

# Somerset Herald.

SOMERSET, PA., TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 1889.

## THE HALF NOT TOLD

### JOHNSTOWN WIPE OUT OF EXISTENCE.

#### FROM 3,000 TO 10,000

#### Men, Women and Children Find Watery Graves.

#### THIEVES ROB THE DEAD.

#### Perpetrators Summarily Punished by the Citizens.

#### TO HUNGARIANS SHOT

#### Two More Hanged for Piffing from the Dead.

#### City a Vast Charnel House—Three Hundred Bodies in One School House.

#### Thousands Supposed to be Under the

#### Masses of Debris—Fears of an Epidemic

#### Freely Expressed, as Bodies Are Be-

#### longing to Decompose—The Sheriff of

#### All Counties on the River Ordered to

#### Take from the Water All Bodies of

#### Persons and Animals.

#### JOHNSTOWN, June 3.—The news from

#### Johnstown is heartrending in the ex-

#### aggerated, it is the very oppo-

#### site. It is a difficult matter at this

#### writing to give the total number

#### drowned. It is safe to say that the

#### number will be in the thousands

#### instead of the hundreds, as at

#### first predicted, and it will

#### take many days before the whole

#### truth can be made public. All

#### day and to-day the people of this

#### city were going to and fro to learn

#### the particulars, many of them

#### having either visited at Johnstown

#### or recently located there. When

#### the first reached here that thieves

#### were busy playing their avocation

been outraged by the desecration of their  
deceased relations. Shortly after mid-  
night an attempt was made to rob the  
First National bank, all of which, with  
the exception of the vaults, had been  
destroyed.

#### The Number of Dead.

It is still impossible to give any accu-  
rate idea of the number of the dead.  
Nobody places the estimate lower than  
4,000, however, and reliable information  
tends to show that it will reach twice  
that. The relief committees are well  
settled and doing big work. The press  
relief committee and that of the Mas-  
sonic order, which were the first on the

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iful cry: "I and a little son are all who  
are alive of a family of 14. I saw most  
of them go down."

#### Pathetic Incidents.

Pathetic incidents are growing in  
number daily. A sturdy rescuer went  
to one of the partially submerged build-  
ings to rescue a woman. He had a fairly  
good boat and was a good oarsman, but  
the current was too strong for him and  
he was swept down stream. He managed  
to get the woman landed on a raft, but  
he was thrown into the stream and swept  
down under the bridge. He caught a  
rock and fell on for dear life for almost  
three hours, when he was rescued with  
difficulty.

#### Col. Norman M. Smith of Pittsburgh

attempted to cross on the rope bridge  
that had been improvised to carry peo-  
ple over the channel, when he slipped  
and fell into the river at the widest  
point. He had heavy clothing and rub-  
ber boots on, but he was a sturdy swim-  
mer, and finally reached shore without  
assistance. Lou Dallmeier and Harry  
Lauder of Pittsburgh started on horse-  
back from the Merchant hotel on Fri-  
day afternoon just after the water com-  
menced to rise. They have not been  
heard from since and are supposed to  
have been lost.

#### Working Without Remuneration.

About noon yesterday a man standing  
on the east side of the river called out  
to a friend on the other side: "Hello,  
Jack; lost any friends?" Jack did not  
reply in words; he merely held up the  
five fingers of his right hand. He had  
lost a wife and four little ones, yet he  
was working incessantly to relieve the  
sufferings of others. This is the spirit  
which pervades the survivors, one and  
all. Personal grief is lost sight of in the  
general feeling of woe and necessity.  
There is not time for anything but work.  
Even the women seem to realize, and  
there is surprisingly little public expres-  
sion of grief, although hearts are so sad-  
dened and weighed down that they are  
almost numb. Everybody seems to  
feel that it is not only a duty, but a priv-  
ilege, to work for others. The best man  
worked incessantly rescuing people and  
carrying them from one side of the river  
to the other resolutely refused remunera-  
tion from any of the residents of the  
town. Visitors could pay, but others  
could not.

#### In one case a wealthy gentleman in-

sisted on his taking \$50 for rescuing  
himself, wife and daughter from the  
flood. The boatman refused it posi-  
tively, and at the end of the long day,  
when almost dead from superhuman ef-  
forts, he was only \$18 wealthier than  
when he started.

#### To Break the Gorge.

At 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon a couple  
of hundred pounds of dynamite arrived  
at the bridge and was carefully stowed  
away. It is to be used in breaking the  
gorge of houses, etc., above the bridge  
and getting the debris started down the  
river. Between 1,500 and 2,000 bodies  
are undoubtedly buried in the debris.  
From the river side it is said hundreds  
of legs and arms can be seen among the  
logs, but the fire prevents their being  
reached, and the only thing that re-  
mains to do is to blast the mass and  
start it down stream. To-day will be  
the most horrible day yet, as people are  
commencing to realize their irreparable  
losses, and many are breaking down.  
There is still a vast amount of work to  
be done, and workers are needed. There  
are already far too many sight-seers and  
loafers.

#### Prominent Citizens Drowned.

Perhaps the day has revealed no more  
startling fact than that several of the  
wealthiest and most eminent citizens of  
Johnstown were drowned, with their en-  
tire families. The first is James Mc-  
Millen, one of the vice-presidents of the  
great Cambria iron works. He was  
about 60 years of age, and has long been  
a resident of the city. His residence was  
the handsomest and most richly fur-  
nished in Johnstown. It was utterly  
demolished. He was a widower and had  
living with him a willow daughter and  
her children. All went down the  
flood with the house and have not been  
heard of since. His fortune was esti-  
mated at over a million.

#### John Fulton, general manager of the

Cambria iron works, was the second of  
this group. He is said to be positively  
drowned, with wife and children. No  
more popular man lived in Cambria  
county than he.

#### Howard J. Roberts, cashier of the First

National bank, and John Dierst, a  
banker, were also drowned. All of the  
family of women and broken-hearted  
men, trudging across the mountain in  
the hope of reaching Florence or Bol-  
ivar, to find their missing ones, dead or  
alive.

#### A Scene of Desolation.

It was high noon, when descending  
the eastern slope, Morrelville was seen in  
the distance. That is one of the subur-  
ban wards of Johnstown. It was not a  
pretty view. Ordinarily it would have  
been an arena of hills, wavy in their  
alternating lines of pine, fir and hemlock  
boughs, that wreathed the white, trim  
houses of Morrelville around about, but  
the clouds dropped their mist of mel-  
ancholy upon the landscape.

#### There was something about it all that

even a mile away impressed one with a  
sense of indescribable sadness. Drawing  
nearer the reporter hailed a stalwart fel-  
low who was listlessly carrying a bundle

of clothes under his arm. He kindly  
gave the desired information and then  
the reporter asked him if he knew of  
any casualties. The same sense of sad-  
ness that the clouds overhead inspired  
about the man's answer:

"I might tell you of my own," he re-  
plied. "My name is Gabriel Fleck. My  
boy-raged 12 years, my wife's mother and  
my three sisters-in-law were all drowned  
before my eyes. But there is still a  
merciful God in heaven, for He has  
spared me my wife."

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are alive of a family of 14. I saw most  
of them go down."

#### It was still a quarter of a mile to

Morrelville. But here was the next testi-  
mony, heard from a garden gate: "A  
friend of mine, W. S. Weaver, a promi-  
nent confectioner, was saved by us;  
but twenty of his nearest relatives are  
all lost."

#### In Morrelville at last. "You want

news, do you?" remarked a pale-faced  
young woman. "Go there to Young's  
livery stable and look upstairs." I did  
so. There, in a long barn of a hall, were  
grouped some eighty people—men,  
women and children. They were wound-  
ed from battles with the debris, or sick  
from exposure. Some were lying down,  
others sat up, while a few limped about.  
A single country surgeon labored among  
them. It was an improvised hospital to  
make a city doctor weep.

#### Over in Johnstown proper it was found

that another hospital had been formed in  
the Parks opera house. Thirty-three  
homeless persons were housed there.  
One of these, Edward Fisher, a young  
man, tried to commit suicide three times  
during the previous night, because of  
grief over the drowning of his parents  
and sisters.

#### THE WORST IS TRUE.

### Three Thousand Coffins Needed at Once in Addition to the Thousands Al- ready Used.

JOHNSTOWN, June 3.—There is a fam-  
ine among the dead. The 15,000 survivors  
of the flood who are suffering for  
food and clothing find their troubles  
have a glibly counterpart. There are  
no coffins here to bury the dead. The  
last coffin was used yesterday afternoon.  
Three thousand more at least will be  
needed. Therefore, to the public appeal  
for assistance may be added the words:  
"Send us coffins by the tonload, for we  
need them as bad as we do bread."

#### The Water Subsidizing.

JOHNSTOWN, June 3.—The water is sub-  
sidizing, giving a chance to see the con-  
dition. The damage is even greater than  
estimated. There is not a score of houses  
in Johnstown proper standing on their  
foundations, and not one of them of any  
value. Nearly a hundred houses are  
standing scattered where the water left  
them. The debris is piled twenty feet  
high. The Conemaugh cut a swath  
through the business portion of the town  
forty rods wide, leaving no vestige of a  
building or street in its path. The busi-  
ness streets cannot be found, and the  
town looks like a mud-covered field.

#### The Loss of Life.

It is estimated by conservative police offi-  
cers well acquainted with the facts at  
not less than 7,000 to 8,000. Johnstown  
people seem to be annihilated, and you  
would not see 500 inhabitants in town  
all day. The people seem paralyzed.

#### Hundreds of people from other towns

are helping to get bodies out. The scene  
at the bridge is horrible beyond descrip-  
tion. The bed of the river for a third of  
a mile is a solid mass of debris, two-  
thirds burned over. The people in it  
were heard calling for help up to 1  
o'clock Sunday morning.

#### Two Pittsburgh fire engines are now

playing on the fire. Many burned  
bodies are to be seen in the fire. The  
scene is terrible. The portion of the  
town that contained the aristocratic resi-  
dences is entirely wiped out. Not a  
vestige of their residences remain. But  
a very few of their bodies have been  
found.

#### Carving Off Fingers.

The robbers were simply frightful.  
Last night Hungarians patrolled the rail-  
road, holding up many who passed. All  
day yesterday they were robbing bodies  
cut fingers off to get rings and taking  
everything of value from the bodies.

#### Ex-Mayor Dick is reported to have

shot two Hungarians while at the work  
two more were hanged by the infuriated  
people.

#### The City is a

Vast Charnel House,  
and bodies are being found all the time.  
The school house has been turned into a  
mortuary. Three hundred bodies are lying  
by side in the school house, and  
hundreds more at other places.

#### Thousands are supposed to be under

the acres of debris and great fears of an  
epidemic are entertained. Bodies are  
already beginning to decompose and two  
days of hot sun will make the condition  
simply terrible. The state board of  
health by official orders, has directed  
sheriffs of all counties on the river to  
take from the water all bodies of person  
and animal.

#### Steel Works Annihilated.

The steel works alone Johnstown are  
annihilated, not a brick nor piece of ma-  
chinery remaining. Nearly every build-  
ing of the Cambria iron works has walls  
crashed in, machinery and many feet  
of debris. The loss of the company is  
estimated at from five to six millions.  
All the prominent men connected with  
the works are dead. Will the town be  
rebuilt? No one knows, but in all prob-  
ability it will not. It looks impossible.  
The railroads have a large force of men  
working on the tracks, but can't get  
trains through for days.

#### The Rapidity of the Water.

An eye-witness said the water was  
three feet deep in the streets. Hundreds  
had come to see the flood, when suddenly  
the rush came, and soon the water was a  
seething mass of broken houses and

struck people. The current came  
faster than a horse could run and escape  
was impossible. Everything was carried  
before it. In eight minutes the destruc-  
tion was completed and the water thirty  
feet deep. Everything that could float  
had living freight. Nearly every person  
had a child, and in a half hour not a  
child was to be seen.

#### Long train loads of supplies are here

and sufficient for immediate necessities.

#### 500 Tents from Ohio

have arrived. Help will be needed for  
weeks, as thousands are without food  
and no way to secure it. The railroad  
company is carrying all supplies and  
food sufferers free.

#### The President Arranging for Relief.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—The president  
did not attend church yesterday, but was  
busy all day arranging with Governor  
Beaver by telegraph for the relief of the  
stricken districts in Pennsylvania.

#### Miss Clara Barton has gone to Harris-

burg to supervise the work of the Red  
Cross society in relieving the distress at  
Johnstown, Pa.

#### Eight Lives Lost at Harper's Ferry.

BALTIMORE, June 3.—Eight lives are  
reported lost at Harper's Ferry. Many  
bridges in that valley are gone. Port  
Deposit is flooded. The Chesapeake and  
Ohio canal is so badly damaged that it  
will never be used again. Eleven lives  
are known to have been lost Maryland.

#### Mines Daily Flooded.

MT. CARROLL, PA., June 3.—Ten mines,  
employing 6,000 men, will be indefini-  
tely shut down on account of floods in  
this valley, the pumps being under  
water and the pits mostly flooded.

#### Exuding sympathy.

LONDON, June 3.—All the newspapers  
contain leaders deploring the disaster at  
Johnstown, and sympathizing with  
America.

#### Weather Indications.

Showers, slightly warmer, southerly  
winds.

#### FIENDS IN HUMAN FORM.

### Vretches Caught Plundering and Statist- ing the Dead—Four of Them Are Driven Into the River and Drown.

JOHNSTOWN, June 3.—The way of the  
transgressor in the desolated valley of  
the Conemaugh is hard, indeed. Each  
hour reveals some new and horrible  
story of suffering and outrage, and every  
succeeding hour brings news of swift  
and merited punishment meted out to  
the fiends who have dared to desecrate  
the still and mangled corpses in the city  
of the dead, and torture the already half-  
crazed victims of the cruellest of modern  
catastrophes. As the roads to the lands  
round about are opened tales of almost  
indescribable horror come to light, and  
deeds of the vilest nature perpetrated in  
the darkness of the night are reported.

#### Just as the shadows began to fall upon

the earth Saturday evening a party of  
thirteen Hungarians was noticed  
steadily picking their way along the  
banks of the Conemaugh toward Sang  
Hollow. Suspicious of their purpose,  
several farmers armed themselves and  
started in pursuit.

#### Plundering the Dead.

Soon their most horrible fears were  
realized. The Hungarians were out for  
plunder. Lying upon the shore they  
came upon the dead and mangled body  
of a woman, upon whose person there  
were a number of trinkets of jewelry  
and two diamond rings. In their efforts  
to secure the plunder the Hungarians  
got into a scuffle, during which one of  
their number severed the finger upon  
which were the rings and started on a  
run with his fearful prize.

#### The revolting nature of the deed so

wrought upon the pursuing farmers,  
who by this time were close at hand,  
that they gave immediate chase. Some  
of the Hungarians showed fight, but,  
being outnumbered were compelled to  
flee for their lives. Nine of the brutes  
escaped, but four were literally driven  
into the surging river and to their death.  
The inhuman monster whose atrocious  
act has been described was among the  
number of involuntary suicides.

#### Another incident of even greater

moment has just been brought to notice.  
At 8:30 o'clock an old railroad worker  
had walked from Sang Hollow, stepped  
up to a number of men who were con-  
gregated on the platform of the station  
at Curranville and said:

#### "Gentlemen, had I a shot gun with me

a half an hour ago, I would now be a  
murderer, yet with no fear of ever hav-  
ing to suffer for my crime. Two miles  
below here I watched three men going  
down the banks stealing jewels from the  
dead wives and daughters of men who  
have been robbed of all they hold dear  
on earth."

#### He had no sooner finished the last

sentence than five burly men, with looks  
of terrible determination written on their  
faces, were on their way to the scene of  
plunder, one with a coil of rope over his  
shoulder and another with a revolver in  
his hand. In twenty minutes, so it is re-  
lated, they had overtaken two of their  
victims, who were then in the act of  
cutting pieces from the ears, and fingers  
from the hands of the bodies of two dead  
women. With revolver leveled at the  
scoundrel, the leader of the posse  
shouted:

#### "Throw up your hands or I'll blow

your heads off."

#### Two Villains Lynched.

With blanched faces and trembling  
forms they obeyed the order and begged  
for mercy. They were searched, and as  
their pockets were emptied of their  
plunder, the indignation of the crowd  
intensified, and when the bloody finger  
of an infant, encircled with two tiny  
gold rings, was found in the leader's  
pockets a cry went up to lynch them.

#### Without a moment's delay ropes were

thrown around their necks, and they  
were dangling to the limbs of a tree, in  
the branches of which, an hour before,  
they were dangling the bodies of a dead  
father and son. After an expiration of half an  
hour the ropes were cut and the bodies  
lowered and carried to a pile of rocks in

the forest on the hill above. It is hinted  
that an Allegheny county official was one  
of the most prominent actors in this  
tragedy of justifiable homicide.

#### THE NINEVEH MORGUE.

### Over a Hundred Dead Bodies Laid Out in the Planing Mill.

NINEVEH, June 3.—The scene in Theodor  
Nunamaker's planing mill at Nineveh,  
where seventy-three bodies are lying  
stretched out cold in death, is simply  
appalling. One can get no idea  
of the fearful work of the waters until  
he has seen these poor, mangled, besped-  
tered bodies. On the Indiana side of the  
river at this place about seventy-five  
more bodies are laid out. In the low  
Nineveh flats a number of other bodies  
can be seen, but so far they have not  
been recovered. Arms are protruding  
above the water and sand, but the bodies  
are in such dangerous places that they  
can't be secured without great peril.  
The water has subsided somewhat, but  
the current in the stream is still strong  
and violent.

#### The wrecking train collected fifteen

bodies between Derry and Nineveh.  
They were taken to the planing mill and  
placed in rows about the establishment.  
No one can have any idea what the  
bodies looked like until he has seen them.  
Some of them had their skulls knocked  
in as if some brute had hit them with a  
bludgeon. Fine looking women

#### Had Ugly Gashes.

on their cheeks, and the delicate hands  
were scratched and torn as if they had  
been dragged through a briar patch.  
Their faces were swollen and distorted;  
mouths were drawn out of shape, and  
the eyeballs were in some instances filled  
with mud, as were also the ears. Their  
tender garments were bedraggled with  
leaves, weeds and grass, mixed with  
mud. The little children arranged in  
rows looked for all the world like large  
Chinese dolls with their round blanketed  
faces and bloody skins. Many of the  
bodies were covered with blood, and  
bruised horribly. They were tossed  
about, buffeted by the currents and  
dashed against rocks and debris until they  
were scarcely recognizable by friends.

#### When the waters subsided somewhat

the bodies were left lying in the mud  
and grass along the shores where they  
are being picked up as fast as they can  
be found.

#### Close aboard is going along in the

trains can see lots of bodies partially cov-  
ered with grass and driftwood. In some  
places the debris is piled up as high as a  
house, and it is supposed bodies are lying  
under these masses.

#### Everywhere on the shores of the stream

the bushes and trees have caught vari-  
ous articles of clothing. At one point a  
lady's chip hat ornamented the top of a  
young birch, and clothes enough, ragged  
and torn, can be picked up to complete  
any gentleman's or lady's wardrobe.

#### THE FLOOD AT ELMIRA.

### Much Damage to Railroads and Other Property—Thirteen Lives Reported Lost at Corning.

ELMIRA, N. Y., June 3.—The water  
here was from a foot to foot and a half  
higher than ever before known. Sun-  
day afternoon two bodies floated down  
the river. A roof upon which three per-  
sons were clinging is said to have passed  
by the city last night. The body of a  
female baby was washed ashore in the  
lower portion of the city.

#### The Erie railway bridge was anchored

in its place by two trains of loaded  
freight cars. The water rose to the cars,  
which, with the bridge, acted as a dam  
and forced the water back through the  
city on the north side of the Chemung  
river, where the principal business  
houses are located. The water covered  
the streets to a depth of three feet, and  
the basements of the stores were quickly  
flooded, causing thousands of dollars  
damage. The only possible way of en-  
tering the Rathburne House, the principal  
hotel of the city, was by boats, which  
were rowed directly into the hotel  
office.

#### On the south side of the river the

waters were held in check for several  
hours by the ten-foot railroad embank-  
ment, but hundreds of families were  
driven into the upper stories of their  
houses. Late in the evening 2,000 feet  
of the embankment was forced away, and  
the streets carried the railroad tracks  
and everything else before it. A lumber  
yard in the depths of the rushing water  
was swept away. Many horses were  
drowned, and three couples on the flats  
were rescued by police and firemen.

#### Three Miles of Track Gone.

The Erie passenger train, which had  
been here since Saturday morning, went  
west to Buffalo late Sunday afternoon  
over the Lackawanna road. On the big  
flats, twelve miles west of here, three  
miles of tracks were washed away, and  
at Corning the bridge across the river is  
gone. The Erie express that arrived  
here on Saturday afternoon was held  
here by the flood. Part of the Delaware,  
Lackawanna and Western railroad  
bridge across the river at Waverly has  
gone, and the road uses the Erie tracks  
from here to Binghamton.

#### On the northern central branch of the

Pennsylvania system the westbound ex-  
press train that left here Friday night is  
stalled between Minnequa and Canton.  
There are great washouts each side of the  
track and railroad men say the road will  
not be open for a week. The damage to  
property in this city and vicinity is  
estimated at \$500,000. The crops through-  
out the Chemung Valley are almost  
totally destroyed. The Conesque Valley  
is also reported to have suffered terribly.  
The Fallbrook railroad has lost two  
bridges and their track is badly washed  
out between Knoxville and Westfield.

#### Thirteen lives are said to have been

lost at Corning.

#### 25 Lives Lost at Williamsport.

SUNBURY, PA., June 3.—The city is  
flooded. The water reached the top of  
the river embankments early Sunday  
morning, and at 7:30 broke into the  
Third and Fifth wards, compelling the  
inhabitants to take to the upper stories  
of their houses. The water reached a  
point within eight inches of the great  
flood of 1865. At noon the water began

to recede. All railroad and wagon  
bridges between here and Williamsport  
are down. Three men who came down  
from Williamsport in a boat report the  
loss of twenty-five lives at that place.

#### Governor Hill Issues a Proclamation.

ALBANY, N. Y., June 3.—Governor  
Hill issued a proclamation calling the  
attention of the people of New York  
to the disaster which has befallen the  
inhabitants of a large section of Penn-  
sylvania, and invoking the efforts of  
citizens and organizations toward relieving  
the consequent distress.

#### Lumber Yards Swept Away.

LANCASTER, PA., June 3.—The lumber  
yards at Marietta have all been swept  
away. The Susquehanna is still rising.  
Marietta's streets and all the rolling and  
planing mills are partly submerged. Two  
men on a raft were carried over the dam  
at Columbia yesterday and drowned. The  
Pennsylvania canal at Columbia is badly  
damaged. The Pennsylvania railroad  
bridge is still intact. A great quantity  
of logs have passed the bridge, and are  
gorged at Turkey Hill, below the town.

#### Biggest Flood in Forty Years.

PITTSBURGH, June 3.—It is nearly  
forty years since Pittsburgh had its last  
big flood. It occurred on March 9, 1851,  
but it was nothing in comparison with  
what has been experienced the last few  
days. The violent rains sent the Appo-  
matow on a loam. The earliest damage  
was from the bursting of the receiving  
reservoir at the water works. The whole  
lower part of the city is under water.  
Every bridge but one spanning the river,  
including the Atlantic coast line trestle,  
is swept away and all railroad communi-  
cation north and south is suspended  
and will probably remain so for a day or two.  
No accurate estimate of the loss by the  
flood can be made, but it is not exagger-  
ated if placed at \$100,000.

#### A Vast Charnel Field.

PITTSBURGH, June 4.—J. J. Buchanan  
returned from Johnstown late last evening.  
To a reporter he said: "The papers  
fail to tell the awfulness of the disaster.  
The whole Conemaugh valley is one  
vast charnel field. The air is polluted  
with festering bodies. From Sang Hol-  
low up the valley to Johnstown the  
telegraph poles and trees are hanging  
full of dangling hoopskirts, pieces of  
garments, hats all bloody and horrible to  
look upon. Along bank of laid corpses  
lying with their arms and legs contorted  
and often doubled over trees."

#### "Six million dollars will not cover the

loss to the Cambria Iron company. Millions  
more fail to give an estimate of the total  
loss. Fully one-third of the population  
and more than that of its wealth of  
Johnstown is swept away. The papers  
are not high enough in their estimates."

#### "It is supposed that the houses caught

fire from a car of lime being tipped over  
on them as they piled up at the railroad  
bridge, and the scene of their burning  
was enough to make one's hair turn  
grey."

#### "The whole present population has

turned themselves into undertakers.  
The bodies are being shoveled into rough  
boxes and tags put on them. Many of  
them are marked wrong in the hurry,  
but time is money and strength.

#### "The people are hungry. I have had

nothing but coffee and bread since I left  
Pittsburgh. The last sack of flour in the  
stores has been sold. The people are  
weak. Too much provisions cannot be  
sent."

#### ANDOVER, Wellville, Hornesville and

Bradford Inundated and Much  
Damage Reported.

CANASERAGA, N. Y., June 3.—The  
flood was the most destructive ever  
known here. A considerable portion of  
this village was inundated at 2 o'clock  
on Saturday morning. The Main street  
iron bridge was lifted and carried forty  
rods down stream. It is almost com-  
pletely wrecked. An ordinary-sized  
river ran down Main street. Stock was  
rescued with difficulty. Everywhere the  
damage is very great. The water reached  
its highest point at 4 p. m.

#### Several Bridges Swept Away.

HORNESVILLE, N. Y., June 3.—Sev-  
eral bridges on the outskirts of the city  
are gone. The high waters are impos-  
sible. The railroads will suffer, particu-  
larly the Erie whose property in the  
vicinity of the shops is completely sub-  
merged, work being totally abandoned.  
Many washouts are reported on the  
different sections of the Erie. Not a  
train has arrived or departed to-day.

#### One Man Drowned.

WELLSVILLE, N. Y., June 3.—The  
heavy rains of yesterday raised creeks  
into rivers and rivers into lakes all  
through this section. Never in the ex-  
perience of the oldest inhabitants has  
Wellsville been visited with such a  
destructive flood. Both ends of the  
town have been submerged, water in  
many instances standing clear to the  
roofs of houses. Farms on the flats  
along Dye creek and the Genesee river  
for miles around are under three to ten  
feet of water. Buildings, bridges, farm-  
ing implements and live stock have been  
going down the river all day. Several  
bad washouts occurred on all the rail-  
ways. No trains have arrived here since  
midnight. Edward Fuetterer was  
drowned this morning.

#### Railroad Tracks Washed Away.

ANDOVER, N. Y., June 3.—A terrible  
rainstorm visited this section early on  
Saturday morning. All the streams  
were swollen far above highwater marks,  
and fields and roads were overflowed.  
No less than a dozen bridges in this  
town were carried away, and newly  
planted crops are utterly ruined. The  
water continued to rise rapidly until 4  
o'clock. At that hour the two dams at  
the ponds above the village gave way  
and the water rushed madly down into  
the village. Nearly every street in the  
village was overflowed and in many  
cases occupants of houses were driven to  
the upper floors for safety. Owen's large  
tannery was flooded and ruined. Al-  
most every rod of railroad track was  
covered, and much of it will have to be  
rebuilt. The track at some points is  
covered fifteen feet with earth, and  
trains cannot run for two or three days.  
Much lumber, many small buildings and  
other property has been carried away.