

AFFAIRS OF THE NATION.

Caminetti Confers With Cleveland on the Chinese Question.

BELIEVES THE RESTRICTION ACT WILL BE ENFORCED.

Ex-Lieutenant-Governor Daggett Appointed Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco—Cleveland Said to be Revolving in His Mind a Scheme for a Complete Reorganization of the Present System of Making Appointments to Office.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Congressman Caminetti of California had a short conference with the President this morning, and left the White House feeling assured that it is the intention of the President to see that the Chinese Restriction Act is enforced. Caminetti denied it would take anything like the sum of money mentioned to enforce the Act, for the reason that those Chinese entitled to remain would secure certificates at their own expense, and those against whom the law was really aimed at would be frightened out of the country the moment an honest attempt was made to enforce it. Caminetti is of the opinion that what additional money may be needed will be voted at the next session of Congress, and he fears no repeal of the law.

Reports from forty of the sixty-three revenue districts show that 3,440 Chinese have registered. No reports have yet been received from the Pacific Coast districts.

The Chinese Minister, accompanied by an English-speaking Secretary of the Legation, called at the State Department this morning, and had a conference with Secretary Gresham in regard to the Supreme Court's decision affirming the constitutionality of the Geary Act. He gave no intimation whatever of his intention to suspend diplomatic relations with the United States, but on the contrary indicated his purpose of quieting affairs in China as much as possible.

DAGGETT GETS AN OFFICE.

He Will succeed Dimond as Superintendent of the Mint.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The announcement of the appointment of W. H. Dimond to be Superintendent of the United States Mint at San Francisco was incorrect. He is the present incumbent and has tendered his resignation. His successor was appointed this morning in the person of John Daggett of Siskiyou, Cal. The President today appointed R. T. Hough of Ohio Solicitor of Internal Revenue.

The President has appointed Colonel William F. Carlin of the Fourth United States Infantry to be Brigadier-General, to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Brigadier-General E. A. Carr. The President also appointed Captain William H. Hammer of the Twentieth Infantry Paymaster in the army, with the rank of Major.

Postmaster-General Bissell has appointed John L. Thomas of Missouri Assistant Attorney-General for the Post-office Department.

Secretary of State Gresham has accepted the resignation of William E. Curtis as Director of the Bureau of American Republics and directed Frederick Emory, Secretary of the bureau, to take charge until a successor is appointed.

APPOINTMENT COMMISSION.

NEW YORK, May 17.—The *St. Paul*'s Washington special says: Cleveland's experience with office-seekers has convinced him that the present method of appointing to office through political influence has become a scandal, and he is revolving in his mind a scheme to do away with it entirely by the complete reorganization of the system, and that he will probably recommend to Congress the framing of a law for a Commission on Appointments, as far removed from political influence as the Supreme Court, to make all appointments except foreign Ministers and certain high officials, the nearest to the Executive, the qualification for place to be the only question in making appointments.

JOHNSON COURT-MARTIAL.

The Findings Disapproved by President Cleveland.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The findings of the general court-martial convened at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, for the trial of Captain William S. Johnson (retired), and the recommendation in the case, have been disapproved by President Cleveland.

The court-martial was presided over by Colonel Forsythe, Seventh Cavalry, and Captain Taylor of the Fourth Artillery was Judge-Advocate. The charge was conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman, to which there were three specifications. Each specification gives a case in which Johnson became indebted to persons or banks, which indebtedness he failed to pay. The second and third specifications state that he also duplicated pay accounts. The third specification, the only one of which he was found guilty, states that Johnson assigned and transferred his pay account and claim for January, 1893, to two persons. The accounts were presented for payment by both assignees.

Following is an excerpt from Secretary Lamont's order in the case: "In private life a person tried and adjudged guilty of assigning property as collateral and then collecting and appropriating the avails to his own use, or transferring the same property to two separate persons, would be subject to severe and humiliating punishment. That a court-martial, comprising officers of rank and experience, should so lightly regard similar offenses here fully established is a reproach to the service, and the proceeding is in marked inconsistency with the duty of protecting and maintaining the high sense of personal honor which has long characterized the reputation of the army."

COUNTERFEITER STEIN.

President Cleveland Denies His Application for a Pardon.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The President has denied the application for pardon made by Guslie Stein, who was convicted in the District Court at San Fran-

cisco upon six counts for counterfeiting. Stein was sentenced December 11, 1889, to six years in the Penitentiary and to pay \$1,000 fine.

Among the letters favoring his pardon are ones from Senator Stanford, ex-Senator Felton, Governor Markham, Representative Bowers, ex-Representative and present District Judge Morrow, Secretary of State Waite, Controller Colgan, Surveyor-General Reichert, Mayor Sanderson of San Francisco and others, all to the effect that prior to his conviction Stein was a man of good character, and that his case was one peculiarly worthy of favorable consideration. The application for pardon filed in 1891 was denied by President Harrison, and upon the papers presented this time Mr. Cleveland did likewise.

PASSPORT SYSTEM.

Efforts to Compel Russia to Recognize Those Issued by This Government.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—A party of prominent New Yorkers, consisting of Oscar S. Straus, ex-Minister to Turkey; Jessie Seligman, Julius Goldman, Colonel John B. Weber and M. S. Isaacs, had a conference with Secretary Gresham today. It is understood the delegation asked that some action be taken with a view to having this Government insist that passports issued to American citizens of Jewish faith who contemplate visiting Russia shall be vised by Russian Consuls at the various ports. The recent refusal of the Russian Consul at New York to countersign a passport of a Jewish woman whose husband is an American citizen, on the ground that his Government forbade him doing so, is held to be the underlying reason for the reported protest. Inquiry at the State Department developed the fact that such a law governed the Consuls of the Russian Government, and the United States was obliged to recognize it.

PATENT OFFICE FRAUDS.

Formal Charges Preferred Against Ex-Commissioner Simonds.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Formal charges were filed in the Interior Department today against W. E. Simonds, late Commissioner of Patents, and Foster and Freeman, the Bell telephone attorneys, asking that they be disbarred from practicing in the Patent Office for collusion in permitting an improper inspection of the files in the celebrated Drawbaugh case.

SIMONDS UPHOLDS HIS ACTION.

NEW YORK, May 17.—W. E. Simonds, ex-Patent Commissioner, replying to the charges against him, says there is nothing in the law to prevent anything in the files of the Patent Office from being copied, except caveats. The Commissioner has discretion as to the others. As to the charge that he had a patent work, which he compiled while in the office, typewritten by clerks, he says it is false.

CHEROKEE STRIP.

Contract Signed Ceding the Lands to the Government.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Secretary Hoke Smith, on behalf of the United States, and Chas. C. J. Harris, Treasurer E. E. Star, D. W. Lipe and J. T. Cunningham, authorized representatives of the Cherokee Nation, this afternoon signed a contract which will be the final step in the proceedings by which the United States becomes the owner of the Cherokee Strip. The number of acres ceded is 6,022,754. Secretary Smith said today that he hoped by expediting in every possible way the preparations for opening the strip, to have everything in readiness for the President's proclamation on September 15th.

Grand Duke Alexander of Russia.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Grand Duke Alexander of Russia returned to Washington this evening from a visit to New York, and is again the guest of the Russian Minister. To-night a dinner was given in his honor, at which the diplomatic corps and prominent Government officials were present.

Cutting Down the Force.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—A number of Postoffice Inspectors have been dropped from the rolls owing to insufficient appropriations. Among them is William C. Boutelle of the San Francisco Division.

Free Gold in the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, May 17.—The free gold on the Treasury books to-day was \$2,800,000. The export from New York to-day was \$1,500,000, and \$1,000,000 is engaged for export Thursday.

ANARCHIST PLOT.

Bomb-Throwers' Plans Divulged by One of the Gang.

NEW YORK, May 17.—Anarchist plotters to repeat the Haymarket slaughter of Chicago held a meeting in Union Square, on May 2, 1892, and their plans were divulged by Anarchist Otto Eckeheld in the Justice Court in Middle Village, L. I., yesterday. Eckeheld is one of a gang of anarchists recently discovered in Maspeth. Four were arrested several weeks ago on the charge of setting fire to E. V. Crandall's whiting factory at that place, where the anarchists were employed, and as subsequent developments showed, they spent all their spare time in manufacturing dynamite bombs from odds and ends of pipe. Eckeheld confessed that on May 2, 1892, when there was a big meeting of anarchists in Union Square, New York, thirty-five anarchists from Maspeth went there armed with bombs of a most destructive character, intending to throw them in the ranks of the police should they interfere with the meeting. The police, however, did not interfere.

RAILWAY CONDUCTORS.

No Intention of Engaging in a Strike During the World's Fair.

TOLLEDO, May 16.—The Railway Conductors spent the day in deliberations over matters pertaining to secret work of the order. Resolutions were adopted unanimously which recite the pride the members of the order take, as Americans, in the Columbian Exposition, and declares: "We denounce as false and slanderous the reports accusing the railway employes of conspiring to injure and inconvenience the traveling public and visitors from foreign nations by engaging in a strike; and we do hereby solemnly declare our intention to perform every duty required of conductors faithfully and honestly, if met by our employers in a spirit of fairness, and we also declare it is not, and never has been, the intent of this organization to take any advantage of the necessities of railway companies during the Columbian Exposition."

THUNDER AND LIGHTNING.

An Electrical Storm Visits Many Portions of the State.

THE WEATHER FAVORABLE TO GROWING CROPS.

A Prominent Business Man of Sheridan Attempts Suicide by Cutting His Throat From Ear to Ear—No Cause Known for the Rash Act, Except Slight Reverses in Business.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

REDDING, May 17.—To-day we were visited by a severe hail and thunderstorm, with lightning, the latter striking the pine tree on which the Ruggles brothers were hanged and the steeple of the Presbyterian Church. About 11 o'clock the steeple was struck and completely shattered, nothing but two or three timbers remaining. Only heavy rain prevented the church from catching fire.

The lightning then seemed to follow the electric wires to Dr. Miller's yard adjoining, where a great light appeared to run over the ground. No further damage was done to the church.

The pine trees were struck about thirty feet from the ground. The lightning wound around the tree, peeling the bark and making a crotch large enough to put a hand in, then leaped along a chain connected with the block to which the Ruggles brothers were hanged, splitting the woodwork all to pieces. It rained and hailed hard all day and this will destroy much fruit in localities.

RAIN AND LIGHTNING.

SAN RAFAEL, May 17.—The weather here for several days past has been threatening with occasional intermittent showers. Last evening a heavy gale arose from the southeast, accompanied by rain and lightning, which prevailed throughout the night. To-day the weather is still stormy, with no indications of abatement.

The farmers in and around the county are pleased at the outlook, as the drought that has prevailed here for several months past has materially damaged the grain crop. The grain will not be ready to harvest in most localities for several months yet.

SHOWERS AT NEWCASTLE.

NEWCASTLE, May 17.—There have been a light hailstorm and several showers since yesterday. Early cherries are possibly slightly affected and the ripening of berries is retarded. Generally there is a fair outlook for fruit and hay crops. The community is prosperous, and there are many inquiries for fruit lands and frequent real estate transfers.

FARMERS GREATLY BENEFITED.

NAPA, May 17.—Rain began falling about midnight. About one-third of an inch has fallen. It is showery to-day. The farmers will be greatly benefited by it. The grain needed the rain badly.

BLOODSHED MAY FOLLOW.

Highlander War About to Break Out in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.—The *Chronicle* prints an article to the effect that a bloody highlander war is about to break out in Chinatown. To-day placards were posted throughout the Chinese quarter offering a reward of \$300 for the life of Gam Lee, President of the Sam Yip Company, the most influential of the Chinese Six Companies. The placards created great commotion among the Chinese, as they were an infallible indication that bloodshed was to follow.

Gam Lee immediately notified the police and placed himself under their protection, and besides caused counter-placards to be set up offering \$500 for information leading to the discovery, arrest and conviction of his pursuers.

The grievances of the highlanders against Gam Lee are several, but this offense consisted in advice to all Chinese not to register under the Geary Act. His counsel was largely instrumental in preventing registration. Now that deportation is to be the consequence of their failure to comply with the law, and that the highlander and criminal element is expected to be the first to be expelled from the country they propose to hold Gam Lee accountable for their misfortune.

Gaw Lee has always been an active enemy of the lawless Chinese tongs, and has uniformly assisted the police in breaking them up. The police say the highlanders who were recently driven out of town have returned, and they are confident are preparing for a general onslaught on the Sam Yip family, which, in its various ramifications, comprises about one-half the Chinese in the United States. The officers are making active preparations to suppress the outbreak.

JOCKEY CLUB MEETING.

Results of the Races at the Bay District Track.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.—Nine-sixteenths of a mile, Gypsy Girl won, Jack the Ripper second, Mount Carlos third. Time, 0:56.

Five-eighths of a mile, Montalvo won, Alexis second, The Lark third. Time, 1:04.

Thirteen-sixteenths of a mile, Joe won, Miss Walling second, Vendome third. Time, 1:23.

Five-sixteenths of a mile, Nellie G. won, Quarterstaff second, The Drummer third. Time, 1:37.

Three-fourths of a mile, Conde won, Solitude second, Sir Reel third. Time, 1:54.

GAME OF BASEBALL.

Exciting Contest Between the Frisco and Los Angeles Clubs.

LOS ANGELES, May 17.—The game today between the San Francisco and Los Angeles nines was exciting from beginning to end, and but for Ebricht's costly errors would have been won by the visitors. The score was tied in the third and eighth innings, and it was anybody's game until the very last man was put out. The San Francisco had the best of it until the eighth inning, when, after one run had been scored, two men had been retired and the bases were full, Ebricht's miff of an easy fly let in two runs, and the Angels got their other man in from third base before McCauley, who was at bat, was put out. These four runs tied the score, and one in the last inning,

caused principally by Ebricht's fumble of an easy grounder, won the game for the Angels by a score of 10 to 9.

THROAT CUT FROM EAR TO EAR.

A Prominent Business Man of Sheridan Attempts Suicide by Cutting His Throat From Ear to Ear. A prominent business man of Sheridan, six miles south of this city, was found under a porch with his throat cut from ear to ear. Doctors were summoned, and upon their arrival found the man still alive, and there are some hopes of his recovery. He stands high in the community, and no reason for the act can be assigned except minor business reverses of late.

Body Found in an Old Shaft.

RUTHERFORD, May 17.—The body of Jos. Sauter, lately in the employ of C. J. Beerstecher, was found in the bottom of an old shaft of the Whittin quicksilver mines in the mountains west of this place yesterday. In a temporary fit of insanity he wandered off into the mountains and fell down the shaft. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict of accidental death.

Vacaville Cherries.

VACAVILLE, May 17.—The first car of cherries this season shipped East to-day. Cherries are coming in very slowly, owing to the inclemency of the weather. The recent rain damaged cherries to a large extent. The prospects for other fruits are fair. Early vegetables are coming in exceedingly slow.

Rancho Del Paso Yearlings.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 17.—John Mackey, Superintendent of J. B. Haggin's stock farm, has started for New York with 128 yearlings, to be sold at Morris Park next month, at the sixth annual Haggin sale. The lot contains fifteen of the get of Salvator.

No Evidence on Which to Hold Him.

PASO ROBLES, May 17.—Assemblyman C. A. Barlow, who was arrested a few weeks ago for alleged illegal voting at the school election in 1891, has been discharged, the prosecution finding nothing to warrant his being held over to the Superior Court.

Madera County.

MADERA, May 17.—The county division proposition was carried by a vote of nearly 1,200 to 300 against. Madera is selected for the county seat.

NORWAY'S DAY AT THE FAIR.

CELEBRATION OF AN HISTORICAL EVENT.

An Attendance at the Grounds of Nearly Fifty Thousand—Thomas' Resignation Called For.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

CHICAGO, May 17.—This was Norway's day at the World's Fair. The Norwegians came by thousands. They came to celebrate the dedication of the Norwegian building at the fair and commemorate the separation of Norway from Denmark, that being the anniversary of that event and a holiday throughout Norway. Many prominent Norwegians from Wisconsin, Minnesota, the Dakotas and other parts of the Northwest, and even the State of Washington, were present. The Norwegian societies turned out in full force. The exercises began at 2 p. m. in Festival Hall, capable of holding 10,000 people, and it was filled. It opened with the singing of the Norwegian national hymn by the audience, followed by addresses by Professor Julius Olsen of the University of Wisconsin, Professor Rasmus B. Andersen, the Norwegian author; Hon. N. Havgan and Hon. I. K. Boyesen of Chicago.

Three carloads of exhibits for the California building reached the fair to-day, making this far a total of seventy-one cars that have arrived from California for the State exhibit, not including shipments by private exhibitors.

The National Commission had an interesting session to-day. The report of the Committee on Music, calling for the resignation of Theodore Thomas as Director of Music, was adopted by a vote of 39 to 19. There was a heated debate over the report, friends of Thomas making a strong fight for him. Whether the commission has power to enforce the requirement of the committee report is a question yet to be decided.

The knowledge that the Sunday opening question was to be discussed by the National Commission caused much interest. A large bunch of telegrams protesting against Sunday opening were laid on President Palmer's desk. The resolution adopted by the local directory to revoke the Sunday closing rule and refund the money appropriated by Congress was brought before the commission, and after a short discussion referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The Minnesota State building was informally dedicated to-day. The exercises were under the auspices of the Minnesota Editorial Association, 200 of whom were present. It was intended to have the formal opening to-day, but it became necessary to postpone it to June 1st, owing to the unavoidable absence of Governor Nelson.

Dedication of the Illinois State building occurs to-morrow. The warm, clear weather to-day and the Norwegian exercises brought the attendance at the fair up to nearly 50,000.

The World's Fair management has decided to allow the military schools to establish a corps within the grounds.

WIPED OUT BY FIRE.

A Kansas Village With a Population of 800 Burned.

FORT SCOTT (Kan.), May 17.—Hepler, a Crawford County village, with a population of 800, was burned Sunday night. It is believed the fire was started by the Land League of Allen, Crawford and Bourbon Counties, which a few years ago, was brought to national notice by its murders and wholesale thefts. Hepler was the stronghold of the anti-leaguers. The league was organized several years ago for the purpose of protecting its members against the usurpation of land by the railroads and new settlers. It was supposed the league had disbanded.

Kansas Insurance Law.

TOPEKA (Kan.), May 17.—The Assistant Attorney-General has decided that every insurance policy on Kansas property must be written in the State and every agent of the company, special or otherwise, must reside in the State.

WATERS RUNNING WILD.

Unprecedented Floods in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

FOURTEEN LIVES LOST AND GREAT DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

Railroad Tracks Submerged to a Depth of Ten Feet, and All Traffic Suspended—Four of a Life-Saving Crew Drowned in a Heroic Effort to Rescue Two Boatmen—The Entire Lower Portion of Titusville, Pa., Inundated by Several Feet of Water.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

CLEVELAND (O.), May 17.—A storm of rain and wind which began at noon on Monday and continued almost without cessation until this evening, produced a flood unprecedented in the history of Northeastern Ohio and Northwestern Pennsylvania. Thus far fourteen lives have been lost, great damage has been done to shipping, and the loss to owners of property will amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars.

It rained Saturday, and on Sunday there were light showers. Monday a steady downpour began. Roofs let the water through like sieves, and the rain was driven between window sashes until the people despaired of being able to keep it out. By Tuesday evening there were warnings of trouble, and everybody began to wonder when it would stop. In this city every sewer is pouring a torrent into the usually sluggish Cuyahoga, which is swollen to more than twice its normal size. Whole piles of lumber were carried along the streets and swept into the lake, or lodged against the abutments of bridges further down, and more is still coming down the river. The railroad tracks are submerged to a depth of ten feet, and all traffic is suspended, as is work in a score of factories in the flooded districts. Owing to shaky bridges, traffic is suspended on all railroads running east.

This afternoon, while great crowds were watching the flood, the first disaster happened here. Captain Stanley Flannigan and Michael Leblonde were going down the river in a rowboat when one of Leblonde's oars broke. The two men were quickly carried out into the lake by the rushing stream, and as it was evident that their frail craft could not live preparations were quickly begun for their rescue. Seven men manned a lifeboat and pulled away toward the boat containing Flannigan and Leblonde. When the life-savers were well out of the mouth of the river an oar broke and in an instant the cork-life vessel swung about. The men in the boat were totally helpless and before assistance of any kind could be rendered their boat was overturned and the men were thrown into the water. Three succeeded in catching hold of the lifeboat, where they hung until they were rescued in a terribly exhausted condition. Four of their fellow life-savers were tossed about so mercilessly by the wild waves that they were unable to swim back to the lifeboat, and after vainly battling for a few minutes with the elements they were overcome and the little life of had to be given up. Their names are as follows: Chester Simons, John Johnson, Nicholas Servis and Albert Currier. Flannigan and Leblonde were drowned almost before the lifeboat capsized.

A distressing accident also occurred at Conneaut, about sixty miles east of Cleveland. The tug Walter Richardson, the dredge Continental and a scow anchored at Conneaut Harbor this morning. The scow was carried out into the lake with the tug. In cutting away from the scow the tug's wheel became disabled, and the tug washed ashore. The crew was saved. The dredge was swept into the lake, and immediately capsized. Seven persons were on board. Two of them were washed ashore, but the five others perished, as follows: Arthur Wilson, Captain, aged 30 years; Philadelphia; Geo. O'Rourke, 27; Detroit; Joseph Fie, 25; Conneaut; Maggie White, cook, 40; a watchman, name unknown. The sea was running heavily, and none of the bodies were recovered this afternoon. The dredge was valued at \$20,000, and is a total loss.

At Ashtabula Harbor the schooner Pelecan, ore-laden, from Escanaba, foundered as she was entering, and sank in forty feet of water. Three of her crew, Peter Nielsen, John Erickson and John O'Rourke, of Detroit, were drowned. The other members of the crew were rescued after a hard and desperate battle with the terrific sea.

At Willoughby, O., the Chagrin River is out of its banks. Early this morning the grist-mill of Joseph Boyce was swept from its foundation and hurled against the abutment of the bridge and crushed into wreckage, which floated away to the lake.

Reports from all sections in Northeastern Ohio tell of swollen streams and overflowed farm lands, but it is impossible to tell what the property loss in Cleveland will be. It is possible that one or more of the costly swing bridges along the river will be swept away before morning, as it seems impossible that they can all withstand the terrible strain being put upon them.

SEVEN MEN AND ONE WOMAN DROWNED.

CONNEAUT (Ohio), May 17.—A dredge and tug broke from their moorings this morning and were carried into the lake, where they capsized, and seven men and one woman were drowned. The list of drowned is as follows: Captain Arthur Wilson, James Fie, Maggie Hoyt and three unknown men.

MAHONING VALLEY UNDER WATER.

YOUNGSTOWN (O.), May 17.—Owing to forty-eight hours of rain the Mahoning River is the highest ever known. The water is still rising and all the lower portion of the city is inundated. The fire department was busy all night rescuing people from their homes. The entire Mahoning Valley is inundated.

WORST EVER KNOWN.

PAINEVILLE (O.), May 17.—The worst flood ever known in this section is now here. Every residence on the lowland is inundated, and the water is still rising.

TITUSVILLE INUNDED.

PITTSBURG, May 17.—After a steady

downpour throughout Western Pennsylvania for nearly sixty hours, the rain has ceased and the weather is clearing. The rain caused small streams in this section to overflow, and great loss of property is reported from all directions. From reports received river men predict from twenty to twenty-five feet to-morrow. This will inundate the lowlands and flood houses and mills lining the banks of rivers. Only one life has been reported lost so far, but the damage to property will reach hundreds of thousands of dollars.

At Titusville the entire lower portion of the city is inundated by several feet of water. The Titusville Iron Works, five refineries, hundreds of houses and other buildings are under water. All trains on the Western New York and Pennsylvania are stalled there. Oil Creek is very high to-night, and higher water is anticipated before morning.

At Leadville the water is two feet higher than ever known before. All trains are abandoned between Youngstown, Ohio, and Corry, Pa., and the water is still slowly rising. The same condition exists at many places north, and nearly all the way to the Allegheny River on the south. Vallonia, for the first time in its history, is several feet under water. Fifty fast horses at the kite track, in training, were with difficulty brought to this city.

At Erie Mill Creek has broken from its banks, carrying fear and destruction along its path, which is strewn with wrecked houses, bridges, barns and mountain driftwood, causing many families to vacate their homes and seek refuge with neighbors. The damage done to property of all kinds is very heavy, and cannot be estimated at present. The only casualty so far reported is that of a young boy named Frank Herbert, whose body was found at the foot of Parade street this morning.

Over 200 houses were ruined and manufacturing establishments wrecked. H. D. Young's rag warehouse was entirely wrecked, at a loss of \$100,000 alone. The Ball Engine Works and Jarecki Engine Works were damaged to the extent of \$15,000. All traffic is suspended on the Philadelphia, Erie, Erie and Pittsburg and P. S. and L. roads by reason of bridges being destroyed.

The flood at Newcastle is the greatest ever known in the history of the place. In the first ward over thirty buildings were overthrown by floods and are now lying on their sides. All inhabitants of the ward moved out of their houses.

In South Newcastle the damage was great. With the exception of the Rod mill, all other manufacturing plants are flooded.

At Newcastle Junction, Rainey's Flouring Mills and many residences are in danger of being swept away. In the Fifth Ward of Hulaski more than a hundred houses are filled with water. A dozen Italian families, residing on South Flats, south of town, had to be taken from the second story of their houses in boats.

THE SHENANGO BOOMING.

NEWCASTLE (Pa.), May 17.—A large portion of Newcastle is under water eight feet, and the water is still rising. All the boats in the city are being used to rescue people from second stories. The factories and mills are flooded. Several planing mills are washed away, and a number of houses moved from their foundations. Loaded cars are being run on bridges to keep them from being washed away. The water rose so fast that prisoners in the lockup had to be rescued by the fire department.

HOTELS CUT OFF FROM COMMUNICATION.

CAMBRIDGE (Pa.), May 17.—This popular summer resort is under water. Two big summer hotels, filled with guests, are cut off from communication. It is feared that the only bridge leading across the river will go down. Railroad traffic is suspended.

BUILDINGS AND BRIDGES GO DOWN.

ERIE (Pa.), May 17.—This section of the State is badly flooded. Buildings and bridges have gone down by the score, and many factories, etc., are flooded. The fire department was kept out all night rescuing people in the flooded district. The waters are still rising.

FATAL EXPLOSION.

Seven Men Instantly Killed and Many Slightly Injured.

GENEVA (Ill.), May 17.—With a roar heard three miles away, and a concussion that shook every house and shattered half the windows in town, the plant of Charles L. Hope's glucose works blew up this afternoon. Seven men were instantly killed and many slightly injured. The dead are: Alfred Anderson, Frederick Storm, Victor Anderson, August Jensen. Injured: Andrew Pierson.

The cause of the explosion is not known. It occurred in the third story near the generator, which was not in use to-day. The explosion blew out the entire west side of the building, hurling bricks and machinery fully a hundred feet from the building. A wild panic ensued among the seventy-five employes at the works when the accident occurred, and several sustained severe bruises in their mad rush to escape. Many jumped from the second story to the ground or the adjoining sheds.

All the bodies save Jensen's were quickly recovered and placed in the morgue.