

AN AWFUL DISASTER.

PENNSYLVANIA OIL REGION STRICKEN BY DIRE HAVOC.

SCORES ARE DEAD AND DYING.

Exploding Oil Tanks Turn Creeks Into Fire—Overflowing Streams Become Avalanches of Flame—The Disaster Only Equalled by That of Johnstown—Jintown, Col., Almost Wiped Out.

PITTSBURG, Pa., June 6.—The oil regions of Pennsylvania were visited yesterday by a disaster of fire and water that is only eclipsed in the history of this country by the memorable flood at Johnstown just three years ago.

It is impossible to give anything like an accurate idea of the loss of life and property, as chaos reigns throughout the devastated region and a terrible conflagration still rages in Oil City.

It is safe to say that not less than 150 lives have been lost. Nearly 100 bodies have already been recovered and many people are still missing.

The property loss will reach far into millions. At Titusville the loss is estimated at \$1,500,000.

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The town portion of the town was soon inundated. The flood came so quietly that the people had not time to reach a place of safety.

The oil from the scores of broken tanks ran into the creek and was ignited by the floating debris. In a few minutes the creek was ablaze from shore to shore.

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this city. How many lives went out in flame and flood can not now be estimated, but it appears to be nearly certain that at least 100 died, and when the death roll is completed it may be found that that number has been exceeded.

To add to the horror of the scene rain fell in torrents, fire broke out in the refineries at different points and the burning oil sweeping down the current was communicated to other manufacturing plants and establishments and the destruction was increased a hundred fold.

Fully one-third of the business and resident portion of this city is a mass of charred embers, over which the terrible waters still rush with unabated fury.

The streets are filled with crowds of wet, hungry, hopeless and despairing men, women and children, most of whom have lost loved ones and all their property.

It is believed that lightning caused the oil refineries to explode.

The following appeal for aid has been issued.

Our suffering and destitution is terrible, the loss of life and destruction of property is great, a large portion of our manufacturing interests are wiped out by flood and fire, and hundreds of families are homeless and destitute.

WILLIAM McLAUGHLIN, President Select Council.

W. B. BENEDICT, President Common School.

ISAAC WESTHEIMER, President School Board.

H. C. BLOSS, Editor Herald.

JOSEPH ZEPF, J. A. CADWELLADE, J. E. McKINNEY, J. J. McCORM.

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GROWING WORSE.

THE OIL REGION HORROR SURPASSES FIRST REPORTS.

PROBABLY FOUR HUNDRED DEAD.

The Number of Victims May Perhaps Never Be Known—Thousands of People Rendered Homeless and Hungry—Governor Pattison Calls for Aid—Rivers and Ruins Giving Up the Dead.

PITTSBURG, Pa., June 7.—Probably four hundred and fifty lives were lost in the flood and flame that swept through the oil regions of Pennsylvania Saturday night and Sunday.

The death list has grown and grown with frightful rapidity, and even now it may not have reached its end. There is wreck and ruin in the trail of the flood, and missing men and women may still be found in its wake.

Titusville, Oil City, Corry and Meadville were devastated. The country about them was laid waste. The scene is appalling. Nothing like it was ever seen in this state before and that was Johnstown.

An effort to give some idea of the loss is well nigh hopeless. It is millions upon millions of dollars. Dams gave way upon all sides and swollen streams rushed from their banks to inundate the surrounding country.

Titusville and Oil City suffered the most. In the former city five blocks were licked up by the fire. The loss is \$1,500,000. The deaths are estimated at 150.

The blazing flood swept down Oil creek carrying on its surface scores of people clinging to flaming debris. Oil City was swept away by water and fire. The city is a scene of direst confusion.

Meadville and Corry suffered from the cloudburst only. There was no loss of life so far as known yet. The business portion of Meadville was ruined. The loss there is \$150,000.

In this city measures of relief were set on foot promptly and every aid possible is being extended to the sufferers. Subscriptions have been taken up and money, food and clothing are being forwarded as fast as possible.

At Oil City at a late hour last night sixty-seven bodies had been taken from the ruins. Those who are acquainted with the locality where the greatest damage was done, say the loss of life must reach at least 150 and many put the figures at 200.

Titusville's Grief.

TITUSVILLE, Pa., June 7.—At least 100, and probably more than 150 lives have been lost here, and \$1,500,000 damage. An idea of the amount of territory covered by the flood and fire can be obtained when it is stated that over two miles were destroyed. This includes railroads, factories, refineries, private dwellings, etc.

A BIG DAY'S WORK DONE.

The House Rushes Through a Lot of Important Business.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Yesterday Mr. Blanchard of Louisiana moved to suspend the rules, to non-concur in the senate amendments to the river and harbor appropriation bill and to agree to a conference.

The motion was concurred—146 to 49, and Messrs. Blanchard, Catchings, and Henderson, of Illinois, were appointed conferees.

On motion of Mr. Herbert, of Alabama, senate amendments to the naval appropriation bill were non-concurred in and a conference was ordered. Messrs. Herbert, Elliott and Boutelle being appointed conferees.

Mr. Bryan, of Nebraska, moved to suspend the rules, and pass a bill appropriating \$50,000 for a pedestal for a monument to General W. T. Sherman. The bill passed.

Mr. Washington, of Tennessee, moved a suspension of the rules and the passage of a bill admitting the territory of New Mexico into the sisterhood of states.

The second reading having been ordered the bill was passed, 167-3, amid loud applause.

they were willing to pass a bill appropriating \$150,000,000, and put it there under the spur of a two-third rule. [Applause on Republican side.] The bill then passed amid Democratic applause.

RYING THE DEAD.

FUNERAL RITES OVER FLOOD AND FIRE VICTIMS.

TWENTY-TWO BODIES INTERRED.

A Scene at Once Pathetic and Impressive—The Relief Committees at Work—Fifty Thousand Dollars Required for Immediate Use—Clothing and Food Badly Needed—Harrison Gives \$200.

OIL CITY, Pa., June 8.—Yesterday the funeral rites over twenty-two bodies of the victims of the fire and flood were held, and never were sadder, more impressive scenes witnessed.

Governor Pattison, on his arrival, held a conference with the local committee. It was stated by the committee that there were 800 persons to be taken care of, that this must be done for eight weeks, and that to do so \$50,000 would be required.

The meeting the governor addressed a crowd in the street. He assured them that aid would come. The governor and his party then boarded the special train and started for Titusville.

It was learned last night that a Polish boarding house situated in the rear of the Oil City tube works was burned to the ground, and that when the fire broke out between twenty-five and thirty workmen were in the building, and the greatest doubts are entertained as to the fate of the unfortunate foreigners.

Up to noon yesterday the relief committee had received \$5,600, making a total so far of about \$15,000. There are no young children left orphans. The children are the ones which must have succumbed quickly to the flood and fire, and not a case of a destitute orphan child has yet been reported.

As a rule, death came to the entire family, if not the fathers, mothers and older children were the survivors.

Relieving the Destitute.

TITUSVILLE, Pa., June 8.—The relief committee are still busily engaged in supplying clothing to the needy. There were a large number of people who lost their all, and when they were rescued, were in a state of almost entire nudity, the only covering in some instances was a night dress, and in some cases they were even destitute of this covering.

The local relief committee met the Pittsburgh committee yesterday. Mr. Sweeney, of the former, said that 150 families had been made homeless, and altogether more than 600 persons would have to receive assistance for some time to come.

Joseph Seep, of the Standard Oil Co., estimated that \$100,000 would enable the committee to put Titusville on its feet again. This money will be spent on the poorer classes, for building houses, purchase of furniture, etc. The aggregate money loss in this city is now placed at \$1,500,000.

The search for bodies at Oil City and Titusville still goes on.

President Harrison Contributes.

WASHINGTON, June 8.—The president has contributed \$200 in aid of the sufferers from the oil region disaster.

Why is it that some houses always need repainting?

The owner has them painted in the Spring; by Fall they have a dingy, rusty, faded look. A neighbor's always looks fresh, clean, and newly painted, and yet is not repainted oftener than every four or five years.

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TRUSTEES SALE. Whereas, Sarah A. Harryman, a single woman by her certain deed of trust, dated the eighth day of December, 1890 and recorded in the recorder's office of Pettis county at Deed Book 77 pages 50 to 52, conveyed to the undersigned all her right, title, interest and estate, in and to the following described real estate, situated in the county of Pettis and state of Missouri, viz: Lots eleven (11) twelve (12), thirteen (13) and fourteen (14), in H. W. Kings addition to the city of Sedalia and also a part of the northwest quarter of southwest quarter of southwest quarter of section 3, township 45 and range 21, as follows: Beginning at a point 213 2/10 feet east of the northwest corner of said 10 acres and running thence south 165 feet, thence east to the west line of Massachusetts street, thence north along said line 165 feet, thence west to the point of beginning and being in all a plat of ground fronting east 165 feet on west side of Massachusetts street by about 130 feet in depth known now as No. 1202 Massachusetts street, which said conveyance was made in trust to secure the payment of a certain promissory note, in said deed described, and whereas said note has become due and is unpaid, now, therefore, in accordance with the provisions of said deed of trust and of the request of the legal holder of said note, I shall proceed to sell the above described real estate at the court house door in the city of Sedalia, in the county of Pettis, state of Missouri, to the highest bidder for cash, at public auction, on

TUESDAY, THE 21st DAY OF JUNE, 1892, between the hours of nine in the forenoon and five in the afternoon of that day, to satisfy said note together with the cost and expense of executing this trust.

J. S. ALDRIDGE, Administrator.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE. Notice is hereby given, that letters testamentary on the estate of Sanford P. Aldridge, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 6th day of June, 1892, by the Probate court of Pettis county, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them for allowance to the administrator, within one year after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of such estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within two years from the date of this publication, they shall be forever barred. This 6th day of June, 1892.

J. S. ALDRIDGE, Administrator.

J. A. GRIMES, M. D. Removed to Room 8, Cassidy's Building, 508 Ohio St., Sedalia, Mo.

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