

AWFUL DELUGE OF ROARING WATER

Pennsylvania Village Destroyed by Flood.

HUNDREDS PERISH AND OTHERS HOMELESS

Great Dam of the Bayless Paper Mill Broke Away and the Waters Rushed Down on an Unsuspecting Town of 3,500 People and Many Hundreds are Killed.

Austin, Pa., Sept. 30.—With a roar that could be heard for miles the great dam of the Bayless Pulp and Paper company at Austin, Pa., 14 miles from here, went out at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. Forty bodies had been recovered from the ruins when darkness came this evening, and it is estimated that fully 400 are unaccounted for and are believed to be dead.

The dam, which was 530 feet long and 49 feet high, was 32 feet thick at the base and held back more than 500,000,000 gallons of water. For the first time since its construction two years ago, the water was running over the top today, and many persons went out from Austin, a mile and a half away, to see the unusual sight.

They were horrified when a section about 20 feet wide gave way on the west side. A great volume of water passed through the hole, and the alarm was quickly sounded. People ran for their lives to the hills nearby, but some were caught in the flood and whirled down the valley. A moment later another break occurred, this time on the east side. It was much greater than the first and permitted the bulk of the water behind it to rush in a mighty volume toward the lowlands.

Telephone Girl Gave Warning.

Harry Davis, a locomotive engineer of this place, reached a telephone and notified the operator at the exchange. She called as many persons as possible. But the time was short. The raging flood tore down the little valley, carrying death on its debris-covered crest. Hundreds of women and children—the men were away at work—were caught in their homes and drowned or crushed before they knew what had happened. Houses went down before the mighty crush of water and gas pipes bent and broken released their dangerous fluid. Before the water had passed on its terrible course through the town a dozen fires were burning in as many places, and the cries of injured and imprisoned persons joined in the terrible thunder of the flood.

Much of the debris lodged against the shops of the Buffalo & Susquehanna railroad, and there the fire raged fiercest. Many men were caught here, and it is believed that few, if any, escaped with their lives. The course of the flood was through the business centre of the village. A majority of the buildings were of wood, and those which were not immediately wrecked by the torrent were soon inflamed.

So sudden was the onslaught of water that many persons had not time to flee to the hills, but others received the warning, and believing it was fire hastened to the center of the town only to be caught in the flood and swept away.

Passed With One Mighty Sweep.

The flood passed quickly, leaving desolation in its wake. Houses had been crushed and tossed about like toys, while hundreds of bodies had been carried down on the crest of the surging torrent. With the passing of the water, those who had fled to the hills hastened to return to their ruined homes in search of relatives and friends. Here and there bodies had been cast up along the path of the torrent and about 40 bodies were recovered in a short time. Some of them had been so badly battered by the tossing debris that they were beyond recognition, while others had been carried along with no apparent injury. Many were caught in burning buildings and it will be days before the real extent of the calamity will be known. It is believed that no less than 400 persons perished and some estimates are higher.

Engineer Describes Disaster.

In describing the hood Engineer Davis said:

"There was nothing to indicate that the dam was about to give away. With a sharp report a hole appeared in the west end. In a moment water poured through and it was immediately seen that the hole was getting larger. In a minute it was 20 feet wide and extended almost the entire height of the dam. Then there was another report, and it seemed as if the whole structure was giving way.

I fled to the nearest high ground. Persons scattered in every direction. It was apparent that the great

body of water behind the dam was going out. Some were caught and before I could tell what was happening the water was tearing down Freeman Run, a wall 50 feet high, and sweeping everything before it.

Believes Heroic Girl Lost Life.

"The sound was deafening. I rushed to telephone and called central in Austin. She did not have much time to telephone the alarm, but I think she did her best. I guess she is dead. I have not heard anything about her since."

"When I entered Austin what I saw was an awful sight. The water had torn through the place, taking all the principal buildings and crushing houses like egg shells. Then the fire broke out. The timbers and sides were soon in flames. I knew there were men in the shops and they were soon in flames. How many I can not say, but there was no way to help them. They were probably burned to death. I have not seen any of them since."

Flames Add to Horror.

"I don't know how the fire started, but it seemed as though it began in a score of places at once. I looked for the Bank of Austin, but it was gone, swept away, I guess, because I did not see it burning.

"But the worst of all were the cries of the women and children. Most all the men were at work and they were at home alone. Many had heard the warning sent out by the telephone girl. The fire bell was sounded and many thought it was a fire.

"Some of them rushed to the business section and were caught in the water. Those not drowned were crushed in the crumbling buildings and others were caught in the flames. It was frightful. I can not begin to tell it all.

"Little children playing in yards at home were caught up by the water and tossed about on the flood like playthings. Cattle and horses were swept off and even the sidewalks were torn up. And over and above it all were the shrieks of the hundreds of poor people who could not escape. I do not know how any of us got away.

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Incidents of Flood.

Numberous incidents are being told tonight of miraculous escapes and terrible deaths. Every house on Turner street was destroyed by the flood and the debris piled high along the little valley. The five to eight churches are all gone. The public institutions left are the hospital and the school houses.

Thousand Buildings Gone.

The White House, a hotel, was burned and it is estimated tonight that a thousand buildings have been torn from their foundations and crushed in the flood or have been destroyed by the fire. The water made its way through the business section of the town and left only four buildings standing.

All the buildings in the lower part of the valley were swept clear off their foundations by the torrent, and many of those which remained quickly fell a prey to the flames. There was no one to attempt to stop the fire and it was allowed to burn itself out, the survivors of the flood standing idly on the hillsides, stunned beyond the power to act.

Austin, Pa., Oct. 1.—Estimates of the loss of life in the flood that overwhelmed the town of Austin yesterday diminished today when an army of volunteer rescuers worked its way into the masses of wreckage. In the opinion of many on the ground the number of deaths will not reach 150, while the less hopeful place the list of fatalities at 300.

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