'clock the baggage of Miss Annie

Chisholm, of Nashville, Tenn., was found, She was a missionary on her way to Brazil for the foreign missionary society of the Methodist church. Among her effects was a bible, and in it was a message to be filed at Altoona and addressed to the Methodist Book Concern, New York, announcing she was on the train. Her watch, some money and a Greek testament were also found. It is evident many lives were lost on this train, more than at first supposed. The whole train affair is STILL & MYSTERY.

At least the passengers have not so far been found and located.

found and located. There was a small-sized riot at a labor camp this morning on account of there not being food or utensils to cook it with. Two workmen complained because they did not have soup and meat. This enraged Flynn, who is at the head of the labor bureau, and he ordered the guards to take the men out of town and not allow them to enter again. This seemed to have the deenter again. This seemed to have the de sired effect, and there was no more trouble. This morning twenty time-keepers arrived from Pittaburg, and they are now hard at work getting the names of the men employed, and it was stated that

FIVE THOUSAND MEN ARE AT WORK. It is expected that by to-morrow at least 10,000 will be employed, but even this large force will not be able to remove the debris in

day or two longer, but in the hot sun decomposition will set in very soon. Four bodies were found in the rear of the stone brdge this morning. One was identified as that of John Wickee. The others were those of a young woman and two small children. children. This morning the workmen found three members of Benjamin Hoffman's family, which occupied a large residence in the rear of Lincoln street.

THE LIVING AND DEAD.

The real work of ascertaining what the number of living and dead of Johnstown is started to day. A corps of clerks, under the direction of a relief committee, started out, this morning, and they will go to every house in this vicinity and secure the names of the living. Another corps of men will endeavor to find out who the missing are, and in this manner it can be definitely known just how many lives were lost in the flood. A revision many lives were lost in the flood. A revision of the register list shows that only 13,000 people had registered by 1 o'clock this after-noon at the different registration stations. By this list it is plainly apparent that a large number of the survivors will not take the trouble to register. At one of the sta-tions, consequently, the plan of having reg-isters make a canvass was adopted. A great number of bodies are not identified. They have lain in the different moreness for four isters make a carvass was adopted. A great number of bodies are not identified. They have lain in the different morgues for four days. Thousands of people from different sections of the state have seen them, yet they remain unidentified. At Nineveh they are burying all the un-identified dead, but in the morgues in this vicinity no bodies have been buried unless they were identified.

they were identified.

KEEPING OUT SIGHTSEERS.

A wall has been thrown about Johnstown. And nobody can enter it unless it is shown he has business in the city. The Pennsyl-vania railroad has been making an effort to keep out the crowds, but the Baltimore & Ohio people yesterday brought in a flood of people from Somerset Valley. This morning when General Hastings heard of it he had a conference with Scott and O'Mara of the conference with Scott and O'Mara of the Pittsburg police, and it was decided to send Company F, of the Fourteenth regiment to Somerset for the purpose of preventing any further rush of people this way. A commit-tee of citizens accompanied the militia. They will stop off at all the stations along the road and remonstrate with the people against coming to Johnstown. The crowds of curious ones are constantly growing, and hinder the work of

removing the bodies and cleaning away the dobris. On the Pennsylvania road side the gates are practically shut, and it is hoped this move will have some effect on the Balti-more & Ohio. There is but one bridge across the Conemaugh, and nothing but a pass from Adjutant-General Hastings or Scatt will carrie and one it Scott will carry one over it.

GLOOM BLACK AS INK

vale provisions and clothing are still badiy Byron's Kernville woolen mill burned,

Byron's Kernville woolen mill burned, to-day. At one time it looked as if the whole village would be destroyed. The mill was a three-story brick, situated in the midst of the wrecks of several houses. The ruins wers on fire several times, but were ex-tinguished after a hard fight by the bucket brigade. There is a strong movement on foot tavoring the applying of the torch to the wrecked buildings in Johnstown. Al-though the suggestion meets with strong op-position there is little doubt the ultimate solution of the existing difficulties will be by by this method. Army men have been for two days employed in clearing up the wreck in the city proper, and although nundreds of bodies have been discovered, not one-fifth of the ground has yet been gone over. In many bodies have been discovered, not one-fifth of the ground has yet been gone over. In many places rubbish is piled twenty or thirty feet high, and not infrequently these great drifts cover an area of nearly as acre. Now pas-sages have been cut through in every direc-tion, but the herculean labor of removing the rubbish has yet hardly begun. At a meeting of the central relief commit-tes General Hastmore successed the advisa-

weak and got the best. One fight occurred, At Conemaugh, Mineral Point, and Wood-

At a meeting of the central relief commit-tee, General Hastings suggested the advisa-bility of applying the torch to the great sea of waste. He explained briefly the great work yet to be accomplished if it were hoped to thoroughly overhaul every portion of the debris, and insisted it would take 5,000 men months to complete the task. A motion was made that after forty-eight hours further search the debris of the atty hours further search the debris of the city should be consumed by fire, engines to be on hand to play upon any valuable building,

that, despite previous precautions, might be-come ignited by the general conflagration. Those whose relatives or friends still rest Those whose relatives of friends still rest beneath the wreck remonstrate strongly against any such summary action. The physicians warned the committee that further exposure of the putrid bodies could have but one result. typhus or some other epidemic equally fatal to its victums. Although the proposition to burn wrecks was defeated, it was evident that the movement was gaining many ad-herents, and the result will doubtless be that in a few days the torch will be applied

At Nineveh 746 bodies were consigned to the carth to-day from the morgues about town. This

ARMY OF DEAD

was placed in trenches. Less than 100 had been recognized by friends. None of them were claimed for private burial, however, as in the majority of instances, the survivors were too poor to stand the expense. There is an unusual amount of sickness about Kornwille. Drustians claim that ser There is an unusual amount of sickness about Kernville. Physicians claim that sev-eral hundred cases of pneumonia exist. The reaction, now that the great shock has passed, in a measure, has left hundreds of survivors with their nervous forces badly shattered and broken. Johnstown and ad-joining villages are now under thorough mil-itary and police regulations. Each place has been provided with men enough to keen out

settles over Johnstown as the sun goes down, the colored lanterns of the railroaders being about the only relief to the darkness. Su-perintendent Duncan, of the Alleghany County Light company, is still here waiting been provided with men enough to keep out been provided with men enough to keep out intruders, and none save those who are actu-ally employed will be allowed to remain. Officers are arresting men every hour, some of them on the slightest provocation. Notices were posted in all the morgues to-day stating that after to-day bodies would be held only twenty four hours for identifier. the arrival of his engines, dynamo, etc., which have been blockaded in the Pennsyl-vania freight yards west of town. There are The sanitary question is the para-mount one of the hour. The state board of health is looked on as a more potent factor than the militin and the civic forcer combined. This after-noon the work of the board was distributed, Dr. Lee tabling a value to Ditteburg with the held only twenty-four hours for identifica-tion. If at the expiration of that time they are not recognized they are photographed, the photograph bearing the same number as the morgue number of the corpse. Dr. Lee taking a relay to Pittsburg with the intention of establishing his headquarters in The work of blasting the gorge at the Pennsylvania bridge was prosecuted to-day the city hall. The office of the sanitary in-spectors will be established there, half of which go up the river by boat and the re-mainder take a construction crew up on the railroad. The latter have adopted cremawith much better success than on any previ ous day. Several men armed with poles were busy pushing logs loosened by the blast out into the stream so that they would float away. tion as their cry, and to-morrow night the desolate valley will be lit up with bonfires of the wreckaze, which will be

THE FYRE OF HUNDREDS

of dead bodies. Dr. Morrill, deputy chief of the state board of health, said to-day :

river was much higher in 1837 than last Fri-day, even after the dam had broken. "The whole trouble about this deplorable affair," "The point has come in this horror when sentiment should be laid aside. To endanger the lives of the living that the dead may be he continued, "results from the narrowing of the channel of the river and the deflection of identified is no longer justifiable. Besides, they are all past being embalmed, and its course. I remember well when the chanfriends can scarcely recognize the features any longer. Identification is only possible nel ran down where the mill below the bridge by the clothing or jewelry worn." Dr. Groff, who is now in charge of the

pushed forward at once they would bring much needed relief. The removal of the vast accumulation of wreckage at Johnstown will be the work of weeks, and it estimated by reliable parties to cost over \$1,000,000,"

General Manager Mellen Safe.

CHICAGO, June 6, -A telegram dated at Bedford, Pa., June 5, from W. S. Mellen, general manager-elect of the Northern Pacific railroad, was received here to-day. He was on the train which was wrecked by the Johnstown flood, and it was feared he was Johnstown hood, and it was feared he was lost. He had traveled by wagon and express to reach Washington to-day. In a letter dated on the 21 instant, at Altoona, he says: "I have with me Mrs. Halford, wife of Pres-ident Harrison's private secretary, and her daughter; Mrs. M. E. Brady, of Chicago; Gertrude, and E. L. Spangler, United States postoffice inspector. The latter gentleman saved at least two lives." The lady men-tioned as "Gertrude" is supposed to be stel-len's wife. len's wife

The Sanitary Situation.

WASHINGTON, June 6 .- Surgeon General Hamilton of the marine hospital service, has received several telegrams from Johnstown, Pa., concerning the situation there. One of them is from Past Assistant Surgeon Carrington, in which he says: "There is danger of sickness unless active sanitary measures are taken. A corps is now being or-ganized. Dead animals are being burned as rapidly as possible and disinfectants used freely. The work will require considerable time." A telegram from Dr. Lee, secretary of the Pennsylvania state board of health, says; "Temporary depopulation is being urged."

A pontoon bridge, in charge of Lieutenant Biddle reached Martinsburg, W. Va., this morning, and will probably be at Johnstown morning, and will probably be at Johnstown by evening. Adjutant-General Hastings telegraphs there is pressing need for wagon communication across the river. The Balti-more & Ohio expects to have a temporary railroad bridge across the river before night.

\$300,000 Raised For Johnstown.

PITTSBURG, June 6 .- Contributions are coming in rapidly for the relief of the Johnstown sufferers. It is estimated that at the chamber of commerce \$300,000 has been subscribed. Chairman McCreery, of the relief committee, to-night issued a circular, in which he states: "It will require 10,000 men for thirty days

to clear the wrecks along the ten miles of destruction and place the city in a safe condi-tion. This will cost double the amount now in tion. This will cost double the amount now in the hands of the committee and does not in-clude the relief for the sufferers and desti-tute, which is very great, all of which has been carefully attended to. The destitute are brought to this city. fed, clothed, and housed, or sent free to friends all over the land. We ask the generous subscriptions, which are coming from all over the country, to be continued until sufficient funds are pro-vided to comple the above work. vided to comple the above work.

Female Flends.

JOHNSTOWN, June 6 .- Early this morning, Chairman Heinz, of the relief committee, was informed by several Pennsylvania railroad conductors, that two or three women of questionable character had arrived in town last night, whom they think are procuresses. come to prey on unfortunate young women. He reported to the police who will warn all suspicious characters to leave town at once All young women who apply for relief will be warned to beware of these women.

Thomas Jacobs, of Morrellville, is one of the oldest inhabitants of the Conemaugh valley. He said to-day that the water of the

On Their Way to Pittsburg. PHILADELPHIA, June 6.-General Manager Pugh, of the Pennsylvania railroad, was notified, to-day, that the following passengers were among those who left Altoona this morning to go to Pittsburg by way of Eden-burg: Mrs. C. H. Lefferts and Carrie Barber, of Manilla, Ia.; Charles Heersen.

Among the Missing.

PHILADELPHI tendent Pettit telegraphs from Altoona that Miss Agnes C. Christman, of Beaver Ford, and a colored Pullman porter, who were on the second section of the day express, are missing. When last seen they were going back into the car, as if to get something.

A Tract of Land About Eight Miles From the City.			Anxiety
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THE	CHEROKEE	COMMISSION.	greatest i of West (parts of

It is Selected at Last-Peters Appointed as Collector of Internal Revenue for the Nebraska District.

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513 FOURTEENTA STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., June 6. The secretary of war has decided to purchuse as a new site for Fort Omaha a tract of 540 acres of land about eight miles from Omaha, which can be had for about \$67,000. [The above telegram was shown to Mr. H. T. Clarke this morning, and he was of the opinion that the selection must be a part of

his property. "If this is about eight miles south," he said, "it must be a section of the 4,000 acres I offered to sell." "Does the price correspond !"

"Well, the appropriation only provided for the expenditure of \$200,000, one-third of which was to be used for the purchase of the which was to be used for the purchase of the property, and the other two-thirds for the buildings and improvements. That would make \$66,666, or about \$67,000 for the pur-chase of a site. Of course, I can not tell yet whether or not that is my property, but, as I say, the distance about corresponds, and if it is south of the city, it is probably a portion of the 4,000 acres."]

A NEW OKLAHOMA.

The president has succeeded in completing the commission which is to negotiate with the Cherokee and other Indian tribes lo-cated in the Indian Territory for the cession of their lands to the United States. It will have to treat with every Indian tribe in the territory and complete negotiations that will require the entire time and attention of the commissioners for the time being. They will have to thoroughly understand the history of the various tribes from the date they took the lands they now own up to the pres-ent time; they will have to be conversant with the title by which the Indians now hold their lands, and be prepared to meet a thousand and one other minute and intricate points which will either arise during the treaty with the Indians or the knowledge of which will be necessary to secure a result that will not only be a satisfactory one to the United States government and the Indians, but which will be binding upon the parties to the contract, should the Indians decide to sell the lands to the government. President Harrison recognizes the importance of the situation and accordingly looked over the situation, and accordingly looked over the country for a man whom he thought could satisfactorily fill the bill as chairman of the commission. The position was first offered Judge Robinson, of Massachusetts, a man of undoubted ability, who par-tially accepted, but upon inquiry into the nature of the office and its requirements, he nature of the office and its requirements, he was unwilling to sacrifice his business interests, as he would have to if he accepted the office, and he consequently declined the appointment. Then another search was begun, and Mr. Baker, of Indiana, was se-lected. He also declined to accept the po-sition after he understood its requirements. To-day the appointment of John D. Miles, of Lawrence, Kan. to be a member of the

To-day the appointment of John D. Miles, of Lawrence, Kan., to be a member of the commission was announced, and he will be chairman. The other two members of this body are Mr. Humphreys, of Illinois, a bright young lawyer, and Mr. Wil-son, of Arkansas, a well-known lawyer. The latter gentleman, although appointed and commissioned, may not be a member of the commission that will finally go into the In-dian territory. His resignation would not dian territory. His resignation would not be a surprise to his friends in this city, who say that he has about determined to withdraw from the commission, as he does not consider either the glory of the office or the salary attached a sufficient recompense to warrant him in leaving the law practice. The fact that the commissioners are required to so thoroungly understand every-thing appertaining to the tribes they will meet, which necessitates great study and consequent delay, and the unor-ganized condition of the commission, has postponed the work of negotiation. It was thought when the board was authorized that it would have been on the grounds long ere this, but now it will be ten days or two weeks before the start is made. After the commis-sion begins its labors they will be engaged anywhere from one to two years. The Chero and then the others in turn. The government, if the commission is successful in its negotia tions, will acquire about twenty-two million acres of land, enough for a new state. These lands are very fertile and rich in minerals and settlers will pour into them when they are opened more rapidly and in greater num bers than did the boomers into the territory

FORT OMAHA'S SITE CHOSEN | CORNVALL AND JOHNSTOWN. For the Cornishment in the Flooded District. ight 1889 by James Gordon Bennett.1 Cable-Special to Tun BEE.]-The in Pennsylvania has caused the alarm and anxiety among the people Cornwall, large numbers from all parts of the country having migrated to Johnstown and formed quite a Cornish colony there, and there is very little doubt but that a majority of them, if not all, are victims of the disaster. No definite information has been received, but several young men from St. Davy's and Cambourne were known to have been employed in the iron works which were swept away by the floods. On receipt of the news of the catastrophe

Mr. Harvey, of Penzance, who recently returned from Johnstown, became alarmed, for he left his married sister with six children in the state; and he received such a shock to his system that from the first his life was despaired of, and he expired yesterday at his brother's residence. It is calculated that fully five hundred

families in Cornwall have relatives in Johnstown, and grief, of course, is great throughout the country.

MURAT HALSTEAD IN BERLIN. A Report That His Name is to Go to

the Senate Again.

[Copyright 1889 by James Gordon Bennett.] BERLIN, June 6.-[New York Herald Cable-Special to THE BEE. |-Murat Halstead told me to-day that he is still shaky and suffers much from rheumatism. He is going to take some baths at Joplitz in Bohemia.

There is a report that his name is to go to the senate again for the Berlin mission.

American Engineers in England.

[Copyright 1889 by James Gordon Bennett.] LIVERPOOL, June 6 .- New York Herald Cable-Special to THE BEE.]-The visit of the American engineers to the United Kingdom promises to be one of the most satisfactory kind, and the distinguished strangers are likely to return home with pleasant momories of the hospitality of their English friends.

They reached the Mersey in two detachments; the first being the members of the American Society of Civil Engineers, who came by the City of New York; and second the representative members, and their friends, of the Joint Engineering Societies of the United States, who arrived by the City of Chicago.

A general reception committee, embracing the most prominent men of Liverpool, was formed, and with them were associated a distinguished deputation from the Institution of Civil Engineers, and other technical societies of Great Britain and Ireland, and representatives of the Liverpool Engineering society, to welcome the Americans on their arrival in England. To-day a series of excursions were arranged for the convenience of the visitors. The committee sent conveyances to the various hotels to take them down to the place of mustering.

The enjoyments of the day included recherche lunch on board the fine ferry boat Lancashire, whilst crossing the river. Another, and in many respects quite as interesting an excursion, was that to Messrs. Laird Bros., Birkenhead iron works, and to the Mersey tunnel railroad. In the evening an official reception was

given, by the mayor of Liverpool, in the town hall. To-morrow most of the American enrincers will visit the ship canal, in progress which will bring Manchester into direct connection with the sea by way of the Mersey, after which they will disperse all over the kingdom.

Portland. Nothing But Residences Left. PORTLAND, Ore., June 6 .-- Fire broke out at Scattle, W. T., at 2:30 this afternoon in the Pontus building, and is now raging over a district of five or six blocks, and the indication are that the whole business portion of the town, involving millions, will go. The magnificent San Francisco store is on fire. The firemen are helpless and have telegraphed in all directions for help A later dispatch from Seattle says: "A disastrous fire is now sweeping through the heart of the business part of the city. Two blocks have already been destroyed. Many other buildings are in flames, and the conflagration has passed beyond the control of the fire department. To add to the city's peril a smart breeze is blowing off the bay fanning the flames, and about one thousand feet of hose have been burned. At present no idea of the extent of the loss can be formed. The opera house block the block opposite, and the warehouses at the foot of Column street, and also four buildings in the rear of the Post-Intelligencer are burning. The people in the Yester blocky occupied by the Western Union and the Post-Intelligencer, are moving out."

At 6 o'clock to-night the best engine in the department, fully equipped with a crew, etc., and 1,000 feet of hose, started on a special train, and will probably reach Seattle at midnight.

Later .- From several insurance agencies in this city it is learned that thirty-on d blocks so far have been burned in the very business portion of the city, and there is great danger of the loss of about twenty blocks more. The fire is not yet under control. The very latest despatches state the fire has reached the great coal bunkers Should these be destroyed, it is certain that the flames will be communicated to a very

large number of wooden buildings. Later-A dispatch from Seattle at 10 p. m. says the business portion of the city is in ashes. Every bank, hotel and place of amusement, all leading business houses, all newspaper offices, railroad depots, miles of steamboat wharves, coal bunkers and teld, graph offices are burned. The fire began near the corner of Front and Pearl streets in the Seattle candy factory at 2:30 p. m. The whole of the business section north of Stetson & Post's mill along front and Second streets to the water front have been burned. Involving a loss of over \$5,000,000. The city is literally wiped out, except the residence portion on the high ground. At 6:30 p. m. the flames had reached the wharves aud the steamboat and shipping were compelled to put out into the stream A stiff breeze was blowing from the norths

west when the fire started, and it soon got the best of the fire department. The water supply gave out within two hours after the fire began, and then the flames had a clean sweep. A great deal of property was moved only to be burned in other places, so quick did the flames spread. THE MONTANA TRAGEDY.

less time than several weeks. Last night about five hundred of the laborers had no tents to sleep in, but word has been received from Washington that tents are on the way, and it is expected that they will arrive tonight.

Shortly after midnight a riot was reported at Cambria City and word was sent to Adjutant-General Hastings, requesting a detach-ment of soldiers. He immediately ordered a company of the Fourteenth regiment to the place, but when they arrived it was found there was little or no necessity for their ser-vice. The general reports everything quiet last night, and this morning states there is no truth in the report that he was going to order out the Tenth regiment. The soldiers are getting down to work and guards are posted at the stone bridge, and it is now impossible to get into Johnstown without a pass.

MANY UNIDENTIFIED CORPSES.

There are at present thirty unidentified odies at the Fourth ward school house. These bodies have been lying there for the past three days, and in that time at least forty thousand people have viewed them. No one has identified them and there is noth-ing in their clothing to indicate who they During the past twenty-four hours sixty bodies were embalmed and taken from this place. This morning five bodies wer were brought m. Their names are Henry Ludwig, Albert Werry and Oscar Hennekamp, of Johnstown, and Maggie Hillside, Moreland county. Oscar Hennekamp was a well-known merchant of Johnstown, and his rela-tives, who have been looking for him since the flood, had offered a large reward for the recovery of his body. recovery of his body.

TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED BODIES FOUND.

Some doubts have been expressed as to the estimates that 12,000 to 15,000 people have been lost in this flooded district. Of course, been lost in this flooded district. Of course, there is at present no way of actor-mining with any degree of exactness how many are dead, but the guessing is reasonable and conservative, and is based on close figuring. At least 2,500 bodies have been found. Two thousand, at the lowest calculation, are in the burned debris in the river; 3,000 are in the unsearched sand banks around the Cambria works, down along the around the Cambria works, down along the river and in the lower part of Johnstown; from one to two thousand are scattered in the Valley from Woodville to the bridge, and a thousand or two below the bridge between Johnstown and Bolivar. Hundreds were carried down the broad river in the tre-mendous current and may never come into the broads of the living. the hands of the living.

THE FEARFUL DEATH ROLL.

Said Adjutant-General Hastings morning: "In my opinion the loss is greater than we can show figures for." William Jones, of Braddock, thinks at least ten to twelve thousand are lost. The statement that 18,000 persons had registered at the registration buseaus yesterday was incorrect. One of General Hastings' aids said at 10 o'clock that so many persons registered twice or more that the list had to be revised and that the total was not more than 13,000. This registration not only comprehends the population of Johnstown and adjoining towns, which was about 33,000, but embraces places further away in the flooded region, the total population of which was at least 45,000, including villages, straggling hamiets and farms. Chairman Hicks, of the Altoona delegation, who has been all over the district since Sunday morning, says the loss is 12,000 to 14,000, and he bases it on talks with scores of people.

UNDER MARTIAL LAW.

At noon to day the boreugh of Johnstown and adjoining boroughs, or what is left of them, practically passed under martial law. EMBALMING THE BODIES.

EXERCISING THE DODIES. To to noon to-day 725 bodies have been mbalmod at St. Columbus Catholle church, Cambria City. A number of bodies were have from the debris at Kernville this horning. They were identified as Mr. and Mrs. Reese, Frank Beaman, Lizzie Wagnor and Laura and Jessie Jones. A number of people arrived from Pittsburg to-day, caus-ing considerable trouble, as they only cau-ing owing to the stanch. Forty bodies were ha small school room, and all the unknown dead were taken from the room and placed in the frent yard. They will be kept for

Johnstown bureau, states that the board of health and the sanitary inspectors, assured the Associated press correspondent this afternoon that there is no immediate danger of an epidemic in Pittsburg. "The danger is," said he, " that people will be scared into being sick. We need thousands of men to work on the debris and to clear it of carcasses.'

An inspector who just arrived from the Woodvale district reports great destitution. There is nothing in town but flour and bacon, and very little of that. After noon to-day it was reported to Chief Gagely, of the police committee, that a body of alleged rescuers at the foot of Main street were removing jewelry from the bodies they carried away. Gagely ordered a policeman to go and pre-tend to superintend the work, for the pur-pose of apprehending the thieves. A special

police had to be detailed to prevent stealing from the debris back of the general hospital A NATIONAL RELIEF COMMITTEE.

The relief committee is to be made national in its scope. Action to that effect was taken at a meeting of the finance committee of the relief organization this after noon. The plan was proposed by parties high in authority, and has been given the official sanction of the finance committee by the following clauses in this afternoon's resolutions:

'Survivors of the flood are now and must be for some time, wholly dependent upon issues to them of food and clothing as there

are no goods except those brought in by the relief committee, and no places in which commerce can be carried off. Agencies for making such distribution should receive grave consideration. It is with the unanimous consent of this committee that another committee should be appointed for this purpose, composed in part of citizens of this locality and members appointed by the governors of states or by the chambers of commerce of the cities from which the contributions shall be received, or in such other way as will give this agency a national character and assure the country that its most generous charities will be judiciously and fully applied to the relief of the victims of our unprecedented calamity."

ACTUAL CASH RECEIVED.

Up to to-day the committee has received in actual cash contributions \$25,796.16, with \$57,115.45 promised in addition. The greater part of this is represented by telegrams from a distance instructing the committee to draw on certain banks. This is an impossibility, as there are no banking facilities left here. The committee hopes that the contributors will forward their money by express. To-day J. D. Roberts stated that Philadelphia has promised \$300,000, which is now at the disposal of the committee. Governor Beaver has reported \$100,000, but has not made any move to send it, so far as known. Pittsburg has sent about \$300,000.

BRIGHTENING & LITTLE.

A tour of the outlying districts of Johnstown was made to-day by the Associated Press correspondent. Affairs are brighten-ing slowly and moving forward with some system. Supplies have arrived at Mineral Point, and accommodations are being pro-vided for the comfort of the survivors. The vided for the comfort of the survivors. The same are being made at Conemangh and Woodvale. One or two cases of pneumonia are reported at these places, but none of them are serious. Measles and sore throat have broken out among the children. An epidemic is feared. L. D. Smith, of the Gautier steel works, Woodvale, issued an order requesting all employes to report at the mill offices to-day. The mill, which manufactures street railway specialties is to

manufactures street railway specialtics, is to be removed to Moxham, another suburb of Johnstown. This will leave only the woolen mill and chemical work in Woodvale. The removal of the mill will be a scrious blow to

The Conen been a shallow stream. After heavy rainfalls it rises rapidly, as all moun-tain streams do. Its watershed is large, and the hillsides are so constituted that the water runs down rapidly, causing quick rises and turbulent currents. Pri quick rises and turbulent currents. Pri-marily I hold that the Cambria iron company is responsible for narrowing the chan-nel; secondly, the South Fork club for not

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having made the dam secure beyond all nos sibility of break, especially when they caused the dam to be enlarged by raising, and third, the Pennsylvania railread for having con-structed a viaduct with such low arches, with ribs calculated to catch pieces of driftwood if they happen to strike diagonally on the piers. The dam made by the gorge at the bridge is what engulfed the town."

Heavy Damage to Property. WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., June 6 .- The people here are a little easier now that apprehensions of suffering from hunger have been dissipated. Several cars of supplies brought up yesterday evening, are ready to be unloaded and the work will begin some time

to-day. The river is now down to seven at this place. The body feet of Calvin Miller, who was missing since the Maynard street bridge went down has been found four miles below here. This makes two lives only lost at the Maynard street bridge instead of the large number falsely reported drowned there. Advices coming show that the loss of | roperty is very heavy in all places near here. Morris, Tiogs county, is a total wreck. Many mills, Tioga county, is a total wreck. Many mills, dwellings and other buildings were swept away and the Pine Creek railroad has suffered greatly. At Hollidaysburg much damage was done. Bridges were carried away and great destruction was caused at every point. All along the line of the Phila-delphia & Reading road in this city de-struction meets the eye. The number of houses taken away or demolished can not be stated yet, but it is outie large. All along the stated yet, but it is quite large. All along the entire river front from Pine street and back to the heart of the city are piles of debris. Ciothing, which has been called for, is badly needed, as so many lost all but what

they had on. Some of the large mills are still filled with people, and freight cars and improvised shantles are occupied by others. Tents sent will be extremely welcome, but they may not be obtained in time to get them erected to-day. The weather is cold at present. Word has been received from the Crescen Nall works, on the Northern Central railway, that the place has been nearly washed away. Many houses and a part the nail works are gone. The people took refuge in a church on the side of the hill, and are left entirely destitute. Most of the men of the town have gone to work along the rail-road, helping in repairing it, but their fam-ilies are staying wherever they can find

shelter. Other Towns Need Aid. NEW YORK, June 6 .- Mayor Grant re-

ceived the following from Governor Beaver this morning, dated Harrisburg, Pa.: We succeeded in reaching Williamsport last evening with seven car loads of provisions by ferrying the river twice. This averts the present danger of a lack of food. The area of the flooded districts increases. The city of Lockhaven is in a distressing plight. Reservoirs and bridges are de-stroyed, and the city is entirely covered stroyed, and the city is entirely covered with water. Provisions and other supplies are utterly ruined. We hope to reach them with provisions to-day, as we did at Wil-liamsport yesterday. Both cities need sup-plies, clothing of all kinds and bedding. Johnstown is being well supplied in these respects, but the work of clearing away the wreck and putting things in order will be one of weeks. We will need further holn of all We will need further help of all

of weeks. We will need further help of all kinds for a few days. Mayor Grant this afternoon asked Governor Beaver if portable houses would be useful. In a few minutes Governer Beaver

sent a reply. It read: "Supplies of clothing and bedding are greatly needed in Williamsport and Lockhaven. We are shipping supplies to both points. Houses I think very desirable, as I have urgens requests for more tents to shel-ter the homeless and those at work re-moving the debris. If these houses could be

Wreckage Passing Cincinnati,

CINCINNATI, June 6,-Portions of the wreckage of the Conemaugh valley began to pass the city to day. Not much of it was caught, and nothing of interest or value was found.

Germans Will Assist.

BERLIN, June 6 .- The North German Gazette, speaking of the Johnstown calamity. "Americans are always charitable The condition of the sufferers by the Johnstown floods demand German assistance.

A Carload of Corn.

JUNCTION CITY, Kan., June 6 .- A carload of corn has been donated by the citizens of this city to the Johnstown sufferers.' The car left for Chicago last night, and will be uctioned off.

Jay Gould's Mite.

NEW YORK, June 6 .- Jay Gould has subscribed \$1,000 for the Johnstown sufferers.

LARD REFINERY EXPLOSION.

Two Former Omaha Residents Bruised and Scalded.

HUTCHINSON, Kan., June 6 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. |-A terrible accident occurred at the lard refinery of N. K. Fairbanks & Co., this morning, by which three men were badly injured. These works are under the general management of James L. Woods, late of Omaha, and they were just preparing to draw off the first refined lard. For some days past Mr. George D. Lewis, superintendent of the Fairbank refinery, at St. Louis, had been here assisting in testing the machinery and getting everything under headway.

This morning, those two gentlemen, to ether with a steamfitter named John Gavin, also from Omaha, were testing the heat of the lard tank, when it exploded. The men were directly over the tank, and were thrown were directly over the tank, and were thrown against the ceiling above and deluged with boiling lard. Mr. Woods, in addition to several bad bruises, was scalded in a fright-ful manner from head to foot. Mr. Lewis was also terribly scalded, sustained a com-pound fracture of an ankle, and was severely cut about the head. Galvin was badly cut about the head. Galvin was badly scalded, out it is thought be is not otherwise seriously injured. Medical assistance was someoned and the men were removed to their hotel, where they are resting comfortably. It is the general opinion of the doctors that

Mr. Lewis' chances for recovery are doubt-ful. The others will survive. Various theories are advanced as to the cause of the accident, but the most probable one is an over-pressure of steam.

Declared a Dividend.

CHICAGO, June 6 .- The board of directors of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad company met here this morning and declared the usual quarterly dividend of 1% per cent on preferred and 11% per cent on common stock. The annual meeting of the stockholders is now in session. The old stockholders is now in session. The old board of directors were re-elected with the exception that F. L. Ames was chosen in the place of D. O. Mills, resigned. The annual report shows the net earnings were \$4.064,-703, with a surplus of \$620,060. The net earnings of the lines west of the Missouri river users \$105 \$22, total surplus \$770 0.02 river were \$135,832; total surplus, \$779,032.

Americans Will Celebrate in Paris. PARIS, June 6 .- The cabinet has considered avorably the report of the American resi-dents for permission to hold a public celebration in Paris on June 4. President Carnot has consented to unveil the statue of liberty on that day.

The Weather Indications.

Iowa and Nebraska-Showers: slightly cooler, winds becoming northerly

A LITTLE RED TAPE ABOLISHED.

Soon after Mr. Black assumed the position as commissioner of pensions, he issued an order to examining surgeons, prohibiting them from giving any statement on affidavit to a claim for a pension, without first asking permission from the pension bureau. This order has been in operation for nearly four years, and it is found that, besides being useless and without reason, it has acted as a bar to the business of the office and has caused much needless delay in the examination of applications for pensions. Recognizing these facts, Commissioner Tanner to-day issued the necessary order to examining surgeons to declare the ruling of Commissioner Black void. The commissioner states in his circu-lar that he is unable to find any reason or law to prevent a man, simply because he is an examining surgeon of the bureau, from partition as to any matthe within his back. testifying as to any matter within his knowledge, provided this information was not ac quired in his official capacity.

of Oklahoma.

IT DRAPED LINCOLN'S CASKET.

At the request of Secretary Proctor, Brigadier General Townsend (retired), has officially identified the large flag now or exhibition in the secretary's office, as tha which draped the casket of President Linas that

PETERS APPOINTED.

The president to day appointed John Pe-ters, of Nebraska, to be collector of internal revenue for the district of Nebraska.

MISCELLANEOUS. The secretary of agriculture has issued what purports to be a very learned treatise on lard and lard adulteration. It is the work of H. W. Wiley, a chemist in the de-partment, and forms a number of the "food and food adulterants" series. There are 154 printed pages devoted to the work, and as stated in the preface, the object is to show the character of true lard. How it is made and how it may be distinguished from its imitations and the substances used in adulterating lard, have been studied and their properties described. The character of the mixed lards pointed out.

Congressman Dorsey, of Nebraska, has formed a campaigning party to spend a few weeks in Dakota, subsequent to the adjourn-ment of the constitutional convention to be heid this month. Among those who will compose the party are Congressmen McKiney, of Ohio, Burrows, of Michigan, and Bayne, of Pennsylvania.

T. C. Nelson was to-day appointed postmaster at Hazieton, Buchanan county, Ia. PERRY S. HEATH.

THE CHAMBER EXCITED.

Ex-Premier Ferry Rises and is Greet ed With a Stormy Protest.

PARIS, June 6 .- In the debate on the edu cational budget in the chamber of deputies, to-day, the rising of ex-Premier Ferry to address the house caused a great uproar. The members of the right shouted, "The blood of the Tonquin dead chokes you," and many similar cries were heard. De Cassagnac advised the house to submit and listen. "We can swallow our disgust," explained Bougeois, deputy for the department of Vendee. Finally, on the demand of the president, order was restored and Ferry proceeded with his remarks.

Another Yacht to Be Beaten.

[Copyright 1889 by James Gordon Bennett.] EASTBOURNE, June 6 .- New York Herald Cable-Special to THE BEE. |-The launch of the yacht Paradox, which will compete for the American cup if it answers expectations, was effected here this afternoon. In the presence of a large concourse of spectators the vessel was moved to within ten feet of the sea, and will enter the water at high tide to-morrow morning at 4 o'clock.

It is more than a generation since a lugger-rigged yacht has been seen in English waters. In the case of the Paradox the necessity of lowering the sail when removing it from one side of the mast to the other will be obviated, by an ingenious arrangement. The foremast is 60 feet high, the mainmast 70 feet, and the foreyard 52 feet long. The sail area will be about two thousand square feet.

The Paradox is the largest yacht ever built at Eastbourne, and is the largest in the world. It has been constructed by G. Gadsden, the well-known shipbuilder of that town. The peculiarity of the hull is that it is perfectly straight at the bow and tapers off towards the rudder. Mr. E. Ropham, the owner, will command the yacht, which will take part in the yacht race at queenstown June 17.

Vanderbilt's Yacht Alva.

[Copyright 1889 by James Gordon Hennett.] PLYMOUTH, June 6.-[New York Herald Cable-Special to THE BEE.]-The Alva steam yacht, belonging to Mr. Vanderbilt, which has for some time been lying at the government moorings in Barnpool, sailed from Plymouth, to-day, eastward. The vessel has undergone an extensive overhaul in the Great Western docks, and will proceed along the coast of Norway to North Cape and then to America. Vanderbilt is not on board.

More Subscriptions.

[Copyright 1889 by James Gordon Bennett.] LONDON, June 6 .- [New York Herald Cable-Special to THE BEE. |-The following further subscriptions have been received by the London edition of the Herald for the relief of the sufferers by the Pennsylvania floods: James B. D. A. Boulton, of New Jersey, £5; F. H. Snyder, £5; Dr. Mitchell, £1.1s; C. S. J., £2; David Scott, £1; F. W. Capman, 10s.

Movements of American Gunboats. [Copyright 1889 by James Gordon Bennett.] LONDON, June 7.-[New York Herald Cable-Special to THE BEE. |-The United States gunboat Swatara arrived at Mo-zambique on Wednesday, and the Cornette Enterprise at Port Said to-day.

Nebraska and Iowa Pensions. WASHINGTON. June 6 .- | Special Telegram THE BEE !-- Pensions granted Nebraskans : Original invalids-Alexander May, James Walton, David F. Weimer, Irving S. Smith James Devore. Increase-John J. Cain, Charles Growe, Reissue-Charles Harkins Joel P. Calkins, J. Rock Williamson. Orig Orig inal willows, etc.-Sarah, mother of George J. Bye; Solomon, father of William R. Cor-

Pensions for Iowans: Original invalids-Samuel J. Gunsalis, Joseph Dain (deceased), William P. Culver. Restoration and reissue -Michael Cheeseman. Increased - Andrew J. Bailey, John T. Robbs, Christian Hack, Peter Carder, Israel Heiphrey, John Gif, ford, Reissue-Samuel V. Duncan (O, W.), Honaventura Heinz. Reissue and increase-Charles Simmons. Original widows and children-Isabel, widow of Joseph Dain; Armor W., father of Thomson Lewis; Elizabeth A., mother of Joseph R. Miller.

Inquests Establish the Identity of the Dead Murderers.

HELENA, Mont., June 6 .- [Special Tete gram to THE BEE. |-Inquests on the dead bodies of the murderers and murdered of the Silver City tragedy were held, to-day, and resulted in establishing the identity of the murderers and completely exonerating and even commending the action of the sheriff's posse in hunting down and killing the 055388105.

The victims of the murder, Agent Jobso and Operator Burwell, were embaimed today and will be shipped east; Jobst to . brother in Dakota and Burwell to his parents in Detroit, Mich. Both were young men and respected employes of the Manitoba rail-

The murders have been identified as Robert Quaide and Julius Quaide, cousins, who came here from southern Minnesota (ast spring. They had frequently been seen in Helena, and were undoubtedly connected, with several daring burglaries within the past two months. Their former home was in southern Iowa, where they were outlawed for various crimes. For two years officers have been on their trail for crimes committed there.

Railway Employes Organize.

CHICAGO, June 6 .- Quite an important move occurred in railway labor circles here, this evening, when nine delegates assembled here, ratified a constitution for the future government of three of the important railway employe associations which are now federated in one body, known as the United Order of Railway employes. The delegates, represented the brotherhood of railway brakemen, switchmen's mutual aid asso-ciation, and the brotherhood of locemotive firemen. The governing body will be a supreme council, of which the following are the officers: president, F. P. Sargeant, of the Firemen's association; vice president, Frank Sweenle, of the Switchmen's association; secretary, E. F. O'Shea, of the rallway brakemon's association.

President Sargeant was asked to-night what is the stand of the new order on strikes, and replied: "All difficulties that can possibly arise are pro-vided for, but as the constitution is a secret one I cannot state the provisions."

The Regatta at Salt Lake.

SALT LAKE CITY, June 6.-[Special Tele-gram to THE BEE.]-The dispute between the Lake park and Garfield beach resorts, as to the noted oarsmen, is assuming serious proportions. O'Connor and Lee were billed o appear at Garfield beach, and their sculls were sent there. Later, they were adver-tised to appear at Lake park. At this writing both resorts are billing the town that the regatta will positively take place at their re-spective resorts. The Garfield beach folks refuse to deliver the sculls unless a freight bill of \$400 is paid, the charges for hauling bill of \$400 is paid, the charges for having the boats sixteen miles. The excitement is at fever heat here, and it is impossible to predict which resort will carry off the prize. C. E. Wincote and wife, G. E. Frankin, M. A. Mainton and Charles T. Willis, of Omaha, are in the city.

France and England.

PARIS, June 6 .- [Special Cablegram to THE BEE |-- Two hundred and fifty members of the French chamber of deputies have signed a response to the memorial sent by 236 members of the British house of com mons to President Carnot, in relation to the absence of Lord Lyton, the British embassador, at the opening of the Paris exposition. The response expresses gratitude for the assurance of sympathy for France which the memorial contained, and utters the hope that those who sign it will join in an interna-tional parliamentary conference on the 3th inst, at which authorized representatives of public opinion may units to chase sway the threats darkening the political horizon