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DAYTON DEATHS NOW PLACED AT THREE HUNDRED

EXCITED SURVIVORS CHATTER
IN GLEE AND WEEP IN SOR-
ROW AS MINDS ARE MOVED

WIND CHECKS THE FIRE

General Conditions in Dayton Are
So Much Improved That Smiles
Take the Place of Tears—Famine
Conditions Being Remedied—Fam-
ilies Die in Groups, Each Lashed to
the Other

Dayton, March 28.—The number of
dead in the flood and from fire causes
will not exceed 300 if a statement
based on investigation of all sections
of the city where it is possible to
reach, and which was issued this af-
ternoon, is correct. Those sections
where it was feared horrible fatality
would be found when the water re-
ceded, are reported as being nearly
free of corpses. The famine condi-
tions are being rapidly remedied
through the generosity of the country
at large.

Happy in Tears.

Survivors, the list of which is rap-
idly growing through rescue work,
joked and cried and laughed in turn
today. Most of them were prepared
to die either by fire or water and
some of the conditions that were dis-
closed were pitiful in the extreme.
Further damage from fire was present-
ed by a shifting of the wind last night.

Gather on Streets, Happy.

For the first time since the flood,
all water is off the streets in front
of the Algonquin hotel. Water reached
the second story the first two
days. In the downtown streets hun-
gry people are gathered but rejoice
that they are alive though their es-
cape was miraculous in many in-
stances.

Families Tied Together.

Bodies of two women lashed togeth-
er and their arms clasped, were found
in a flooded home. A note pinned to
their dress said: "Hawke, mother
and daughter."

The garage of the National Cash
Register company has been converted
into a morgue and the postoffice is
used for refugees during the flood.
Cases of food floating down the
creek were caught and one party of
marooned people owe their lives to
this timely occurrence.

Dayton, March 28.—With waters re-
ceding rapidly, estimates of the dead
in this city vary from a hundred to
two thousand. Large areas hereto-
fore submerged are clear today. Hun-
dreds who were marooned in office
buildings, waded to safety this morn-
ing.

Police Chief Allaback estimates 150
are lost. John Burge, secretary to
the governor, estimates the dead at
2,000.

Fire again broke out this morning,
burning the plant of the George Estes
Plating company. Hundreds are being
removed from the endangered terri-
tory. Dayton is under martial law,
and supplies are badly needed.

The Dayton bodies recovered so far
have been removed to the morgue. Ev-
ery institution in South Dayton is
packed with refugees, and hundreds
are sheltered in residences. It is re-
ported rescuers and supplies have
reached North Dayton where the most
of the fatalities occurred.

Starvation at Zanesville.

Columbus, March 28.—A frightful
story of conditions in Zanesville was

MAHON SCORES EXCHANGE BILL.



President James B. Mahon of the
New York Stock Exchange has severe-
ly criticized Governor Sulzer's bill to
compel incorporation, and he declares
that the criminal provisions of the
bill are a "shocking perversion of
the criminal law." He believes that
this feature of the bill was designed
to force the stock exchange into ac-
cepting incorporation.

reported to Governor Cox this after-
noon by S. K. Mitchell, superintendent
of the Ohio Electric Railway com-
pany at Zanesville. Mitchell climbed
a telephone pole four miles west of
Zanesville, and attached an instru-
ment to the wires, and telephoned
the following message: "We have only
enough food to supply Zanesville 24
hours. Fatalities in the seventh and
eighth wards are heavy. The city
west of Main street is under water,
extending back three miles from the
national road. Five hundred persons
from Putnam who are penned in the
fair grounds are starving and quick
action is necessary."

CORPSES LIE IN TREE TOPS

TROY IS SCENE OF HUGE DEATH-
LIST.

Not Believed Rescuers can get to the
Stiffened Bodies for Days.

Troy, March 28.—Twenty-eight
corpses of an estimated 100, have
been recovered here. Other corpses
are visible in the tops of trees where
they have died from exposure and
drowning, and as the water recedes
their stiffened bodies are visible. A
number of bodies are caught in bush-
es, but it is not likely that these or
those in the trees will be rescued for
several days yet.

Morgues Filling up.

Dayton, March 28.—At two o'clock
22 bodies lay in the morgue. Identifi-
cation is proceeding slowly.

Rockefeller Donates.

Washington, March 28.—Rockefeller
has sent the National Red Cross \$5,
000 for the relief to flood sufferers.
Henry C. Flick sent \$10,000.

Indianapolis Is Fortunate.

Indianapolis, March 28.—Thorough
search of house in West Indianapolis
failed to reveal a single death. Rum-
ors of heavy fatalities here were dis-
sipated today.

THE OHIO A NEW SOURCE OF DAMAGES

WHILE PRESENT FLOODS ARE RE-
CEDING, THE OHIO IS GO-
ING UP.

RAILROAD TRAFFIC STALLED

No Effort Made to Resume Commer-
cial Enterprises in Either of the
Stricken States—Conditions Gener-
ally Are Improved, However, Say
Experts Who Have Investigated All
Sections.

Cincinnati, March 28.—With the river
at 13 feet over the danger line and
still rising Cincinnati faces a serious
flood. Residents in the low-lying
districts are fleeing to higher ground.

Cleveland, March 28.—Improved
conditions are everywhere seen in
Ohio and Indiana, but new troubles
are arising from the dangers of floods
coming down from "up the Ohio"
country. Waters of the present flood
however, are receding and cessation
of rains has made exploration by res-
cuers possible. These are reporting
that early estimates of dead are ex-
aggerated but admit they cannot give
an accurate estimate themselves.
Conservative estimates place the
number of dead in Ohio as low as 500
and in Indiana as low as 200. Cold
weather is prevailing in both states
which eliminates the danger of pesti-
lence. It is believed that before night
every refugee in Indiana and Ohio
will be housed and fed.

Ohio on Rampage.

The Ohio river is on a rampage in
certain sections but reports from
Dayton and Columbus say conditions
are greatly improved. Commercial
paralysis still prevails. Telegraphic
and railroad service is demoralized in
both states, railroad wires being used
for communication of messages and
for press associations.

Another Aviator Dead.

Paris, March 28.—His motor explod-
ing, Aviator Lieutenant Brassier fell
1,000 feet and was killed at Verdun
today.

THE NATION'S PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT WHO TAKE KEEN
INTEREST IN RESCUE WORK IN THE FLOOD DISTRICTS
OF THE EAST.



President Wilson and Vice President Marshall who have lent their per-
sonal aid in directing rescue work in the flood stricken districts. The
improved conditions today make it likely that Mr. Wilson will not take
the active leadership in the field, however.

COAST SENDS MILLION FOR FLOOD VICTIMS

OBSERVER WILL RECEIVE AND
FORWARD DONATIONS TO
FLOOD CENTERS.

EXPRESS COMPANIES AID

All the Larger Cities Are Sending
Thousands of Dollars to the Flood
Sufferers in the East—Local Ex-
press Company Will Handle All Do-
nations Free of Charge—Big Pro-
vision List.

FREE TRANSPORTATIONS FOR DONATIONS.

The Evening Observer will
receive and forward all contri-
butions that La Grande people
desire to send to the flood-strick-
en districts. The American Ex-
press company will carry free of
charge all money and supplies
parcels if registered at the lo-
cal office through the Observer.
Commercial club or some mun-
icipal organization.
The O-W. R. & N. company
wired the Observer today that
their railroad and the Oregon
Short Line will haul free of
charge all donations contributed
to the Omaha, Indiana, Il-
linois and Ohio sufferers.

San Francisco, March 28.—Coast
cities are responding to the appeal
for aid in the flooded districts of the
East. Officials of the Red Cross so-
ciety predict the subscriptions in Cal-
ifornia, Oregon and Washington will
reach a million. It is predicted that
Frisco alone will send close to \$400-
000 and the Masonic lodge has already
wired \$5,000.

Seattle Is Liberal.

Seattle, March 28.—Relief work un-
der the direction of the Red Cross is
progressing rapidly. Over three thou-
sand in cash has been collected and
clothing and supplies are coming for-
ward by the American Express.

Los Angeles Sends Help.

Los Angeles, March 28.—More than

McADOO WHO HEADS TREASURY DEPARTMENT.



William G. McAdoo of New York is
looked upon by Democratic leaders in
congress as a very strong party guide
while secretary of the treasury. That
Mr. McAdoo would be in the cabinet
was considered almost certain before
it was announced. The noted coun-
seller and lawyer was a powerful
factor in the Wilson campaign in fact
he was one of the first men to sup-
port Woodrow Wilson for the presi-
dency of the United States, and
it is believed that he will be promi-
nently identified with the new admin-
istration from now on.

almost every theatre in Los Angeles
\$10,000 has been collected here and
has announced benefit programs.

Portland Helps Early.

Portland, March 29.—More than \$6-
000 have already been sent forward
to sufferers in Indiana and Ohio.

Many carloads of provisions have
gone forward.

Babe Found in Attic.

Columbus, March 28.—Josephine
Underwood, eleven, was found frozen
to death in a tree. Mrs. B. Tobin and
baby were found dead in an attic. A
sixteen months baby was found alive
in an attic, warmly wrapped, and it
smiled at its rescuers. A note pinned
to the clothing read: "Walter Taylor."

DEMURRER IS HELD CORRECT

COUNTY SHOULD BE MADE PARTY
IN SUIT.

Demurrer Is Sustained in Pearce—City
Pipe Line Controversy.

Judge Knowles has sustained a de-
murrer filed by Attorney W. B. Sar-
gent to the manner in which the city
of La Grande went about it to obtain
condemnation proceedings of the main
sewer trunk line which runs by the
Pearce tract near the disposal tank in
East La Grande. Ejectment proceed-
ings were won in circuit court some
time ago by Mr. Pearce and the city
brought condemnation proceedings,
but this has been demurred to and
the demurrer sustained, the court
holding that the county, by virtue of
the fact that the pipe line runs in a
county highway, should be made a
party to the suit.

Allens Are Dead.

Richmond, March 28.—Floyd and
Claude Allen died today at the hands
of the law for the part they took in
the recent outrages in Virginia where
Judge Massie and several others were
killed during a feud trial. A respite
of five hours was given them and the
men were hanged about one o'clock.

MARTIAL LAW IN COLUMBUS GUARDS DEAD

ESTIMATED DEAD IN THAT CITY
AROUND THE HUNDRED
MARK TODAY

ODD ESCAPES RECORDED

Thousands Reported Missing and the
Militia Is Striving to Rescue Those
Still Alive and Great Numbers Are
Saved This Morning—West Side's
Damage Will Amount to Millions
Is Estimate

Columbus, March 28.—At one this
afternoon Coroner Bekert estimated
200 had met their death here. Res-
cuers report whole families were
found dead in some of the flooded
homes. Fifty bodies were in the
morgue at 1:45.

Zanesville reports say there is food
enough there to last 24 hours, but the
victim list is unusually high.

Columbus, March 28.—Twenty-eight
corpses were recovered at 9 o'clock
today in Columbus and martial law
declared in the flood district here.
The rescuers found no corpses in the
United Brethren church where 100
were reported. It is impossible to give
the accurate number of dead. Thou-
sands are reported missing and it
seems certain that the death toll will
run into the hundreds. Property loss
is estimated at a hundred million.
Zanesville is isolated and it is impos-
sible to verify the reports that 150
are dead and many starving. Several
hundred were rescued in the West end
early today.

Colonel Barger, commanding the
fourth regiment of the state militia,
estimated 100 corpses had been locat-
ed in Columbus, on the West side.

Special trains manned by state
troops, are making frantic efforts to
reach Zanesville and General Speaks,
in charge of the supply train, is try-
ing to get through to Dayton. Res-
cuers are making an effort to reach the
thousands who are marooned on the
West side here.

Several bodies, lashed to the tree
tops have been found. Death was due
to exposure.

Scores ran about streets today, cry-
ing out the names of their relatives
and asking if anyone had seen them.

Odd Case Found.

J. E. Vestal, wife, son, and L. B.
Gracey and wife were rescued this
morning. They were marooned in a
house which had been floating about
in the flood since Tuesday. "When the
water starting rising we fled to the
second story," said Gracey. "We stood
on chairs when the water reached
our hips. We believed we were doom-
ed and we wrapped sheets around us
for shrouds and then tied ourselves
together so we would not be parted
by death. Then we planned identifica-
tion cards on our clothes so our bod-
ies would be recognized."

Columbus Suffering Intense.

Cleveland, March 28.—Tragic stor-
ies from Columbus are told by the
refugees. State Representatives Kirk-
patrick and Cooper are among the
arrivals, both agreeing that the re-
ports of fatalities are greatly exag-
gerated.

"A single bridge," said Kirkpatrick
remains standing in Columbus. The
rescue work there, however, has been
systematized and marooned persons
are being carried to safety."