

FIFTEEN HUNDRED PERSONS Perish in the Floods Which Wipe Out Two Villages.

JOHNSTOWN, PA., WASHED AWAY

Appalling Sights, Thrilling Rescues and Dreadful Deaths.

A VERITABLE RIVER OF DEATH.

Disasters by the Floods in Other Parts of Pennsylvania.

Houses by the Dozens Floating Down Stream with Living Freight.

A last (Friday) night's Pittsburgh despatch says: A sudden freshet is reported in the North Fork River, east of Johnstown, in the Allegheny mountains. Two-thirds of Johnstown is said to be under water and the railroad and telegraph lines are washed out.

LATER.—The flood at Johnstown has resulted in an awful catastrophe. It is said the reservoir above the town broke about 7 o'clock this evening and the immense volume of water rushed down to the city, carrying with it death and destruction.

HIS STORY OF THE CALAMITY is as follows: With my father I was spending the day at my grandfather's house in Cambria City. In the house at the time were Theodore, Edward and John Kintz and John Kintz, jun., Miss Mary Kintz, Mrs. Mary Kintz, wife of John Kintz, jun., Miss Treacy Kintz, Mrs. Rica Smith, John Hirsch and four children, my father and myself.

The latest reliable information received from Johnstown comes through Pennsylvania railroad officials, who aver that over 300 dead bodies have been counted floating down stream at Johnstown alone.

A special from Greensburg says a report has reached here that the greater portion of Johnstown has been flooded and hundreds of lives have been lost. Houses are floating about and the people who are free are panic-stricken and are fleeing to the mountains.

Another special from Greensburg says Johnstown is completely submerged, and the loss of life is incalculable. Houses are going down the river by the dozen, and people can be seen clinging to the roofs.

A despatch from Latrobe says: The Association Press train, from present appearances, will not be run nearer than six or eight miles of that part of Johnstown where the flood was worst.

A despatch from Bradock says: The telegraph wires being down absolutely for six or seven miles below the immediate scene of the disaster, and being in unworkable shape for three or four miles distance, it was half past 7 before an accurate outline of the effect of the tidal wave could be learned. The chief officials of the Pittsburgh and of the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad received most of their first information from the signal tower at Snag Hollow, six miles west of Johnstown.

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of rescue. With pale cheek and hair clinging wet and damp to her cheek a mother was grasping a floating timber, and in her other arm she held

HER BABY, ALREADY DROWNED.

With a death grip on a plank a strong man, just giving up hope, cast an imploring look to those on the bank. An instant later and he had sunk into the waves. Prayers to their God, cries to those in safety rang above the roaring waves. The special train pulled in at Bolivar at 11:30 p.m., and the trainmen were notified that further progress was impossible.

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A BRAVE YOUNG WOMAN.

An Engine Dashed by Six Inches From Her Head, But She Kept Her Nerve and Saved Her Life.

A Philadelphia despatch says: Edward Brady, a lawyer of West Philadelphia, has a daughter who has no equal for pluck and courage. After having been precipitated down a 30-foot embankment in the dark at Berwin, Thursday night, to the track of the Pennsylvania Railroad, her body pinned to the ties by the debris of a wrecked phaseton and a struggling horse, so that she could not move, she lay there while the westerners came thundering on.

WHAT AN OPERATOR SAW.

Harry Fisher, a young telegraph operator, who was at Bolivar when the first rush began, says he knew nothing of the disaster until he noticed the river slowly rising and then more rapidly. News then reached us from Johnstown that the dam at Southforks had burst. Within three hours the water in the river rose twenty feet. Shortly before 6 o'clock ruins of houses, household utensils, barrels and kegs came floating past the bridges.

Rescuing parties are being formed in all towns along the railroad. Houses have been thrown open to the refugees and every possible means is being used to protect the homeless. The wrecking trains of the Pennsylvania Railroad are slowly making their way east to the unfortunate citizens.

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denly upon us we could see no more. The wreckage was floating by for a long time before the first living person passed. Fifteen persons that I saw were carried down by the river. One of these, a boy, was saved, and three of them were drowned just below the town.

IT WAS AN AWFUL SIGHT, and one that I will not soon forget. Hundreds of animals were lost. The bodies of horses, dogs and chickens floated past.

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Conemaugh is laid low, Cambria City is gone, Johnstown is utterly demolished and not a house stands in Colville.

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KINDS OF PLUMS.

Geo. W. Clute, the President of the Grimsby Fruit Growers' Association, writes: "As to kinds of plums for planting, the list may be long or short, just as the planter likes. The varieties are numerous that are profitable for this section, but the following list is long enough and good enough for any one, and the trees can be easily and cheaply purchased, viz.: For early—Imperial Gage, Smith's Orleans, Washington, Niagara, and Bradshaw.

AN OPTICAL DELUSION.

Young Badger, from New York, on the first morning of his visit to his uncle Abner's farm appears bright and early in a pair of white flannel trousers.

A CORNER LOT BETTER THAN A COUNTY.

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THE CATERPILLAR PLAGUE.

An Innumerable Army Marching Through Maine—Railway Traffic Impeded and Every Green Thing Eaten.

A Bangor, Me., despatch says: The caterpillar migration now going on in Piscataquis county, along the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, is alarming the entire northern portion of the State, and much alarm is felt throughout this section that the more southern counties may yet be ravaged. The phenomenon has been going on for nearly three weeks now, and no solution has been given of the mystery.

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CURRENT

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The Marquis of Dorset in the Bankruptcy Court amounted to \$2,504,420,000 to only \$3,400,000, his insolvency to the future has exceeded his

The royal red poppy found to have the value with its roots the soil such a superior that it is able in supporting even several French engines the sowing of railway poppies.

DR. DIX says the model in New York is the handsomest structure. There are four grand and the drawback is of riches in the Whether that will be building fund is less

MRS. BLAVATSKY explained the Keely will die with him. The Keely Motor Co. Keely's life insured for does Mrs. Blavatsky no hope for the snare

JUSTICE KESTER, of advice to a prisoner before him for a woman what you ought to do a pistol and blow you give you a pistol in the class Judge Kerster do Justice for Mrs. British Columbia.

The father of Hugh Maxwell, who Louis last summer Charles Arthur Preble persistence to the belief innocent. The former convicted Brooks received from the old gentleman land, which is full of those whom he styles a son.

The latest times-known as the "ports" the transportation of inventors claim that the inventors from Boston a thousand hour, by means of a track, the speed of about 100 miles suggested also that the slight modifications of for passenger service.

At Mr. Clifford's Hall, London, on the Leper Settlement Clifford amused the by a description of a came to meet a woman with his nine wives, a complete nudity, and strated with on this the next day alone, and a pair of gloves.

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QUEEN VICTORIA has of honor, Miss Letitia, She is a pretty bright to Windsor of four sons inspected by the royal approval of as a peeress, she is the only one of any new appointment, and last of the ladies, and it is when he is in the opportunity was given.

Advocate, etc. etc. of punning. Hereupon tobacco. This describes first love, and then like that, it is your soul. The ment would be to men first to be advertised, and then practically supported by lantern but was cancelled.

The Duke of Devon Stanhope, etc. etc. Victoria's name. Majesty was made after her mother's death during Queen Victoria's much unpleasant granddaughter is the name was given by George IV. He is a Christian, and would not give the name of his father, the Duke of Devon.

Accidents to the P. Ingram, who was telegraph in South Africa his death wound to Egyptian mummy. The tinct which, used to prophesy that the the clothes would be three months of his bones be scattered to the prescribed time came true. Capt. In South Africa, and intended to attest his faith.

In his article on "Scrubbing Bramwood" (the author's name is "Do") that this humor is a distribution is at an end this day are now. It Slavery is on the increase. Christianity are it. No fact in relation more appalling than the increase, for a time has at last been related by the Government of The London Herald Government of New South creating the Queen's