



FIRE ADDS TO FLOOD HORROR IN DAYTON, O

Flames Leap Open Spaces and Many Whom River Spared Lose Lives.

HOTEL HOUSING 200 BURNS

Beckel House, Mile From Nearest Point Where Boats Dare Venture, Goes.

MAROONED PEOPLE SUFFERING

Cries for Food and Water Are Heard by Boatmen.

DAM THREATENS TO BREAK

Greatest Need of City Is Dozen Motorboats and Men to Run Them. Fierce Current Continues to Retard Efforts.

DAYTON, O., March 27 (2:00 A. M.)

The fire in the business section was still burning fiercely this morning. It seems to have changed its general direction from northeast to straight west. Efforts to ascertain if buildings housing refugees have been burned were in vain. It was impossible to approach closer than a mile to the blaze.

At 1:15 A. M. a state guardman shot and killed a man attempting to loot the homes on Fifth street.

DAYTON, O., March 26 (11:20 P. M.)—That a fierce fire which appeared to be sweeping through the half-submerged business district of Dayton late tonight had destroyed the Beckel House, where there were supposed to be more than 200 flood refugees, was the consensus of opinion of scores of watchers on top of the National Cash Register building, nearly two miles from the scene of the flames.

Investigation of the fire at close range was an impossibility. More than a mile of flood water intervened between the point where the staunchest boats dared to venture and the area of flames.

Chemicals Add to Flames. Traced by aid of maps, it appeared that the Beckel House was destroyed at some time after 10 o'clock.

Whether the scores of refugees supposed to have been there tried to escape was only a matter of conjecture. At midnight residents, watching the course of the flames from across the stretch of flood waters believed the fire got a new start this afternoon in the store of the Patterson Tool & Supply Company, on Third street, just east of Jefferson, whence it ate its way west, apparently aided by escaping gas and exploding chemicals in two wholesale drug establishments.

The fire, which had died down at sunset, sprang up again at 9 P. M. from its origin in the rear of the Beckel building. The fire seemed to burn itself out about 8:30 but several hours later the flames apparently had jumped across flooded open spaces and it started up again more furiously than before and was spreading fast.

Many Fires Start During Day. Many fires started during the day. The block between Jefferson, St. Clair, Second and Third streets burned out. Two blocks of residences on West Third street, across the river, burned to the water. Bowman's bakery and the Pearl laundry building also burned to the water's edge. Among the business blocks burned are known to be those of the Fourth National Bank, Lattman Drug Company, Evans' Wholesale Drug Company and several commission houses.

Soon afterward notice was posted in the headquarters of the emergency committee announcing that the city was under martial law and several companies of soldiers arrived from neighboring Ohio cities. The soldiers were employed to patrol edges of the burning district and prevent further looting of homes freed from the flood's grip. Up to a late hour tonight there had been no material disorder.

Fate of Hundreds in Doubt. Rescue squads worked frantically today to throw back the veil that hides the true story of the Dayton disaster—the number of dead. Late tonight the arrival of motorboats gave hope that by tomorrow the northern section of the city, now cut off by the Big Miami's impassable barrier, may be penetrated and then may be learned the fate of hundreds imprisoned by the torrent that poured down from the broken reservoir.

It was reported late tonight that

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MAYOR IS RESCUED FROM TOP OF POLE

DELAWARE, O., OFFICIAL HIMSELF IN NEED OF AID.

National Guardsmen Ordered to Shoot All Who Enter District Without Authority.

DELAWARE, Ohio, March 26.—Mayor Blease was rescued today from the top of a telephone pole to which he climbed to rescue others. Tonight Delaware is in great need of bread, as well as gasoline with which to cook.

The village of Stratford, five miles south, has been wiped out. The total population of 190, it is reported, has been drowned, but this has not been confirmed. Fifty are dead in Tiffin, it is also reported, and the village of Prospect, 10 miles to the north, is under water.

Company K, Fourth Regiment, O. N. G., in charge of the city, has been ordered to shoot persons who attempt to go into the flood district without authority.

Fifty homes have been washed away and 500 are homeless. The students of Ohio Wesleyan University organized volunteer rescue troops and worked incessantly. The homeless have been housed in the Y. M. C. A. and churches. All bridges across the river have been washed out.

CHICAGO MEN VISIT CITY

Montgomery Ward & Co. Seek Western Location.

For the purpose of examining possible sites for a branch office, warehouse and distributing center, Charles H. Thorne, treasurer of Montgomery, Ward & Co., the Chicago mail order house, was in Portland yesterday and announced the intention of his firm to invade the Pacific Coast.

Mr. Thorne, who is accompanied on his present trip by Charles D. Norton, vice-president of the First National Bank of New York, left last night for Seattle, but will return to Portland tomorrow morning. They already have visited California and inspected possible sites in San Francisco and Los Angeles. After their return to Chicago they probably will determine the location of their Coast plant.

Mr. Thorne and Mr. Norton were entertained at the Arlington Club last night by a number of Portland business men, many of whom quietly urged upon them the advantages of this city as a location for their business.

10,000 WOMEN REGISTER

Banker's Wife Gives Occupation as "Business Manager for Myself."

Mrs. Mary R. Thompson, widow of D. P. Thompson, a pioneer banker of Portland, registered as a Republican at the Courthouse yesterday. She gave her occupation as "business manager for myself," causing Mrs. Bettie M. Teal, wife of Joseph N. Teal, and her daughter, who accompanied her, to remark that this is literally true in Mrs. Thompson's case. Mrs. Teal registered as a Democrat, the politics of her husband.

With only 15 days, including today, left in which to register, barely 10,000 of 25,000 women eligible to vote have registered. Many women who are waiting till the last few days may find themselves caught in a bargain day rush. The registration clerks are anxious that the work should be distributed and thus save for themselves the inconvenience of a feverish final rush.

OKLAHOMA HAS BLIZZARD

Unusual Snow Storm Also Covering Northern Texas.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., March 26.—A storm of the blizzard type has been raging in Oklahoma since midnight and there is no indication of cessation. Snow has fallen to the depth of three inches and still is falling. Street car service is partly blocked and train service is slow.

DALLAS, Tex., March 26.—An unusually heavy snow storm has covered Northwest Texas, moving rapidly eastward. The storm swung south into sections where fields and gardens already are green. No serious damage was expected, as the temperature barely touched the freezing point.

WABASH TRAIN WRECKED

Firemen Killed and 15 Passengers Hurt Near St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, March 26.—The Wabash passenger train, No. 1, carrying Omaha and Kansas City sleepers, was wrecked tonight near Normandy, a few miles out of St. Louis.

The fireman was killed and it is reported the engineer was fatally hurt and that several coaches were overturned into a ditch.

Fifteen passengers were injured, although it is not known how seriously. The wreck was caused by water loosening the roots of a tree, which fell across the track. The dead fireman was O. W. Butts, of Moberly, Mo.

MISSISSIPPI NOW RISING

Memphis Weather Observer Tells Valley to Expect "Big River."

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 26.—"With such a volume of water coming into the Mississippi from above, people along the Mississippi River should prepare for a great flood," said the Memphis weather observer today.

"It will be a big river," said he. "I believe the flood stage will be reached at Memphis Thursday morning, if not before."

NIGHT COMES, BUT BRINGS NO COMFORT

Death Roll in Indiana Is Growing.

INDIANAPOLIS IS HARDEST HIT

Rescue of Persons Still in Peril Is Continued.

MEDICAL AID INADEQUATE

Governor Declines Help of War Department Until Own State Has Made Effort to Care for Its Sufferers.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 26.—Declaring that a crisis was upon the state, Governor Ralston tonight issued a proclamation calling upon the citizens of Indiana to contribute means for the necessities of the flood sufferers of the state.

The governor says the number of dead cannot now be approximated, but the loss of property will run into millions of dollars.

Hugh Dougherty, banker of Indianapolis, was made trustee to receive checks or drafts and Adjutant-General George W. McCoy was directed to receive food and clothing.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 26.—Night fell on flood-swept Indiana with small comfort in sight for its many thousand flood sufferers.

The most conservative reports from over the state estimate the loss of life at not fewer than 125 drowned, while persistent statements from various points indicate that more than that number may have perished in the high waters. It was impossible even to make a guess at the property damage.

The small army of relief workers in most of the cities are without the aid of public services.

Twelve Bodies in Single House. Advice from Peru, sent by telephone through South Bend late today, say that 12 bodies were recovered from a single house there and insist that the largest death figures for that city are not exaggerated.

The Peru death list is placed at from 50 to 150 still. At least 20 have perished in West Indianapolis, where the flood struck the foreign quarters and poorer homes with overwhelming suddenness last night.

Six deaths were reported from Fort Wayne, three from Newcastle, two from Lafayette, one from Rushville, one from Muncie, and five scattering, those being in addition to definite reports of deaths in several places yesterday.

Forty Dead in Franklin County. Communication established with Connersville, from where Governor Ralston Tuesday received frantic appeals for aid, brought definite information that at least 40 persons perished in Brookville, Franklin County, Monday.

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DEPOSITORS MAY BE PAID

Mary L. Day Offers to Liquidate Indebtedness of Idaho Bank.

WALLACE, Idaho, March 26.—(Special.)—Mary L. Day, millionaire mining operator of this city, and formerly director of the State Bank of Commerce, has offered to liquidate the remainder of the indebtedness of that institution, amounting to approximately \$150,000, which will enable the depositors in the defunct bank to be paid in full. Day owned only 30 shares of stock.

It is understood that as a part of the plan Mr. Day is to take over all of the remaining assets of the bank. These, he says, consist of timber leases in British Columbia, a claim of \$200,000 against the Lane Lumber Company and a claim of \$70,000 against B. F. O'Neil, former president of the bank, recently sentenced to the penitentiary for making a false report. The timber leases, Mr. Day declares to be of slow and doubtful value, and the claims against Barney O'Neil, he says, are of no value.

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PORTLAND STARTS ORGANIZED RELIEF

City Turns From Omaha to Flood Area.

FUNDS NOW ARE REQUESTED

Amount That Can Be Used Is Practically Unlimited.

APPEAL TO LODGEMEN OUT

Mayor Rushlight Designates Chamber of Commerce as Recipient of Money and Fraternal Bodies Work Through Own Orders.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL RECEIVE FUNDS FOR FLOOD SUFFERERS TODAY.

In response to the following urgent message received late last night from James M. Cox, Governor of Ohio, Mayor Rushlight has asked the Chamber of Commerce to begin receiving contributions for the relief of flood sufferers at once:

"I very much fear tonight that the damage and distress in Ohio is more than earlier advices indicated. Please wire us your contributions at once. It is badly needed. It is impossible by words to express the situation."

E. C. Gliner, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, will receive and account for all contributions at his office in the Commercial Club building, 69 Fifth street, and promptly forward them to Governor Cox or other officials authorized to receive them.

Now that the task of relieving sufferers at Omaha is well under way, the people of Portland have turned their attention to the greater and more pressing need for assistance in the flood-stricken districts of Ohio and Indiana.

Telegram were sent yesterday by Mayor Rushlight, the commercial organizations and societies and many private individuals offering financial aid. The Mayor has designated the Chamber of Commerce the recipient of the funds contributed by Portland people and the people of the surrounding country.

As thousands upon thousands of people are homeless there is pressing need for money. The amount that can be used in this worthy work is almost unlimited.

Fate of Many Unknown.

As the telegraph wire service between the flooded district and the outside world is badly crippled, few private messages are being received here and Portland relatives of persons living in the inundated states eagerly await news concerning them.

It may be several days or a week before anything like a complete death list will be available. Probably the list never will be complete. Whole families were wiped out and their bodies washed away by the torrents.

As fast as it is possible to gain accurate information Northwestern people

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OREGON TOWNS TO RUSH POTATOES

APPLES ALSO TO GO TO RELIEF OF AREA STRICKEN.

Hood River and Klamath Falls, Or., and North Yakima Prepare to Ship Products by Carloads.

HOOD RIVER, Or., March 26.—(Special.)—A large number of Hood River people from Ohio and Indiana has been frantically trying to get news from relatives in the flooded district today. With the exception of Iowa more people in the apple valley have come from Indiana flood-swept towns than any other section of the country.

The mother of Dr. Malcolm Bronson is in the flooded district of Dayton, O. W. H. Goodenough has a brother and other relatives in the same city. Neither is able to get in touch with relatives.

Hood River people are planning on sending back a carload of potatoes and apples to the flood-swept district.

NORTH YAKIMA, Wash., March 26.—(Special.)—North Yakima ranchers propose to donate three carloads of potatoes for people in Ohio flooded districts. The railroads have been asked to haul them free.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., March 26.—Klamath County today started three carloads of potatoes to flood sufferers of the East. Five more carloads will be shipped tomorrow and others will follow. Donations were made by potato growers who have 300 carloads rotting in warehouses in this city. One carload will be sent to each of the big cities in distress.

SERUM MAY BE GIVEN OUT

Dr. Friedmann Considers Instructing Physicians in Use.

NEW YORK, March 26.—The advisability of distributing for general use by physicians the tuberculin vaccine discovered by Dr. Frederick E. Friedmann was discussed today at a conference between the German specialist and several physicians, whose identity was not disclosed. Under a proposed plan, physicians from various parts of the country might be instructed in the Friedmann method of inoculating patients.

It was declared that Dr. Friedmann expressed eagerness to have others use his treatment so that a greater number of sufferers might be attended. Decision was held in abeyance, but an announcement may be made by the end of the week, it was said.

ALIMONY IS NOT ASKED

Mrs. Hussey-Hewlett Will Be Satisfied With Freedom.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 26.—(Special.)—Society circles of this city, Stockton and Portland will be interested in a suit for divorce filed here by Mrs. Adella J. Hussey-Hewlett, a former Portland society woman, against Harry Harper Hewlett, a well-known capitalist of Stockton, charging brutality, drunkenness, "joy riding," physical assault and failure to provide.

Mrs. Hewlett declares she is not seeking alimony, but wants only her freedom.

Mrs. Hewlett was formerly the wife of Charles Hussey, assistant cashier of the Merchants National Bank of Portland, who died in 1905. Young Hewlett has figured in several scandals which followed escapades in which automobile accidents brought his adventures to public notice.

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100-YEAR-OLD MAN COMES

Tobacco-User for 95 Years Will "Grow Up" With Portland.

DENVER, Colo., March 26.—(Special.)—One hundred years old, a tobacco-chewer for 95 years and on his way to Portland, where he will "grow up" with the country, is James H. Lee, a veteran of Lebanon, Kan., who is in Denver today.

Mr. Lee arrived in Denver with a good supply of his favorite tobacco. "Yes, I have used it for 95 years and now I am going out to Portland, Or., and grow up with the country," he said.

Mr. Lee will leave Denver within a few days and after stopping at a few of the cities between here and there will arrive in Portland about the first of the month.

TUG CUDAHY IS DISABLED

Lifesaving Crew and Tug Wallula Respond to Distress Signals.

ILWACO, Wash., March 26.—(Special.)—About 9:45 tonight distress signals were observed by the Cape Disappointment lifesaving crew, coming from the tug John A. Cudahy, which broke down off the Columbia River while returning from Nehalem, where she towed a barge to the scene of the Miami wreck. Word was sent by wireless to Astoria and the tug Wallula set out at 10:40 for the scene.

The Cape Disappointment lifesaving crew also left at the same time to render assistance. The Wallula reached the scene at 11:30 and took the Cudahy in tow.

CAUTION URGED ON POPE

Physicians Satisfied, but Enjoin Pontiff Against Taking Risks.

ROME, March 26.—Pope Pius X celebrated mass early this morning. He administered communion to the servants of the household.

Physicians in attendance expressed satisfaction with his condition. They, however, advised him to maintain caution.

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3000 PERISH; HALF MILLION ARE HOMELESS

Property Damage in Indiana and Ohio Estimated to Reach \$100,000,000

FIGURES MAY BE INCREASED

Railroads Running Through Stricken District Are Heaviest Sufferers.

DEVASTATED TOWNS CUT OFF

Telephone and Telegraph Communication Is Broken.

BRIDGES WASHED AWAY

Railways Converging in Indianapolis Damaged to Extent of \$25,000,000 in That City and Its Vicinity Alone.

CHICAGO, March 26.—

Three thousand people perished in the deluge that swept the northern half of the Ohio River valley today.

Probably 500,000 people were made homeless by the floods in Indiana and Ohio, and property damage in both states will be at least \$100,000,000.

These figures were compiled late 6:30 from reports received here from various points in the stricken district. Further reports may increase the number of dead, and it is unlikely that any decrease in the loss can be expected.

Estimates of Dead Revised.

Following are revised figures of the dead:

Ohio—Dayton, 2000; Piqua, 540; Delaware, 100; Middletown, 700; Sidney, 50; Hamilton, 12; Tipppecanoe, 3; Tiffin, 50; Fremont, 11; scattering, 200; total, 3066.

Indiana—Peru, 150; Newcastle, 3; Lafayette, 2; Indianapolis, 14; Noblesville, 2; scattering, 25; total, 198.

It was rumored in Indianapolis early today that 200 persons were drowned in West Indianapolis, but this number was later reduced to 14, though it was estimated early tonight that more than that had died.

Small Towns Also Suffer.

South of Indianapolis the flood is said to have caused death in several small towns and villages.

Fire at Dayton added to the financial loss caused by the flood. Early estimates, placing the damage in Ohio and Indiana at \$50,000,000, were revised to show tonight double that amount. Railroad officials were authorized for the statement that lines converging in Indianapolis would have to stand a loss of \$25,000,000 in that city and vicinity alone.

Railroads were chief sufferers from property damage. It was said tonight by engineers and construction bosses preparing repair trains for the flooded districts that strips of railroad more than half a mile long had been washed away in several places in Indiana. Concrete and iron bridges, their supports undermined, crumbled before the strength of the torrents hurled against them.

Only Two Railroads Open.

The loss through cessation of traffic cannot be estimated. Only two roads, the Michigan Central and the Lake Shore, maintained communication with New York over their lines, those farther south finding mile after mile of their right of way under a fathom of water.

Men and material are being rushed by the railroads to every accessible point where damage has been reported and active work will be begun as soon as the floods recede.

Telegraph and telephone lines all over the stricken district were down. Long distance telephone service to Toledo and Cleveland. Wires through Indiana were down in many places and many of the devastated towns were cut off from communication.

250,000 ARE WITHOUT SHELTER

Cox's Telegram to President Makes Estimate of Homeless Ones.

WASHINGTON, March 26.—The following telegram from Governor Cox, of Ohio, to President Wilson was received today:

"We have asked the Secretary of War this morning for tents, supplies, rations and physicians. In the name of humanity we ask that this be granted at the earliest possible moment. The situation in this state is critical. We believe that 250,000 people were unsheltered last night, and the indication

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