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IN A VALLEY OF DEATH

FRIGHTFUL CALAMITY IN PENNSYLVANIA TOWNS.

Titusville and Oil City First Flooded With Water and the Work of Destruction Completed by the Explosion of Tanks of Oil--Great Loss of Life.

TRITUSVILLE, June 6.—The Queen city townery of L. Beebe & Sons has caught fire and danger threatens the adjacent district.

TRITUSVILLE, June 6.—The Pennsylvania oil region was visited by an awful disaster of flood and fire early yesterday morning. A cloud burst at Titusville, and another fell at Oil City. Both cities were inundated and the people fled to the hills. Men, women and children took to the house-tops, praying to be rescued.

To add to the horror, several refineries were struck by lightning and the property not destroyed by water was consumed by fire.

In Titusville the water came up suddenly from Oil creek and flooded the whole flat forming a lake nearly half a mile in width and about two-thirds of a mile in length. A short time later the Acme coal refinery was struck by lightning and fire added terror to the scenes. The flames spread rapidly and soon five blocks were laid waste. A half dozen of the largest oil refineries, among them Rice and Robinson's, Schwartz's and the Acme, were burned.

Scores of cheap dwelling houses in the lower part of the city were destroyed, and scores of lives lost, some having been burned out, the majority perishing by drowning. The scene presented by the rushing waters surging through the lower part of the city was one of utter desolation. When the morning broke, hundreds of anxious people looked out of the windows or stood on the roofs of houses awaiting helping hands and trembling for their fate.

Strong and brave men, by means of boats and ropes, succeeded in reaching and saving those who had a sure position till help arrived, or till the waters began to recede.

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 seeping down the current was communicated to other manufacturing plants and establishments and destruction increased one hundred fold.

When the Associated Press reporter entered the main thoroughfare this morning the first sight he witnessed was that of four men carrying the dead body of a man on a stretcher. Within fifteen minutes the sight became so common that it ceased to occasion any surprise. At the present writing it is estimated that fully 100 persons either drowned or burned to death. The money loss will run from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000. An idea of the amount of the territory covered by the flood and fire can be obtained when it is stated that over two miles of buildings were destroyed. This includes, railroads, factories, refineries, private dwellings, etc.

AT OIL CITY.

The Tragedy of Titusville Repeated And Worse.

OIL CITY, Pa., June 5.—Never before in the history of Oil City and the oil country has there been such a disaster, excitement and turmoil as at 11:35 o'clock Sunday morning. French creek was a raging torrent and 1,000 people were watching the muddy waters rolling by. About 1:30, upon the opposite side of the stream, a greenish fluid floating on the water was noticeable. A smell of gas and oil was perceptible, and several gentlemen were discussing the danger should the oil catch fire. Hardly were the words uttered when about 200 yards up the stream a mass of flame was seen to shoot heavenward.

Other explosions quickly followed and the flames swept madly over the entire upper part of the city which was flooded by the city waters of the creek. Men, women and children who were moving from their houses were caught by the deadly flames and if not burned to death outright were drowned in the raging flood.

"Run," yelled a hundred voices and the people turned like stampeded cattle and started for the hills. Hardly had they started when a terrific explosion rent the air. The entire creek for hundreds of feet each side seemed a seething mass of flames and smoke. The panic-stricken crowd shrieked madly in their efforts to escape.

At 2 a. m. forty-six bodies had been recovered, but it is impossible to give an accurate estimate of the total loss of life. There has been no communication between this city and Titusville since 6 o'clock last evening.

But few of the spectators who were watching the flood when the explosions occurred and who escaped can give a good idea of what happened. All agree that there was a terrific explosion, and that the air was filled with flames. This was quickly followed by two other explosions. Men thought hell had broken loose on earth and they were not apparently very far out of the way. Three gasoline tanks had exploded almost at the same time the oil on French creek blazed up, the gas in the air burnt

WANTS TO BE LEFT.

The Rogersville, Tenn. Review's Editor on Asheville.

This is what Will T. Robertson, of the Rogersville, Tenn. Review, says of Asheville as he saw the city on his trip a short time ago with the Knoxville Knights Templar:

"Asheville of today is not Asheville of seven years ago, when we left it a town of about 5,000 inhabitants. They now claim, and we think very justly, a population of about 15,000. The busy hum of city life has taken the place of the slow and polky movements of the country village. It is a city of fine houses and big hotels. The atmosphere and natural scenery cannot be surpassed anywhere. It is a grand old town and we never go there but when the time comes to leave we feel like we wanted the train to leave us."

Crashed Into an Excursion Train.

LOUISVILLE, June 6.—Near South Carrollton yesterday the regular north-bound passenger train on the Nashville and Owensboro railroad collided with an excursion train filled with negroes. Hugh Barely, fireman of the excursion train and three negroes were killed, and twenty-five were injured, several dangerously.

Central of Georgia and the R. & D.

MACON, June 6.—A petition for a receiver for the Richmond and Danville railroad was filed here Saturday. Judge Spencer granted a rule nisi. The case will be heard June 25. The Central of Georgia filed the petition, alleging insolvency.

The New Colorado Town.

DENVER, June 5.—The business part of Jimtown (Creede), was destroyed by fire Sunday. Loss, one million dollars.

Passed the Anti-Option Bill.

WASHINGTON, June 6.—The house has passed the anti-option bill under suspension of the rules; yeas, 168; nays, 46.

BLAINE'S RESIGNATION PRECIPITATED IT.

The Whole Country Sees in this News that the Ex-Secretary of State Has Gone In to Win—No Third Man or Dark Horse is Yet Contemplated.

WASHINGTON, June 6.—The following correspondence has been made public:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
WASHINGTON, June 4, 12:45 (p. m.)
To the President:

I respectfully beg leave to submit my resignation of the office of Secretary of State of the United States, to which I was appointed by you on the 5th of March, 1889.

The condition of public business in the department of state justifies me in requesting that my resignation may be accepted immediately. I have the honor to be, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
James G. Blaine.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
WASHINGTON, June 4, 1892.
To the Secretary of State:

Your letter of this date tendering your resignation of the office of secretary of state of the United States has been received. The terms in which you state your desires are such as to leave me no choice but to accede to your wishes at once. Your resignation is therefore accepted. Very respectfully yours,
Benjamin Harrison.

To Hon. James G. Blaine.

This news created a tremendous sensation as might have been expected. In the house of representatives public business was partially suspended while the members discussed the situation, and all over the city the politicians gathered in groups and talked of the effect of this bomb shell on the presidential forces at Minneapolis. It was generally agreed that Blaine was now in the contest to the bitter end, and that it was war to the knife and the knife to the hilt. Reporters at once went to the President and to Mr. Blaine, but neither had a word to add to their letters.

C. M. Depew has thus expressed himself, as wired from Minneapolis, on the Blaine resignation: "Mr. Blaine's resignation of the office of Secretary of State puts the republican party in a crisis on the eve of battle."

The Washington correspondent of the N. Y. Sun sends this explanation of Mr. Blaine's resignation:

"Mr. Blaine then proceeded to indicate the reasons he had resigned. He felt surprised because of the constant discussion of his name in connection with the presidential nomination. To this was added the annoyance of sensational rumors constantly placed in circulation as to his being secretly working to accomplish Mr. Harrison's defeat and the same time encouraging his friends to pursue a similar course. Without any reference to the truthfulness, plausibility, or practicality of these reports, they apparently had a perceptible effect upon the president's personal friends and most intimate advisers. The feeling daily grew upon Mr. Blaine that he was regarded with suspicion and distrust; that the friends of the administration practically considered him guilty of duplicity, and even his associates in the cabinet seemed to look upon him with silent reproach. There also humiliated him by urging the necessity for further declaration that he was not a candidate for the republican nomination. These thoughts and suspicions constantly preyed upon Mr. Blaine's mind until the worry and annoyance became intolerable, and as a consequence he determined to resign, and having fully decided upon that course, he desired a speedy settlement of the whole matter in order that he might enjoy the rest of a private citizen which was denied him as a part and parcel of the Administration."

LIGHTNING'S FATAL WORK

A STROKE KILLS WILL BRADFORD.

Bradford was at work on the new school building being erected by Contractor J. M. West, all at the corner of Bailey and Silver streets.

About 2:40 this afternoon Will Bradford, white, a laborer on the building was struck by lightning and instantly killed. William Blake, who was at work near Bradford, was also struck, but not seriously injured. His shoes were torn off.

In a short while Bradford's body became almost black. There were but two marks of electricity on him, one on the right side of the neck, and the other on his head, where his hair was burned.

Bradford was about 21 years old. He came to Asheville some time ago from Gamewell, Caldwell county. He was unmarried.

SOUTHSIDE CHURCH.

Services Held in the New Building Yesterday.

Very interesting services were held yesterday in connection with the opening of the Southside Presbyterian church. In the morning the pastor preached a sermon suited to the occasion. The Sabbath school met in the afternoon, when a large congregation assembled to take part in a program service. Interesting addresses were delivered by Revs. Thos. Lawrence, D. D., E. E. Logan and W. D. Gash. The music, which was rendered by a number of ladies of the Peace school and other friends, was a very pleasant feature of the occasion. At the close of the services several asked for prayer, and two dedicated themselves to the service of Christ.

BLAINE OR HARRISON.

No Third Man Need Apply at Minneapolis.

MINNEAPOLIS, June 6.—The opening of the last field day before the convention finds both parties resolute and confident. The administration forces are evidently leaving another outburst of Blaine enthusiasm just prior to the opening of the convention, as it is noticeable that nearly all the prominent Blaine clubs from the larger cities are delaying their arrival until this evening or tomorrow morning. In order to stem this current of enthusiasm the Harrison people are this morning publicly announcing that the greatest Blaine demonstration of the convention will be made tonight and tomorrow, but, they add, this should not disorganize their organization or scatter the delegates. To be forewarned is to be forearmed.

The positive denial by Gen. Alger of the report that he had withdrawn from the contest, has had a stimulating effect upon the Harrison people, as it is generally understood that much if not all of the Alger following will vote for Blaine when the Michigan candidate is out of the field. In fact, if the vote of Michigan is needed to nominate Blaine on the first ballot, Alger is out of the race. Should the convention, show any inclination to seek a compromise candidate, Gen. Alger is a candidate.

The prevailing opinion today is that the fight will not be one of a "dark horse," but that Blaine and Harrison will be the only candidates present. This the convention and that the ballot will be short and decisive.

It is expected that the convention proceedings tomorrow will be very uneventful so far as their political significance is concerned, unless there should be a contest over the test of strength between the Blaine and Harrison factions.

Warner Miller makes the following announcement: "I find a larger majority of the delegates are decidedly in favor of Blaine as representing their constituents. I respect it as the voice of the republicans of New York, and I will support Blaine in the convention." This gives at least forty-six New York votes in the convention for Blaine, leaving not more than twenty-six for Harrison.

DID HE TRY TO COMMIT SUICIDE?

The train which leaves the Asheville depot at 2:35 was rounding the bend yesterday when a man rushed to the platform and jumped off. His rash act created great excitement among the other passengers—they all thought it was a case of suicide. Ladies fainted, men rushed to the platform expecting to see his mangled form upon the track, but the fact was he had forgotten to put his bottle of "Buncombe Pills" in his satchel and would not start on his journey without them. He took great chances, but he might have taken greater.

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