

EXPECTED APPROXIMATE CITY WATER TANKS MUST BE DESTROYED TO PREVENT DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

At 5:10 o'clock this morning the water tanks on Prospect Hill burst and the wreck, ruin, destruction and death so often predicted in these columns came to pass.

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Widespread is the destruction wrought by the bursting of the two tanks on the top of Prospect Hill, and by many it is held to be the greatest disaster that has ever occurred here not only on account of the enormous property loss, but by other results.

The tanks were built twenty years ago by Riter & Conley of Parkersburg. Each was 30 feet in diameter, 10 feet in height and each had a capacity of 200,000 gallons.

Both tanks were practically full at the time of the accident, according to the statement of Superintendent Clark of the water works. It is necessary to fill them to the top in order to provide a supply for the day.

Immediately after the first rush of water when houses were crashed like egg shells, there was great confusion.

The evidence of the burst tanks can be seen from Thirteenth to the Kanawha river and from Avery to Adams street.

The eastern current went down West 10th toward the river landing its debris on Murdoch avenue where its strength was spent.

At the corner of Market street and Adams street, the water which found its way to the top of the hill, through one hole to the top of the hill, through one hole to the top of the hill, through one hole to the top of the hill.

The Sunday school room was filled with water and debris. The organ, which was one of the best in the city was entirely destroyed.

The building when new cost something over \$150,000, and it will probably be rebuilt though likely in some other part of town.

JURORS ARE SENT BACK TO FURTHER CONSIDER.

Nashville, Tenn., March 19.—Shortly after noon today, the jury in the Coopers and Sharp murder trial returned a verdict in the case of John Sharp, but not guilty and immediately retired again to deliberate further in the case of the two Coopers.

Some declare that tanks were dynamited.

There were many wild rumors early this morning soon after the collapse of the tanks.

Some damage done in East End.

FLOOD OF WATER WENT DOWN THE DEEP RavINE.

While the full force of the flood from the burst tanks swept down over the western slope of Prospect Hill, carrying death and destruction to the foot of the hill, many of the houses along Wood street were damaged.

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POLICE AND FIREMEN WERE SOON ON THE SCENE AND WORKED.

WITH A WILL TO RESCUE THOSE CAUGHT IN THE WRECKAGE.

The news of the disaster spread quickly. Those in the immediate vicinity of the wrecked section, but whose houses were out of the path of the water, were awakened by the crash and the screams of those in trouble, rushed to the rescue and did valiant work.

Losses in the accident.

Some derelict.

School and church furniture scattered along Avery street as far down as Seventh.

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