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DAYTON FIRE SPREADS

LONG HOLIDAY DECLARED IN FLOOD ZONES

NOTES AND MORTGAGES PRO-
TECTED BY OFFICIAL PROCLA-
MATIONS ISSUED TODAY

DEATH LISTS UNKNOWN YET

Severe Snow Storm Adds to Horror of
the Situation—Temperature Drops
Suddenly Adding to Suffering—
Trainloads of Supplies on Way to
Dayton—Militia to Assist in the
Rescue Work.

Columbus, March 27.—Conditions
over Indiana today are made worse
by a snow storm and cold weather.
Rain fell in the two stricken states
at midnight but changed later to a
blinding snow storm and the temper-
ature dropped with intense suffering
among the hundreds of thousands of
homeless. It is useless to try to es-
timate the dead with any degree of
accuracy. The dead here are esti-
mated at 100 and an unconfirmed
rumor says Piqua was destroyed with
many fatalities. Troy is reported
burning, but the Scioto river is reced-
ing.

Holiday Declared.

Ten days of legal holidays have
been declared that victims may have
time to take care of notes and mort-
gages falling due. The governor has
asked the country to wire funds rather
send supplies.

McConnellsville wires that Malta
with a population of 400, is destroyed.
The fatalities are unknown.

The first encouraging advices re-
ceived by the governor from George
Burba, his private secretary, who is
in Dayton, said: "Thousands have
been rescued along the right of way
of the Pennsylvania railroad which
is now above water. The first train-
load of supplies passed through
Springfield today and should reach
Dayton this afternoon sometime. Life-
savers and the militia are following
in trains no far behind. Their main
difficulty will be in reaching Dayton
to do any good except by taking boats
from the terminal of railroad service.
Between 100 and 200 are missing
here and are believed dead.

Still Burning at 2:45.

Dayton, March 27.—At 2:45 the fire
is still raging, and 21 buildings are
destroyed.

Mutiny in Work House.

Crazed with fear a mutiny has been
started by 100 prisoners in the city
work house. They demand freedom
and are trampling upon each other.

Review of Fatalities.

There were 25 fatalities at Piqua,
damage, a million.

Deaths at Sharon will run between
seven and 20. Other nearby local-
ities report 17. Water is receding
near Indianapolis.

From Chicago come estimates of
damage from floods to railroads alone
of between \$10,000,000 and \$15,000,000.
All roads in Ohio and Indiana are
paralyzed. All schedules have been
abandoned by eight railroads.

In Dayton from three hundred to
3000 are dead, 30,000 are homeless
and damage is now estimated \$30-
000,000.

At Columbus from 50 to 200 are
dead several buildings burned and 20-
000,000.

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HUNDREDS PENNED IN TALL BUILDINGS IN FIRE'S PATH

EYE WITNESS TO DREADFUL FIRE RETURNS WITH HORRIBLE STORY TO TELL

ENTIRE CITY MAY BURN BEFORE AID COMES TO CITY

Cold Winds Adds to Suffering of Those Caught on Roofs of Houses--One Estimate of Dead is 2500

Dayton, March 27.—With a greater
part of the business section
biting blizzards
sands who are cut off from human
aid. A staggering holocaust is immin-
ent. Onlookers are powerless to aid
and already two full blocks are burn-
ed up and the fire spreading in all
directions. Thousands are making a
fight against death.
Chief Ramsby has declared that
many firemen were drowned while
trying to reach the flames when boats
were overturned.
These are fighting futilely to save
against the current.
Orders for five hundred coffins have
already been placed for the dead but
these will be insufficient. Every re-
fugee tells of new instances of mis-
erable deaths of persons who were im-
prisoned on the roofs of their homes.
People who are marooned on the
Durst Milling company plant, are a

GREATEST LIVING RAILROAD BUILDER WANTS TO RETIRE.



Louis W. Hill

James J. Hill

James J. Hill, builder of the Great Northern Railroad, stated before
the Pujo committee at Washington that he would like to be relieved of some
of his many directorships, as he feels that he is growing old. The photo-
graph shows the Hills as they appeared when leaving the investigation.
Louis W. Hill will succeed his father in the control of many of the Hill
interests.

WILSON MAY TAKE ACTIVE RELIEF LEAD

IS SENDING SECRETARY OF WAR
TO FLOOD SCENES THIS
AFTERNOON.

PERSONAL WORK OFFERED

From Far Off Alaska Come Offers of
Aid—If Conditions Do Not Improve
at Once, the President Will Himself
Go to the Field and Assume Charge
of the Rescue Department in Day-
ton.

Washington, March 27.—President
Wilson has asked Secretary of War
Garrison to go to Ohio to survey the
flood conditions. Accompanied by
Chief of Staff General Wood, he will
leave this afternoon. Unless condi-
tions improve at once, President Wil-
son will personally go to the flooded
district and assume charge of the
rescue work.

Life Boats Arriving.

Waukegan, Ill., March 27.—Fifty
men with six lifeboats arrived at Lo-
gansport to relieve the flood situation
today. The boats will accommodate
16 each.

Alaska Offers Aid.

Fairbanks, Alaska, March 7.—Of-
fers by business men of Fairbanks for
aid to suffering Ohio, were made by
wireless to President Wilson today.

Food Boats Arrived.

Brookville, Ind., March 27.—Suffer-
ing in the Wabash valley is intense.
Without food or water for three days
the residents welcomed the train car-
rying 60 boats and supplies which ar-
rived at Peru last night. It is es-
timated the dead at Brookville will
number 17.

thousand in number and are without
food or water. They are being soaked
by rain. It is reported that in
some instances the people are dying
because their clothing is frozen.

A band of rescuers left the plant
of the National Cash Register com-
pany where haven was found for
thousands, early today, and are ex-
pected to bring back refugees. Three
hundred and fifty-five were trapped in
the upper stories of the car company
building.

APPALLING STORY TOLD.

Eye Witness to Dreadful Conditions
in Fire Zone Returns, Sick.

Dayton, Ohio., March 27.—Chas.
H. Van Horn, a rescuer who went
further north in Dayton than any
returned today unnerved from the
perilous journey. He dictated the fol-
lowing story.

Horrible Sights Pictured.

"I hope my eyes may never be
punished again by such sights as
were inflicted on them last night and
early this morning. This awful hap-
pening cannot be exaggerated. It has
been said there are 500 dead. I should
say there are at least 2500. We went
to Third and St. Clair streets and
twice the boat struck a whirling mass
of dead bodies — they turned like
spools on a machine, in the whirl-
pool. We reached out and touched a
woman's face once, and then a
man's bearded face. We went as near
the fire as possible.

Sees Prisoners Burned.

"Those in the penned-up buildings

GOVERNOR DUNNE IS
A REAL DEMOCRAT



Governor Edward F. Dunne of Illi-
nois is faithful to his Democratic
principles both in public and private
life. He is a great believer in the
simple life and all its tenets. He en-
deared himself to the hearts of the
young men of his state when he re-
fused to submit to the whisk broom
wielded by a coatroom boy in a Chi-
cago restaurant, and when he declin-
ed to pay thirty-five cents for a cup
of coffee, when the standard price is
half a dime, he made a big hit with
his constituents. Governor Dunne is
the proud father of nine husky chil-
dren, and when the family moved to
Chicago recently, with dozens of
boxes of toys, several trunks, and
suit cases, Chicago folks remarked
that it was a considerable hegira.

WEST, LISTER GIVING FUNDS

NORTHWEST STATES SENDING MONEY TO VICTIMS

One Hundred Found Dead in a Church In Dayton Today.

Salem, March 27.—Governor West
has issued a proclamation diverting
funds to Ohio to be used in the flood
district. Following his example, Gov-
ernor Lister of Washington has is-
sued a similar proclamation this af-
ternoon. The money from individuals
should go to the secretary of the
Portland Chamber of Commerce.

100 Dead in Church.

Columbus, March 27.—Rescue boats
that penetrated the west district re-
ported the probability that hundreds
are dead. Firemen declare at least
100 corpses were found in the United
Brethren church there.

must have seen us because we could
hear their cries for help. We locked
up and saw the people standing in
the windows, and then saw many of
them fall back into the flames. When
we finally had to leave, unable to
help, and sick and grief-stricken, fire
in the two blocks brought forth cries
for help from the imprisoned. We

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COUNCIL WILL DEMONSTRATE ROAD REPAIR

WORTH OF NORTH SECOND ST.
TO BE TRATED BY RE-
PAIR PROCESS.

BITUMEN IS REPAIR BASIS

Council Will Take Small Strip and
Repair It Under City Engineer's
Guidance—Jefferson Street Pipe
Line Mains to Be Laid Prior to Pav-
ing—Topographical Survey Is Or-
dered.

Experimental demonstration of re-
pair to deteriorated macadam streets
is to be carried on this spring in an
effort to relieve conditions existing
on West Adams avenue and North
Second street where macadam streets
are being generally worn down and
have become practically worthless in
two or three years' time. The city
council last evening took such action
on the recommendation of City En-
gineer Roscoe Neal, who set before
the council a method of repair and
subsequent upkeep. A strip of street
24 feet wide, allowing room for teams
to pass on the street during the dem-
onstration, and in the neighborhood
of a block long, will be treated with
a bitumen process after the surface
has been smoothed and put to proper
grade. It calls for a thin coating of
bituminous material—one quarter gal-
lon to the square yard—a sprinkling
of sand and a finishing coat of bitu-
men again. If the system is suffi-
cient and efficacious, it is believed
property owners along these streets
will ask for repairs of that sort.

The session of the council was not
marked by acts of importance other
than the decision to demonstrate the
methods of repair of the macadam
streets.

A portion of the recommendation
filed by the engineer, says:

"The condition of the macadam
streets more especially those having
been in use for the past two or three
years, indicates the need of repair
which brings about a realization that
some method of maintenance should
be placed into effect at once. Often
the terms maintenance and repairs
are confused. If the maintenance of
a street is neglected it will be nec-
essary to eventually repair it; while
on the other hand a well-maintained
road may never need repair. The
macadam streets of the city should
be first properly repaired and then
restored to their original condition.
Sweeping might be necessary to re-
move the excess dust from the sur-
face after which, by scarifying the
street, sufficient stone could be added
in places where needed. The macadam
could then be water-bound as in or-
dinary road construction. However,
this method of repair, although inex-
pensive, is doubtful practice especial-
ly where the stone is replaced in any
considerable depth. One or two au-
tomobiles a day passing a loose patch
will often destroy it.

"A better method of repair which
has given excellent results in many
localities is what is known as the
surface treatment. This is essentially
a modified form of bituminous con-
struction by penetration method. In
this method the old road or street is

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