

ANOTHER FLOOD.

Johnstown, Aiken and Fonda, N. Y., Swept by a Deluge.

Two Dams Burst With Fatal and Destructive Results.

A dispatch from Troy, N. Y., says: Reports have reached here that three big dams were washed away near Johnstown, N. Y., and that a crowd of people on a bridge was carried away and several people were drowned. All the wires were down at the time of writing, and it was impossible to communicate with Johnstown.

A telephone from Johnstown said the town was in total darkness, and the bridges were washed away. The electric light plant has been washed away; also the three skin mills at Gloversville. One body had been recovered.

The water was three feet deep in the town of Fonda.

At midnight the rain was falling in torrents and the noise of the rising waters could be heard through the darkness of the night. The flood was assuming a terrible aspect, and mills and sheds were being swept away in the mad sweep of waters.

Information received at Saratoga, N. Y., by telephone from Amsterdam stated that a big washout at Aiken, three miles from there, had torn up 400 feet of track and cut off all communication west of there. It was rumored that the washout was caused by the breaking of the dam at Johnstown, N. Y., and many casualties were advanced as possibilities. Whether the accident was due to the breaking of the dam or a cloudburst was not known.

Amsterdam reports an exceedingly heavy rain-storm in that section just before communication was cut off. Aiken is on the New York Central, and a creek which furnishes water power to several mills runs through the place.

The accident is one of the most serious character, involving extensive loss of life and property. Serious character was given to the story by indefinite rumors that there had been considerable loss of life.

News from Schenectady, N. Y., says a cloudburst washed away the Central Railroad tracks about five miles west of Amsterdam. The wreck of the freight train, which blocked all four tracks in the morning, has been cleared away, and delayed trains began to move when some of them were caught in the deluge. A second blockade occurred more serious than the first.

Fonda, Johnstown & Gloversville Railroad loses seven or eight bridges. There was another bridge crossing the creek, and on it, viewing the flood, were thirty or forty people. The torrent with increased power tore the bridge from its foundations, hurling them into the flood. It was impossible to ascertain the number saved, but it was believed that many perished.

At Fonda the Central Hudson Railroad bridge was carried away almost bodily, taking with it the telegraph wire.

Additional Particulars.

By a strange coincidence, at a town of the same name, just across the flood of the Conemaugh have been repeated.

Another mud dam has given away; another reservoir has broken loose; another flood has been sent down the valley. Even the stone arch bridge reappears and plays a fatal part in this second Johnstown story.

Fishing is lacking in the similitude, except the loss of life and property.

The clouds came together near Johnstown, N. Y., at five o'clock in the afternoon. As they met they burst and an ocean of water came from them.

From the dam it had washed away, it sent a flood through the little valley of the Cayadutta. Seventy-five persons were washed away; the dam was a great success. The amount of property was destroyed; all railroad traffic was suspended. The names of the victims follow:

Albert L. Conkley, aged forty-eight, glove maker; Charles F. Frest, aged twenty, unknown resident; Willie Myers, aged sixteen, employed at glove-making; L. R. D. Simmons, aged forty-five, paint and hardware merchant; John B. Bert, aged fifteen, employed in Artisans' glove factory. Unknown man found in stream at Fonda. Unidentified woman and child.

The two clouds were seen at 5 o'clock to circle around each other for a few minutes and then sweep together with a deafening crash of thunder. The place where they met is a half barren knoll, some miles and a creek off the main town. Persons who were watching the phenomenon say it was like a dam burst in the sky or as though the bottom had fallen out of an aerial reservoir.

The water came down not in drops or sheets, but fell in a mass like a solid body. At the knoll it drove trees into the earth, flattened out a space clear of vegetation and then poured over the top of the knoll. The water began to come out of their houses and to wonder at the storm and at the size of the little creek, which runs through the town, supplying water power to a number of mills. The water was gathered on the bridges at Main, Market and Perry streets, and watched the flood.

The lumber floated down and carried away the bridge street bridge, and then all this flooded down and carried off the two tracks from railroad bridge below. The single-track bridge went next. There was tremendous excitement when the bridges went down and the water was seen to lumber yard and planing mill was cleared out. Sashes and blinds and scuttles were swept away.

There was a big crowd on the Perry street bridge. This bridge is a single arch of stone, and is twenty feet long and fifteen feet wide. The people were all over the bridge, but most of them were crowded against the stone coping on the eastern side, looking into the river below. There were about forty persons on the bridge. Suddenly there was a cry, and it was seen that Simon Schrieber's big three-story skin mill on the southern side of the bridge was tottering. It was seen that its foundations were loosened. The same impulse that shook the mill smashed Stewart's leather mill near by, and a mass of lumber and debris was sent down the river. The Perry street bridge. The eastern side was jammed in, its coping taken off, and the water swept clear across the bridge. This happened at a little after five. Then the people on the bridge were thrown into the angry stream. There were awful cries in the dark of "For God's sake help me." "I am drowning." "Save me." Happily, nearly all were saved.

The loss by the destruction of mill property, factories, bridges, dams and other structures in and around Johnstown is roughly estimated at half a million dollars, and it is believed that the property destroyed in other sections within the flooded area will cost as much more in being restored.

The loss Johnstown herself will sustain by the flood will amount, perhaps, to \$100,000.

MRS. JOHN TYLER DEAD.

Sudden Death of the First Bride of the White House.

Mrs. Tyler, widow of President John Tyler, died suddenly in Richmond, Va., the other afternoon, at the Exchange Hotel.

Mrs. Tyler went there from Williamsburg, where she had been visiting her son, Lyon G. Tyler, President of William and Mary College. She gave orders at the hotel to be awakened at a certain hour in the morning, as she wished to visit her other son, Hon. Gardner G. Tyler, at Sherwood Forest, Charles City County, where she called to see him as she was to travel to leave. Instead of improving she grew worse, and at 11 o'clock next day was taken with a congestive chill, and died at 5:15 in the evening.

Mrs. Tyler was about seventy years of age, and married President Tyler in the White House at Washington. She was a Miss Gardner of New York. Mrs. Tyler was a Roman Catholic in religion. She was born in 1820 a year from the United States Government.

Mrs. Tyler leaves four children—Lyon G. Tyler, President of William and Mary College, Virginia; Gardner G. Tyler, of the Charles City County, Virginia; Dr. L. L. L. Tyler, of Washington city, and Mrs. William Ellis, of Montgomery County, Va.

SARAH J. MACKIE, a widow of Johnstown, Penn., who lost all her earthly possessions by the flood, has just been awarded a back pension and back pay amounting to \$2950.

THE NEWS EPITOMIZED.

Eastern and Middle States.

OSCAR PRANSALL, aged thirty-eight years, killed himself over the coffin of his mother, Hannah, who had just died, aged ninety years, at Williamsburg, N. Y.

JOHNSTOWN, Penn., was again threatened with disaster by the Conemaugh River and its tributaries. Heavy storms and floods created much damage and consternation, and many narrow escapes from drowning were reported.

At the celebration of the Fourth of July in Woodstock, Conn., addresses were made by President Harrison, Congressman Reed, Senator Hise, Secretaries Noble and Tracy, General Hawley and others.

THE Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor has issued an appeal to organize the miners of the 9000 striking miners in Illinois and Indiana.

FRANK HOYT, paying-teller of the First National Bank of Hoboken, N. J., has been arrested for embezzling \$18,000 of the bank's funds. He lost the money in Wall street.

GEORGE H. WATKINS, ex-President of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, died suddenly at New Haven, Conn., of Bright's disease, in his sixty-first year.

The Cornell (N. Y.) crew won the Childs Cup of the University of Pennsylvania eight at Philadelphia in the fastest time ever recorded—one mile and a half in six minutes and forty seconds.

ALL the mines on the Monongahela River in Pennsylvania are idle, the men refusing to accept a reduction of wages. Five thousand miners are affected.

EDGAR GILMORE, aged twenty, and Andrew Larsen, aged eight, were both drowned while bathing in the creek at Williamsport, Penn.

THOMAS EWING SHERMAN, a son of General W. T. Sherman, has been ordained in Philadelphia a priest of the Catholic Church. The ceremony was performed by Archbishop Ryan.

A RAILWAY collision occurred seven miles west of Philadelphia, N. Y., Charles Elman of Meadville, member of a freight, and Louis Wentz of Salamanca, baggage master of a passenger train, were instantly killed. V. H. Derby, and Arthur Sexton had their legs broken.

Four incendiary fires took place in Danbury, Conn.

DR. WATERS, who committed suicide in New York city, left a long, circumstantial and scientific account of his sensations during the last moments of his life, which he left behind him in a letter to his wife.

WHILE Charles W. Carruth, a well-known druggist of Malden, Mass., and F. H. Miller, a prominent Boston broker, were out shooting, Carruth's rifle was accidentally discharged, killing Miller's neck, and killing him instantly.

THREE men, each of whom had slain a woman, were sentenced in the Court of General Sessions in New York city to be executed on the gallows. They were John Lewis, James J. Kelly and Patrick Packerham. The sentence was fixed for Friday August 23. They will be hanged together.

RICHARD LEWIS, a plasterer, fatally shot Mrs. Elmina Mosely and her sister, Emeline Myers, in Pittsburgh, and then committed suicide by shooting himself. The cause was unknown. The parties were all colored.

RHODE ISLAND'S Legislature met in extra session to enact a law to regulate the liquor traffic. Several license bills were introduced.

ELEONOR H. WILLIAMS, of Colbrook, N. H., has left a will, appointing her son, F. C. Williams, executor, and bequeathing to him \$50,000. A number of the securities left behind were thought to have forged signatures.

South and West.

In Kemper County, La., Gaston Jones, colored, shot and killed his wife and then blew his own brains out.

GEORGE H. COLSON, of Bell County, was nominated for State Treasurer by the Kentucky Republican Convention in place of John Barrett, who declined to run. Although he had been a member of the legislature, and has been in public life seven years.

JOHN FEVER, aged seventy, and his nine-year-old granddaughter, Carrie, were killed while driving across the railroad track at Astoria, Ore.

HEIL D. MILLER, cashier of the Malta National Bank, of Malta, Ohio, has fled, and his accounts were reported \$32,000 short.

LYMAN R. WILLIAMS, for nearly thirty years Superintendent of Schools in Stoughton County, Indiana, committed suicide by hanging himself from a tree. He was a member of the legislature, and has been in public life seven years.

THE bones, representing all that remains of what it is supposed were fourteen or fifteen persons killed and burned to death in the late wreck on the Norfolk and Western Railroad, near Thornton, Va., have been buried in two coffins in the City Cemetery of Roanoke, Va.

LEWIS CHARRIERE, who for years has been the agent of the American Express Company at Houghton, Mich., has left for parts unknown. His location is estimated at from \$25,000 to \$30,000.

HENRY HAGE, was robbed by highwaymen in Minneapolis, Minn., of \$20,000.

KRONBERG, Minn., a little village of fifty people, was visited by a windstorm and every building was destroyed or nearly destroyed. Two children were killed.

MRS. JESSIE HUNTER was shot and killed by a saloon-keeper named Parks at Agnew's, four miles from San Francisco, Cal. Parks then shot himself in the breast and died from the wound.

TWO men were killed in Chicago by the falling of a trestle in the power house of the Milwaukee Avenue Cable Railway.

GENERAL WILLIAM A. FIFE, noted in Methodist annals as "the fighting parson," died a few days ago at Montpelier, Vt., aged sixty years. He was a minister in St. Louis when the Civil War broke out, and enlisted and became Major-General in the volunteer service. He was subsequently a member of Congress from Missouri and Governor of New Mexico.

NOTWITHSTANDING the proclamation of Governor Lowry, Sullivan and Kilrain engaged in a brutal fight for the "championship" near Richburg, Miss., the former winning in seventy-five rounds. More than 3000 people paid \$10 and \$15 to see the law.

HERBERT A. PEARSON, a millionaire mine owner from Bonanza City, Idaho, was drowned while bathing in the lake at Chicago.

FIRE in the business part of Carson, Iowa, destroyed an entire block, with the exception of one building. Loss \$65,000.

THE twenty-fifth anniversary of the battle of Monocacy was celebrated on the battlefield, three miles from Frederick, Md. Ex-soldiers were present from Vermont, Ohio, Kansas, Illinois, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

WASHINGTON.

THE present indebtedness of the District of Columbia is \$2,400,000, a decrease of \$1,964,600 since July 1, 1883.

MRS. HARRISON, her father, Dr. Scott, and the two grandchildren left Washington, for Deer Park, Md., via the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, where they will spend the summer.

J. B. AGNEW, of Pennsylvania, has declined the office of Superintendent of the Dead Letter Office.

FOUR new States were added to the Union on the Fourth of July—North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana—and in recognition of their coming four new stars were added to the flag of the nation. The

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THE JOHNSTOWN CALAMITY

A Jury Says the Fishing Club is Responsible for the Disaster.

Coroner Evans, of Cambria City, Penn., has found the members of the South Fork Fishing Club responsible for the loss of life and destruction of property occasioned by the bursting of the dam at Conemaugh Lake. At the conclusion of the testimony the jury deliberated for about a half hour, and then found a verdict against the fishing club members of the club. The following is the verdict:

We, the undersigned, the jury empaneled to investigate the cause of the death of Ellen Hill on May 31, after hearing the testimony, find that Ellen Hill came to her death by drowning; that the drowning was caused by the breaking of the dam at Conemaugh Lake. We further find, from the testimony and what we saw on the ground, that there was not sufficient water, nor was the dam constructed sufficiently strong nor of the proper material to withstand the overflow; and hence we find that the owners of said dam were culpable in not making it as secure as it should have been, especially in view of the fact that the dam was built on a foundation of sand, and that the water was allowed to rise above the level of the dam, and that the owners were responsible for the fearful loss of life and property resulting from the breaking of the dam.

John C. Cohn, Abraham Ferner, H. B. Blair, John H. Devine, John A. Messenger, W. C. Wick.

NEARLY WIPED OUT.

A Million-and-a-Quarter-Dollar Fire at Bakersfield, Cal.

During a recent afternoon fire broke out at Bakersfield, Cal., in the kitchen of N. E. Kelly's house, in the same block as the Southern