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The oil regions of Pennsylvania were visited by a rain-storm of unparalleled violence one day last week. At Butler the flood was the greatest ever known there. Bear creek rose twelve feet in less than two hours, inundating a very large part of the country. The damage to the Parker, Kearsy City and Butler railroads is estimated at \$50,000. Several houses along the creek were washed away. One of them contained two children, who were drowned. Several railroad bridges were washed away. Along the Pittsburgh, New Castle and Lake Erie railroad—narrow gauge—in Butler county the damage was immense. Breakneck creek was swollen to the size of a large river, sweeping away 800 feet of the road, houses, fences, trees and live stock. The wheat harvest had just been finished, and the shocks which had been left standing in the field were carried away by the torrent and deposited, many of them, in the branches of trees twelve and fifteen feet from the ground. Two streets in Petrolia, also in Butler county, were flooded to the depth of several feet. The Oil Exchange and Postoffice were badly damaged. On Bear creek, in the suburbs of the town, twenty-five houses were washed away, nearly all of them containing families, who were saved with great difficulty. The scene at this point was very exciting. Hundreds of people were watching the raging torrent to reach a place of safety, presented a scene seldom witnessed. Strange to say, of this struggling mass of humanity, only two small children were drowned. The total loss by the flood is now estimated at \$300,000.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Latest advices from South Africa report that the peace negotiations with the Zulus have made no progress of late. There had been some light skirmishing, but nothing like a battle.

Turkey has refused permission to the United States steamer Quinlan to enter the Black sea, the reason of the refusal being that the vessel's tonnage exceeds 800.

A cable dispatch reports the harvest in Hungary almost an entire failure.

A general engagement was fought between the British forces under General Bull