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the Monongahala and Allegheny rivers. At midnight the river here is rising at the rate of four inches an hour. The borough of Carnegie is practically inundated during the day and the damage there will be very great. Throughout Western Pennsylvania and Ohio many mills have been forced to shut down, railroad traffic is badly crippled and telegraph wires are down. The loss to property will be in the millions. The greatest losses are to the steel trust and the Baltimore & Ohio and Pennsylvania railroads. Many works of the former are under water. Several costly landslides have occurred on the railroads. Several branch lines have suspended traf-

be worse tomorrow. London, Ky., April 20.-For 24 hours snow has been falling in eastern Kentucky and has reached a depth of 14 inches. Mountain streams are full to their banks and people living upon

them are moving, as when the snow goes out the floods will sweep everything near the waters. Great suffring is being endured by

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those moving. Old citizens have never witnessed the like. Great damage is already being done to timber.

Bristol, Tenn., April 20 .- A disastrous flood is raging in Virginia, between Crocketts and Max Meadows, and the water has completely submerged the Narfolk & Western railroad tracks for six to eight miles. At one place a steel bridge about forty feet long has been washed away. The west bound vestibule train, No. 39, which is due in Knoxville at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, did not come in here today. It had been annulled and is side-tracked on the other side of the flood, about eighty miles east of Bristol. The tracks are reported to be from three to six feet under water on that portion of the railroad which is damaged. The train going east this morning at 8 o'clock left here with two

engines, but it did not go far on account of the bridge being washed out.

Atlanta, April 20.-The storm which yesterday caused disturbance in many southern states was central today in eastern North Carolina. Snow fell in Tennessee and Kentucky and rain in Alabama, Georgia and Florida. In Atlanta winds have been abnormally high for the past 24 hours. The maximum velocity of 56 miles was reached early this morning.

Cleveland, April 20.-North Ohio was today swept by furious storms of wind and snow that prostrated telegraph and telephone wires in all directions. The

fore full repairs can be made to the telegraph and long distance telephone service. Many poles were prostrated, causing innumerable breaks in the wires.

The electric lighting company shut off their current in some parts of the city owing to the general mixup 0 wires. Notwithstanding this precaution, however, a number of persons received severe shocks and several horses were killed. James White stepped on a live wire on Broadway and was badly injured.

Traffic on nearly all steam roads entering the city is delayed. In many places the tracks are reported buried under deep slush and it is found impossible to make schedule time. Lake Erie was lashed into wild fury

by the storm, Enormous waves washed over the harbor breakwater, sending up sprays to the height of a hundred feet or more. A crib a hundred feet long anchored at the end of the east breakwater was torn from its fastenings and driven ashore inside the west breakwater. The crib crashed into the west pier, but little damage resulted. Information from surrounding country districts indicates that the storm was of unusual violence and wrought

> much damage. In many places snow is reported a foot deep on a level. Chicago, April 20.-Telegraph communication with all points east of

Cleveland has been cut off since early this morning by the storm, which extends from Canada to Tennessee and east to the Atlantic coast. A heavy wet snow, driven by a gale, played

havoc with wires and poles and both the Western Union and the Postal report a complete suspension of business to the seaboard.

Heroic efforts have been made to reach New York by way of Atlanta and coast lines and by way of Winnipeg va, it. Ussad -- Pacific sute, sut over the Canadian Pacific routes, but thus far without success.

Zanesville, O., April 20 .- Zanesville is in the grip of a blizzard that has suspended all street car traffic and business generally. Snow has fallen for 13 hours continually and the roads are

blocked. Huntington, W. Va., April 20 .- Big Sandy, Twelve Pole, Guyandotte, Tug and New rivers are at flood tide. Great suffering is reported. All tug boats in the Guyandotte and in all tributaries of the Big Sandy have been wept away, causing enormous loss.

Fifteen inches of snow have fallen in the West Virginia mountains and five inches throughout the Ohio valley,

has done great damage throughout the sively high river. Railroads in this Richmond, Va., April 20 .- The storm

passenger train, bound for Marion, N C., was crossing it. Engineer Jake Metcalf and Firemen Fred Rhyne are known to be dead, thirty feet under the trestle in the water.

When the train approached the big trestle, fearing trouble from the high water it stopped. Flagman Will Sullivan insisted that he would not risk his life and walked over. Engineer Metcalf got down from his engine, went under the trestle, examined it and told the conductor it was unsafe, that if they attempted to cross they would

lose the train and possibly their lives. The conductor gave him orders to go shead which he did, pulling the throtthe wide open. The engine and several seal and box cars went down with a

crash. The passenger car attached to the rear was cut loose by the conductor, just in time to save the lives of the passengers.

The trestle is sixty feet high and four hundred feet long.

The passenger train from Marion, loaded with passengers escaped the wreck only twelve minutes. It was flagged by an old colored woman who had seen the freight wreck. Had the wreck not occurred there would probably have been a collision between the freight and passenger trains, which would doubtless killed and injured many more. Metcalf was a married man, 62 years old, with a family.

The latest news from the wreck tonight is that Phyne's body has been found, a half mile down the river, in a mangled condition. The body Metcalf has not been recovered.

SERIES OF ACCIDENTS ON THE MONONGAHELA

and Many Barges Lost

McKeesport, Pa., April 20.-The steamer Robert McKinley burned to the water's edge at Lock No. 4, twenty miles south of here this morning on the Monongahela river. Thirty loaded coal boats went over the dam at the same pla e and the steamer Alceda was crushed to pieces by getting caught between runaway barges and the shore. The steamer McKinley was on her way up the river with a tow of empty barges when the fire broke out. The captain and crew escaped to the shore in an empty barge. The burning

steamer Alceda attempted to save one of the barges and was pushed up against the bank and crushed. Her crew barely escaped.

The loss will reach \$200,000. The trouble was mainly due to the exces-

he gave a halting and lame explana- South Carolina on my account! I neition of his intended change of front. His vote secured ratification. The eloquent speech which he delivered in the senate was largely stolen from a sermon delivered by Rev. Dr. Henry Vandyke on Thanksgiving day, November, 1896, in the Brick church of New York city two months before Senator Mc-

## KENTUCKY JURY FIND **RIPLEY NOT GUILTY**

Frankfort, Ky., April 20 .- The jury in the case of Captain Garrett D. Ripley, charged with conspiracy in the Goebel murder, retired to the jury room at 9:30 o'clock this morning, and after deliberating awhile returned a verdict of not guilty.

The defendant was immediately surrounded by friends and congratulated Although the jury was out two hours, most of the time was taken up in discussing the case in the jury room. Only two ballots were taken. On the first ballot ten jurors voted not guilty and two voted guilty. The two who voted guilty said they believed the evidence showed him connected with the conspiracy but when they learned that wither a life imprisonment sentence or the death penalty must be imposed and that a shorter sentence would not be imposed, they came over and voted with the majority for an acquittal. Capt. Ripley is the fourth one of the

alleged Goebel suspects to be tried. The jury was composed exclusively of democrats.

The matter of a requisition for the return of ex-Gov. W. S. Taylor from Indiana for trial is again a theme of popular speculation, but Commonwealth's Attorney Franklin refuses to discuss it and up to a late hour today A Steamer Burned, Another Crushed no application for extradition papers had been filed.

> TWO HUNDRED PERISH BY STORM AT CAPE NOME

Victoria, B. C., April 20 .- A Dawson despatch to a Skagway paper received by steamer here this afternoon tells of a recent severe storm at Cape Nome in which two hundred persons are said to have perished. Many miners were frozen to death.

This is the . st week of the Spring Clearing Sale. It is to everyone's advantage to go and see what is offered. J. H. LAW, 35 Patton avenue.

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wind came from the north, and during tate. Miles of the Norfolk & Western CERMIN SALE. J. H. LAW, 35 PAT ROCK ! ROCK ! ! ROCK !! the early hours of the day reached a tracks are under water. New river in Blomberg's Selecto Cigars a good TON AVUS. velocity of 53 miles the hour. the southwest part of the state is moke. All telegraph communication was We are in control of our stone quarhigher than at any time since 1878. Justice Brewer, of the United States severed between Cleveland and points ries in city and s urbs Are prepared The bridge across Connelly's Run in ..................... Supreme court, will make the annual for furnishing building stone, step the town of Radford was washed away \* stones, hearth tones, Curbing, etc. address at Yale's bicentennial. and wrecked the ice factory. The dam Where Photography Also for grading side or yard walks and -----FOR RENT: of the Radford electric company, was excav ting. BURGESS & MOORE Seeing, Is Leaves Off We Begin swept away, Asheville, N. C., Phone 25, Box 222. With Pencil & Brush. ; REALITY, NOT IMAGERY Believing, Blomblerg's Cigars and Sporting Goods One of the handsomest resi-We beg to say to those with denoes in Ashevele, completely WOOD'S SEEDS. From any good photograph we Your looks whom we have had business re-AND THE R produce entarged portraits in e crayon and pastel. Do not send . curnished, all mod rn convenlations, that our efforts in their your sight call be im-proved with perfect fit-ting glasses. Youget both when we fit lences; on 'ar line and baved Try Our behalt, for the past two months A full line of Wood's Gerden away ... valued family picture shall becontinued without relaxstriet, Hige grounds, Owner Seeds, Lawn Grass, Sweet Peas to have it enlarged when you can atton. would sell furniture at sacrifice and Nasturtium Seeds in bulk. have it done better right here. Fresh MARSH We are still offering bargains Our portraits may be higher priced than those some copying ana cent property, unfurnished. that are REAL and not imagina-MALLOW Drops GRANT'S PHARMACY. Furniture is all new. Owing to ry; they are unprecedented and nation Free house agent offers you but there defy competition. important business elsewhere is a difference in quality, which is At 20c lb., at Our rule is to pussh sales of all owners must make immediate S. L. MCKEE, Scientific Optician not computable in dougers and properties in our hands-we don't disposition of above property. cents, wait for purchasers we hunt them up. If, therefore, you have HEADACHE. fa Patton Ave. Opposite P.O. HESTON'S anything for sale or rent, call and see us, at Room 37 Library Bldg. N. Brock, Sick, Nervous and Neuralgic Wilkie & LaBarbe W. P Wostern. Masseur Headache quickly relieved by CLIFFORD DAVIES. 26 South Main St 29 Patton Ave Baldwin's Headache Cure. 25c. Real Estate Agents. 23 Patton Ave. Phone 661 Phone 183. REAL ESTATE BROKERS. Watson & Reagan, real estate office, Court Square. Phone 223. GRANT'S PHARMACY. Asheville, N. C.