

# FATALITIES OF PENNSYLVANIA FLOOD ARE HIGH

Number of Drowned Totals 61 and Destruction of Property Will Aggregate An Immense Sum.

## SCORES OF TOWNS SWEEPED BY TORRENTS

Floods Were Caused by a Cloudburst at Time When Rivers and Creeks Were Full Following Rains.

Pittsburgh, Pa., July 25.—Death and desolation spread broadcast over the southwestern counties yesterday and last night, through cloudbursts and overflowing streams. Three score or more lives are the toll, while the damage to homes and industries cannot be estimated.

Fifteen lives were lost in Superbia mine No. 2, near Uniontown; seventy-five miners narrowly escaped death, while from many other sections come reports of lives lost by the mountain torrents rushing into mile slopes. Hundreds of families deserting homes in a mad rush for safety on the mountain sides sought shelter beneath improvised shacks and tents, toward the construction of which every available piece of debris was turned to account. At daybreak shivering women and children gazed over the scene of desolation in the upper Youghiogheny valley and as the waters receded upturned dwellings, shattered buildings and crumbled piles of mortar were held in a conglomerated mass by a railroad bridge or trestle, or the passage of the debris had been impeded by some larger and stancher building.

During the night meager reports filtered in that, if later verified, will run the list of fatalities up to several hundred. The places and number reported to have been drowned at each are as follows:

Uniontown, Pa.—Fourteen drowned. Smock, Pa., located in Redstone valley.—Fourteen reported drowned. Grindstone, Pa.—Fourteen miners missing and reported drowned. Linn, Pa.—Two miners reported drowned. Wheeling, W. Va.—Three drowned. Lamont, Pa., mine.—Four miners reported drowned. Ellenwood, Pa.—H. L. King, wife and child drowned. New Martinsville.—Six reported drowned. Monongah, W. Va.—One drowned. Fairmont, W. Va.—Two drowned. Of this list of sixty-one fatalities it has been possible to account definitely for twenty-three. Those who are known to have met death are at Uniontown, Wheeling, Ellenwood, Fairmont and Monongah. Admittedly the death list will not be known for many days.

It will take months to clear some of the mines of water. It was long after midnight before the water began to recede. Rain had ceased falling some hours earlier, but the heavy precipitation soon made the usually dry beds of mountain streams veritable cataracts.

**Floods Were Expected.** Floods in these regions are of annual occurrence for which preparations are made and comparatively little damage is done; freshets caused by heavy summer rains occur several times a season, but the heavy waterfalls are carried away with only little damage. The cloudburst of yesterday, however, came before the district had recovered from more than twenty-four hours of torrential rains on Sunday and with every stream bank full, so all were out of their banks.

This morning as the waters cleared away, a stricken community gazed aghast at the power of the elements. Heavy rocks have been split, heavy railroad iron has been lifted from almost solid beds and dropped into rivers, while on all sides deep scars mark the surface of the earth where the crowding waters have made new courses for themselves.

Dunbar, near Connelsville, was inundated. The waters raged through the main streets, upsetting massive structures and endangering the lives of hundreds of persons. A cloudburst was the cause, although it is thought a dam broke.

The turtle creek valley was visited by a disastrous flood and the damage is enormous. Crops were blotted from the earth. Railroad traffic through a great territory is demoralized. With four connections into Uniontown, the Pennsylvania was unable to get passengers into the city early today. Several railroad bridges of that system and the new Baltimore and Ohio were torn from foundations thought impregnable and hurled into the maddened waters. Hundreds are homeless. Thousands are suffering. Towns are cut off from railroad mail, telephone and telegraph connections and are in darkness and are without fuel. From West Virginia no reports can be secured by the weather bureau for almost every wire from that state is down. In the city the storm created havoc, but while streets were flooded and traffic delayed the damage was not heavy.

**Coke Regions Hit Hard.** It was in the coke regions that the fury of the storm seemed to have been spent. Uniontown, Dunbar, Lemont, Mount Braddock, Connelsville. All were inundated and great damage was suffered. The greatest loss of life was due to the flooding of the Superbia mine at Nyanza, nine miles from Union-

town. Fifteen miners are now accounted lost, the known death of a foreigner miner having increased last night's list by one. Three are missing among the employees of Lemont mine No. 1 of the H. C. Frick Coke Co., whose nine foot vein underlies the Superbia working.

This estimate will doubtless total all the casualties from Wednesday's performance of the elements.

Those who have penetrated the Superbia mine come out with reports of indescribable ruin. "It looks in there if there had been an explosion of terrific force," said Frank Taggart, who accompanied Mine Foreman Ganier. "The water simply ripped up the tracks and twisted and bent the rails in all sorts of shapes in some places forming an almost impassable barrier. Supports were torn out and water filled the heading to the roof."

Ganier said that the mine was completely filled to a point about 1,200 feet from the surface working. Beyond that the workings extend in various directions about 2,100 feet and about 60 or 70 acres of openings are under water which contains the bodies of those unaccounted for in checking lists at the mine office.

## OFFERS NO EXCUSE FOR WHIPPING GIRL

Georgia Man Who Horsewhipped Girl Says He Was Aiding Son.

Macon, Ga., July 25.—"While my judgment may be erroneous, I have no excuse to offer for my effort to reclaim him," said W. S. Dozier, clerk of the superior court of Terrell county, in explaining his action in horsewhipping Essie Carter because his minor son, Voght Dozier, was infatuated with her.

"We have in our home a wayward boy," he said, "and we have done our best to reclaim him. In this work we have been greatly hindered by the influence of Essie Carter. "Finally I decided that the best thing to do was to get her out of Dawson. With this end in view I had several conferences with her and she finally agreed to leave. Afterward she returned to this city, would not permit the boy to return home and openly defied me in my efforts to reclaim him. I could not submit to this or any other attempt to prevent me from bringing the boy into the right path."

Essie Carter is preparing to bring suit for \$25,000 damages against Dozier and the other members of the fogging party.

## AGENCY.

Program of Agency M. E. choir to be given Friday evening July 26: Song—Mixed quartet. Song—Chorus. Instrumental—Piano, violin and cornet. Song—Soprano and alto duet. Song—Bass solo. Instrumental—Piano solo. Song—Soprano and alto duet. Reading. Instrumental—Piano, violin, cornet. Song—Soprano solo. Song—Soprano and chorus. Reading. Song—Medley by chorus.

Quite a number of the vicinity are visiting with relatives in Abia and Dudley this week. Mrs. Guy Van Valkenburg and son Max are visiting in Chillicothe. Fred Miller has returned from Colorado.

Miss Mabelle Graham entertained a few of her girl friends Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Rosa Brown is visiting with relatives near Eldon.

## HOPEWELL.

Miss Anise Swaim who is staying at the Ernestus Hunter home, spent Sunday with her parents.

Ed Ballard and family were guests at the Frank Sample home recently.

Quite a number from this vicinity attended services at Mt. Zion Sunday evening.

Jay Hunter and family were Sunday visitors at the Frank Sample home.

Wm. H. DeLoach and family are looking after his farm here one day last week. Chas. Hunter of Blakesburg made a business trip here recently.

Allan Jones visited friends near Belknap Sunday.

Misses Adelle Samples, Hazel Ballard and Emily Sammons and Harry and Perry Sammons took dinner Sunday at the Emmett Walker home.

Miss Anna Worell is visiting with her brother Charles and family.

Miss Rosa Walker called at the N. J. Sammons home Saturday.

## SIGOURNEY.

Hon. C. M. Brown and Mayor J. H. Wylie were passengers for Des Moines Tuesday delegates from Keokuk county to the progressive state convention.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Yahnke came over from What Cheer Tuesday to spend a few days visiting with friends.

Peter Engeldinger from Iowa City was in Sigourney Tuesday on business matters.

J. A. McCall from Oskaloosa was in Sigourney Tuesday on business.

W. H. Goodman from Thornburg was a Sigourney business caller Tuesday.

Attorney T. C. Legoe from What Cheer was at the county court house Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Ashbaugh who have spent the past nine months sight seeing on the Pacific coast, returned home Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Robert Seymour and baby came from Nebraska Wednesday to join her husband who is here visiting at the parental Seymour home.

Dr. Ward James from Winfield, Kansas came in Tuesday to join his wife and children who are at the parental James home.

C. Ed Beeman of Delta was transacting business in Sigourney Wednesday.

Mrs. S. Hoge came in Wednesday morning from Pasadena, Calif., being called here on account of the death of her father Oscar Mead.

**Card of Thanks.**

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness and help during the death of our beloved daughter, Agnes Estelle Queeney, for the beautiful floral offerings and for the beautiful words of sympathy.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fry.

# MAIL TRAINS GO FAST AS POSSIBLE

WRECK CASE SHOWS THAT SPEED IS A BIG FACTOR.

## TESTIMONY IN BURLINGTON

Chicago, July 25.—Government mail trains are hurried along the railroad tracks at a "no-limit" schedule for speed, an arrangement that allows for a record speed of ninety miles an hour.

This information was submitted to the state railroad and warehouse commission at the second session of the body in its inquiry as to the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy wreck at Western Springs, Ill., where the mail train No. 3—pulled into the rear of the Overland express No. 2 and killed thirteen persons. Robert Rice superintendent of the Aurora division of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, was on the stand when Commissioner O. F. Berry, chairman of the commission, turned the questioning to mail train speed.

"What is the limit for passenger train speed?" asked Mr. Berry.

"Sixty miles an hour," returned Mr. Rice.

Q.—What is the limit for mail trains? A.—There is no limit.

Q.—Who fixes the mail schedule? A.—That's not in my department.

From newspaper accounts I should believe that mail trains run as fast as they can be run to hold the mail business. The fastest train, of course, gets the government business.

Q.—What is the mail train record? A.—I believe ninety miles an hour is as high as they've ever gone. I myself have ridden on mail trains that have made over eighty miles an hour.

James B. Latimer, signal engineer of the Burlington, was the last witness heard by the commission. Mr. Latimer's replies to questions of the commissioners and those of Mr. Belknap were surprising. Among other things, Mr. Latimer declared:

That the signal system in use on the Burlington between Aurora and Chicago is the same one installed twenty-three years ago.

That if he, as signal engineer, were to build a railroad today, he would install the same signal system.

That the manual block system in use on the Burlington is far superior to the automatic signal system.

That reports show four times as many rear end collisions in automatic territory as in manual block territory.

That a system of holding a train at a block until the block ahead is reported clear, as, for instance, if mail train No. 8 had been held at Hinsdale until the Overland express No. 2 was reported clear from Congress park to have cleared the block east of Western Springs, would make trains too far apart and would be too complicated, although it would insure absolute safety to passengers.

That there is not a signal system in the world that would make such an accident as that at Western Springs impossible.

That the signal system on the Burlington could be improved and made far safer if warning signals were installed in connection with each signal tower, so that the engineer of a train would have advance notice that a stop signal was raised against him.

The commission adjourned after Mr. Latimer's examination was concluded, and it was announced that a report would be prepared at once.

## CHARITON.

Mrs. Ellen Joseph and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Mullen of Waurika, Okla., returned home yesterday after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McCorkle.

Dr. and Mrs. T. B. Throckmorton of Cherokee, returned home last evening after a visit with the former's parents Dr. and Mrs. T. M. Throckmorton and other relatives and old friends.

Miss Bird Foster left yesterday for Galesburg, Ill., where she will remain until her permanent establishment the coming season.

Mrs. Bertha McBride of Osceola came yesterday for a visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Beasley.

Miss Sue Scott of Omaha arrived yesterday for a visit with her sister Mrs. G. I. Findley.

Miss Edna Hollowell of Dallas who had been visiting at the Frank Smith home, returned home yesterday morning.

Mrs. H. S. Williams of Villaca, is visiting in this city, a guest of her sister Mrs. H. E. Robinson.

Miss Edna Robinson of Burlington who had been spending a few days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Robbins, has returned to her duties.

A number of girl friends were entertained at the home of Mrs. Fannie Leitch yesterday afternoon, the guests of honor being her nieces Marjorie and Gretchen Greenleaf of Centerville.

Miss Dorothy Plows went to Lucas yesterday to spend a week at the home of her aunt.

Miss Edith Sandahl has returned from a visit in Omaha with her sister Mrs. Reno Rahmgen and husband who accompanied her home for a visit with their parents and friends here.

Mrs. A. B. Cashman of Ackworth and aunt Mrs. B. F. Cherry of Washington, Ind., who had been visiting the former's mother, returned to their homes.

Mrs. Lon McFarland and little son Jim of Keokuk arrived yesterday to join Mr. McFarland who is the new manager of the S. P. Pond Produce Co. at this place.

Mrs. Ellen Norris of Knoxville arrived yesterday for a visit with her sister Mrs. E. A. Inbody.

Mrs. Chas. Fitch of Rock Island, Ill., came yesterday to join her daughter Dorothy in a visit with relatives and friends.

## DOUDS-LEANDRO.

E. C. Sandmeyer was in Keosauqua on business Wednesday.

Lancy Parks is visiting relatives in Fairfield.

Mabel Lasley is visiting in Fairfield with relatives.

Jas. A. Ferguson was a St. Louis visitor last week.

Irene Walker and family of Keokuk are visiting J. W. Wainwright.

Mrs. Alex Parson of Kilbourne was visiting Mrs. D. B. Wirt Friday.

W. H. Schlotter of near Floris while here on business was the victim of an

accident. The team became frightened as he was coming down a hill, throwing him out and rendering him unconscious for a short time. The buggy was badly damaged but the horses were not hurt. Mrs. E. E. Walker of Keosauqua was visiting J. W. Wainwright Thursday.

Mrs. O. B. Law and son of Hopkinton were here visiting over Sunday with A. L. Doud and family.

Mrs. Lawrence Eilensohn was in Keosauqua visitor Tuesday.

A. O. Hootman and son of Eldon were here on business Tuesday.

## BONAPARTE.

Mr. and Mrs. Benton Moore and daughter of Tribune, Kans., are enjoying a visit at the Henry Moore home north of town.

G. M. Cresap and daughter Mrs. Brooks Ament of Elizabethtown, Ky., came the first of the week for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. Maria L. Smith came from Madison, Wis., for a visit with her son M. J. Smith and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. McCormack and child of Chicago are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Packer.

Elmer Neally returned last week from Moline, Ill., for a visit with relatives.

Sam Sharpe of Lacon, Ill., is enjoying a visit with relatives and old friends here.

Miss Patti Percival has returned from an extended visit at Waterloo.

Mrs. Jennie Gregg of Des Moines visited relatives here last week.

Miss Mary Snook of Fairfield was a guest of Mrs. R. E. Meek last week.

The Entler family of Keosauqua were last week for a visit at the Harry Rice home.

Mrs. W. B. Johnson of Ft. Worth, Texas is enjoying a visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Hanbeck.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cummings are the parents of a son born July 17.

Mrs. B. J. King and daughter of Valley Junction are enjoying a visit at the W. O. Thompson home.

Mrs. F. A. Beckley and son of Ottumwa have been visiting at the C. S. Percival home.

E. F. George and Miss Mabel George of a visiting party at Waterloo.

Wade Thornley of Hillsboro has been visiting the Percival family.

G. A. Booth recently enjoyed a visit with his sister at the Charles City home.

Mrs. Roger N. Chesap entertained the Whist club Tuesday afternoon.

A camping party from Centerville have pitched their tents on South Hill and are enjoying the view.

They are: S. G. Humphreys and two sisters, the Misses Lightfoot and Campbell and Messrs. Sharp and Hickenbotham.

Glady's of Des Moines are enjoying a visit with Mrs. Eliza Coolidge.

Mrs. Harry Bonbran of Marysville, Calif., came last week to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Willets are the parents of twin daughters born July 13.

Mrs. Emma Bridge received word of the death of her son S. P. Bridge on Friday at the home of his mother.

A party of Oskaloosa people are enjoying an outing at the K. L. Meek home. They are: Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Walton and daughters Helen, Marjorie and Louise and Mr. and Mrs. George Kalbach and son and Miss Morrison.

Howard Finn of Monroe, Iowa, is visiting at the M. F. Hornbaker home.

## ELDON.

Mrs. Z. Black and daughter Miss Gladys of Oskaloosa are guests at the H. E. Baker home.

Miss Lottie Kiefer of Ottumwa is a visitor in the city this week.

Mrs. Ella Shore and daughter Miss Nell left Tuesday for Muscatine for a visit.

Miss Doris Carson spent Sunday in Oskaloosa with friends.

Ream Baker left the last of the week for Muscatine where he is making his home on a claim.

Fred Shives left Monday for Sioux City, called there by the serious illness of his father Jno. Shives who is in the hospital at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete McDowell have returned to their home in Washington, Ia., after visiting here with their daughter Mrs. W. J. Dooley.

## EDDYVILLE.

Marion True who has been visiting his sister Mrs. Jeannette Foster at Guthrie Center the past month returned home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Odum went to Lacey Thursday to attend the funeral of Mr. and Mrs. Tudor and little daughter who were killed in the Burlington wreck at Chicago. Mrs. Tudor was a resident of Eddyville.

Rev. and Mrs. Williams had daughter left Thursday for Fremont where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McCrea and Wm. Albaugh drove to Ottumwa Thursday evening and visited with F. M. Emerson.

Edna the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pennant was taken to Oskaloosa Thursday where she underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. Z. N. Kidd and two children, Rev. and Mrs. Howell and Mrs. Cook of Ottumwa are spending the week at the Red Mineral Springs Inn.

Mabel and Grace Quick are spending the week with their grandparents in Oskaloosa.

Chas. Walker of Oskaloosa visited this week with his friend J. Kusart. Mr. Walker was called to Avery last week by the death of his father Amos Walker.

W. Riggs who has been spending the past three months with relatives in Des Moines returned home Friday. She was accompanied by Mrs. I. Riggs and daughter Grace who will visit relatives in Eddyville and Ottumwa for a short time.

Mrs. Ella Turner of Wapello is visiting relatives here this week.

## OLIVET.

R. Clark was a passenger for Oskaloosa on Saturday.

H. Snook of Perry was a business caller here Monday.

Mrs. J. L. Billings left Thursday for Beacon where she will visit at the F. C. John Nossman of Valley Junction was in town Thursday visiting with friends.

R. Williams was a business caller in Eldon Thursday.

Roland Kissingner of Bolton was in town Thursday.

H. M. Thompson of Leighton was a caller at the station Friday.

William North and wife of town, was a caller in Oskaloosa Monday.

R. Williams spent Sunday in the country at the H. M. Thompson home.

John Head of Evans was in town on Sunday.

Ike Davis of Oskaloosa was in town Friday.

R. T. Rhy's mine inspector from Ottumwa was in town Thursday.

J. H. Lathrop and wife spent Sunday at the Coryell home east of town.

# REED AGAIN HITS HIS OPPONENTS

STATE CHAIRMAN LEAVES DES MOINES FOR CEDAR RAPIDS TO PREPARE FOR MEETING

Des Moines, July 23.—N. F. Reed of Ottumwa, chairman of the democratic state central committee, was in Des Moines yesterday. He stopped here to confer with friends before going to Cedar Rapids to start the state convention machinery to grinding. He left last night and announced that he will be in Cedar Rapids early today.

State and congressional candidates are to hold a meeting Wednesday, according to Mr. Reed. They will discuss the sort of a platform they think will be best suited at this time.

Mr. Reed has another object in view in starting to Cedar Rapids early. He wants to be chairman of the state central committee again. To do this he must undo some of the things his opponents have been doing.

"Some of these republican-democrats in the seventh district are using all sorts of tactics to get me," Reed said last night. "I am not much worried about what they will do when they get to Cedar Rapids. Their talk does not count for much outside the district."

"There are those who are so determined to beat me this year that they have been down in my district trying to beat me out of even a place on the committee. They won't get very far doing that."

"The democrats of Iowa are not going to turn down a man that has built up a fighting organization in the state. They will stand by me because I worked for the party when there was no hope of success at the polls."

## RICHLAND.

Frank Smith and wife, Mrs. Jessie Smith and Miss Georgia Kent spent Saturday in Fairfield.

Mrs. J. W. Lemley of Washington and Elizabeth McKenna of Chicago are visiting relatives in this vicinity.

A. C. Brady went to Sigourney on Saturday to attend the T. R. convention.

I. M. Walker has gone to Nebraska to visit his sons.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barnett went to Wayland to spend Sunday at the parental Neft home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lennie Lewis visited last night in Fairfield with relatives.

Mr. Bennett departed Friday night for Minnesota where he will visit his sons.

Miss Clara Powelson of Des Moines, a former teacher here spent Wednesday and Thursday visiting friends. She departed for home Friday.

Mrs. Samuel Lewis is visiting relatives near Ottumwa and Agency.

Mr. Brooks of Wayland who visited his friends Harold Jones has returned home.

Mrs. A. M. Roop and Mrs. Martha Roop who were visiting relatives in Monmouth, Ill., have returned home.

Thursday evening J. L. N. Harris who is between 75 and 80 years old, and lives alone, was happily surprised when his children and grandchildren dropped in on him with a bountiful supply of eatables and spread a fine supper. The evening was enjoyably spent.

Miss Minnie Haecock entertained company for supper Thursday evening.

Miss Freda Cowgill came home from Grinnell Thursday afternoon, accompanied by her sister Mrs. Chas. Chacy and daughter.

## SIGOURNEY.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Brady from Richland were over Sunday visitors at the D. T. Stockman home. Mrs. Brady is a sister of Mr. Stockman.

William Cross of Des Moines was in the city Saturday to attend the progressive convention.