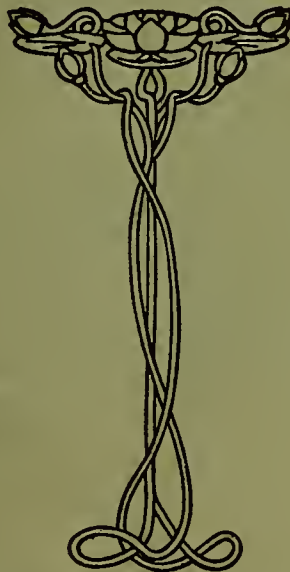


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Sharon Steel Hoop Company

The Sharon Steel Hoop Company was organized in October, 1900, for the manufacture principally of Cooperage Hoop by the late Morris Bachman of Sharon, Pa., who was its president and direct head from the time of its organization until his death in December, 1909.

The original plant consisted of an Eight Inch and a Nine Inch Hoop Mill to which was added shortly thereafter a Ten Inch Continuous Hoop Mill. The Company originally purchased its billets in the open market but in 1904 Open Hearth Furnaces and a Blooming Mill were added to the plant equipment, since which time it has manufactured its own steel.

The equipment today consists of Eight, Nine and Ten Inch Hoop Mills and a Fourteen Inch Strip Mill and a department in which is manufactured a large amount of Cold Formed Channels for use in the construction of fire proof buildings and Corner Bead for protecting exposed plastered corners; a Galvanizing Department of the highest efficiency and of large capacity; and two Pickling Shops.

The output today consists not only of Cooperage Hoops but of Strips and Bands for all uses from $\frac{3}{8}$ in. to 15 in. wide in all gauges hot rolled. In addition to finished material, it manufactures Re-rolling and Forging Billets and Sheet Bars. The finished material is used for such an infinite variety of purposes as to make it impossible to catalogue them but its principal uses are for cooperage and woodenware purposes, for the manufacture of hardware and automobile parts, and strips for use in the manufacture of cold rolled strip steel. The present capacity in the finishing mills is about 140,000 tons per annum. It employs more than twelve hundred men with an annual payroll of somewhat more than one million dollars.

The Company does business in practically every state in the Union and in Canada, but has not made serious efforts in the export trade, principally because the high excellence of its output has secured a domestic demand sufficient to practically at all times take its entire production.

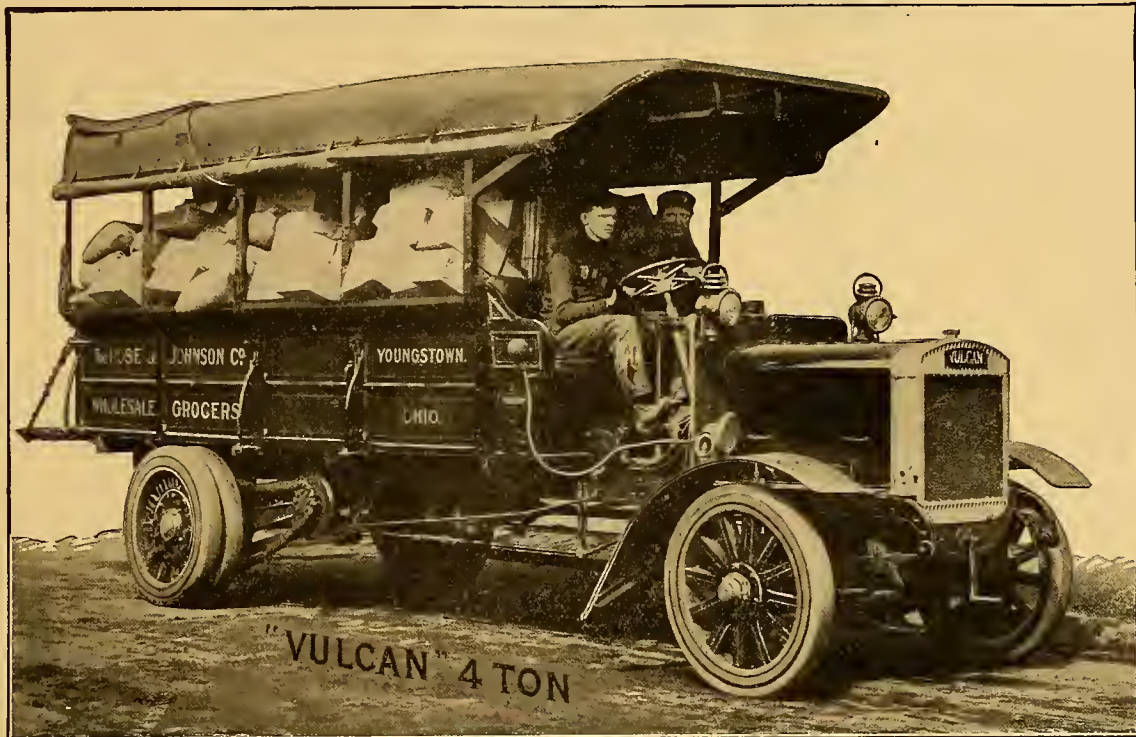
The ownership and directorate of the Company is and always has been in Sharon. The properties occupy about twenty-five acres in Pennsylvania and the Company owns about twenty-seven acres in Trumbull Co., Ohio, at present unoccupied.

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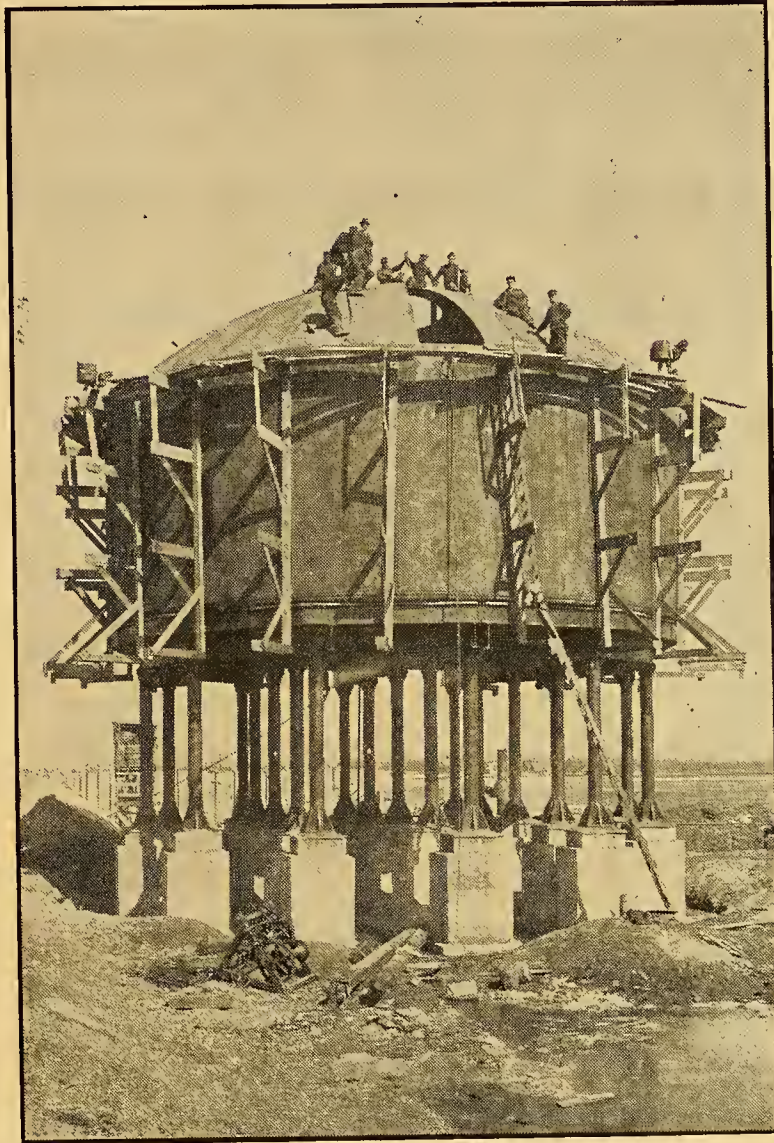
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The Flood in Sharon, Farrell, Wheatland, West Middlesex and Vicinity—Heroic Deeds of Rescue—The Preventative Against Another Flood—Relief Work—The Work of Rehabilitation—Incidents of the Flood

On the night of Easter Sunday, March 23, 1913, the people of the Shenango Valley went to their beds as unconcerned, as free from care and worry as had been their custom for years. On Monday morning, they awoke to face the start of the worst rise of waters that section of Pennsylvania had ever experienced.

One week after that quiet Easter the people of Sharon, Farrell, Wheatland, Sharpville, West Middlesex, and Greenville, the towns either suffering directly or most affected by the flood, were holding services of thanksgiving in the churches for their deliverance from the grip of the devastating waters, and the great disaster of 1913 had passed into history, leaving behind it a wake of damage and desolation, ruin and heart burning, and heroism.

Though the flood fear had reached out and touched all the towns of the Shenango Valley, it was in the Borough of Sharon, the largest of the municipalities, that the flood wrought its real havoc. The others were threatened and expected to bear their quota of the damage which seemed inevitable, but it was Sharon that paid the heaviest toll to the angry waters. Because of this, it is the situation in Sharon, itself, that this history will first review.

Sharon is located in the heart of the Shenango Valley, about 40 miles from the great Pymatuning Swamp, the headwaters of the Shenango river. It is the damming of this swamp that is now occupying the attention of the State of Pennsylvania as a preventive measure from future floods. Sharon is primarily a steel and manufacturing city of about 18,000 souls, the largest portion of the 40,000 persons who lived in the district threatened by the flood. It is built on two hills between which flows the Shenango. While a large part of the residence district is divided between these hills, there are more than 750 families living in the lowlands on the banks of the river. In this section, too, is the congested business district of the town. It was this part of Sharon which was, for a time, almost wiped out of existence.

WILD RUMORS PREVALENT

Though rumors of every sort were published in papers all over the country giving the death list in Sharon and vicinity at from 500 down, it seems to be a well established fact that only one person, Mrs. Logan Wilding, of Vine street, was lost in the catastrophe. Conditions were such in the flood swept valley during those terrible nights and days, families separated, whole sections of

towns cut off, communication almost at a standstill and practically complete darkness at night, that it was impossible, then, to gather anything like accurate data. Report followed report and at the time anything seemed true. In the light of time and an opportunity for calmer and more complete investigation and summing up of conditions it seems safe to say that the actual loss of life, property damage, rainfall, height of water and general results of the flood were as follows:

Life loss, 1.

Property damage (including loss of buildings, damage to streets, wage loss, railroads and industrial establishments) \$2,000,000.

Maximum height by days:

March 24—	9.20 ft.	5:10 p. m.
March 25—	16.48 ft.	7:45 p. m.
March 26—	18.60 ft.	10:00 a. m.
March 27—	16.87 ft.	10:30 a. m.
March 28—	14.40 ft.	8:00 a. m.
March 29—	11.40 ft.	8:00 a. m.
March 30—	8.65 ft.	8:00 a. m.
March 31—	6.80 ft.	12:00 m.

It is the purpose of this story of the Shenango Valley flood to give the public an accurate idea of the disaster, to describe the conditions as they existed during that week of anxiety and uncertainty, to sketch as fully as possible in



A VIEW OF RIVER FROM PROSPECT HEIGHTS WHILE WATERS WERE RISING

—Photo by Cubbison



CHESTNUT STREET BRIDGE AT LOW WATER

the space allowed the many instances of heroic rescue work, and to tell how the Shenango Valley towns fought out their own salvation and rehabilitation after the waters had gone down and left them scarred and battered and so crippled commercially and industrially that it seemed hopeless to think of normal business again for many months.

TOWNS OFTEN THREATENED

Sharon and the towns of the Shenango Valley had been threatened with high water often enough in the years gone by, but never until the flood of 1913 had the waters risen high enough to threaten life and property. For this reason no flood warnings had been sent out. The people saw the Shenango river rising, saw it reach the high water mark of 15.60 feet in 1893, but they did not worry. They felt so safe, because nothing of the kind had ever happened before, that even the heavy rain on Monday afternoon which caused the river to swell with unprecedented speed, did not cause any fear of danger among the mass of the people. In fact, they went to bed that night even without making any particular preparations for a great flood. But before Tuesday's dawn disaster had overtaken them.

By midnight, Monday, the Shenango river had broken its banks and was rising at the rate of 6 inches an hour. It had started to rain Sunday morning; Monday the rain became a near cloudburst in the afternoon; Tuesday and Wednesday it continued to pour and only with the cessation of the rainfall on Thursday did the fear of the people become lessened.

So sudden was the rise of waters from nightfall to midnight of Monday that the cry of a flooded city coming from the west side of the river just after midnight sounded a note of panic among the unprepared people. The residents of the section known as the Southward were the first to be affected.

They were, many of them, caught in their beds when the water reached the first floor of their homes. Those first



HIGH WATER MARKS AT STATE STREET BRIDGE

early hours of Tuesday were the beginning of three days and nights of terror.

FIRST DANGER TUESDAY

About 12:30 Tuesday morning came the first definite intimation of danger in a hurry call to the fire department from a woman on Willow street on the West Side. She telephoned that she was alone in her house with her infant daughter, that the waters had risen above the first floor and that she must be taken off or they would both be drowned. At the rate the water was rising another half hour would have meant the death of both the mother and her baby.

Fred Vanderholt, chief of the fire department, at once ordered Firemen Fruit Sankey and John Millsop to go to the aid of the marooned couple. The firemen were able to cross the State street bridge which later was completely under water. After crossing the bridge, they managed to wade within several hundred feet of the house; then they swam. The two men took the woman and her baby from the second story windows of their house. In swimming back with them, they were twice almost carried away by the current, but they finally reached shallow water and were able to carry the almost unconscious woman and girl to safety. This was the first rescue of the flood. Sankey and Millsop were the first of many heroes in the hours to come. From then on, not a fireman, policeman, city official or able bodied man in Sharon slept for many hours and there was not a moment during the day or night until Thursday that some persons were not being taken from flooded houses or districts on the edge of the widening flood zone to safety.

When the cold grey of Tuesday's dawn gave light enough for the people of Sharon to see the expanse of the now unchecked Shenango, the start of the panic and rush of people for safety began. Saving what household goods they could, the residents of the inundated district began a steady procession to the high ground to the east and west. The



CHESTNUT STREET BRIDGE AT HIGH WATER

State street bridge, while at that time still passable, appeared dangerous and the refugees, for the most part, preferred to take to the hills back of them rather than cross the Shenango. This divided the city, making two camps, the people on the West Side going to the hill on the west and those on the East Side climbing to the hill on the east.

AREA OF FLOOD

The inundated district at the height of the flood was bounded on the west by Irvine avenue, across the Erie tracks, and on the east by the tracks of the P. & L. E. railroad. North and South it stretched for miles, as far as the eye could see. Through this section people were able to wade away from the flood on Tuesday morning. Using wagons when they could, boats when they could not. Carrying what they were able to pick up of their possessions on their backs, men, women and children made an endless procession that day from the lowlands to the hills. There were approximately 750 families in the district which was completely under water. Many of these got away Tuesday, others stayed in their homes, moving to the second stories, and later had to be taken off in boats.

From the first realization by the residents on the high ground that the flood threatened to wipe out the lowland section of the city, relief camps were organized. Schools, churches and homes on both sides of the river were turned into temporary dormitories and feeding stations with the women of Sharon acting as nurses, cooks and comforters of the unfortunates.

In the meantime, the Shenango river had risen by leaps and bounds. From a height on Tuesday morning at dawn of 12 feet it had risen by Tuesday midnight to 18 feet and the State street bridge, the principal thoroughfare over the river, was under 18 inches of water which raced across it with the speed of



STATE STREET BRIDGE AT LOW WATER

a mill stream. Sharon had never seen the like before.

RESIDENTS PANIC STRICKEN

It seems odd, in view of the conditions as they now exist, to say that the people were panic stricken. But they were. Many of them believed that the entire town would go. There were reports of deaths coming in every hour, almost every moment. Men who had gone down to business on Tuesday morning found that they had no business to attend to and when they attempted to go to their homes a few hours later they could not, so rapid was the rise of the waters. Most of the telephone lines and other means of communication were not working. Wives and mothers, alone in their houses, even though they knew that no danger was likely to reach them in the district on the hills, were frantic. They did not know whether their husbands and sons were safe or drowned in the rush of the now raging Shenango. And so garbled were the reports that spread like wildfire that their anxiety was further increased by the news of death and disaster that reached them.

From the time Firemen Sankey and Millsop rescued the woman and child on Willow street until early Wednesday morning, the situation was in the hands of the fire and police departments without any regularly organized effort at rescue and relief other than the guardians of the city were able to give. But their departments were soon taxed to the limit of their capacity and while they did yeoman work, the situation was soon far beyond anything that they, with their small forces, could do.

BOATS ARE USED

Thomas Davis, assistant chief of the fire department, obtained the first boat used in the streets of Sharon on Tuesday afternoon. It was launched north of State street, manned by Davis, "Twin" O'Neil and another volunteer. Then began a sight that in a few hours became common, the picture of row-boats navigating the streets of the city and taking persons from the second stories of their water-surrounded homes and from their roofs. But this one boat was used all Tuesday to aid those persons in the places of greatest danger only. It was not until Wednesday morning that the real work of boat rescue began.

But even on Tuesday, while this single boat was carrying its human freight from danger to safety, drays and wagons were driving through water above their wheels to such sections as they could reach in the entire district along the river front which was all under water. They made their trips south of State street and that part of the city near the Budd avenue bridge as long as they could, but within a few hours after noon, Tuesday, this section was so flooded that wagons could no longer traverse it and the boat was used to reach those in the most precarious situations.

It was on Wednesday morning that prominent officials and citizens took active charge of the situation. Acting



CROWDS ON EAST STATE STREET WHEN WATER WAS AT ITS HEIGHT

Borough Officials Who Worked Heroically



FIRE CHIEF FRED VANDERHOLT

Burgess William Nightwine, who had been working up to this time with Fire Chief Vanderholt and Acting Chief of Police Samuel Lansdowne, then took complete command of the situation on the East Side. He worked in person in the flooded streets with the others. The West Side had been cut off completely from the East Side by this time and it was this, more than anything else, that led to the reports of terrible life loss, reports which it was impossible to confirm but which at that time appeared more than possibly true.

VOLUNTEER BOATSMEN RESPOND

Mr. Nightwine's first act on Wednesday was to order boats from the Wallis & Carley Co. on the East Side. The Borough, in years gone by, had had a number of boats for just such an emergency but through long disuse they had decayed and were absolutely worthless. The boat builders constructed boats at the rate of more than one an hour. As fast as a boat was built, it was launched and started on its perilous journey.

Mr. Nightwine immediately called for



STREET COMMISSIONER HARRY JENKINS

volunteers, picking and choosing men from the hundreds who responded and giving unmarried and experienced boat men the first preference. These men were divided among the boats and kept up the work of rescue.

In the meantime, Hon. W. S. Palmer, a former member of the legislature and one of the most prominent and public spirited citizens of Sharon, who resides on the West Side, had taken charge of the situation there. It is a curious coincidence that though there was no communication between the leaders on the two sides of the river, each took exactly the same action. Mr. Palmer ordered boats from the Sharon Building Co. and called for volunteers to man them.

No tribute too strong can be paid to the men who fought the waters on that day and the days following to save their fellow townsmen in distress. Remember that among these men there were few



BURGESS RALPH ROBINSON

who had ever handled a rowboat in rough water. The swollen river was a veritable torrent and it was worth the life of an unskilled boatman to venture in it in a skiff. This did not, however, prevent many persons from taking their lives in their hands and going to the rescue of the marooned hundreds of men, women and children in the inundated part of the city. Both Mr. Palmer and Mr. Nightwine personally superintended the picking of the boat crews. They made every effort to get experienced men and they did succeed in having at least one man of experience in rough water in charge of each boat.

MAROONED ASK ASSISTANCE

From the hills that day the watchers could see frantic men and women in the lowlands who had climbed to the roofs of their houses and from the housetops were sending signals for help. The water about these houses had long since



CHIEF OF POLICE SAMUEL LANDSDOWNE

reached the second stories of many of them and was above the first floors of others. It was to these that the boats went first on Wednesday. Many of the people taken from their perches of safety had spent the night on their housetops. They were exhausted with cold and exposure. Most of the women were hysterical and it was with the greatest difficulty that they were kept quietly in the boats.

It is not the intention to recount at this time the many heroic deeds of rescue that occurred during the transferring of these refugees to the highland, nor the pathetic desolation among many of these people who lost their all. That part of the story of the great flood will be told in another part of this history. Suffice it to say now that all of those people were brought to safety without the loss of but a single soul, though there were numerous incidents of boats capsizing and graphic moments when both rescuers and rescued looked death plainly in the face.

The work of rescuing the refugees by boat continued throughout Thursday evening though the waters began on that day to recede. This was necessary because the health of those who had not been removed from the water-threatened district, was endangered by lack of water, fuel or provisions for three days.

SHARON ISOLATED TUESDAY

Street car and railway service was materially crippled by Monday night. From Tuesday morning until Friday, the street railway system was entirely out of commission with not a car running on any of the lines. Train service was at a stand-still from Tuesday morning until Friday noon. The exception to this was on the Lake Shore. This road, knowing the urgent need for food in Sharon, managed to send several cars of provisions on Thursday. But



STEEL HOOP PLANT UNDER WATER

—Photo by Cubbison

the last passenger train arrived in Sharon, over the Pennsylvania railroad, at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning, coming from the north. The first passenger train to reach Sharon after this came to Sharon Friday morning at 10:23 on the same road. The last train out of Sharon during the flood was over the Erie about midnight Monday and the first train out of Sharon after the waters had gone down left over the freight line of the Lake Shore, which was pressed into service for a few days. This train left Sharon on Thursday about 8 o'clock at night for Youngstown.

Water in the power house of the Shenango Valley Electric Light Co., on Silver street, had placed Sharon in partial darkness before dawn Wednesday morning. On Wednesday eve the people were able to burn gas and many of them used candles and lanterns and lamps. But by Wednesday night water in the mains of the United Natural Gas Co. caused complete darkness with the exception of what dim light could be obtained from the more primitive methods. The telephone service and telegraph systems had been partially crippled Tuesday morning, but considering the unusual conditions both of these services of communication did splendid work during the flood and managed to keep part of their systems in working order.

FIRE THREATENS CITY

It was then, with the town in darkness, that the most threatening danger of the entire disaster struck Sharon—fire. In the four story brick warehouse of A. Wishart & Sons Co. on Silver street there was stored a great quantity of lime. The building was on the eastern edge of the flood zone. Water was already in the basement. Around the Wishart plant was dozens of business houses, storage places and two lumber yards. It was one of the most dangerous spots for a fire in the entire town. The water, reaching the lime,

started a fire in the building at about 11 o'clock on Tuesday night.

Never, probably, has a city department been called on to fight a fire under more discouraging conditions. There are but five paid members in the Sharon department. The rest of the complement is made up of volunteers. Paid and volunteer members were split up, some on one side of the river, others on the other. During Monday night the pumping station of the Sharon Water Co. had gone out of commission. With residents continuing to use water from the big reservoir about a mile from the centre of the town and with no means to pump more water into it, the supply was practically exhausted when the firemen started to fight the Wishart fire.

Panic stricken by the flood fear, when the people of Sharon heard where the fire was, they were nearly crazed. A high wind was blowing at the time, threatening to sweep the flames over the entire business district. Sharon, flood-gripped and fighting for her existence, that night seemed doomed to destruction by fire.

Less than two weeks before the city had bought a Robinson automobile combination fire truck with pumps. This was its first fire. So new was the big auto to the Sharon firemen that W. C. Olive, demonstrator for the company, was still in Sharon instructing the firemen in the use of the new machine.

FIRE TRUCK SAVES CITY

The auto-truck had been taken from fire headquarters on Chestnut street, when the water had entered the building, to Frank H. Buhl's garage on East State street. It was manned there that night by Chief Vanderholt, Assistant Chief Thomas Davis, Fruit Sankey, John Millsop, and Nesbit Leipheimer. It made a quick run through the water-filled streets to the fire. The six men worked in a swift current up to their arm pits fighting the fire. They were making good headway when the water gave out.

It was then that the panic of Sharon's thousands reached a frenzy of fear. Even people living on the hills, seeing the red glare in the sky mounting



ROBINSON AUTO FIRE TRUCK THAT SAVED SHARON FROM A CONFLAGRATION —Photo by Harry Davis

Heroes and a Heroine



OFFICER FRANK MILLER

HERALD BUILDING FALLS

It was on Wednesday that the crash of falling buildings added further to the fear of the people. From Monday on, the surface of the Shenango was one mass of swiftly floating debris. Houses, barns, pieces of roofs, dead animals and trees were being carried by in sight of the thousands of watchers on both sides of the water. But it was not until Wednesday that the possibility of the flood's undermining and destroying big business blocks and supposedly staunch residences was brought home to the people of Sharon.

On that day the two worst wrecks of the flood occurred—the falling of the "V" bridge and the destruction of the three story brick building of the Sharon Herald.

The crash of the falling Herald building was heard all over the city on both sides of the river and again the terror



ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF THOMAS DAVIS

higher even through the mist of rain, rushed to their residences and started to getting out their household goods when the word went out that the water had failed. There seemed no hope, then, that the city could possibly be saved.

But it was at that critical juncture, through the quick wit of Chief Vanderholt and the ready appreciation of the demonstrator, Olive, that the big auto truck more than paid for herself and saved the city of Sharon. Vanderholt, seeing so much water all about him and wondering if it would not be possible to utilize it, turned to Olive and asked if it would not be practicable to drop an intake pipe from the machine into the water in the streets and get lines of hose to the flames. Olive grasped the chief's suggestion like a flash. The big red machine was backed into water up to her hubs, the intake pipe was dropped, the pumps started and within a half hour the crazed residents were told that the fire was under control.

The ingenuity of Chief Vanderholt and the fortunate purchase of the big Robinson machine by the city had saved Sharon.



MISS MARY LOGAN, TELEPHONE HEROINE

which had begun with the water rush, and had increased with the Wishart fire, became again acute at the noise of the falling building.

The Herald was located on River street at a point which was commonly known as "Herald Square", the junction of River, Pitt and Shenango streets. River street did not belie its name on Wednesday evening. It was, in fact, a rushing river, with all the force of a hydraulic mining hose. At its eastern end the street takes a slight rise. This held the water, which at that time was already a foot higher than the Shenango river itself back to a certain extent. Next to the Herald building was a vacant lot. The opening acted like a waste pipe. The swollen stream, speeding along River street, found the outlet and took a foot drop through it in a rushing effort to get back to its parent, the Shenango.

The rush of this water through the narrow lot increased its force. It was

as if a gang of men were playing a gigantic hose on the massive foundations of the Herald building. Nothing built by human hands could have withstood the undermining strength of this stream. It ate its way into the bricks and mortar and washed them loose. At 1:30 o'clock that afternoon the rear end of the building fell into the river, swept from its foundations. The Herald owners did not even then realize that their plant would be a complete ruin. But four hours after the end of the building had gone, the natural hydraulic hose of the diverted Shenango river had done its work. With a crash that sent terror into the hearts of the harassed thousands, housed and homeless, alike, the big building toppled into the river. So great was the force of the river that heavy linotypes, presses and other machinery were found far down the river many days afterward.

NEWSPAPERS SOON ISSUE

The Herald loss was \$30,000 without a cent of collectable insurance. The loss on the building, which was owned by John L. Morrison, of Washington,



"TED" BUCKLEY



CHARLES KNAPP

D. C., was about \$10,000. But a true tribute to the spirit which was born in Sharon after the rush of waters had subsided is the example set by that paper. With everything lost, it moved its headquarters to an out-of-town plant and missed but four days of publication and is running up to this time.

The day before no papers had been published in Sharon. The plant of the Sharon Telegraph on Water street, in the very heart of the flood zone, was out of commission on Tuesday noon. Though this paper suffered no irreparable damage, it was unable to publish as was the Herald until Friday night. Then, through the courtesy of O. J. Smith, owner of the Farrell Daily News, both papers managed to get out.

It was a remarkable piece of newspaper work that the Herald and Telegraph, composing and printing in the News office, Farrell, were able to sell extras on the streets of Sharon within three days after their plants had been put out of commission. The Herald had a complete extra, with pictures, on Sharon's streets Friday at midnight. The Telegraph followed with another complete extra Saturday morning. From then on, both papers rushed flood extras from their headquarters in Farrell until the Herald made arrangements to print its paper in the plant of the New Castle News, and the Telegraph was able to get back into its old home.

"V" BRIDGE FALLS

Hardly had the Herald building fallen into the waters of the river than another crash farther up the Shenango again startled the people. This was the collapse of one wing of the "V" bridge, one of the most famous steel bridges in the country.

The "V" bridge was a massive steel structure connecting Silver street on the east with Boyce street and Porter street



LOOKING WEST ON STATE STREET FROM SHENANGO HOUSE

on the west. On the east it has but the one entrance, dividing into a gigantic "V" and running to its two western extremities. It was built in 1905 at an approximate cost of \$100,000 and was then considered one of the most remarkable structures of its kind.

The rising waters buoyed the northern spur connecting with Boyce street sufficiently to allow the current to tear out the center pillar. This happened about 11 o'clock Wednesday night. With the center pier gone, the northern spur dropped into the current and was wrecked.

ASK TROOPS AND STATE AID

On the same night conditions seemed so chaotic and accurate information was so nearly impossible to obtain that A. R. McGill, cashier of the First National Bank, after a conference with several of the leading citizens of Sharon, telegraphed to Burgess Ralph Robinson, attending to his duties as an assemblyman in Harrisburg, asking for state troops

and state aid for relief to the amount of \$100,000. There then appeared to be every indication of looting and possible assaults and bloodshed. Mr. McGill and his advisors felt also that the troops were needed to protect the people from the danger of falling buildings.

Mr. Robinson received the message from Sharon about midnight. He went at once to Gov. Tener's mansion and showed him the telegram. Gov. Tener immediately ordered Troop D, Pennsylvania State Constabulary, stationed at Butler, to go to Sharon. He also suggested that Burgess Robinson proceed to Sharon at once and said that if the burgess reported that there was need of state aid, money would be sent at once.

"DAYTON FIRST," SAYS BURGESS

Burgess Robinson's reply a few days later, "Dayton first; Sharon can take care of itself," will go down in history as one of the classic expressions of American spirit in the long list of national disasters.

The state troops came overland from Mercer, a hard ride, and reached Sharon on Thursday morning. But in the meantime the Buhl Independent Rifles, under the command of Captain Thomas Price, had been doing guard duty. Their work was most effective and even after the arrival of the state troops they worked in such perfect conjunction with the constabulary that they received unstinted praise from Capt. J. D. Robinson, in command of the troopers.

With the arrival of Capt. Robinson and his troopers, Sharon was put under martial law. But there was so little sign of looting that the troopers were recalled at the request of Sharon citizens on Saturday.

Thursday the waters began to recede. By Friday evening the flood was over and Sharon had an opportunity to view the real havoc the flood had done and prepare for the greatest task in its history, the restoration of the half ruined city.



THE HERALD RUINS

—Photo by Harry Davis

Scene of Drowning and Boat Occupants



POSTOFFICE. X SHOWS WHERE MRS. WILDING DROWNED

—Photo by Cubbison

WATERS RECEDE FRIDAY

Friday morning the waters had gone down. For the first time since Easter Sunday the sun came out bright and clear and shone over a scene of desolation and destruction such as the oldest inhabitant of the city had never before witnessed. It seemed on that morning after the flood that the people of Sharon, who had just come through so much, were facing the hardest task of all—the repairing and cleaning up of their water-swept city.

State street, the principal business street of the town, was a mass of debris. From the P. & L. E. tracks on the east to a point beyond the Erie tracks on the west, the street that had just been a river was piled high with litter. Fences and outhouses were jammed against the plate glass windows of what had been but a few days before some of the most prosperous appearing stores in the Shenango Valley. Every block had its quota of dead dogs, dead chickens and other after-wash of the flood. Curious, too, were the hundreds of dead fish, cast

high and dry by the waters, which cluttered the streets. Window after window was broken. The street seemed beyond restoration—the street of a city that was.



PAULINE ROSENBLUM

State street, being the main business street, seemed at first glance the hardest hit. But it did not suffer the actual damage that South and North Water street did. Neither of these thoroughfares are paved except for a distance of about two blocks on either side of State street. They are on the west side of the State street bridge at one of the lowest points in the city. Here, during those days of high water, there had been a depth of seven or eight feet and when the flood subsided it left behind it a scar that was not healed for months. The sidewalks were torn up, great flag stones thrown against the sides of buildings, and the water had gouged out the street in places to the extent of seven or eight feet.

SCENES OF DAMAGE

Possibly the worst damage was done in the vicinity of the Stewart Iron

Works near the Valley Bridge. A little to the north of the bridge the Shenango river takes a sharp turn. When the rush of waters was at its height, the river leaped its bank abruptly at the turn and swept in one vast, rushing current on the unprotected residences around the Iron Works. There were about a dozen houses in this neighborhood which were torn from their foundations and carried down the river to be thrown against the banks where they stood out like stark derelicts when the waters had receded. Fortunately, everyone had been taken out of these dwellings before the waters reached their height.

Next to this section of the city, the worst damaged residence portion was at the lower end of South Main street near Short street on the West Side. This, too, is a low section of the town and there are a number of substantial homes not far from the banks of the river. Hardly one of these houses escaped. None of them was washed away—they were too well built—but all of them had water in their first floors for



GEORGE MANNING

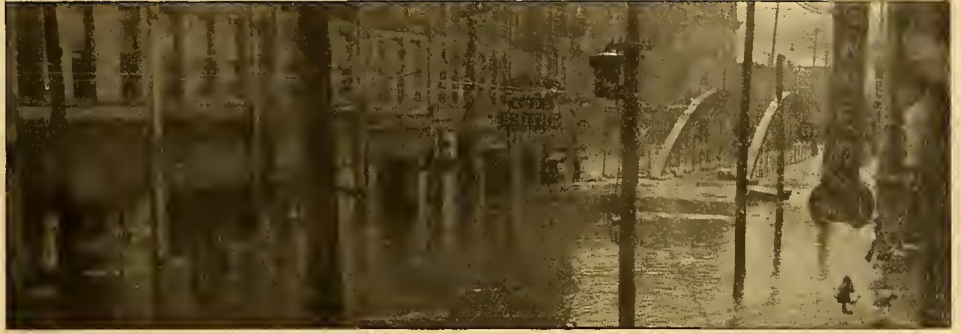


MRS. A. M. ROSENBLUM

two or three feet, the foundations were damaged and much furniture ruined. Not far beyond is the Weller-Krouse cleaning works. This is a two story brick building. The rear of it was crumbled up and torn away like so much papier mache, leaving a gaunt ruin.

At the foot of South Water street the water had rushed along at a furious rate. The street for a distance of about 100 feet—at the High School building—was washed out. It was feared for several days that this handsome brick school house—one of the best in the valley—had been so weakened that it would be unsafe. A careful examination showed, however, that this was a needless fear.

All through the old part of the town, known as the "Flats" the flood had painted its picture in colors of destruction. The streets were eaten out in spots as though some mighty dredge had torn and bitten at them. Scarcely



STATE STREET BRIDGE AT HIGH WATER

braces broken and it seemed on the verge of collapse. It was several days after the flood before street cars and people were allowed to pass over the structure with any degree of safety.

This, then, was the picture that presented itself to the sturdy citizens of Sharon on Friday morning. But it did not dismay them. Men who in the days before had been fighting for their lives

stroyed, and at \$500,000 to the railroads. These figures, however, proved later to be exaggerated.

That did not, however, at the time minimize the task before the people of the city. Disease and pestilence threatened from the debris in the streets, and to prevent this was the first duty of the city authorities. And they went to the task immediately. Acting Burgess Harry Jenkins had a force of men out bright and early Friday morning. Any able bodied man could get a job in Sharon those days working for the city. The big force made rapid inroads on the mass of litter. The carcasses were hauled to the dumps, quicklime thrown over them, and thus they were destroyed. The other litter was burned on the outskirts of the city and the streets were then scraped. In a week, the only signs of the flood were those places where repairs were needed.

Sharon had suffered. The flood was over.

FARRELL MILLS SUFFER

Sharon bore the brunt of the disaster. The town of Farrell, one of the most important steel towns in the country, lies down the Shenango about two miles from Sharon. It is here that the big plants of the United States Steel Corporation are located. The town is built on gentle slopes, its main business street, Broadway, being a good quarter of a mile from the river. But all of the mills are on the river's edge. They were flooded to such an extent that they were forced to shut down from Tuesday until the following Monday. Though some repairs were necessary the big Farrell plants suffered little.



VINE STREET LOOKING NORTH FROM STATE STREET

a house in the district but suffered from cruel blows of the rushing torrent. Foundations were weakened, porches and front steps were torn away and the household goods on the first floors were ruined.

While State street gave the appearance of the greatest damage in the business section, it was in fact, no harder hit than were River, Penn avenue, Vine, Shenango and Chestnut streets. The business houses on these streets suffered fully as much, but because they are side streets they did not show as seemingly great damage as did the more prosperous State street.

STATE STREET BRIDGE TWISTED

No one thing on State street stood out more clearly as a ruin of the flood wreck than did the twisted and torn State street bridge. This is the main thoroughfare from one side of the river to the other and though it did not go down, its railings were bent, its

and those of their families in boats, on Friday put their shoulders to the wheel of rehabilitation. The damage that morning was estimated at \$1,500,000 to the United States Steel Corporation plants, the Sharon Steel Hoop Company and the National Malleable Castings Company; at \$100,000 to the merchants of Sharon; at \$150,000 to residences; at \$150,000 to streets and pavements de-



STATE STREET ON WEDNESDAY NIGHT

—Photo by Heintz

East Side Relief Committee



HON. WILLIAM McINTYRE

PREDICAMENT OF WOMAN

Wheatland, a village just beyond Farrell, was damaged the worst of the places near Sharon. Here the people thought there was no danger and refused to leave their homes until the water had risen to such an extent that it was necessary for many of them to take to the boats. In Wheatland, Mrs. Jerry Hickey, believed to have been the largest woman in that section of Pennsylvania, lay ill on the first floor of her home. She weighed 450 pounds and it was necessary to carry her to the second floor as the waters began to swirl about her bed. She suffered so from the shock that she died on April 5.

The only other place in the vicinity of Sharon to suffer from the flood was the village of West Middlesex where the

two furnaces the Fanny, owned by M. A. Hanna & Co., and the Alice, owned by Pickands, Mathers Co., were shut down for a week after the waters had flooded them. The residents of Middlesex suffered practically no loss.

Pymatuning Dam Is the Future Preventative

Sharon and the towns of the Shenango Valley, with the passing of the flood, looked about for a remedy. They had had brought home to them most graphically, in dollars and cents, in devastated property the fact that because destroying floods had never happened before was no indication that they could not happen. And they realized that



FLOYD K. SMITH

that which had occurred once might occur again.

No amount of argument, no number of thousands of dollars spent in advertising could have brought into such prominence the remedy which already was under discussion as the Shenango Valley flood of 1913. Far-seeing business men of the towns of the valley, practical engineers and officials of the state had, long before, become convinced that just what did happen could happen. Their belief started the agitation for the Pymatuning dam and reservoir; the flood made argument against that measure worse than useless.

Pymatuning Swamp comprises 10,400 acres at the headwaters of the Shenango river, its elevation being approxi-



ACTING BURGESS WILLIAM NIGHTWINE



HERALD SQUARE AT HIGH WATER

—Photo by Harry Davis

mately 1,000 feet above sea level. The greater portion of the swamp proper is covered with timber and brush, the low portion of the land immediately adjoining, being chiefly devoted to pasturage, while that above the swamp level is cultivated.

Before going into a discussion of the dam and the work it is expected to accomplish it might be well to review the history of the movement from portions of an address made last year by Mr. Norman Powell, one of the engineers who investigated the Pymatuning swamp at the instance of the Beaver County Manufacturers Association, and who afterwards reported with his two associates in favor of a reservoir. Mr. Powell says in part:

"The history of the movement dates to the session of the Legislature of Pennsylvania of 1907, when an act was passed authorizing an appropriation of \$15,000 for the purpose of draining the Pymatuning Swamp, in connection with the improvement of certain highways through it, providing a like amount was contributed by the community benefited. The Legislature of 1909 amended the former legislation to exclude the portion to be raised by contribution and the measure was approved by the Governor in the sum of \$10,000 which is still available.

"It seems that the principle on which the scheme depends supports the contention that the water would be delivered to the stream (The Shenango) more rapidly, causing higher floods and diminished storage efficiency.

"Opposition to this measure sprang up as soon as it became law, and it became a subject of vigorous attack by the press of the valley. The final enabling of the act being in the hands of the State Water Supply Commission, this body was appealed to, to withhold its approval until adequate and detailed information could be supplied."

Mr. Powell then tells of the action of the Beaver County Manufacturers' As-



P. R. R. TRACKS SUBMERGED ON RAILROAD STREET

sociation in selecting three engineers to review the swamp and make a report which was against the draining of the swamp and in favor of a dam and the establishment of a reservoir. He then continues:

"The information in the interim between the closing of the Legislature of 1909 and the convening of that of 1911 resulted after a further hearing early in 1911 in the Water Supply Commission withholding its approval of the plans of the State Highway Department.

"The immense value of the proposed reservoir was early recognized by the Water Supply Commission and the suggestion that an effort be put forth to secure an appropriation for a complete hydraulic survey of the swamp area to establish the feasibility of such a project met with a hearty reception.

"After much effort, collectively and individually, legislation was secured authorizing the expenditure of \$15,000 for the purpose, Governor Tener approving the measure in the sum of \$10,000."

What the Water Supply Commission

claims the dam would accomplish is best illustrated by the following excerpt from its report of April 11, 1913, just after the flood:

"The Commission has determined that Pymatuning Reservoir with all gates and valves closed would have completely absorbed the flood of March 26th by retaining the entire discharge of the Shenango river at Turnersville from midnight of March 24th, to midnight of March 28th, a total of ninety-six hours. The reservoir would have been at elevation 1006 on December 1st, 1912, and would have absorbed the flood of January 11th, 1913, and would have been full on February 1st, 1913. The total rise in the reservoir for the ninety-six hours above mentioned, would have been 1 foot ten and three-quarters inches. This would have reduced the flood height at Sharon 3.74 feet at the First National Bank Building, and would have lowered the water at the State Street bridge 4.1 feet. At New Castle, due to back water at bridges, the flood height would have been reduced five feet, and at Beaver Falls there would have been a reduction of about seven per cent. in discharge.

"As the dam is ten feet higher than the spill way, proper regulating devices installed thereon will permit the surface of the reservoir to be raised two or three feet above its normal height when just going over the spill way, so that in a case of emergency like that just passed, the extra water can be retained nor would this in any way endanger the integrity of the dam."

The following taken from the last report of the Commission before this history was prepared (May 1, 1913) gives a rather complete idea of the Pymatuning dam and reservoir project:

EXISTING CONDITIONS.

1. The present flow of the Shenango and Beaver rivers at numerous points, particularly Sharpsville, Sharon, Farrell, and New Castle, is insufficient to

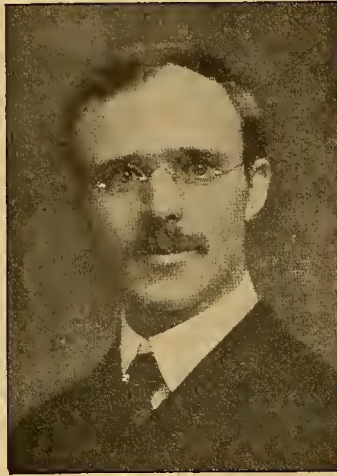


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adequately supply the needs of these communities and their growth has been, and will continue to be, seriously hampered unless a sufficient water supply is made available. The minimum stream flow at Sharon and New Castle is approximately 20 and 25 cubic feet per second, respectively, while the total demand of all the communities and works using the stream is approximately 356 cubic feet per second.

2. Damage by floods at several points along the river has been serious, notably at Sharon and New Castle, while agricultural lowlands along the entire stream, as well as railroads, highways and bridges, have been injured or destroyed.

3. The sanitary condition of the channel, where the river passes through the larger communities is deplorable, due to the inability of the stream at low water to properly carry off and dilute the sewage, manufacturing refuse, garbage and other waste deposited therein.

4. The Shenango river is little used for water power development. In its original condition, before its shores were traversed by railroads, and its

low water flow depleted, it was a good stream for such purposes, but at present it is of small value. On the lower Beaver river the fall has been utilized by water power plants which have depreciated in value, condition and output, owing to the low flow in the summer.

5. The temperature of the water during dry periods, owing to industrial use, become so high as to reduce its efficiency for cooling purposes, for which the stream is now largely utilized, resulting in a decreased flow due to augmented evaporation.

RESULTS OBTAINABLE.

1. Investigation determined that a portion of Pymatuning Swamp and adjacent area can be converted into a storage reservoir by constructing an earthen dam, having an average height of 27 feet, across the valley of the Shenango river near Turnersville, approximately three miles north of the Crawford-Mercer county line, and that other portions of the swamp may be advantageously drained.

2. Such dam, with an approximate length of 2910 feet, could be provided

with a concrete spillway founded on rock, having its crest at elevation 1008 feet above sea level, the top of the dam being 10 feet higher. It would overflow, at spillway level, 24.7 square miles, or 15,800 acres, and impound 8,182,000,000 cubic feet, or 61,204,000,000 gallons.

3. By drawing this reservoir down 4.3 feet in the average year, and 9 feet in the driest year, which would have occurred once in the past 35 years, the low water flow of the Shenango river at Sharon, can be so increased that its minimum discharge will be 450 cubic feet per second, or 290,700,000 gallons per day, while under present conditions the extreme minimum flow is 20 second feet, or 12,900,000 gallons. This increased low water flow would be ample to supply the present demands of the users of the Shenango and Beaver rivers, and would provide for future growth.

4. The proposed reservoir would eliminate any considerable contribution to floods from the 150 square miles of territory tributary above the dam, which constitutes one-quarter of the



REV. E. S. OWENS



COL. J. M. EVANS, DECEASED



WILL T. BAINES

area above Sharon and 18.7 per cent of the area at New Castle.

5. The proposed reservoir would improve the sanitary and aesthetic condition of the Shenango and Beaver rivers, and of the Pymatuning Swamp.

6. It would add approximately 2,000 primary horsepower to the existing water power development on the Beaver river between Beaver Falls and the mouth, where the stream is partially utilized, but which, because of the low summer flow is now of little value in such periods, and it would improve the few small water powers on the Shenango river in operation above that point.

7. A regulated flow of 450 second feet would confine the temperature of the river water to small variations instead of permitting of a rise in temperature to 140 degrees F. (which it has been frequently known to reach), and would eliminate the large evaporation losses now occurring from the overheated stream.



WRECK OF AUTO GARAGE ON CHESTNUT STREET —Photo by Cubbison

trial development would be increased, and also that the communities in the vicinity of the reservoir would be benefited through improved highways, the creation of an attractive lake, water transportation, and better sanitary conditions.

As the demand for water increases with population and industry, and as

problem by providing the funds for a careful investigation of the feasibility of constructing the Pymatuning reservoir, and as a result of this study, the Commission is assured of the desirability of its construction, and the feasibility thereof, the resulting benefits accruing to the State at large, as well as to the various communities along the stream.

CLASSIFICATION AND VALUE OF LAND IN FLOODED AREA.

It is estimated that the reservoir, at spillway level, will inundate 24.7 square miles, or 15,808 acres, but in determining its cost it has been assumed that additional land above that level should be acquired to provide for the raising of the level by floods, and that the entire area below elevation 1010 should be purchased. Furthermore, it would not seem necessary that the taking line should follow all the irregularities of the shore line. At the upper end of the swamp, south of Linesville and north of Hartstown, the proposed water level crosses the dense swamp and, owing to the backwater effect in this area, it is proposed to acquire flowage rights, up to elevation 1012. Enclosed within the reservoir there will be several islands, cut off from shore communication, which, also, would be purchased. Thus the total area required for reservoir purposes amounts to 18,600 acres, divided as follows:

Land required in fee, 85.8 per cent. or 17,378 acres.

Land released for flowage rights, 14.2 per cent. or 1,222 acres.

Total, 18,600 acres.



STATE AND RAILROAD STREETS, SHOWING OVERHEAD TROLLEY TO FEED TELEPHONE GIRLS —Photo by Heintz

8. The amount of cultivated land required for the proposed reservoir is 2,413 acres, of which 448 acres is reclaimed swamp used for onion culture. There remains at the upper end of the reservoir, and above the proposed water surface, 1,482 acres of swamp land easily reclaimable for similar cultivation and of equally suitable character and accessibility. The farm land which would surround the reservoir should be increased in productivity by reason of the rise in the ground water level.

9. The cost of the entire project, including the acquisition and preparation of the reservoir area, and buildings thereon, relocation of roads, bridges and railroads, and construction of dam and regulating appliances, is estimated at approximately \$1,600,000.

10. The Commission is of the opinion that the construction of this dam and reservoir would cause a benefit along the Shenango and Beaver valleys, more than commensurate with the anticipated cost of the project, and that the indus-

try stream flow, due to natural causes, continues to reach lower proportions, the necessity for the regulation of the flow of streams by artificial means increases. In the Shenango Valley, the status of industrial development is such that without largely augmented water supply, further increase in population and industry must be slow, and in the near future must cease. The State has wisely aided in the solution of this



CARNEGIE COKE WORKS UNDER WATER —Photo by Bomer

Of the 17,378 acres necessary to purchase, 51.7 per cent., or 8,993 acres, is swamp or partially overflowed land, the greater portion of which is inaccessible, except when the surface is frozen, and even then is attended with difficulty and often danger. The cultivated lands and onion fields comprise 13.9 per cent., or 2,413 acres, the balance of 5,972 acres, or 24.4 per cent., include wood, pasture and meadow lands. The swamp and dry lands may be further subdivided as follows:

	Acres
Swamp and overflowed lands:	
Covered with woods and timber.....	7,541
Covered with brush and burned timber.....	872
Open	580
	8,993
Dry lands:	
Cultivated	1,965
Onion fields	448
Woodland	930
Pasture, meadow and miscellaneous.....	5,042
	8,385
Total	17,378

There are 115 buildings in and bordering on the proposed reservoir that would be affected, sub-divided as follows: 53 houses, 56 barns and six miscellaneous structures. It would not be necessary to destroy or acquire all of the buildings affected, 22 houses and 21 barns could be moved to higher ground on the same properties without depriving the owners of their homes. In general, the project does not involve the taking of the better portions of farms, although at the lower end of the reservoir it would be necessary to take entire farms situated in the flats bordering on the river.

A fair conception of the agricultural lands in this vicinity may be obtained

from the 39th Report of the Secretary of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania, for 1911, in which it is stated that of the total area of Crawford county, 87½ per cent. is devoted to farming, subdivided as follows:

		Value
Total farm acreage.....	580,411	\$13,690,673
Buildings		9,820,167
Total number of farms.....	7,115	
Total		\$23,510,860
Improved acreage	375,945 acres	
56.7 per cent. of entire county		
Woodland acreage	115,546 acres	
17.4 per cent. of entire county		
Unimproved acreage	88,920 acres	
13.4 per cent. of entire county		
Total	580,411 acres	
87.5 per cent. of entire county		

The average Crawford county farm contains about 81.6 acres, of which 52.8 acres, or 64.7 per cent., are improved or under cultivation; the mean value, per acre, of the entire farms being \$23.60, or \$40.50 per acre, including buildings.

Whether a storage reservoir is sanitary and attractive, or unhealthy and unattractive, is mainly a question of expenditure and supervision and it is believed that the aesthetic and sanitary conditions resulting from this natural overflow are inferior to those which would follow the construction of the contemplated reservoir.

It is proposed and included in the estimate, to clear the swamp area of all trees and brush and to grub the shore line and pull the stumps for some distance below the normal water surface. Experience has shown that under these conditions, the wave action soon establishes a beach, equivalent to that of any natural pond. The rise and fall of the Pymatuning Reservoir will be no great-

er than Conneaut Lake, or Lake Chautauqua, both of which have beautiful shore lines.

GENERAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PROPOSED DAM AND RESERVOIR.

Description.	Amounts.
Elevation of top of dam above sea level.....	1019 feet
Elevation of flow line above sea level.....	1008 feet
Elevation of water surface at maximum draft	999 feet
Maximum height of dam as per preliminary design	46 feet
Average height of dam as per preliminary design	27 feet
Maximum depth of water at dam	36 feet
Length of earthen dam on crest.....	2910 feet
Length of concrete spillway.....	250 feet
Area of reservoir at flow line.....	24.7 sq. miles
Approximate length of full reservoir.....	16 miles
Average width of full reservoir.....	1.54 miles
Maximum width of full reservoir.....	2.56 miles
Length of shore line at elevation 1008.....	50 miles
Area of swamp and overflowed land required	8,943 acres
Area of dry and tillable land required.....	8,435 acres
Number of houses submerged or affected.....	53
Number of barns submerged or affected.....	56
Improved and relocated highways.....	11 miles
Track elevation, E. & P. Railroad.....	1.70 miles
Total capacity of reservoir at 1008 flow line	8,182,300 cu. ft., or 61,204,000,000 gal.
Maximum storage required to maintain 450 sec. ft. flow at Sharon.....	5,060,000,000 cu. ft., or 37,848,800,000 gal.
Estimated cost per million cubic feet reservoir capacity	\$191.00
Estimated cost per million gallons reservoir capacity	\$25.60
Estimated cost per million cubic feet utilized storage	\$309.00
Estimated cost per million gallons utilized storage	\$41.40

BABY? NO. SPLASH!

A rescuing party in the South Ward was taking people from a house when one of the men was handed a bundle. He carried it, as a man will, with the utmost care and fear. Just to see what the baby looked like, he pulled aside a well wrapped shawl and found—a dog. Splash!



CORNER OF STATE AND WATER STREETS

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**“WATCH
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Relief Committees Do Good Work in Flood

“Dayton first; Sharon can take care of itself. What belongs to its rich is also that of its poor. Dayton needs succor more than our city and Sharon appeals that the generous public will send aid where it is most needed.”

This was the message of Friday that Burgess Ralph L. Robinson sent to the outside world, though he was then gazing on what at that moment seemed to be a ruined city. It was a clarion note of self-reliance in the midst of disaster that will live. It was the beginning of the relief work which ended in raising a total of several thousand dollars.

While the waters continued to rise,



AN IMPROVISED RAFT

thoughtful citizens realizing the need for succor to those in distress had mapped out a plan for relief work. Prior to this Adjutant Runcie of the Salvation Army announced his willingness to care for those driven from their homes, but the Salvation Army building was, itself, soon under water and was useless as a relief station.

On the West side of town a relief organization was perfected with Rev. G. D. Brooks of the First Baptist church as chairman; Clarence E. Snyder as treasurer, and Will T. Baines, business manager of the Sharon Telegraph, as secretary. Others on the committee were W. W. Moore, merchant; Col. J. M. Evans (now dead); Hon. W. S. Palmer, and Adjutant Runcie. Headquarters were established in the Armstrong



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capacity of secretary and treasurer. They were ably assisted by the ladies of the Buhl Independent Rifles, women of the United Presbyterian church and many others. Relief stations were established in the Knights of Columbus



HOUSES TILTED IN REAR OF PORTER STREET

On the East Side, Hon. William McIntyre, president of the Sharon Board of Trade, and Floyd K. Smith, a manufacturer, were in charge of the work, assisted by Acting Burgess Nightwine. Mr. McIntyre was chairman of the committee which Mr. Smith served in the

rooms, the United Presbyterian church, the Shenango and Rankin hotels, the Buhl Club and the armory of the Buhl Independent Rifles.

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lief had passed it was learned, though never made public, that the members individually had pledged themselves for \$2,000 and stood ready to furnish any further sum that was needed.

On the West Side, the raising of a re-

sister borough of Sharon, a total of \$454.35. This fund in Farrell was started at the instance of O. J. Smith, proprietor of the Farrell Daily News. His suggestion was enthusiastically received among his fellow townsmen and relief



WRECKAGE AT PRINTZ STORE

lief fund was fostered through the Sharon Telegraph, after liberal cash donations had been given to the relief committee. The sum of \$294.73 was raised.

It was in relief work that Farrell came to the front and furnished the largest and only outside donation to her

money poured into the News office. It was immediately turned over to the relief committee in Sharon.

The Armstrong Grocery Co. turned over quantities of edibles to the West Side committee representing a value of about \$700. When a bill was requested,



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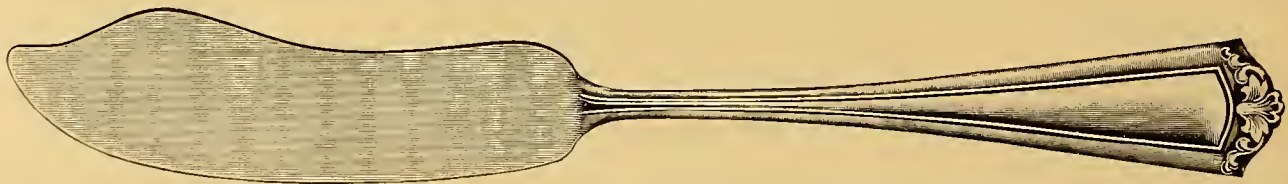
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sistance. Agent H. W. Cole received a telegram from C. F. Daly, of New York, vice president of the traffic department, notifying him that the road stood ready



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The Lake Shore railroad, in addition to being the first company to get a train into Sharon, was also the first and only transportation company offering as-

to transport all relief supplies free when consigned to the relief committee. With state health officials in Sharon at the time and sounding a warning to

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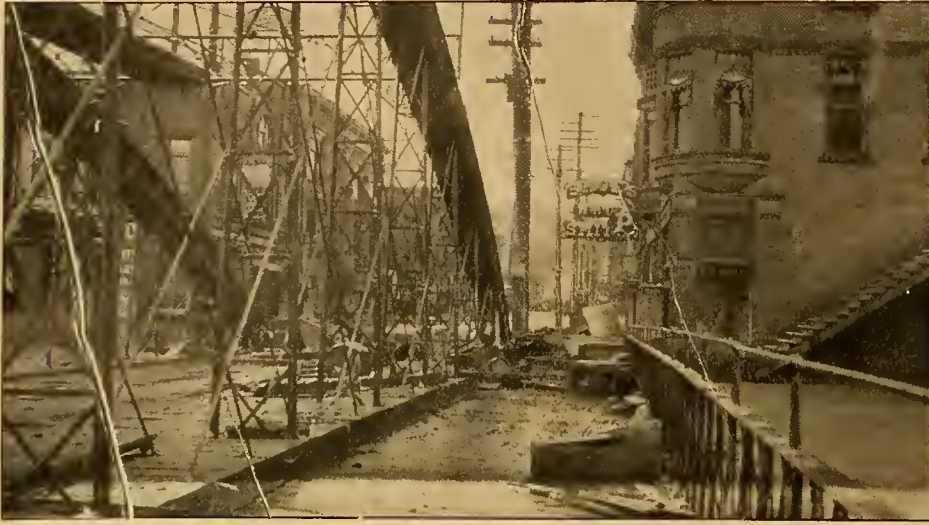
Climb the stairs to ANDERSON'S and save money.

Up stairs at the bridge
SHARON - - - PA.

discontinue the use of all city and well water for drinking purposes, John C. Herrmann, owner of a good natural spring, gratuitously distributed thousands of gallons of water among the residents.

Heroes Are Many

Days of dark disaster make heroes. Men who in quieter times have no knowledge of the latent courage in them rise to sublime heights of bravery and



STATE STREET VIEW NEAR BRIDGE

There were in addition to these more public moves to assist the suffering, numerous other private and unheralded incidents of relief work. These, like the unknown heroes of the flood, received their reward in the blessings of the many they aided.

self sacrifice when they see others in danger. The flood in the Shenango Valley was no exception. Were it possible to give here the name of every person who wrote for himself in those three days a name in the book of bravery, the publishers of this history would

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gladly do it. But that is an impossible task. For five weeks newspaper men of Sharon and Farrell have been searching for incidents of the flood that nothing might be lacking in making this a complete work. They have gathered many, but there are without doubt

No one person stood alone as the leading figure in the rescue work. There was not a man nor woman who fought with the rushing torrent to bring food to the destitute or to save life who did not do everything that their opportunities permitted.



WELLER KROUSE RUINS

—Photo by Cubbison

many, many more which escaped them. So we wish to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the unknown heroes of the Shenango Valley flood and to assure our readers that no one has been omitted, the story of whose good work could be obtained.

Edward (Ted) Buckley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Buckley of Grant street, was one of the first men to answer the call for volunteers to take food to the marooned people on the West side and to get the hundreds in danger from their homes. After 32 hours with-

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out sleep, during which time he was continually either wading, swimming or working a boat, Buckley collapsed and was unconscious for seven hours. He was raving when he came to and it took several men to keep him quiet. It was

deserves full credit for his share of the rescue work, was rowing through the swiftly flowing street rivers, taking people from houses. Many times he carried women through the current to safety. It was Buckley and Patton,



DEBRIS IN FRONT OF STATE STREET STORES

many days before Buckley recovered his normal health.

From early Wednesday morning until he collapsed, Buckley carried coffee and water to the people who had had no food nor fit drinking water for two days, or else, with Clarence Patton, who

who for all of one day, Wednesday, and part of another, had the only boat on the West Side. Altogether they rescued over 400 men, women and children. Money was showered on them, but not a cent would either of the men take. They saw their duty and did it.

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CANDLES? GO TO BED

A party of boatmen were making their way along a dark street, Thursday night, when they were hailed. They rowed toward the voice and found a man. The following conversation ensued:

was some one saying: "Candles? Go to bed!"

Though fear, bravery and sadness all played their parts in the great flood days, humor crept in here and there. Possibly the most humorous incident occurred when one boat crew lassoed



VIEW ON RIVER STREET

—Photo by Harry Davis

"Hello, want to come out?"
 "No!"
 "Got something to eat in the house?"
 "Yes, got lots to eat and drink, but say, get me some candles, will you?"
 The last he heard of the lifesavers

a goose as a diversion. The goose was towed, or rather "half-drowned" to shore. When it struck the bank it celebrated the landing by laying an egg. Some one cried out "Threw it in and pull it out again and get another egg."

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DENNY HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Attorney Oscar J. Denny, secretary of Sharon Borough, came within an ace of losing his life in the turbulent waters on Wednesday morning shortly after 1 o'clock. He had been engaged in rescue

compelled to swim. Near the McDowell bank he was thrown against a telegraph pole, the impact knocking him unconscious. He floated out into State street and toward Railroad street. Hundreds of people were lined along the



LOOKING UP RIVER STREET

—Photo by Heintz

work and his last efforts were directed to getting men from the Sharon Club. Denny was almost exhausted when he started up Vine street for State. The secretary is a tall man, but the water soon went above his waist and he was

water's edge and saw his form swirling in the current.

"There's a man in the water!" was the cry raised as Denny's body swept into view and drifted down Railroad St. No one ventured to effect a rescue.

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Acting Chief of Police Samuel Landsdowne was in the Shenango House, having just received word of the death of his father. Without a moment's hesitation he elbowed his way through the crowds and plugged into the water. Wad-

Denny was carried unconscious into the Knights of Columbus rooms where he was revived with difficulty. Later in the day he was removed to his home.

One of the most heroic deeds of daring occurred in the southern part of the



—Photo by Vasbinder & Rickert
CHESTNUT STREET FROM STATE STREET

ing and swimming he managed to reach Denny's side. The current was too swift and he was unable to get back.

A call for assistance brought Charles Knapp and Samuel Matthews, colored. The trio were able to reach safety.

town, near Budd avenue and the Atlantic Refining company where rescue work was done by four foreigners.

On Wednesday morning cries of distress were sent out from the lower part of town, where the torrent was swiftest.

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To attract attention revolvers were fired by the inmates until the shots were all used. It seemed inevitable that every inmate of the houses would be drowned.

Several attempts were made by the rescue parties to reach the houses, but the current was so swift that they were unable to handle the boats.



HOUSE NEAR STEWART IRON COMPANY FROM WHICH MAN WAS RESCUED

—Photo by Heintz

Finally Frank Hemburger, Nick Uglick, John Feger and John Fegyler built a boat such as is used in their own country, Vukovar, Slavonia, where floods occur frequently and do not alarm the people.

By working as they never worked before, the men had the boat done

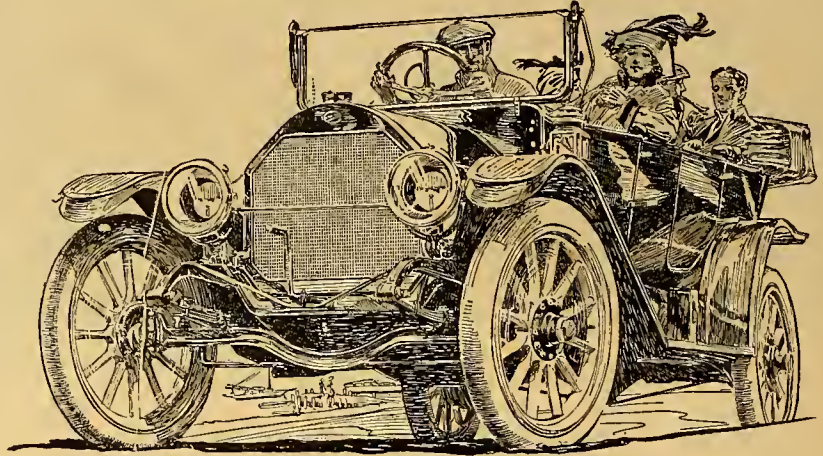
early in the afternoon, launching it from the yards of the C. C. Baker company. The manner in which each wave was studied and the current breasted was little short of miraculous and each stroke of the oars counted.

The crowd on the banks shuddered and expected every minute to see the

boat capsized, but the consummate skill with which it was handled saved the day.

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Scores of houses were visited and inmates, who had been housed up for two days, in many cases without food or heat, were removed to the warm homes out of the flood zone.

The work of these four men, who for hours without money and without price, undoubtedly saved many lives, as some of the persons who had been marooned were exhausted from the lack of food, fire and drinking water.

34 Willow street. They saved many women and children.

STANDS ON CHAIR

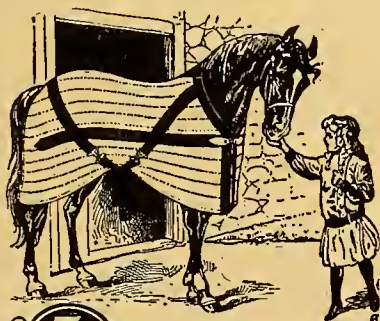
When the water rose two feet in the home of George Hummell on Hickory street, Wednesday night, Mr. and Mrs. Hummell were compelled to seek safety elsewhere. Being too far removed from rescuers, the husband decided to raise his wife to the roof and then join her.



PENNSY TRACKS UNDER WATER —Photo by Heintz

Two other foreigners, who come from the same district in Slavonia, also did excellent work in smaller boats and saved many. They are Illia Viavich of 36 Willow street and Steve Boltos of

The woman was boosted to the roof. Mr. Hummell was unable to get to the roof. He stood throughout the night on a chair with water up to his waist. To have attempted sleep would have



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meant death for he would have fallen from his uncomfortable perch. Husband and wife were rescued on Thursday morning.

HAS NARROW ESCAPE

John Provoitz of No. 8 Stewart avenue, had a miraculous escape from a watery grave, when his home washed away by the swirling waters and crashed to pieces against another washed out building.



VIEW ON NORTH WATER STREET

—Photo by Thomson

Every one had escaped from the Provoitz building in boats but Provoitz, who, fearing that the building would collapse or wash away, climbed to the roof. The building next to his place was carried nearly twenty feet off its foundations by the rising water, and his

building began to move. Clinging to the roof he awaited his fate. It was but a few minutes, when the building, which was a two-story, double house, was carried away. It struck against a tree in the front yard and was hurled against another washed out building several yards away. Here it was smashed into pieces and Provoitz was hurled several feet away and into the waters. There was no help near. Grabbing a railroad tie that went floating by and clinging to it he was carried across Budd avenue, where the tie crashed through the door of a house. Here Provoitz who was nearly insensible and nearly dead from exposure, was picked up by foreigners who were in the house, and carried up stairs.

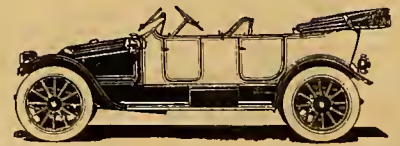
BRAVES WATER FOR RELATIVES

J. Randall of Ormond avenue made a thrilling and hazardous trip across the swirling waters of the Shenango river, and into the flooded districts of the south ward, and rescued his brother's family in a row boat which he made himself on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Randall, hearing of his brother's plight, and not seeing any other means of rescuing them, went to the Baker lumber yard and constructed a boat. Starting from a point near the Pennsylvania depot he paddled the boat directly across the whirling waters, and desperately battling the current he

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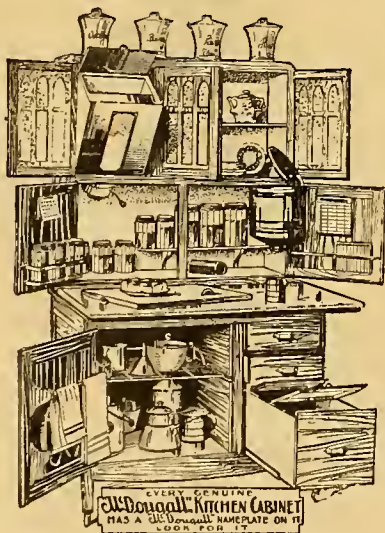
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landed on the other side and paddled his way through the flooded district to his brother's home where his brother and family were taken in. The return trip was safely made. Mr. Randall made several trips and helped rescue a number of other families, and showed himself to be a fine boatman.

OFFICER MILLER A HERO

Acting Roundsman Frank Miller was one of the many who did heroic work

a raging current that flowed six feet deep, the fearless officer attached a rope to his waist and swam across the intervening space to reach the store. Several times it looked as though he would be carried away by the current, but he was finally able to navigate the distance and render succor to the unfortunate. The rope was tied around both men and they were pulled ashore amid the applause of hundreds who watched the brave act. Officer Miller was almost



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when the flood was at its height and when it was dangerous for anyone to attempt to cross the downtown district.

A man was marooned in the Condo store on Water street and was unable to reach the upstairs. His cries for assistance were heard by many people and Officer Miller was appealed to. Braving

exhausted with his endeavor, but after a few moment's rest he was back on duty and aiding in the rescue work.

HELLO GIRLS SHOW BRAVERY

Numbered among the few women heroines of the flood of March are Misses Laura Dunham and Mary Logan, telephone operators of the Union

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ceaselessly day and night until Thursday before relief operators could be placed on duty.

During Tuesday and Wednesday nights the girls remained on duty while the swirling waters outside pounded

at the Southwest corner of State and Railroad streets.

Another set of heroes were the "hello girls" at the Bell telephone office. Fifteen girls remained on duty during the worst hours of the flood and assisted residents to get into communication with their loved ones, who were either in the inundated district or aiding in the work of rescue.

UNKNOWN MAN DROWNED?

An unknown man was seen coming down the river in a rowboat Thursday afternoon about 3 o'clock. Word was sent along Irvine avenue and many people gathered near Davis street to watch the man go past the Erie tracks at the dump.

The man had no oars and he was kneeling in the boat and clinging to the sides. When he went over the dam formed by the Erie tracks at the valley, the boat leaped out of the water but it landed right side up.

The boat was going at a terrific speed when it struck a tree in the dump and the boat was smashed to splinters and the man never appeared above the surface of the water.

Many reports were scattered that the man was Finnerty of Sharon, but these reports were wrong. Finnerty started down Main street in a boat, but landed safely at Ohio street.

The first boat to be pressed into ser-



PENNSY STATION AND STALLED TRAINS IN WATER

The girls went to work on Tuesday morning while the waters were on the rise. Realizing the necessity of keeping the lines in operation and knowing that relief workers could not enter the inundated district the brave girls remained at their switchboards. They worked

the building and large quantities of driftwood knocked against the building.

On Wednesday food was supplied to the girls by means of an overhead cable system that ran between the Thomas music store and the top of the building

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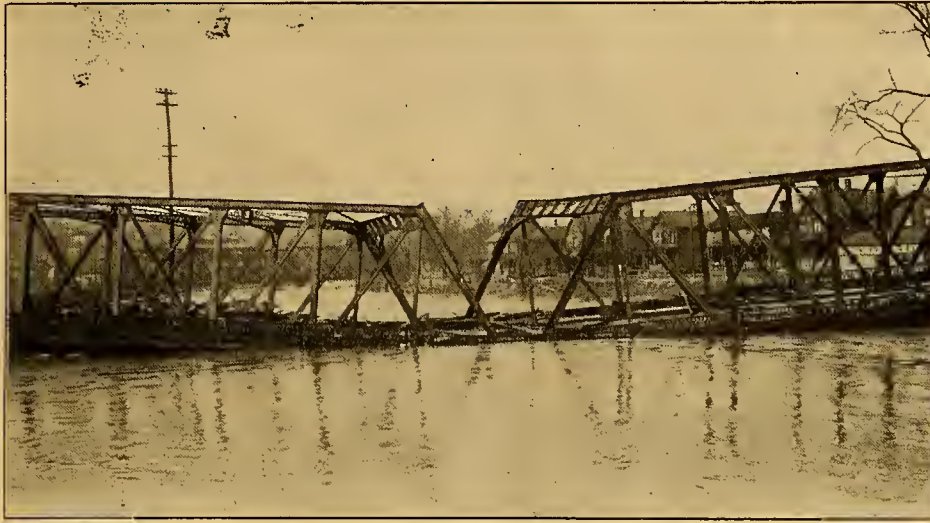
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vice was one secured by Assistant Fire Chief Tom Davis. It was used in getting out residents along the lower part of River street. Farther up the street where the residents were seemingly in the most danger the boats were unable

The first couple removed after nightfall was Mr. and Mrs. Luke Higgins. Then Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ashton and daughter were taken to a place of safety. Following this trip the volunteers took out Dr. S. Elderson and his son, Claude.



V BRIDGE IN RIVER

to navigate. It was after dusk that Hugh O'Neill and another rescuer ventured to rescue a number of those imprisoned. The frail craft was buffeted to and fro as it wended its way through yards in the rear of Penn avenue to reach the rear of the River street homes.

Both had been ill. The boat was making a fourth trip when it was caught in the swirl near the Elks Club and the occupants were thrown into the water. They experienced great difficulty in saving themselves from being drawn into the raging torrent a few feet away.

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Dusk had started to gather over the river streets of the town on Wednesday evening when death claimed its first and only tribute from the city, Mrs. Logan P. Wilding, of 34 Vine street, a bride

had begged to be taken off, but almost across the street an old lady, bedridden, was in graver danger than were the members of the Rosenblum party. So no attempt was made on that day to rescue the Rosenblums and Mrs.



SHARON WATER WORKS UNDER WATER

—Photo by Thomson

of but a few months. Mrs. Wilding was living with Mrs. A. M. Rosenblum. Like hundreds of others they were marooned in the second story of their house. The day before a boat had passed them, heavily loaded. The women

Wilding. The party did not appear to be in any immediate danger, as the second floor of their home was above the crest of the flood.

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Miller, stopped at the Rosenblum home and took off Mrs. Wilding, Mrs. Rosenblum and the latter's 3-year-old daughter, Pauline.

The current was rushing through Vine street when the start was made from the house. The men at the oars

surrounded house. A harder crash against the boat side than usual completely unnerved her. She stood up screaming. Manning and the others cried to her to sit down or she would capsize the boat. She started to comply with the request, but before she



CORNER OF STATE AND MAIN STREETS —Photo by Bomer

made headway but slowly and the swift play of the water, the occasional crash of debris against the sides of the boat began to tell on the nerves of Mrs. Wilding, already half hysterical from her two days' experience in the water-

could regain her seat the boat overturned and the entire party were struggling in the icy water. Mrs. Wilding went down at once in seven feet of water and was never seen alive again.

In the meantime, the men were hav-

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ing difficulty in saving Mrs. Rosenblum and the baby. One of them grabbing the woman and the other seizing the child, they swam from the Post Office steps, where the accident occurred, to a fence on the corner. They held on to this for a moment and then one of

Mrs. Rosenblum and Pauline were taken finally to safety.

The body of Mrs. Wilding was recovered. It was found on Friday after the waters had gone down wedged in a pile of drift and debris in the rear of Fire Chief Vanderholt's barn. A post



TWISTED TRACKS AT STEWART IRON COMPANY —Photo by Cubbison

the men made his way to a house beyond the fence. Here he smashed a window and, returning, helped take Mrs. Rosenblum and Pauline into the house. Then the men swam back and righted their capsized boat. In this,

mortem showed that the woman had died of heart disease, brought on acutely by her fright. There was not a drop of water in her lungs. The body was taken to Wilmerding, Pa., her former home, for burial.

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