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## OHIO AND INDIANA FLOODED

### Miami River Levees Break and Dayton Ohio is Flooded with Great Loss of Life.

Columbus, Ohio, March 25.—Fire is sweeping Dayton this afternoon and its residents are meeting death in the flames, according to information received by Governor Cox here.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon the governor announced his determination to reach Dayton with state troops and assistance, regardless of cost. He plans to send a train to Cleveland, and from there to Toledo, hoping to reach Piqua or Troy from that city. He hopes to send the militia and supplies and newspaper men into Dayton by boats from Troy.

Columbus, Ohio, March 25.—"The deaths in Dayton may reach 2000. It is the worst calamity since the Galveston flood." This alarming message was received here this afternoon by Governor Cox from George Burba, the governor's private secretary, who wired from Springfield.

"The river at Dayton," the message added, "is four miles wide. I cannot get anywhere near the city. It is awful. The water is up to the second story of the Phillips House."

At 2 o'clock this afternoon Governor Cox was notified that Zanesville, Ohio, is in danger of immediate destruction. The situation, the message said, could not be worse. Frantic appeals for aid were included in the telegram.

Washington, March 26.—The flood waters in Indiana and Ohio will be augmented by continued rains, according to the forecast issued here this afternoon by the government weather bureau.

Reports received from Pittsburg say that the Allegheny river there is rising at an alarming rate.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 25.—Ten thousand families are homeless in Indiana today as the result of the worst flood in the history of the state. The property loss runs into the millions and all industry, including transportation facilities, is suspended.

Four persons are known to have drowned. Other large sections of the state are affected.

Some of the largest cities in the state will be in darkness tonight, the flood waters of various rivers putting electric light and water plants out of commission. The floods follow a two days' downpour which was general in

Indiana as well as in the adjoining states.

Kokomo, Ind., March 25.—Eight feet of water are on the streets in the lowlands here. A thousands homes are submerged and their inhabitants are perched upon the roofs of their dwellings, waiting for aid. Practically all boats in the city were swept away and the people in the flood district are marooned and foodless. Damage to the extent of \$1,000,000 was done here. Enormous damage was done by the floods in Peru, Indiana, nearby.

Terre Haute, Ind., March 25.—With the Wabash river already three feet over the danger line and raising at the rate of six inches hourly, Terre Haute, barely recovered from Sunday's cyclone, today faces one of the worst floods in its history. The flood waters already have driven 2,000 persons from their homes at Taylorville, a suburb.

### Medford Boy Attempts Suicide.

Lloyd Wolgamott, a sixteen year old boy attempted to commit suicide Monday afternoon, because of worry over the condition of Jimmie Collins, a boy friend, whom he accidentally stabbed in the leg while engaging in a friendly scuffle Sunday.

Wolgamott is employed by Mayor Eifert in his tailor shop, and to make the attempt it was necessary for the lad to wrap a piece of leather around a .32 shell to make it fit in an old .38 calibre revolver. This he did without detection, and while Mayor Eifert, A. A. Flynn, and Dr. Porter were talking he slipped into the back room and pulled the trigger.

Following a muffled report he staggered into the room, saying: "Mr. Eifert, I've shot myself." He then fell face down upon the floor.

Recently Wolgamott has been under the guidance of the mayor and Prosecutor Kelley, and has been making a gallant and successful effort retrieve prestige he lost in boyish pranks. He feared that the accidental stabbing of his boy friend would hurt his standing with these two men and it preyed on his mind. Wolgamott was proud of the record he was making, and during the last two or three months has been industrious and painstaking.

The bullet struck in the left shoulder and is merely a flesh wound. Unless complications arise he will recover shortly. Jimmy Collins, over whom he worried to distraction is also on the road to recovery, though weak from loss of blood, the knife severing the femoral artery.—Sun.

## TRUE BILL AGAINST MILLAR

### Indictments Also Found Against the Medford Saloons.

Councilman George Millar, facing immorality charges brought by Chief of Police Hittson, was indicted by the grand jury Saturday morning on a count charging selling liquor to minors. Indictments were also returned against the proprietors of all Medford's saloons on counts alleging violations of the liquor laws. Upon this work the greater part of the last week was consumed.

As witnesses against Councilman Millar were a number of high school boys, who testified, it is said, before the grand jury on the conduct of the Manhattan cafe. These witnesses led the way to the bringing to light of the entire evidence and resulted in the indictment of all. Bonds were furnished for the appearance were returned.

The return of the indictments against the saloons was a complete surprise and unexpected. Coming on the eve of the city election, they were used to advantage by the opponents of the administration. City Attorney Boggs is blamed in some quarters for the result. Liquor men announced Saturday that they would fight the indictments to the highest courts.—Sun.

### Joy Rides Condemed.

Washington, March 24.—The whipping post for white slavers and seducers of women, more careful training of children and the abolition of joy rides and ragtime dancing were advocated as the remedies for the social evil at the hearing today conducted by the Illinois senatorial vice commission, which came to Washington primarily to interest President Wilson in a nation-wide vice crusade.

The commission secured the promise of President Wilson to consider the request for him to call a conference of governors and representatives of the vice commissions of various states to study the social problem, the conference to be held in Washington as soon as possible.

At the hearing attended by prominent women and men interested in social welfare the low wage question as the cause of girls going wrong was discussed, several witnesses decrying such an idea.

Under the questioning of Lieutenant Gover O'Hara of Illinois, the witnesses admitted that higher wages for working women would better equip them to resist evil.

## 200 PEOPLE KILLED

### In Omaha Cyclone Sunday night. Many Injured. Property Loss \$10,000,000.

Omaha, Neb., March 24.—Two hundred dead and \$10,000,000 loss in Omaha alone is the toll taken by the worst tornado which ever visited Nebraska, according to declarations at 11 o'clock today by Mayor John Delhman, Governor Morehead and Commissioner Ryder. These predictions were made after the three officials had toured the devastated sections in an automobile. It was also admitted that these figures might be increased later in the day. The estimates above do not include the dead at Ralston, a suburb, or in Council Bluffs, Iowa, just across the Missouri river from here.

Latest reports from Council Bluffs say that four more bodies had been taken from homes in the storm's path. This brings the list of known dead there up to 12. It is now believed that the tornado went further east than was at first reported, causing more fatalities than earlier advices indicated.

A canvass of every tornado insurance company here leads to the belief that the \$10,000,000 loss is covered by only \$50,000 insurance. This is partly due to the Indian prophecy that Omaha was immune from cyclones. The residents of the city had placed great confidence in this prediction, and carried but little insurance. The city frequently has been visited by high winds, but never before suffered serious damage.

More than 100,000 grief-stricken and hysterical persons assailed every source of information today for assurances that relatives and friends are safe.

Two babies were picked up and blown away from the Child Saving institute, on the west side, where foundlings are cared for. This institution was in the storm's path. Others were found dead piled in heaps on the floor. One child, called Thelma, was found dead a block away. The other, a little girl named Cynthia is still missing. Nearly everybody in the institution was injured, some seriously; others escaped with slight bruises.

Omaha's telephone girls proved themselves heroines. Not a girl deserted her post, remaining with the receivers glued to their ears, sending all calls for assistance and doing yeoman service. So far as known none of the operators were injured.

Linemen are busy today repairing the wrecked lines. The Webster telephone exchange on the north side was the center of rescue activities, physicians, army officers, nurses and soldiers receiving duty calls from there. About 175 girls were at work there when the storm struck. They continued at their post while windows were shattered and while they themselves were showered by broken glass.

One hundred and sixty-nine buildings were razed in Omaha, divided as follows: Houses 153, churches 11, and schools 5.

More than 200 other houses were badly damaged. At a special meeting this afternoon, Mayor Dahlman and the city commissioners appropriated \$25,000 for the relief of the sufferers.

A thorough inspection this afternoon confirmed the report that the property damaged here would reach \$10,000,000. The storm area here was six blocks wide and nearly every house in its path was razed or badly damaged.

Bodies of victims were found today hundreds of yards from where the wind struck. The cries of injured persons drew rescuers to many different points simultaneously.

The cyclone caused many freak accidents. Some houses were unscathed while others adjoining were crumpled like eggshells. In one section of the city the lower story of a house was demolished, the upper part settling in its place. Trees were wrenched up by the roots and driven through brick buildings.

After the storm, throngs of people stood on the streets and wept as they watched firemen and the police bearing out corpses of relatives from the debris. In one part of the city four members of one family were buried in burning wreckage but all were saved by the firemen.

A heavy rain which followed the cyclone saved many buildings threatened with destruction by fire.

### Will Endeavor to Set Aside Deed

County Judge Tou Velle announced Wednesday that he has issued instructions to Prosecuting Attorney E. E. Kelly to bring suit in the circuit court to set aside a deed given by Mrs. Mar-

Carpenter of Phoenix to a married daughter, now absent from the state, on the ground that the deed was secured through fraud.

Mrs. Carpenter is 78 years of age and is paralyzed. She lives with her son, who is also paralyzed and unable to move. Through a pension from Uncle Sam and a monthly sum from the county they are able to live.

A few months ago, when Mrs. Carpenter was first paralyzed, a married daughter is said to have induced her mother to sign a deed, pretending it was something else. The matter was recently called to the attention of County Judge Tou Velle, who will have Mr. Kelly take up the case.—Tribune.

### Grand Jury Report.

The grand jury in its report submitted the following regarding the recorder's office:

"The recorder is very much cramped for both office and vault space. His vault is narrow, possibly 5x10 and 9 to 10 feet high. One side is fitted with book racks. Every bit of space is filled. Twelve or fifteen volumes of deed and mortgage records lying on the floor; also several large volumes of plat records standing on edge, the covers becoming warped and broken. The vault does not appear to be fire-proof."

Regarding the sheriff's office the report says:

"In the sheriff's office we find great congestion of work, caused principally by the work incidental to tax collection. The jail is clean and sanitary, and is a credit to the present management."

"We find that Mr. Gardner has a large fine room and vault with desks and filing cases, ample desk room, and a new counter that adds greatly to the service of the office. Apparently there is a place for everything, and everything is in its place. The recent cleaning of the walls has added to the attractiveness of the rooms."

"We have also visited the County Treasurers' office and the Assessor's office and find everything apparently in first-class condition."

"In the wood house we find many old records, some of which are of vital importance to the affairs of the county and which should be better cared for."

"The toilets, both ladies and gents, we find in a deplorable condition. We recommend that these be kept clean and sanitary."

"The woodwork and walls of the court room and some of the offices would be much improved by a coat of paint or calcimine."

### Ashland Visited by Fire.

Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed the two story Throne rooming house and one story Wilson cleaning establishment at Ashland Monday night. Had it not been for the fact that there was an inch of snow on the nearby buildings it is thought the fire would have gained dangerous headway. As it was the flames mounted high in the air and attracted attention from all over the countryside.

The Throne rooming house was owned by Henry L. White, who carried but \$300 insurance. A Mrs. Mahan had been running the place as restaurant and rooming house and her loss in fixtures is quite heavy. The smaller building, in the rear of which the fire is believed to have started, belonged to E. L. Hackett and was occupied by M. D. Wilson. Quantities of gasoline and benzine stored there are supposed to have given the fire added headway. The Van Sant rooming house, next door, several times was ablaze and was slightly damaged by water. The blaze was discovered at 8:30 o'clock Monday evening.—Sun.

### Kills Wild Cat With Hat Pin.

Santa Monica, Cal., March 23.—Attacked by an enormous wildcat in Topanga canyon, near here, Miss Alm-Judah killed the beast with a hatpin after she had sustained severe lacerations of the face, arms and body, according to information brought here today by a doctor who attended her.

After her battle with the cat, which ended when she rammed the hatpin through its eye into its brain, Miss Judah fainted. She was found an hour later by companions.

### Nearly Sing Hosan-na

According to word received here, Sing Hosan, the Beaver Hill Chiraman pugilist and Will Gaffney, formerly of North Bend, fought a fifteen round draw at Pendleton, Oregon, this week. It is stated that Sing Hosan almost put Gaffney out in the tenth round.—Marshfield Record.

## BLAZE AT MEDFORD

### Robert Fryear Loses Property in Night Fire.

A blaze started late last night at the residence of Robert Fryear on Vancouver avenue, which resulted in the destruction of the house by the flames which had gained too much headway by the time the fire department had arrived to save the building.

The residence was a two-story construction and had just been occupied by the Fryear family only a few weeks. No one was at the home when the blaze started, and how the fire started is unknown. The loss was estimated at \$500.

Considerable delay was made by the fire department in reaching the place, owing to the long run which was made around by the Jackson street bridge, by reason of the non-paving of the Bear creek. The house was a mass of flames when the department arrived.—Sun.

### 30 Killed at Terre Haute, Ind.

Terre Haute, Ind., March 24.—Up to noon today twenty bodies had been removed from the wreckage wrought by yesterday's tornado, and it is now estimated that the total dead here will reach thirty. 150 were injured and 130 homes wrecked.

The cyclone took a northeasterly course against Terre Haute, razing buildings and putting the electric light plant out of commission. The city was in darkness after the storm last night but very little looting was reported. Hundreds of citizens volunteered to aid the police in patrolling the streets, and their offers were accepted. All the public schools have been turned into hospitals.

Reports received here today say that many were killed by storms in Heath Vigo county. While it was reported there had been fatalities in Perth, later advices say no one was killed.

Prairieton, a village of 400 persons six miles from here, was destroyed by cyclone. It is impossible to learn the fatalities there as the roads are impassable.

### New Grand Jury Selected.

The March term of the Circuit court opened in this city Monday, Judge F. M. Calkins presiding. A large amount of criminal and civil cases are to be disposed of.

The first business to come before the court was the selection of a grand jury. The following men were chosen: W. M. Petri, Joseph Mayfield, J. C. Calvert, Geo. W. Dean, Frank Schutte, J. T. Dodge, Frank Nichol. The grand jury immediately adjourned until October 29. They are subject to a call of the court however.

The grand jury which completed its work last Saturday investigated 33 matters and examined 76 witnesses at the last term. They returned 25 true bills and five not true bills.

### Pioneer of Applegate Dies.

Albert W. Sturgis, aged 78 years, 3 months and 5 days, died at his home, one mile west of Ruch, Saturday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock of heart trouble. He was a native of New York and had been a resident of Jackson county for sixty years, crossing the plains when a boy with ox teams. He was one of the oldest pioneers of the Rogue River valley and had lived for years on his ranch on the Applegate.

He leaves a wife, Pauline Sturgis, two sons, Fred of Elk creek, and Riley of Harney county, Oregon, and one daughter, Mrs. J. J. Ossenruggie of Ruch.

The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon. Burial in the Jacksonville cemetery.

### "Port of Rogue River."

Marshfield, Ore., March 25.—Plans are being discussed for the formation of another port district in Curry county by the people of the Rogue river for the purpose of improving the mouth of that river. The plan as proposed is to take in a large territory of the country around Rogue river. It is probable that a special election will soon be called to let the people vote on the subject.

A port district was formed at Port Orford some time ago, but little was done as it was fought by some of the timber owners whose property was brought within the territory of the district, and the commissioners elected represent the faction which is not in favor of making any improvements.

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