

roaring torrent. Many people were rescued from their homes in the best way possible. There was no loss of life and but few injured. Sidewalks were carried away and roads gullied from four to six feet deep. Nearly every basement in the city was flooded. The loss throughout the city is estimated at \$50,000. The storm was general throughout the locality, and the loss can hardly be estimated. The roads are impassable, and everything in the path of the flood was swept away. Bridges and culverts on all railroads entering here were carried away and many trains stalled.

AT MEADVILLE.

MEADVILLE, Pa., June 5.—This entire section was swept by the worst flood in its history last night. In this city the millrace overflowed its banks and swept the business portion of the city, demolishing a dozen or more buildings and entailing an estimated loss of \$150,000. The loss throughout the country cannot be estimated. Bridges were washed away and the damage to growing crops is heavy.

TITUSVILLE, Pa., June 6.—Never in the history of Titusville has such a scene of desolation been unfolded to the gaze, as the Associated Press representative saw this morning when he entered the main thoroughfare. The first sight was that of men carrying a dead body on a stretcher. Within fifteen minutes the sight became so common that it ceased to occasion surprise. It is now estimated that fully a hundred persons were drowned or burned to death. The money loss is a million and a half to two millions.

The territory covered by flood and fire, with destruction for two miles includes railroads, factories, refineries, dwellings, etc. As far as learned the list of dead are as follows: Fred Reed; Mrs. Mary Haehn and four children; Mrs. Fred Campbell and two children; Oliver Edgar, a boy; two children of Joseph Speigel; Mrs. John Quin and two daughters; Mrs. Firman, colored; Mrs. A. Jacob and child; Miss D. Rice; a man named Engriksy and son; an unknown man; Mrs. J. H. Bingerheimer and seven children; Fred Lewis and wife.

Missing, and almost surely lost, are: A man named Roulbe and son; Mrs. Henry Brier; Mrs. Turmar, colored; Mrs. Fred Reid; Frank Foster; Mrs. Orman and two children; Mrs. C. P. Casperson; John and Mary McFadden.

A SPARK FROM A LOCOMOTIVE.

The fire at Titusville was caused by a spark from a locomotive. Mechanic street, occupied by the poorer classes for residences, was simply blotted out of existence. There is not a vestige of a dwelling of that street left standing. The greatest loss of life occurred here. The fire and flood were so swift that whole families were swept away before they realized their danger. The volume of flood was greatly increased by the breaking of the dam at Rockland and Spartansburg.

AT OIL CITY.

OIL CITY, Pa., June 6.—Few spectators watching the flood when the explosion occurred can give a good idea of what happened. All agree that by the terrific explosion the whole air was filled with flames quickly followed by

two other explosions. Three gasoline tanks exploded almost instantaneously.

The oil on the creek blazed up, the gas in the air burst into flames, water, land and air, all were literally ablaze and men, women and children were prostrate. Many never arose. Some who did, found themselves in a lake of flames. The multitude fled with screams of anguish for higher ground. In the rush many of the weak were trampled upon and badly injured. Some were hurt by horses, others ran and leaped into the water and were drowned. The flames in the air quickly burned out, but left huge volumes of smoke beneath which reared the fierce flames of burning oil on the water. Many submerged houses and shops were soon in flames. Many people confined were unable to escape from the fire. Within sight were thousands who heard their piteous cries as they burned to death or leaped into the river and perished by both flood and fire. It is marvelous that from the valley of death any were saved alive. It is strange that out of the commingling of fire and flood any houses escaped.

A HERO.

Many of those who will live had better be dead, for they are so fearfully burned and disfigured. One of the heroes of the occasion is W. L. Stewart, who after spending an hour in a boat rescuing imperilled people, went down to death under the falling of a blazing house.

AT ERIE.

ERIE, Pa., June 6.—Last evening Clark's mill dam at Union City burst and walls of water swept through the town carrying thirty houses from their foundations. Many persons were badly hurt, but no fatalities. The damage will amount to \$100,000. Garland, Dittsfield, Columbus and many other places are under water.

MORE FIRE.

TITUSVILLE, Pa., June 6.—Queen City Laundry has just caught fire. Danger threatens the unburnt district. The total number of bodies recovered at 10:30 a. m. was 55. The work of searching for the dead is still being prosecuted. The weather growing warm, the odor of charred flesh is beginning to pollute the air.

PITTSBURG, Pa., June 6.—The following has been received from the mayor of Oil City: The loss of life becomes hourly more apparent. Sixty-three bodies have been recovered. With the subsiding flood the loss of many more will undoubtedly be found. Over a hundred families are homeless. Loss, nine to twelve hundred thousand dollars.

EIGHTEEN MILES OF DESTRUCTION.

OIL CITY, June 6.—Eighteen miles of death and desolation is the story in brief of the awful catastrophe which descended on the borders of Oil Creek from Titusville to this point. On both sides of the creek the flood and fire left ruin and wreck, and it will take a day before the record of death and destruction can be completed. The fire burned itself out this morning and the burning oil passed away. The creek and river, however, are burning.

MONEY NEEDED FOR THE HOMELESS.

PITTSBURG, June 6.—A telegram received from Titusville saying that over fifty bodies are recovered and

will probably reach a hundred. Money is needed for the homeless. A telegram from Governor Pattison says: "I have issued a proclamation asking relief for the citizens of northwestern Pennsylvania."

OIL CITY, June 6.—All along the burned sections are seen groups of persons still hunting for loved ones. They do not seem to grow weary or despair, but dig into the accumulated rubbish and filth with bare and bleeding hands. For many the work may be without results, as many of the bodies are either burned to cinders or swept away.

At a late hour to-night sixty-seven bodies had been recovered. Those acquainted with the locality where the greatest damage is done, say the loss of life must reach 150, and may put the figures at 200. The greatest loss undoubtedly occurred in the section occupied by the foreigners employed in the tube works. No one knows their names and it will be impossible to ever know how many are missing. In the same section was a vast number of children and only the bodies of children have been recovered, and the great question arises: What became of the remainder?

Unbounded gratitude is felt and expressed by the relief committee for the generous subscriptions received and offers of aid from outside. To-night the committee has over \$12,000, and by tomorrow the sum will be swelled to double that amount. Three hundred have requested aid already, and the number is being swelled. The insurance loss is \$140,000 or more, with a total insurance of about \$300,000.

DAMAGE DONE.

TITUSVILLE, Pa., June 6.—Starting at Hall's lumber yard in the upper part of the town the following named are among the principal works destroyed:

Frank Woods, oil refiner; loss, \$40,000.

L. Bees & Sons, tannery, \$30,000.

Freight station, Western New York and Pennsylvania Railroad and freight train; loss estimated at \$40,000.

J. Akze, radiators, Perry station, \$10,000.

George Stephens, shops; building and stock, \$25,000.

American Oil Works, \$10,000.

R. C. Robinson and Foggia Refinery, \$40,000.

J. P. Thomas, International Refinery, \$75,000.

Standard Oil Company, loss unknown.

The other losses aggregate \$30,000.

The tracks are washed away above the city for a distance of fifteen or twenty miles and travel both north and south cut off, and will not be restored for two or three days.

It is reported that John D. Rockefeller has instructed the Standard oil buyer here to draw on him for \$10,000 for the relief of the sufferers.

The body of Fred Luers was recovered this afternoon, making in all fifty-six victims.

So far, facilities for caring for the dead are limited, and sixteen unrecognizable bodies were placed in sacks and laid aside till they could receive further attention.

Coroner Strauss impaneled a jury today and viewed the remains. He said