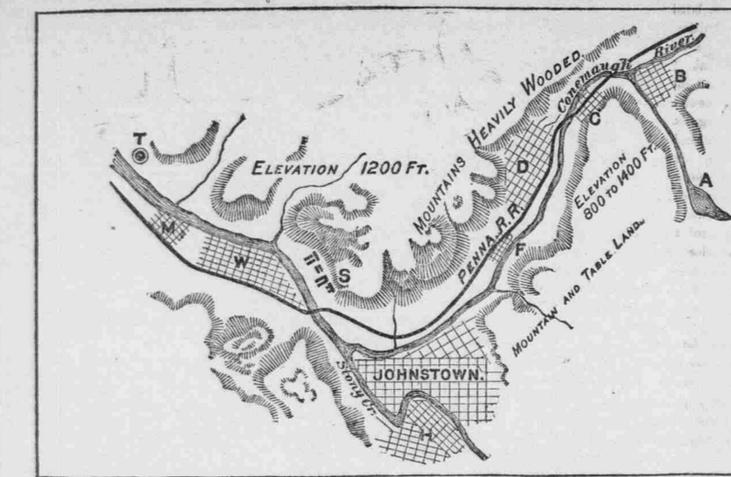


Thousands of Lives and Millions of Dollars Worth of Property Destroyed by the Recent Rains.

The terrible calamity which visited Johnstown, Pa., on Friday last was caused in great part by the bursting of a lake near that city. This lake was formerly the reservoir of the old Pennsylvania Canal, which was abandoned...

To make the calamity still more horrible, a stone bridge across the Conemaugh at the lower end of the city stopped the wreckage of houses floating down the river. The bridge is 612 feet high. This mass took fire and cremated hundreds of bodies, so that nothing tangible can be formed of the real number of persons who have perished...

A Conemaugh Lake and reservoir (several miles long and 14 miles above Johnstown), whose broken dam flooded the valley. B—Town of South Fork (2,000 inhabitants). C—Mineral Point (800 inhabitants). D—Town of Conemaugh (2,500 inhabitants). E—Homes of the old workers in iron and steel works. W—Cambria City. Johnstown and Cambria cities and Conemaugh borough contained a total population of nearly 30,000 persons. M—Sheridan (800 inhabitants). T—Saug Hollow, 12 miles below Johnstown, where the railroad operator counted 75 dead bodies carried down the river.



THE VALLEY OF THE CONEMAUGH.

and the water started down the mountain side, sweeping before it the trees as if they were chips, and bowlders were rolled down as if they were marbles. The roar was deafening. The lake was emptied in an hour and a half. All the water, however, was not out. It was in a terrible condition. At some points holes 20 to 30 feet deep were washed in the tracks. On his way down he stopped at Mineral Point, where 16 houses were washed away and several lives lost. At East Conemaugh 30 houses were carried away by the flood. The loss of life is large at this point.

A NAMELESS PAUL REVERE. A nameless Paul Revere lies somewhere among the unknown dead. Who he is may never be known, but his ride will be famous in local history. Mounted on a grand, big, bay horse, he came riding down the pike, a catalyst and the speed of the wind upon the fair city at the foothills.

A large number of the most prominent citizens of Johnstown are among the dead, and several streets of the city were washed clean. Cider, Market, Main, Locust and Washington streets suffered the most, and are bare of all buildings, and their inhabitants seem to have fled into the streets at the first warning of danger, and thus rushed to their deaths, for those who remained in their houses had an opportunity to flee to the upper stories. Where the houses were from them were found their foundations, and many were saved.

Although warned to flee to the hillsides many of the men, resting in a fancied security, loitered about the streets, and were swept away. To-day their bodies are strewn along the Conemaugh, Kiskiminetus and Allegheny Rivers, and are being caught as far down the Ohio as Rochester. Below the mills is Cambria, a small town, in which the district resident probably 2,000 people. The scenes here are but a repetition of the other parts of the flood-washed town.

Johnstown. THE LOCATION AND SURROUNDINGS OF THE PLACE. Most important and prosperous of the many little towns and villages of the busy manufacturing district of the Conemaugh River Valley was Johnstown, seventy-eight miles east of Pittsburgh, the southernmost point in the valley, lying in the fork of the Conemaugh River, flowing from the northeast, and Stony Creek, running from the southwest, and the Conemaugh Lake and reservoir about 14 miles. Its population consisted of some 29,000 souls, and here was situated the extensive plant of the Carnegie Steel Company, and many fine buildings, including a High School, two Catholic Churches, an Episcopal Church and two large halls, besides the homes of the inhabitants. Below the town of Johnstown is a table land, stretching away toward Conemaugh Lake, and the line of the Pennsylvania Railroad ran along the bank of the river, crossing and recrossing the Conemaugh high up in the Allegheny Mountains to Johnstown, passing through the villages of East Conemaugh, Franklin, Woodville and Conemaugh. At Johnstown the railroad was crossed by a trestle from the southeast, about the center of the creek, and with the river took a turn to the west, and upon it was situated Cambria City, Saug Hollow, Niversel, Lockport, Bolivar and Blairsville in the distance. Each of these small places ranged in population from 800 to 2,500 inhabitants, aggregating in population some 3,000. North and northwest of Johnstown town the hills rise to a high elevation in the vicinity being about 1,200 feet. Just below Johnstown, on the south side of Stony Creek, were the homes of 5,000 workmen employed by the Carnegie Steel Company across the creek. These were placed on the lowest ground of all, and of course could not help being overwhelmed by the flood, nor was there any possible escape.

Increasing Horror. Developments of every hour make it more apparent that the loss of life at Johnstown will never be fully known. All the estimates up to the time of going to press were conservative, and over 2,200 bodies have been found while the most skeptical concede that thousands of bodies still lie under the debris at the stone bridge, which was broken on Tuesday, the fire-engines from Pittsburgh having been playing upon the burning mass for the past two days.

The population of Johnstown, the surrounding towns, and the part of the valley affected by the flood is, or was, from 50,000 to 55,000. Associated Press representatives Monday interviewed numerous leading citizens of Johnstown who survived the disaster, and expressed an opinion that was fully 20 per cent. of the residents of Johnstown and Cambria had been victims of the continued disasters of fire and water. It is believed that the loss of life in the entire valley cannot be less than 7,000 or 8,000, and possibly much greater.

Of the thousands who were defeated by the flames and whose ashes were blown away by the wind, the debris above Johnstown bridge, no definite information can ever be obtained. As little will be learned of the hundreds that sank beneath the current, and were borne swiftly down the Conemaugh only to be deposited hundreds of miles below on the banks and in the drift-wood of the raging Ohio.

The most conservative estimates place the number of lives lost at fully 5,000. The prevailing impression is the loss will reach from 8,000 to 10,000. There are many widows and orphans, and great many children. The property destroyed will reach \$25,000,000. The population estimate is \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000.

ing and roaring, carrying everything before it. For a mile its front seemed like a solid wall 20 feet high. A HEROINE. A nameless Paul Revere of the Western Union, who died last year, will go down in history as a heroine of the highest order. Notwithstanding the repeated notifications which she received to get out of the reach of the approaching danger, she stood by the instrument with unflinching loyalty and unshaken courage, sending words of warning to those in danger in the path of the coming torrent had been warned she would have perished at South Fork. "This is my last message," and as such it shall always be remembered as her last words on earth, for at that very moment the torrent engulfed her and bore her from her post to earth to her rest of honor in the great beyond.

THE MOST AWFUL DESTRUCTION in a single house occurred at the Harbut Hotel. There were 57 people in the house when the torrent came down, and of these only 10 were saved. The rest were swept away at the Harbut, went to the fourth floor when the flood came, and after wishing each other "good-by" surrendered themselves to fate. Fate was death for most of them. Those who were John Little, Swickly; W. J. Cox, Philadelphia, and K. S. Metz. The one survivor is John Dorsey, of Philadelphia. The register of the wrecked hotel shows a number of names possible to give the names of all those who perished in the Harbut House. Those who are known to have perished are Elmer Brinker and Dr. Brinker, two brothers, two Mrs. Richards, a man named Fowler, Mrs. Lewis and Lewis Brander, mother, sister and brother of the proprietor. Mrs. Smith and her two children ascended to the fourth floor with the four travelers, and the flood came, and the woman was drowned and the man escaped.

LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY IN VIRGINIA, MARYLAND AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. Other portions of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia suffered loss of life and vast amounts of property. The Potomac River was also a raging torrent, and the city of Washington suffered severe loss. Pennsylvania avenue between Tenth street and the foot of the Capitol building was submerged, at some places the water being four feet deep. In front of the National Hotel, corner Pennsylvania Ave. and Sixth St., the water was highest, and the St. James Hotel was submerged, at some places the water being four feet deep. In front of the National Hotel, corner Pennsylvania Ave. and Sixth St., the water was highest, and the St. James Hotel was submerged, at some places the water being four feet deep.

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WASHINGTON GOSSIP. The Week's Doings at the National Capital.

MEMORIAL DAY. The parade of the old soldiers and the District Militia on Memorial Day was the best ever seen on a like occasion in this city. The G. A. R. Post turned out en masse, and were escorted by at least 1,500 soldiers, many of whom were born since the late rebellion. They made a handsome display, and would make good soldiers as the men whom they turned out to honor for dying for their country.

AN OLD APPLICANT. An old man, giving the name of Horatio N. Ellison, was a visitor at the White House last week. He was thin and colorless of face, with the hair of an old man, and given an audience. He was dressed in a shabby broadcloth suit of clothes, with an old-fashioned silk hat upon his head. He is an applicant for a pension, having served in the 71st N. Y., and afterward in the Hospital Stewards in the army. He says his application is opposed by one Dr. Holmes, whose steward he was, because he cured a carbuncle upon a Captain of the white when the Doctor had failed. He has given an audience.

CRISTENING AT THE WHITE HOUSE. At the adjournment of the Cabinet meeting last Friday President Harrison invited the Secretaries to step down stairs into the Blue Room. They found there all the members of the Harrison family, including the young girl, the center figure in the group was the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McKee, who was arrayed in a robe of soft white mail, with lace about the neck and wrists. The only witness to be christened was to be witness that ceremony that the company had met. The venerable Dr. Scott, her great-grandfather, took the infant in his arms, and performed a formal ritual, baptizing her, giving her the name of "Mary Lodge Little Mary was handed back to her mamma, everybody present gave her a kiss, and the ceremony was over. The water used was brought from the River, and several years ago, by Lieut. Parker, a son-in-law of Dr. Scott.

BUILDING UP THE NAVY. Secretary of the Navy vigorously pursuing his policy, declared at the beginning of his administration, of pushing to rapid completion the vessels now under construction or authorized to be built. The Puritan was recently taken to Norfolk to be completed, and orders have now been issued to make ready the Amphitrite—another uncompleted double-turreted monitor, lying at the Harlan & Hollingsworth shipyards, at Wilmington, Del.—to be lowered to League Island, she will be completed at that navy yard, greatly to the disappointment of the Virginia people, who have been endeavoring to get the work done at Norfolk, to make good the loss of the Puritan.

EX-POSTMASTER GENERAL FRANK HATTON, who was a passenger on one of the trains that was supposed to have been swamped by the flood at Johnstown, Pa., has been honored by his anxious friends in this city, and they assure that Frank is all right. Gen. Hatton was a private soldier in an Ohio regiment from 1862 until the close of the war; he has been engaged in the newspaper business for 25 years; is a practical printer, and has proved himself a man of no ordinary ability. He commenced setting type on a paper in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, in 1864, and has since then been engaged in the newspaper business in various parts of the country, and has been editor of the Burlington Hawkeye, which became one of the leading humorist papers of the country. He left the service in 1865, and went to Burlington, in the same State, and then became editor of the Burlington Hawkeye, which became one of the leading humorist papers of the country. He left the service in 1865, and went to Burlington, in the same State, and then became editor of the Burlington Hawkeye, which became one of the leading humorist papers of the country.

IRRIGATING ARID LANDS. Secretary Noble Approves the Plans of Maj. Powell. Secretary Noble has approved the plan of operations for continuing the irrigation survey of arid lands proposed by Maj. J. W. Powell, Director of the Geological Survey. The survey was begun in 1887, and under the general supervision of H. A. Thompson. In Montana it is proposed to survey 2,000 square miles along the Yellowstone River eastward from the 100th meridian to the 105th. In Colorado is proposed to survey 25,000 square miles in the drainage basin of the Arkansas. The drainage basins of the Rio Grande and Chama Rivers in New Mexico are to be surveyed—an area of 3,000 square miles. In Idaho the work will begin at Boise City, and be carried east along the valley of Snake River, 3,000 square miles. In California the area to be operated as one division. The area to be surveyed in California will comprise the unpopulated portions of the drainage basins of the Yuba, Feather, Sacramento, Mokelumne, Stanislaus, Truckee and Carson Rivers—about 3,000 square miles. In Nevada about 4,000 square miles of the basins of the Truckee and Carson Rivers. The total estimate of expenses for topographic survey is \$1,000,000.

General Debility. A few weeks since, we began to give Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Her health has greatly improved. Mrs. Harriet H. Battles, South Chatham, Mass. "About a year ago I began using Ayer's Sarsaparilla as a remedy for debility and nervous prostration. I had been in the army, and was in a very bad condition, but six bottles of the Sarsaparilla, with occasional doses of Ayer's Pills, have greatly improved my health. I am now able to work, and feel that I cannot say too much for your excellent remedies." F. A. Pinkham, South Molundoc, Me.

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