

FEAR FLOOD EQUAL TO THAT OF 1884

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RAILWAY TRACKS COVERED

On Many Streets of Louisville Water

Is Entering Second Stories—Refugees Are Suffering Severely From the Cold Weather.

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 20.—The Ohio river has been stationary since 8 P. M. and at midnight stands at 93 feet. It is thought that the crest of the flood has been reached. Many frame buildings in the lower parts of the city have collapsed.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 20.—With the Ohio relentlessly pouring its flood southward and maintaining a steady rise of an inch an hour, Kentucky streams continuing their mad career from the mountain regions, a high wind blowing up stream all day, damaging shipping and preventing the rapid passing of the current, Louisville tonight faces a flood situation which promises to equal before the crest is passed, the stage of 1884, the greatest flood ever known to the city.

Thousands of people are homeless and are housed in school buildings, warehouses, and other structures. Factories in this city, Jeffersonville and New Albany are closed, throwing hundreds of people out of work; stocks of merchandise in the business houses along the river front are ruined, and many small houses and their contents toppled over into the water.

Damage Is Quarter Million.

A conservative estimate of the damage done, with the crest of the flood yet two days off, is \$250,000. Streetscars in several parts of the city are entirely stopped, while trains on nearly all the railroads are arriving from three to 16 hours late.

Late this afternoon, the brakewater from Bear Grass Creek forced its way out of its banks at Broadway and was soon spreading over the Louisville & Nashville tracks. This district is within a few blocks of a fashionable residence section.

The water is within two feet of the Seventh-street station, which is the terminal of the Illinois Central, Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern, Big Four, and Chesapeake & Ohio. The tracks of the Illinois Central, the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern and Southern railroads are two feet from the water.

All last night, at the "cut-off," where the greatest danger was supposed to center, men were on duty to watch for a break. The levee withstood the pressure, but at daylight the rapidly increasing flood drove the watchers from their position and the water began to pour over the embankment into the homes of the city, known as "The Point." Between 100 to 150 houses occupy that portion of Louisville.

Part of City an Inland Sea. All day long the water poured over the embankment a foot deep, and quickly seeking its level, inundated the houses, the majority of the poorer residence section into a vast inland sea. Melwood avenue, from Sixteenth street to the Country Club, is under water, which in some places is entering the second stories.

The scene in Shippingport, in the western end of the city, is one of desolation. Here the water covered the houses, not only to the first and second floors, but in some instances to the chimneys. Thousands of people abandoned their homes in this section two days ago, and the majority were unable to take any of their effects with them, as it is impossible to secure enough boats and men to effect the removal. Last night a wind toppled over several houses and the waters today carried them with their contents down stream.

The cold weather is causing much suffering among the people who are being sheltered in public school buildings, warehouses and other places. The city officials have the situation well in hand and are feeding all the sufferers who are unable to provide for themselves.

SUFFERERS NUMBER 20,000

Cincinnati Churches Give Money for Aid of Flood Victims. CINCINNATI, Jan. 20.—Colder weather and a gale today increased the suffering of thousands who had been made homeless by the Ohio River floods. A number of buildings weakened by the water went down by the wind last night and today.

Several floors in the building occupied by A. Janisse, wholesale grocer, and the Ohio Bottling Company, collapsed. Both buildings were heavily stored with merchandise in the upper stories. The loss will be very heavy. The flooded area was increased today. For several hours the river was stationary at 64.8 feet, but the weather bureau officials announced during the afternoon that reports indicated that the river here would go up at least to 66 and 67 feet within the next 26 hours.

off approach to the footbridges across the Ohio, isolating most of the people on the Kentucky side of the river. Ludlow and Brownlee were suffering from the backwaters.

Systematic efforts to relieve the sufferers, who are estimated at nearly 20,000 in Cincinnati and the nearby cities on both sides of the river, were under way all day, the appropriation by the City Council being supplemented by special funds to which all the churches contributed today.

Part of Parkersburg was under water and the railroads were in trouble. Almost the entire section of Portsmouth and part of the residence district was flooded, while 16,000 people driven from their homes were sheltered in schools and churches.

At Madison, Ind., hundreds have been driven from their homes by the water. In Aurora, Ind., 1500 are homeless. RIVER WAS NEVER SO HIGH

Damage to Trolley Lines on Bank of Niagara Nearly \$200,000. NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Jan. 20.—Water in the Niagara River gorge is at the highest point it has ever been. Nearly two miles of roadbed, tracks and trolley wires of the electric road which runs along the water's edge have been washed away and the railroad has suffered damage of nearly \$200,000.

Ohio Still Rising. CAIRO, Ill., Jan. 20.—The river tonight reached a stage of 35 feet and is steadily rising. A crest of 49 feet is predicted by the weather bureau of this city, and a vast area will be inundated if this prediction comes true.

Lake Shore Train Wrecked. ADRIAN, Mich., Jan. 20.—The south-bound Lake Shore passenger, which left here at 9:45 P. M., is reported wrecked at Regine, with four coaches off the track. It is said that one person was killed and a number injured.

Water Rising at Grand Rapids. GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Jan. 20.—Hurricane force winds blowing are flooding tonight. Grand River is steadily rising. It is expected the main street will be under water by Tuesday.

Hurricane Destroys Cooktown. BRISBANE, Queensland, Australia, Jan. 20.—There was a terrific hurricane here Monday night and Tuesday, which laid the greater part of Cooktown in ruins. There were no fatalities.

Cincinnati Foundries Burned. CINCINNATI, Jan. 20.—Fire today destroyed the establishments of the Hill & Griffith Company and the William Reser Company, foundries, causing losses estimated at over \$400,000.

Waters Falling at Pittsburgh. PITTSBURGH, Jan. 20.—Flood conditions in the Allegheny and Monongahela Rivers were considerably improved today. The waters are falling in both rivers.

ICE BREAKS MOORINGS OF BOATS ON COLUMBIA. Mata Hover and Elenore Swept Down River Toward Dangerous Rapids.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—Madly careening down stream without a soul aboard, the Columbia River steamer Mata Hover and the steam ferry Elenore are heading toward the dangerous Umatilla rapids, where both will probably be dashed to pieces on the reefs.

They broke away from their moorings at Hover last night. Captain Fred Landy, owner of the Mata C. Hover, is leading a party to intercept the craft, but the attempt is regarded as a forlorn hope. The vessels are valued at \$7000 and the Hover is insured for \$2500.

Sawmills Resume Operations. ASTORIA, Jan. 20.—(Special.)—The Olds Mill, Tongue Point Mill and the Glad Oregon Lumber Company's mill at Warrenton, which have been closed down for several days on account of the freeze-up, will resume operations tomorrow morning.

Rain Falls at Aberdeen. ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 20.—(Special.)—A heavy storm of rain prevailed last night and today obliterated all snow and ice. The weather has greatly improved.

Decide Against Arredondo. SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 20.—The Board of Immigrant Inspectors, before whom Juan Jose Arredondo, the Mexican revolutionist, was tried to determine whether or not he is qualified to become a citizen of the United States, decided to recommend that the man be deported.

DAVIS SAYS BRITISH GOVERNMENT WELL IN HAND.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Rear-Admiral Davis, at Kingston, in his report on the situation in the stricken city, under date of Saturday, announces that the Jamaican authorities declined his offer to send a detachment of British troops to the hospital, to aid the police in clearing away the debris and burying the dead, but that later, by request, he landed blue-jackets to prevent an alleged mutiny at the penitentiary (since withdrawn), and that he had a party guarding the Consulate.

West Indian regiment and the Insular Constabulary are feeling better. The United States and Great Britain. They, however, reiterate expressions of gratitude for the invaluable services of the American surgeons and landing parties.

Kingston Widely Protesting. According to the Daily Mail's Kingston correspondent the people of Kingston are widely protesting against the withdrawal of the American troops, as there is a great need of food and still greater need of medical aid.

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prompt and generous assistance the United States rendered, when it was impossible, owing to their distance from the scene, for British warships to go to the rescue.

What seems much less debatable is that Governor Swettenham acted entirely on his own initiative. The last dispatches, Secretary for the Colonies, Lord Elgin, to Governor Swettenham, which was dated January 18, gave the Governor full liberty of action. It was as follows:

ment sent any subsequent instructions modify this attitude. As a possible explanation, Governor Swettenham has acted under the strain of nervous excitement, through being overworked by his recent painful experiences.

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