

FIRE IS ADDED TO DAYTON GALANITY

Soldiers Now Patrol Edges of Burning District to Prevent Looting.

DAM THREATENS TO BREAK

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

(Continued From First Page.) Several dead had been found in houses at Fifth and Eagle streets, but when rescuers worked their way into the partially submerged dwellings they found the flood prisoners weak from fright and hunger. Victims of the water's wrath suffered again today in a cold, smarting rain.

Refuge Found for 3000. Nevertheless rescue work went steadily on and about 3000 persons are housed in places of refuge tonight—the majority of them in buildings of the National Cash Register Company. At least \$5,000 persons are imprisoned in homes and in business buildings. It is feared their two days' imprisonment, with accompanying hunger and fright, have caused tremendous suffering.

The flood came with such suddenness that food supplies in homes were whisked away by the torrent in almost the flash of an eye. Skiffs skirted the edge of the flooded district attempting to furnish food to those whom it was impossible to rescue, but the fierce current retarded the work. Dayton practically was cut off from wire communication until late this afternoon. Then two wires into Cincinnati were obtained and operators plunged into great piles of telegrams from Dayton citizens, almost frantic in their desire to assure friends outside of their safety. Operators at opposite ends of the wires reported that thousands of telegrams were piled up at relay offices. These were from persons anxious over the fate of Dayton kinsmen.

People Beg From Windows. Two oarsmen who braved the current that swirled through the business section today reported that the water at the Algonquin Hotel, at the southwest corner of Third and Ludlow streets, was 15 feet deep. From windows in the hotels and business buildings hundreds of the marooned begged piteously for rescue and aid.

The oarsmen said they saw no bodies floating in the flood tide, but that many persons must have perished in the water's sudden rush through the streets. Oarsmen who worked in the outskirts of the business section tonight reported that 250 persons marooned in the Arcade building and 200 imprisoned in the Y. M. C. A. building were begging for water.

A shortage of provisions was threatened this afternoon, when it was reported many relief trains bound for Dayton from neighboring cities had been stopped by high water. Every grocer in the city had been "sold out" before noon. It was believed that the relief trains might creep in in the night.

Relief Expected at Daylight. Encouragement was received tonight in a message from the Mayor of Springfield, who said he was sending six big trucks loaded with provisions that should reach Dayton early tomorrow. With the arrival of motorboats tonight was hoped to begin at daylight distributing provisions.

Messages from the flood prisoners in the business district said children were being fed with milk, while their elders suffered from thirst. The oarsmen, who were called for tonight to man boats that will brave the dangerous currents tomorrow in an attempt to get food to the sufferers. A report that the dam above Dayton threatens to break added to the city's terror tonight. If the dam breaks it will pour a flood of water that will retard rescue work for days. Reports that Fire Chief Ramby lost his life while attempting to reach a floating house have not been confirmed.

Students Help Tame Roughs. A gang of roughs went through the southern part of the city late tonight, instructing the people to extinguish all lights for fear of a gas explosion, and then began raiding. University students from Cincinnati and the traffic officers dispersed them. "Our greatest need is a dozen motorboats and men to run them," a sentence in an appeal sent out by J. H. Patterson, president of the National Cash Register Company and chairman of the relief committee, gives a good insight into the flood situation. Skiffs and rowboats cannot live in the torrents rushing through the city's principal streets.

The big plant of the National Cash Register Company in the southwestern part of the city, the portion least affected, has been made relief headquarters until a system insuring a quick and accurate identification of refugees has been established. As persons are rescued they are offered up to several sub-relief stations, where their names are recorded and they receive first aid. At frequent intervals these lists were sent to relief headquarters and announced to crowds who waited in the rain for hours.

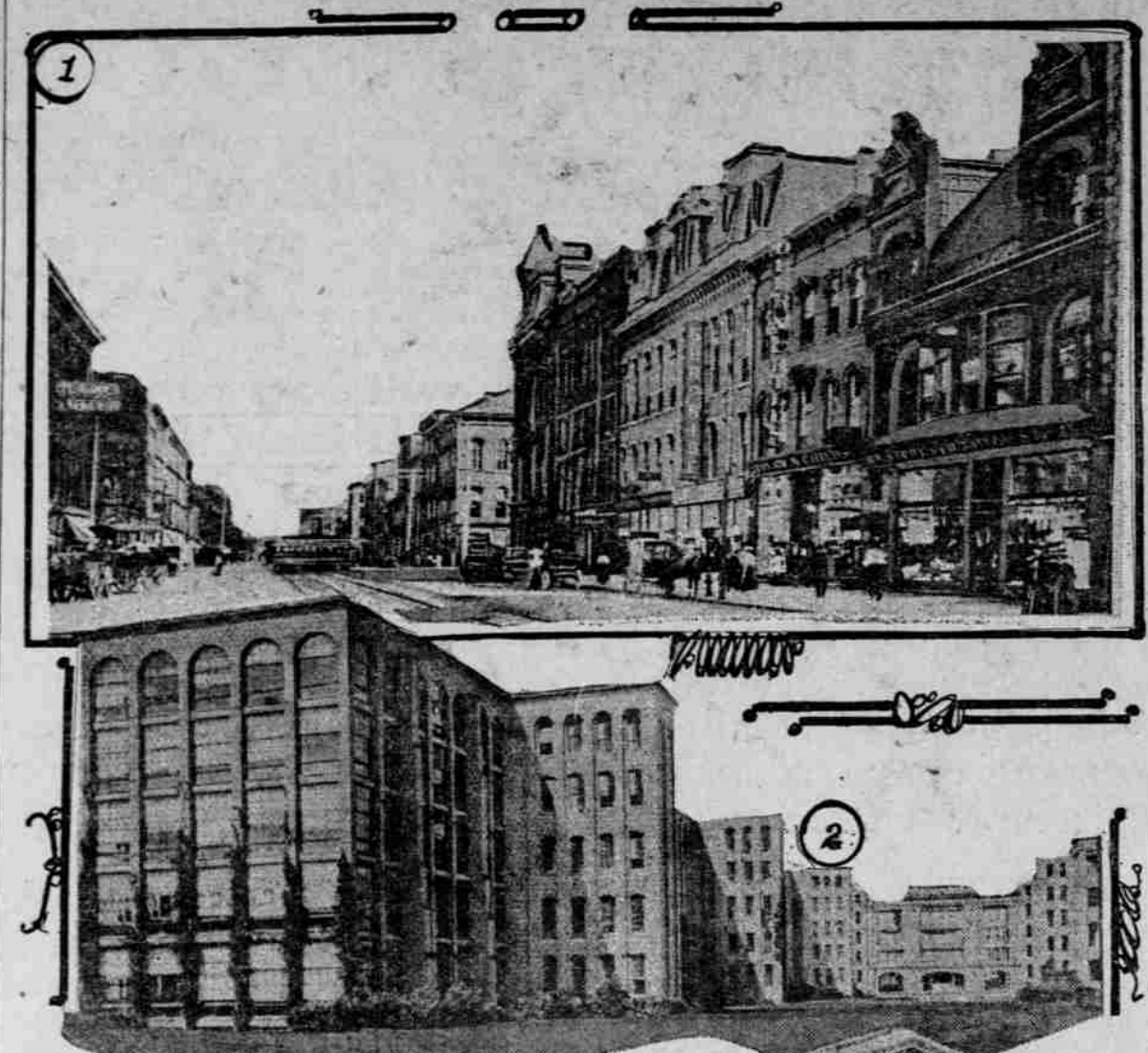
Thousands Marooned in Homes. Thousands of persons are marooned in their homes without food, water or heat. Dawn came with a cold wind that became more penetrating before noon, when rain began to fall and continued throughout the day.

Two expert oarsmen, Fred Patterson and Nelson Talbot, conquered the current for a short distance on Main street late this afternoon. "We penetrated almost to the center of the city," Patterson said, "but where persons cried out to us to rescue them, but it was impossible, for we were barely able to keep afloat. Large sums of money were offered to take persons from perilous positions. The windows of the Algonquin Hotel seemed filled with faces, and the same conditions prevailed at most of the buildings we passed. We did not see any bodies."

3000 PERISH IN FLOODS

(Continued From First Page.) tions are that before night the Muskingum Valley will suffer the fate of the Miami and Scioto valleys. The President telegraphed to Governor Cox: "Have directed the Secretary of War immediately to comply with your request and to use every agency of his

DAYTON, O. SCENES WHERE WATER NOW IS RUSHING THROUGH BUSINESS SECTION, AND WHERE FIRES ARE LAYING WASTE VALUABLE PROPERTY.



1—East Third Street, in Business District, Where Fire and Water Played Havoc. At Extreme Left is the Beckel House, Where 250 Persons Are Now Awaited Rescue. 2—National Cash Register Factory, Where Thousands of Refugees Sought Succor. 3—Algonquin Hotel, Southwest Corner of Third and Ludlow Streets, Where Water is 15 Feet Deep. From Windows in the Hotel Hundreds of the Marooned Begged Piteously for Rescue and Aid. 4—Y. M. C. A. Building, Where Ragging Waters Caused Damage.

department to meet the needs of the situation."

FLOOD CUTS OFF MESSAGE

NEW YORK, March 26.—A message from the office of the Western Union Telegraph Company at Zanesville, Ohio, was received at the company's offices here tonight as follows: "Entire city under water. It is coming into our office. The building next door has just collapsed and I am compelled to leave now for safety." Here the message ended abruptly. It was assumed by the officials here that the operator was forced to swim from his post. It was announced here that messages addressed to persons in Dayton are being delivered by boats as expeditiously as possible. Advice is that the waters are receding.

NIGHT HALTS RESCUERS

50 TO 100 STILL BELIEVED TO BE DEAD IN MIDDLETOWN.

MIDDLETOWN, O., March 26.—Darkness tonight put an end to all relief work here, and the situation, insofar as information is concerned, is little better than it was at this time last night. The casualty list cannot be estimated with any degree of accuracy until the waters have subsided considerably. The flood fell two feet today, but there is still a large amount of water that must run out before the work of counting the dead is begun. It is still believed that from 50 to 100 have been claimed by the waters.

The relief work today was the best that could be expected under the conditions and had daylight lasted four hours longer the suffering would have been relieved to a marked degree. As it was, the water was too high and swift to risk relief work in the darkness in which the town is shrouded.

The City Council made \$10,000 available immediately for relief, but this will only be a detail of what is needed. There are hundreds tonight who are feeling the pangs of hunger. These were the straggled ones who could not be reached during daylight by the rescuers.

Stories of heroism are being gleaned from the men and women who escaped. Every able-bodied person, man or woman, was pressed into service in relief work and responded readily to the call.

LEVEE BREAK CARRIES DEATH

City Hall and Police Headquarters in North Dayton Abandoned.

ARCANUM, O., March 26.—Associated Press headquarters were established in Dayton tonight in the Van Cleave Schoolhouse, after much difficulty, but it will be tomorrow before concise facts as to the extent of the damage to property and loss of life are known.

The west levee of the Big Miami River, that went out yesterday morning, carried death and destruction in its wake. The immensity of the destruction is beyond description. Fire broke out in the business section of the city tonight and a drenching rain added to the discomfort.

The dead are being removed from the streets in North Dayton and it is apparent that the death list will run into hundreds and perhaps thousands before the extent of the catastrophe is known. Refugees are being cared for in the public schools and churches. Fire has already destroyed many of the largest buildings and hotels and the City Hall and police headquarters have been abandoned. The river has fallen six feet in the last 24 hours and many buildings are undermined. The water supply has been cut off in the business district. It is impossible at this time to estimate the loss. The relief committee asked Governor Cox to rush troops to Riverdale and Brookville.

Dam Seems to Hold. It was more than an hour before the report was officially denied. Responsibility for its origin has not been fixed. Police officials assert that the

report was made to them by persons connected with the military end of the patrol service. Officials said tonight that the storage dam was holding fast against the millions of gallons of water that is being poured against it, and they expressed confidence that it will continue to do so.

No relief has been brought tonight to the scores of cities and towns of the state that are inundated and cut off from the outside world. Darkness practically thwarted rescue work and increased the horrors of the situation. Thousands of persons are imprisoned. Although the water in some places is reported to be slowly receding there was no immediate relief in sight tonight while the rain continued.

50 More Reported Lost. In many of the flooded districts cities and towns are isolated and only rumors can be obtained. 25 miles north of Columbus, the inhabitants are still floodbound. The dead number 33. This town, not unlike others, is isolated.

From Sidney comes the report that from 100 to 800 have been drowned. Tiffin reported at least 50 lives lost. Stratford, a town near Delaware, according to an unconfirmed report from a farmer who reached Delaware today, was swept away and 100 drowned.

Communication Cut Off. According to a wireless message received at the Ohio State University here this afternoon from Mount Vernon, probably 100 have lost their lives in this town.

Reports from the eastern part of the state indicate a heavy death toll. Zanesville, on the Muskingum River, according to reports tonight, was largely under water and several buildings are reported to have collapsed. Wire communication was cut off early tonight when the Western Union telegraph office was flooded. The operator's last words were that the town was under water; that a building next to the telegraph office had fallen and that he would have to get out.

The last available information from these places was that they were partially or wholly submerged. Marietta and McConnellsville were reported to be under several feet of water. Chillicothe, Portsmouth, Ironton and all points in the Miami Valley south are cut off from communication.

Reports from Akron late today were that at least 500 families are homeless. Massillon, New Philadelphia, Marion and Lima also are reported to be partially inundated.

Veterans Ask Subscriptions. MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 26.—Department Commander Spratt, of the State G. A. R., tonight issued a special order asking subscriptions from Civil War Veterans for their comrades who suffered in the Ohio and Indiana floods.

PORTLAND STARTS ORGANIZED RELIEF

City Turns From Omaha to Flood Area and Funds for Victims Now Requested.

APPEAL TO LODGEMEN OUT

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

(Continued From First Page.) ple will be advised of the fate of their friends and relatives. The newspapers and the press associations are working the only wires out of Dayton, Ohio. This service, supplemented with the tidings that can be borne by messengers from the ill-fated section to Cincinnati and neighboring cities, will be sent to the world outside as fast as it can be relayed.

Organized Relief Is Plan. The telegraph companies are making no promises of getting messages through from Portland to any of the stricken cities. They are accepting them but are not guaranteeing their delivery.

A. H. Averill, president of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, sent a telegram to Governor Cox, of Ohio, yesterday morning offering financial aid in the relief work. Although he has had no reply he feels sure that help from the outside will be needed. As soon as word comes from officials of the suffering communities local relief headquarters will be opened.

Mayor Rushlight has offered the aid of the municipality in assisting the flood sufferers.

The Commercial Club and other commercial organizations are ready to give liberally to the proposed relief fund.

Lodges Start Relief Work. Aside from this public work many Portland lodges have opened direct communication with their affiliated organizations in Dayton, Terre Haute and other cities in the storm belt in the hope of being able to offer immediate assistance.

The following appeal was issued yesterday by the Royal Arcanum in Portland:

At a meeting of the Regents of the Royal Arcanum Councils of Portland it was decided to ask all the members to contribute \$5 each for a relief fund to send East for the benefit of our brothers who have been so heavily afflicted by the recent disaster. As at Omaha, the grand lodge of the San Francisco earthquake have so many people been afflicted as during the past few years. Portland Arcanum contributed liberally to the assistance of the San Francisco brethren and they were mighty grateful for the help they gave more than 50 cents if they desire to do so. Send your contribution to the Collector of the Council of which you are a member.

Brother, do something, the influence of which shall be felt beyond the limits of the stricken city, something for society, something for humanity.

C. C. Bradley, exalted ruler of the Portland lodge of Elks, yesterday telegraphed to J. H. Pardonner, exalted ruler of the lodge at Dayton, to call upon Portland for any help needed. As at Omaha, the grand lodge of Elks is understood, has given substantially to the general relief fund.

Ohio Society Is Active. The local council of the Knights of Columbus likewise has telegraphed representatives at Dayton of its willingness to share in the financial burden of caring for the afflicted.

Members of the Ohio Society of Oregon are eager to do all they can to assist in the relief work. O. C. Bortmeyer, of that organization, telegraphed yesterday to friends in Dayton advising them of the desire of Ohio people in Oregon to help.

Effective help also was rendered by the Masonic bodies in Oregon. Several telegrams already have been sent by Masonic officials in Portland and other parts of the state. The aid will be rendered through the respective Masonic lodges in the stricken cities.

Nearly every lodge, in fact, that has representation in the flooded area will join in the relief.

Members of Portland people with relatives in Dayton and other parts of Ohio or in Indiana are eagerly awaiting news.

A. H. Birrell has been trying to get word from Frank T. Sharple, of 2213 East Third street, and Robert A. Sparcle, of 1 Riverdale street, in Dayton. They are brothers of Mrs. Birrell.

Much Suffering, Says Message. Mrs. M. C. Peterson, of 718 East Ash street, is anxious for the safety of her daughter, A. H. Anderson, and wife, of 2418 Cass street, Omaha, and of a nephew, Albert H. Anderson, and wife and their three children, living in the Benson district, near Omaha.

Miss Katherine Kimmel, living in the Avalon apartments at 235 Rosa street, received a telegram yesterday from her brother-in-law, Thomas H. Matters, an attorney of Omaha, advising that he and his family are safe. They lived at 115 South Thirty-ninth street. Their house was damaged. Another house owned by Mr. Matter at Thirty-eighth and Farnam streets was destroyed.

"Many houses in our vicinity are wrecked," he advised, "and there is suffering everywhere."

M. V. Harrison, of 511 Gerlinger building, has a sister, Mrs. J. H. Mittman; a nephew, Forest Mittman; a niece, Mrs. George Frank, and a brother, L. C. Harrison, living in Dayton. His wife's mother, Mrs. Otes, lives in Peru, Ind.

Family in Stricken Area. O. C. Wright, who rooms at the Y. M. C. A., has his entire family in the stricken territory, some of them at Kokuk, Ind., and some in Indianapolis.

G. H. Grath, with offices in the Board of Trade building, formerly lived at Dayton. His father and mother are there.

Edward MacGregor, of 615 East Sixty-first street, North, has many relatives in Dayton. They include Mrs. John C. Cunningham, of 114 Shaw avenue, and her children; Mrs. M. A. Nutting and her two daughters, Misses Annie and Eva Nutting.

Others Seek Information. Edith Booth Wolverson, a member of one of the oldest families of Dayton, lives at the Clark Hotel in Portland. She is exceedingly eager to learn of the fate of Mrs. Fannie Lowry, 29 Central avenue, and Mrs. Libby Moser, Fourth street and Chester avenue, Dayton.

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