

becoming exhausted, and there is no prospect of replenishing. The situation is hourly growing graver. Many appeals have been received from inundated parts of the surrounding country for provisions.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 9.—At 9 a.m. the river was 63 1/2 inches, a rise of over four inches since midnight. The weather is cooler. At Gallipolis the river is four feet higher than last year. The impression that a large tract of the city is covered by water is erroneous, and the portion submerged, except in the suburbs, is not much used for residences. The arrangements for preserving peace and preventing crime are better than when there was no flood.

Portsmouth, Ohio, is almost entirely under water, and completely cut off from outside communication. The water is fourteen inches higher than the flood of 1832. The river is still rising, and many houses are floating away. There is great suffering and worse still is expected. At daylight this morning a fire broke out in a feed store in the midst of the business portion of the city, caused by the slacking of lime submerged in the rising waters. Six buildings were burned to the water's edge and the walls fell in. The churches are all under water. Every engine-house and school house in the city is filled with drowned people. The river is rising over half an inch an hour, and it is raining hard. We have not heard from any place for three days. The people are in great distress.

WHEELING.—The situation among the homeless grows worse. Not enough food can be procured to feed them and give aid to neighbouring towns. The mayor said to-night he had hoped to avoid appealing for aid to the country at large, but feared it would have to be done. Clothing and food and money are badly needed. At Glass house two children died to-day from exposure and insufficient and unfit food.

On the representation of the citizens of West Virginia that local resources are insufficient to relieve the suffering, the Governor telegraphed to the Senators and representatives in Congress asking that the joint resolution for relief be increased to one million dollars. The outlook for the future is gloomy. Many cases of premature confinement are reported. Some sufferers on the south side are reduced to the extremity of cutting meat from cows found dead as the flood recedes. The Ohio River Railroad is believed to be entirely ruined, section after section, trestle work, bridges and cars being washed away.

The Sahara Sea Scheme.

At a banquet in Paris to members of the scientific press M. de Lesseps said the scheme for creating a sea in the desert of Sahara will shortly be realized. M. Roudair, the French hydrographer, who is concerned in the project cutting through the dunes which separate the Mediterranean from the desert to transform the arid sands into a fertile country, is about to start for Tunis armed with the necessary firman from the Sultan to begin operations.

The first game of the Montreal carnival hockey tournament came off on Monday, when the Victorias won from McGill by a goal, to nothing. The McGill men claimed a goal which the referee disallowed, whereon the McGill men had the bad taste to leave the ice.

MR. SILLAR MORSE, father of Lady Tupper, died at Pugwash, N. S., on Thursday night. He had been in his usual health until Sunday, when he became paralyzed on one side, and never rallied. He was 97 years of age.

In regard to the recent decision of the Italian court, ordering the conversion of the property of the propaganda at Rome, a high church dignitary declares that it will not be tamely submitted to. He also asserts that the order can easily be evaded, and that its effect will be to array the whole influence of colonial Catholic missions against Italy.

MISS BARLOW, of Leicester, who some time ago presented the John Clay Barlow Memorial to Great Hartlepool, and who has since built a number of almshouses in memory of her brother, the late Mr. John Clay Barlow, has just given the sum of £8,000 for the erection of an additional church in the parish of Knighston, a Leicester suburb. This is the third new church that has been presented to Leicester by single individuals within a few years to meet the rapid increase of population. In two instances considerable endowments were also provided.

The Value of U. S. Farms.

The *Lumberman's Gazette* quotes the following figures from the census of 1880 to show the value of farm lands and products in the United States:—

Number of farms	4,008,007
Improved land	2 771,042
Value of farms	\$10,197,090,770
Value of implements	\$406,620,056
Value of live stock	\$1,600,404,000
Value of farm products	\$2,213,402,564

Interesting Discovery.

In a cutting for a new sluice in Ceylon lately some labourers found 17 feet underground a series of remains dating from before Christ. There are hundreds of plates, dishes, etc., all in fragments, most of them differing in shape and in their better quality from those now in use. A few implements and a javelin-head and arrow-head of iron as well as some beads and other ornaments were also found.

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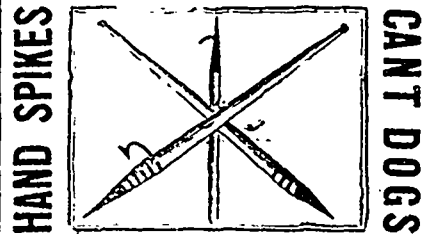
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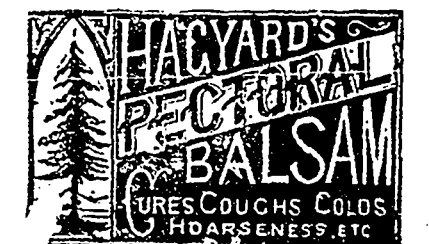
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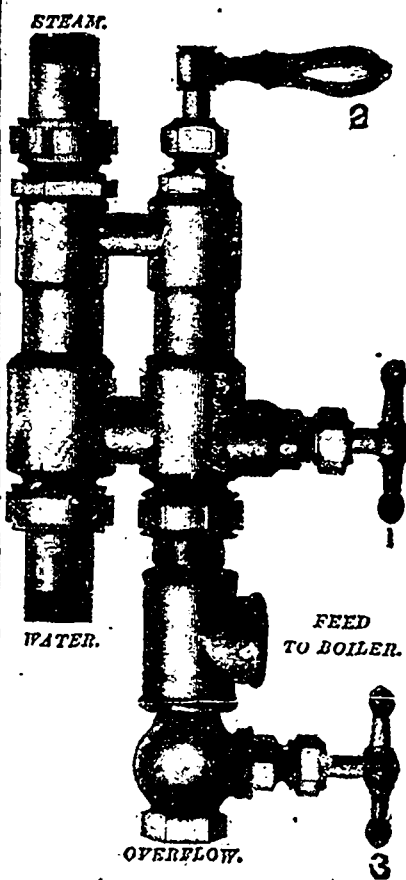
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