# 1000 RELEVED 10 FLOOD AND BLAZ

Man Who Visits Scene of Disaster Says Early Estimate of Deaths Far Too Low-Other Town Suffers.

fire and water still working havoc in flames. the little city of Austin tonight, Burgess Murrin, who escaped death in the disaster, declared he believed whon a gas mains open and the flames spread final list of the dead was made, it would

ished in the flood.

Having just returned from the gas pipe. Resenor, a prominent jeweler of Port sport and Emperium for the hundreds Resenor, a prominent jeweler of Port sport and Emportum for the hundreds Allegheny, told the United Press that now destitute and homeless. the early estimates of from 300 to 500 dead would prove far too low. He had with injured and bodies were piled up just talked with Burgess Murrin, who in rows on the lawn outside. Two be carried on.

Town Under Water.

"I never expect to again witness such brought injured on a sight as greeted me when I reached hospital is situated Austin," said Resenor. "The entire site escaped the flood of where the town once stood is under Among the first

The citizens who were not drowned bers that followed.

rapidly destroying every portion of the buildings left above water. We could see men and women, evidently badly in-

ber. Then they went down.
"The main street of Austin is so narrow and so hedged in by hills that the water ran through as though confined in a canal. There is no doubt in my mind, nor in others who have visited the scene that possibly 150 persons were drowned at Costello, only three miles away. The waters are still pouring over the devastated town.

The only rescue work that is being carried on is being done only by the light from the burning structures. It will be impossible to rescue many bodies until daylight. With the amount of timber turned loose in the flood, no boat can live in the waters, and the workers have mostly to stand on the edge of the flood and drag out such bodies as they can reach with

"All of the money in the Austin National bank may be safe. The cashier heard the roar of the waters as it breke loose from the dam and having, for the past two years, lived in fear of a flood he knew what it meant. The money was quickly gathered together and thrown into the vault. This was locked and the office force fled."

Pianos Selling Fast

ler & Chase plano clearance sale, page

#### IMPRISONED WATERS BREAK BONDS, RUSH UPON HUNDREDS

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odies caught in the wires and terribly the banks of the river, some having been swept five miles below the city. Rescuing parties are busy fighting the flames tonight, seeking to save the bodies, buried there, from incineration. Many were imprisoned in houses washed onto high groupd by the flood, but soon they were into the fire sone.

State Senator F. A. Baldwin narrow-ly escaped death in the deluge. His father and his mother were drowned.

Baldwin fought gailantly against the waters to save his aged parents, but without success.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Fire departments from Smithport,
Condersport, Bradford and Kealing
Port Allegheny, Pa., Sept. 30.—With Summit were rushed here to fight the

Pire Completes Work. The wreck of the buildings left the rapidly. All of the buildings not comfinal list of the dead was made, it would pletely destroyed by the flood were be found that 1800 persons had persons the fire, which biased along the rules, jumping from gas pipe to

The Austin hospital was soon filled

was directing such rescue work as could trains from Keating Summit carried be carried on. medicines into the destroyed town and brought injured on their return. The hospital is situated on a high hill and

Among the first refugees to reach 15 feet of water. Bodies are floating Keating Summit was the chief druggist everywhere. There are few uninjured of Austin. He had seen his mother to care for, though. caught in the falling walls of their home, beside the store, and killed. He outright when the first avalanche of had barely escaped with his life. When water struck escaped one death only to broken wood, of tumbled stone and tirely alone for several days this week bers that followed.

"I have been running this shop en-The entire scene was lighted up in section of Main and Turner streets, it ghastly fashion by the lights of fires, was flooded 20 feet deep and of still in-

jured, struggling wildly in the water, But it was destroyed, and that tells in attempting to hold on to floating tim- a nutshell the damage to the town. Not one quarter of Costello's buildings was so well situated. The people of Costello heard the on-rushing waters in time to escape.

Warns, Then Escapes. The first alarm of the dam breaking was given by a telephone lineman who saw the advance of the water from the top of a pole. He tore up a long disapproximately 35 sq tance wire and notified Galeton with is quite/mountainous. his test set and then fled to the hills, barely escaping with his life. The country around Austin is filled operate the pulp mill and 12 years ago with wells of natural gas and the gas a dam was built a mile above the mill.

in the mains began to burn, adding to to impound 25,000,000 gallons of water.
the horror of the scene. The construction work was done by The fire apparatus from Olean, N. Y., C. J. Britnall and Company, Bingham-which arrived at Austin early in the evening was practically useless as all cember 1, 1869. When it was completed water connections in the town had been there was one small vertical crack about destroyed by the flood. Cries of the 50 feet to the right of the spillway. This victims imprisoned in demolished and crack extended from the top to the

burning buildings were heard in every grund level. It was about one-sixteenth of an inch wide. Within a month after the completion of the dam, another crack section of Austin. In January, 1910, the concrete dam across Freeman's Run at Austin, Pa., appeared. Neither of these was the reerected at the Austin plant of the Baysuit of water pressure, as no water had as yet been let into the dam." less Pulp & Paper company of Bing-hampton, N. Y., was dynamited when it was feared that a heavy flood was going to cause it to give way and destroy the town. A small section of the dam was blown out, relieving the weight of the water back of it and saving the town of Austin was greatly alarmed, fearing that the dam night give way. Engineering News, in its issue of March 17, 1910, stated that appearances

town at that time.
The Bayless company's paper mill and

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# ONLY WOMAN HARNESS MAKER ON COAST WORKS IN SALEM ESTIMATE IS



Mrs. R. E. Clark, who says there is no part of the harness trade she can't do.

ng the only woman on the Pacific coast actively engaged in burness making. Commercial travelers who have covered every city on the coast handling leather workers' supplies declare they have in-vestigated this claim for Mrs. Clark and know it to be true. In the entire United States, they say, they know of but two other women harness makers, any they are in New York city.

"I have been running this shop en-Clark yesterday, "and I have not turned away a bit of repair work. I make The schoolhouse of Costello, like the kinds of harness and do all höspital at Austin, stands on a hill. sure you there is at least on assure you there is at least one woman

Freeman's Run was not sufficient to

Warning Given.

the weather grew warm, rain fell, snow

on the mountains melted and in three

days the dam was completely filled. The

clearly indicated the movement of the dam downstream, as a part of the dam was constructed in freezing weather.

Engineering News reported on March

forcing this dam. It is now being used and at this writing carries a depth of

33 feet of water and no further move-

AND PILED SEVERAL

(By the International News Service.)
Keating Summit, Pa., Sept. 30.—"I was an eye witness to the deluge that, huri-

ing itself down the Sinnemahoning val-

ley, swept through Austin, picking up its buildings as though they were kind-ling wood, jamming them into the little

gully below, on the town and hurying its inhabitants in the debris," said C. J. Buckley, who rode nine miles on

"Then the flood passed and I saw dozens of persons lying dead in what had once been streets. I cannot describe

the horror of the scenes. I fled nine miles on horseback to tell the world of

"As I sped away from Austin I turned to look back upon the scene and dashed away in herror, for everything was gone—beautiful benes, big brick

buildings, the opera house-alf in a heap at the mouth of the gully and piled several hundred feet high. "All out of this gigantic pile the

"I could see women tearing their hair

and hear them screaming as they crept

through the heaps of dead and dying.

Already the priests and clergymen were The Rev. Father O'Brien and

"Bome of the victims were without legs and arms; the heads of some were crushed. It was appalling.

"Thousands of people lined the hill-side as I spurred away. Some of them

without food and many were so

badly injured that they could not walk.

"Everything I have in the world is swept away. I am penniless, but I

am fortunate to have escaped with my

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cupants were aware of what happened

In scores of instances people were drowned in their homes without know-

drowned in their homes without know-ing what had caused the flood.

All Coudersport has been deserted by the population that is rushing to the rescue of the stricken town 12 miles

A sudden stop has been put to all traffic within a wide area of the stricken section. Railroads have discontinued their trains and help is being rushed over water swollen roads in automobiles, wagons and other hurriedly con-

Condersport, the nearest town of any size, immediately started every able bodied man to the assistance of the vil-

lage.
Scores of bodies have been recovered and are now being hurrled to Coudern-port. Hundreds of men, women and children are suffering from broken

trived conveyances.

WITNESS TO FLOOD

They administered the last

All of them

flames were creeping.

were without clothing.

AWFUL SCENES ARE

horseback to report the disaster. With my own eyes I saw whole families - entire family connections

swept away.

HUNDRED FEET HIGH

1910, as follows:

ment has been noticed.'

BUILDINGS JAMMED

During the week of January 17, 1910.

ing seasons of floods.

Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Sept. 30.—Mrs. R. E. Clark put a collar upside down on a horse by trade, and her little daughter, 19 years old. The little girl starts to or put the erupper over his head, school each morning soon after her

ness while a girl in my home in Eng-land, where my uncle had a harness shop. I loved the smell of leather and spent all my spare time in the shop, making loops and riveting on buckles After I had been married and we moved a America my health completely broke I was weighing 94 pounds when I decided to work in the harness shop to regain my strength. I have now been at the work six years and weigh 148 pounds and believe I am as strong a woman as can be found in Salem. I believe the smell of leather has saved my life." Mrs. Clark has a cozy home, where

a large part of the town is located near left. Efforts at rescue and recovery of the creek and as the valley is very nar-row and the surrounding hills very bodies have been hampered by flames. Hundreds of persons from this steep, rising for half a mile below the city have gone to the aid of Austin. Special relief trains are being sent by dam to a height of 500 feet, there has the Buffalo & Susquehanna railroad. always been apprehension at Austln dur-Calls for help were sent to Keating Summit, Emporium and other towns Freeman's Run has a water shed, of there and were sent to other approximately 35 square miles which In the summer and fall the water in

#### POSTAL SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS TOTAL \$67,586

The third week of the postal savings bank finds an aggregate of \$67,586 deposited, divided among 1250 accounts and 1533 deposits. Withdrawals amounted to \$3596 in 133 withdrawals. Stamp and card sales amounted to \$45.10. Stamps and cards 4 cancelled amounted to \$21.

Yesterday 57 accounts were opened and 122 deposits made for \$5316. Sixteen withdrawals were made, amounting to \$412. Card sales amounted to \$1. During the week \$17,576 was deposited.

### RODGERS FLIES 205 MILES, 258 MINUTES

Ravare, Ohio, Sept. 39 .- Two hundred and five miles from Kent to Ravare in a total flying time of 258 minutes was the record made today by Cal P. Rodgers in his Wright biplane on the fourteenth day since the start of his ocean to ocean flight for the \$50,000 William R. Hearst prize. 'His fastest time was made-between Aurora and Burbank, a distance of 41 miles, which was covered in the remarkable time of 38

Total, if Not Cut Down, Will

Twenty municipal departments have filde their estimates of expenses for 1912, and with a number of estimates still to be filed, the total cost of the departments referred to, if the estimates should not be cut down, will be \$2,267,962. The expenses that have not been officially estimated as yet are those for lights, street repair, the free employment bureau, the sealer of weights and measures, the city enginer and other miscellaneous expendi-

The estimates do not mean that the city will have to fix a tax levy to meet them, for it is annually the custom of the ways and means committee of the city council to consider the recommen-dations of various department heads and to prune the figures submitted.

mother goes to the harness shop to be-Mayor to Apply Knife. gin her day's work. Mrs. Clark, while Mayor Rushlight says he will, if necat work, wears a heavy blue man's shirt, a velvet topped skirt and the the ways and means committee has finregulation harness maker's apron. She ished its work, so that taxpayers need not be alarmed.

Toronto, Canada, labor men may en-

carefully, and Mayor Rushisht yes torday, and taxpayers of the city may rest assured that there will be so unnecessary expenditures. In this respect I want to say that I am opposed to any general salary raises, as I believe the city employes have already been liberally dealt with. Of course there will necessarily be an increased expenditure in some departments as it is necessary to keep pace with the growth of the city.

"For instance, there must be more

of the city.

Tor instance, there must be more fire stations and more apparatus for the fire department. The increased number of pavements will demand additional expenditure in the street cleaning department, the growth of the park system entails greater expense and any other leems of expense have to be met that did not show in last year's budget. However, 'economy consistent with progress,' will be my alogan."

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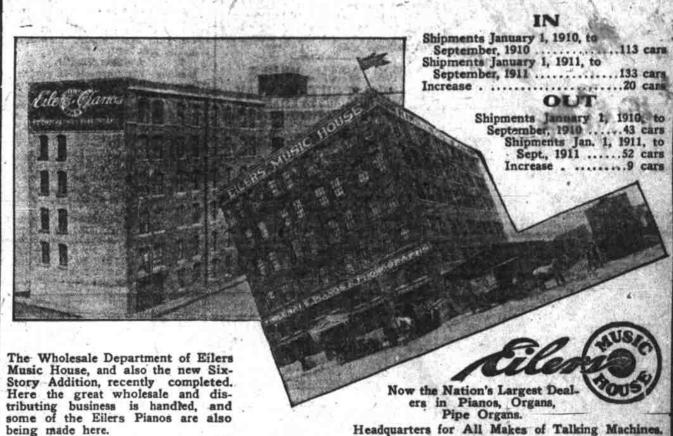
Fire department \$772,870; police \$410,990; park department, \$172,032; mayor's office, \$6300; city attorney's office, \$19,995; municipal Judge, \$4550; inspector of buildings, \$25,612; health office, \$21,250; dock commission, \$15,084.29; civil service commission, \$2050; street cleaning department, \$271,371.30; poundmaster, \$7255; city garbage crematory, \$32,650; janitor service, city hall, \$18,540; city museum, \$2500; plumbing inspector's office, \$25,402; city treas-urer's office, \$15,744; city auditor's of-fice, \$53,500; miscellaneous, \$182,000.

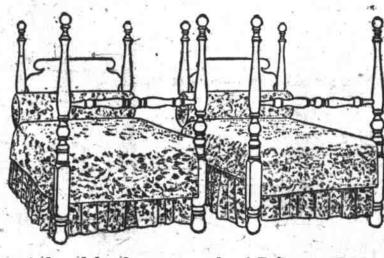
Comforting the Old Man. From the Silent Partner.

Mother (in a very low voice) -Tom-my, your grandfather is very sick. Can't say something to cheer him up a bit? Tommy (in an earnest voice)-Grandfather, wouldn't you like to have sold lers at your funeral?

# More Portland Prosperity Figures

Activity at the Eilers Music House Wholesale establishment, upon the half block at Pettygrove, between 15th and 16th streets, shows a remarkable increase





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