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TWO LOOTERS KILLED WHILE ROBBING DEAD

CONDITIONS IN COLUMBUS SHOW
SLIGHT IMPROVEMENT OVER
YESTERDAY.

COW SUSTAINS ONE FAMILY

Sixty-One Corpses Had Been Recovered in Columbus at Noon and Others Still Being Brought In—Marietta Still Suffering From Flood That Is Raging Along the Ohio River.

Columbus, March 29.—Looters for wealth among the corpses in Columbus streets are summarily dealt with. A squad of soldiers detailed to hunt looters today shot and killed Edward McKinley and Edward White, both of whom were caught looting.

Whole Family Dead.
Six more corpses were found in the West side this afternoon. A mother with an infant son clasped to her, was found dead. The baby's hands were clinging to the mother's hair. Nearby was the body of a man, presumably the father and in his arms lay a girl.

As the result of calls for help from parts of the state not already provided for, the governor has issued another proclamation calling for food and clothing.

At eleven o'clock the bodies of 61 had been recovered in this city and 38 identified. Relief trains en route from New York are stalled on account of bridges sinking. Relief trains have reached the wrecked town of Zanesville, however.

Marietta Still Suffering.

Talking by telephone from the of a pole near here, the governor has been advised that the flood situation at Marietta could hardly be worse. The river is six feet higher than in 1884 when a flood destroyed the city. Supplies are needed and reports from other points say the Ohio river valley is in danger.

Portsmouth, Ironton and nearby points are inundated and the crest of the flood is yet to come. Water here, at Dayton, Zanesville and Piqua is subsiding. Relief has been sent to nearly all of these points. Fifty-six dead had been recovered at 10 o'clock.

Telephone girls marooned at Miami-burg near a grocery store, fished out canned goods from the water and thus subsisted.

Thought Dead, but Lives.

C. A. Turner, removed to the morgue as dead last night, suddenly sat up today and scared the attendants away.

Takes Cow to Attic.

George Roller took his family and a cow to the attic of their house and there the family lived on the milk from the cow for nearly four days.

One group of marooned men found sustenance in a passing grocery store that went farther down stream and there later fed others.

The loss to bridges in Ohio will exceed \$20,000,000.

DEATHS ENUMERATED.

Dayton, O., March 29.—Estimates based on actual exploration made in the zone of floods, are:
Peru—20.
Brookville—16.
Lawrence county—15.
Terre Haute and vicinity—10.
Fort Wayne—6.
Washington, Cedar Grove—4 each.
Frankfort—2.
Muncie, Lafayette, Newcastle, Shelton—1 each.

CHURCHES ORGANIZE RELIEF
Tomorrow morning all the churches of the city will organize campaigns of relief for flood sufferers. The campaign will be general, worked from each pulpit and all donations are to be sent east through The Observer which is receiving and accounting for these donations.

RAIN CAUSES LITTLE GRIEF

MINOR SLIDE ON ELGIN BRANCH
ONLY TROUBLE.

Rains Are Doing No Particular Harm on Mountain Divisions.

FIRST STREET FLOODED.
Foreboding what will happen when Deal Canyon actually lets loose her water, the First street storm sewer is today unable to properly handle the water and through the foreman especially the intersection of First and Main, and down First to Washington, were flooded with a big stream of water. Real flood water will seriously menace the lawns and property in that section.

Traffic on the branch line of the O. W. R. & N. was impeded slightly today owing to a small landslide between Elgin and Imbler. Rock and earth slid over the tracks for a short distance and the logger was delayed for some little time.

The outgoing passenger train was sent back to this city but traffic will open tonight.

Little fear is entertained from slides on the branch as every precaution has been used by the company to anchor all loose points where there is liability of the wet weather causing the slipping of territory.

During the past 12 hours heavy rains have fallen on the mountains and high water is to be anticipated. As yet there is no indication but that the natural watersheds will be able to handle all the flood water. Only prolonged rains and chinooks will create havoc now, it is believed.

The Grande Ronde river is rising.

This statement in 1894 meant a great deal for in the spring of that year the water flooded the city and was very hard to control.

Just how high it will get this season remains to be seen, but many

OOZE AND MUD KEEP FAMILIES FROM SHELTER

RECEDING WATERS SHOW CONDITIONS IN INDIANAPOLIS AS THEY EXIST.

GARRISON VISITS DAYTON

Wabash Valley Is in Danger and Ohio River Generally Reported to Be Serious Menace to Hundreds of People—Warnings Issued and People Are Seeking Higher Points for Safety.

Indianapolis, March 29.—Receding waters have revealed here that only the flimsiest homes in West Indianapolis are destroyed. The homes left standing are filled with mud and ooze and are uninhabitable. The situation is greatly improved, the state not only caring for its own victims but aiding the sufferers in Ohio. The damage to railroads and interurban lines in Indianapolis is fixed at \$40,000,000. The losses to homes and mercantile concerns is estimated at \$40,000,000. The state board of health is working to prevent an epidemic and clear cold weather is aiding it.

Garrison at Dayton.

Cincinnati, March 29.—Secretary of War Garrison and General Wood arrived by special train today and left for Dayton in automobiles. The secretary has advised President Wilson that he is not needed.

Thirty-one corpses have been recovered at Hamilton and 29 identified. Rescuers predict the fatalities will not exceed 80 in that city.

All wires are down in the Wabash valley below Terre Haute and the flood conditions at Vincennes, Evansville and nearby points are unknown. Residents in low-lying districts, however, have been warned in time to flee to higher ground.

Ohio River at Flood Stage.

Akron, O., March 29.—A company of militia has been rushed to Athens and to Middletown and Pomeroy where the Ohio river is on a rampage and has already broken the flood records. Hundreds are in imminent danger.

Of the old timers admit that conditions are very good for a siege of high water in this valley.

Of course since 1894 there has been much improvement made in the river and proper precautions have been taken to direct the course of the water so that floods would be as near as possible averted.

Should the logs get loose at the Grande Ronde Lumber company boom there is no question as to results for it is very likely they would come down with such force that the bulkheads at Oro Dell would be removed which would give the flood waters free access to this side of the tracks and probably would register another high water mark in the valley's history.

The Grande Ronde is cutting around the Perry dam this afternoon, between the dam and the mountain side. The probable extent of the damage is not announced. Road Supervisor Campbell is this afternoon giving his attention to it.

MORGAN AGAIN ILL.

Is Confined to his Hotel in Rome Again.

Rome, March 29.—As a result last night of a relapse in his recent illness J. P. Morgan is confined to his bed in a hotel here. He declared his condition is not serious.

PROMPT ACTION ALONE WILL PREVENT A PESTILENCE

Dayton, March 29.—Quick work will be necessary in Dayton to prevent pestilence, following the flooding of streets by polluted water and the heaping of disease breeding debris. Assistance of outside sanitation experts is required. Undertakers have asserted that 800 are dead and yesterday's estimates were too low by hundreds.

Digging in the wreckage is proceeding rapidly. Mayor Phillips now believes that the long deathlist would have been prevented had the city council granted a request that the Miami river be dredged.

Bonds to Be Issued.
The city council is to issue emergency bonds to provide funds to buy food and supplies and to care for

the homeless. The mayor is loud in his praise of the work done by Patterson, the National Cash Register company president sentenced to prison for violation of the trust law. The governor has likewise praised him and a movement has been started for executive clemency but this Patterson, although 70 years old, refuses to accept.

Sister Helen of the Notre Dame convent saved 70 by throwing lines to the debris from her window and pulling the refugees ashore. All are safe in that institution.

At 10 o'clock 74 bodies had been recovered and 25 identified.

It is feared that some of the flood building will collapse. Rescuers everywhere in Dayton estimate the dead as below 200.

BRIGHT YEAR DAWNS FOR LOCAL COMMERCIAL AND BUILDING LINES

On every side the prosperous year for La Grande is apparent. There is no longer any guessing on the outcome; there is no longer conjecture as to whether there will be the best building year the city has ever experienced.

As a further evidence of this fact a representative for the Observer called on the La Grande Investment company today and found the following sales just closed:

G. A. Grip of this city has purchased an acre in the highly Grandview addition. He bought lot 13 which is a very desirable location. The investment company has increased the selling price of acre tracts in this addition to \$1,000.

Carl Rabehl has purchased two lots on North Second street located between the Knutson and Murray residences and will begin at once the construction of a modern bungalow.

Mr. Rabehl and wife have traveled over the northwest a great deal of late. A short time ago he accepted a position as millwright for the Palmer Lumber company. When the people here voted to build a school house on the north side, he immediately began negotiations for property, and to use his own language, "the people of La Grande should appreciate what a

good little city they have. It is good enough for me and here I shall stay."

Mrs. A. M. Birdsall has purchased a house and one-half acre of ground in the Pleasant Home addition which lies near the old Sugar company factory site.

A. L. Pennewell bought two lots in block 144 of Chaplin's addition and has a fine new house started.

A. E. Denning also thought well of block 144 and purchased two lots in it. He has a fine room cottage well under construction at the present time.

Lars Johnson bought two lots in block 143 of Chaplin's addition and has commenced the erection of a five room cottage.

Maggie Monael is building a handsome six room residence on six lots in block 144 of Chaplin's addition she recently purchased from this company.

"And this is but a starter of what is in process of sale," said J. K. Wright of the Investment company. "I never have seen a year when everything looked so good for this city."

"Eat what you like," says Dr. Woods Hutchinson. "Can't it cost too much."

AMBASSADOR AND MRS. WILSON, LOCATED AT MEXICO CITY



Diplomat, who is subjected to criticism by certain Mexicans, for his action during the recent trouble in Mexico City and subsequent North Mexico revolution, and his wife. Both were popularly praised for their work until the past day or two when the American is being criticised by disgruntled Maderistas.

ELGIN HEADS COUNTY GIFTS WITH OVER \$200

CARLOAD OF POTATOES AND MAYBE TRAINLOAD, TO BE SENT EAST.

CASH DONATIONS GROWING

Elgin Sets Mark of \$250 for Flood Sufferers and Local Donations Spring Forward After Commencement of Systematized Donation Plan Last Evening—Apples May Be Included in Shipments.

Headed by a cash subscription of \$250 from the citizenship of Elgin, a great outpouring of supplies and cash is going to the flood-stricken districts of Indiana and Ohio from Union county today. Since the announcement of the Observer last evening that it would compile and send donations, and that local common carriers would transport it free of charge, there has been loosening of purse strings in plenty. Already a carload of Grande Ronde potatoes are being loaded by the La Grande Investment company for the sufferers and it is probable that a trainload will be sent out of here before Monday by local potato growers. This movement was set in motion today and is rapidly spreading. Commencing with a \$5.00 donation from a local lady this morning before eight o'clock \$5.00 and \$10.00 donations have been coming in rapidly.

Elgin's Gift Big.

Last night \$250 was sent out from Elgin carrying the name of Mayor Fred Smith as the compiler of the moneys. This substantial lift was the first big donation to leave Eastern Oregon and was quickly followed by a liberal series of donations today. While cash is needed in the suffering district, food is also required.

Before tonight it is likely that the trainload scheme will have been completed and it is also planned to have several carloads of apples in this trainload shipment.

It is only during the past few days that the enormity of the situation has commenced to dawn, during the early press dispatches citizens of the west felt that there might be a tendency toward overdraw of actual conditions but this has since proved to be a false hope except in the actual number of dead.

The O. W. and the American Express companies are carrying forward smaller donations in the way of food and clothing. Union county will, ere two more days have elapsed, sent, without doubt the greatest quantity of food stuffs and money of any county outside of Multnomah in this state.

Donations From La Grande Today

Sam Silverblatt, Sommer hotel guest	\$ 10.00
Miss Dorothy Goldbloom, representative Spirella Corset company	5.00
Dr. Upton H. Gibbs	5.00
Dr. Lane	5.00

THE FIRST BALL GAME.

North Side Teams Battle in Rain for First Honors.

The first game of the season was played this afternoon by Alford's and Prices' teams both of the North side. Although played on a muddy field the game was fast resulting in a score of 8 to 7 in favor of Alford's team.