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DAYTON FEARS REPETITION OF FIRE HORRORS

Thousands of Persons Still Trapped in Upper Stories of Buildings.

TEMPORARY MORGUE FULL

Frantic Crowds Keep Watch as Each Body is Brought In, Looking for Loved Ones.

LOOTERS AT WORK; 4 SHOT

Quartermaster Authorized to Buy All Rations Needed.

MANY BODIES RECOVERED

Sanitary and Health Officials Prepare to Take Precautions Lest Pestilence Follow Receding of Waters.

WEST DAYTON, O., March 27.—The first National Bank building in Central Dayton is burning. The flood waters have receded so far that firemen with an engine succeeded in getting across, and all persons who wish to leave are being brought out. The Third-street bridge over the Big Miami River is safe.

Many persons there tonight refused to leave, believing they could better secure food and clothing there than in other parts of Dayton.

WEST DAYTON, O., March 27.—Six hundred persons, trapped in Union Station and reported to have been drowned, were rescued tonight. For three days they have been standing like sardines in a box.

WEST DAYTON, O., March 27.—After a day of grueling work, volunteer rescuers have removed more than half a hundred bodies from the waters of the Great Miami River and Wolf Creek, saved upward of 500 who for two days have been clinging to roofs or living in upper stories.

With the coming of nightfall the efforts to rescue more persons was slackened and all of Dayton not in the central flood district waited in dread for the nightly fires which have added horrors to the already terrible situation.

Knowledge that thousands are trapped on upper floors of the buildings, where they cannot be reached, adds to their terror tonight. The waters in all the inundated districts fell from three to five feet today and the currents of the river and creek have slackened so that it is possible, except in the center of the city, for small boats to reach sufferers.

Looters at Work.
Conditions in West Dayton and in the central part of the city became acute tonight. Looters are at work, according to the militia. Communication with the downtown districts is cut off except through the militia. They refuse to let anyone venture into that district. The guardsmen saw a score of physicians suspected of being bent on looting have been arrested. An ex-policeman, caught coming out of a deserted home, is in prison.

The Fourth National bank building is still burning. The glare is lighting the sky for miles and though several engine companies are fighting the blaze they are making little headway. All lights in the central district have been ordered extinguished because of fear that the natural gas which was supposed to be turned off, is on.

The floodwaters, which for two days have held Central Dayton waterbound, have receded and by daylight it is believed the overflow will have disappeared from the district.

Wild Rumors Abroad.
Wild rumors that cannot be confirmed are abroad tonight. The weather has cleared and fear of pestilence now is the chief worry for officials in charge of the situation.

NEPHEW OF HUERTA HAS ENEMY SLAIN

ZEPEDA ORDERS HERNANDEZ SHOT AND BODY BURNED.

President's Nephew Arrested After Demand That Other Political Foes Be Turned Over to Him.

MEXICO CITY, March 27.—Enrique Zepeda, Governor of the federal district, a nephew of President Huerta, took into his own hands the ridding of the country of its political enemies early today, when he directed the shooting of Gabriel Hernandez, ex-commandant of the rurales, and then personally superintended the incineration of Hernandez' body in the garden of Belam Prison, where the execution took place.

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Zepeda led a squad of mounted police to the penitentiary early today and demanded that several political prisoners be surrendered to him, saying that as Governor of the federal district he could kill them. His demand was refused by Warden Lelgado.

Then Zepeda led his forces to the Belam Prison, and when Hernandez was led forth his body was riddled with bullets.

Zepeda ordered firewood piled in the patio and Hernandez' body was burned. When the facts became known, Zepeda's arrest was ordered.

It is said that Zepeda, while drinking last night, said: "The administration is not out of danger yet. We must kill more people."

TEACHERS' COURSE CHOSEN

Clackamas County Educators Vote to Change Annual Institute.

OREGON CITY, Or., March 27.—(Special.)—The teachers of Clackamas County, by overwhelming majority, have voted to substitute a teachers' training course annually for the annual institute. The vote was taken in conformity with a bill passed at the last session of the Legislature authorizing the various County Superintendents to obtain the sentiment of the teachers on the subject.

All but a few of the teachers of the county voted. Mr. Gary, who will have charge of the training school, plans to have it at Gladstone Park three weeks before the beginning of Chautauqua. The association has tendered the free use of the grounds and buildings and tents will be offered for rent for \$2 for the three weeks, the same price that is charged for two weeks at the Chautauqua.

"I also expect to establish a cooperative boarding-house," said Mr. Gary. "This will enable the teachers to live at the smallest cost."

S. BENSON FIGHTS LIQUOR

Bill to Prohibit Whisky Manufacture in United States Drafted.

LONG BEACH, March 27.—(Special.)—S. Benson, millionaire lumberman and hotel owner of Portland, who has been staying in The Virginia for the winter, will endeavor to procure legislation by which the manufacture of whisky in the United States. Mr. Benson has set aside \$50,000 to further the project, and his attorney is now drafting a bill that Mr. Benson wishes to have passed at Washington.

The proposed bill will positively prohibit the manufacture of whisky, but will not interfere with the manufacture of beer and wines. The amount of alcohol allowable in these liquors will be specified, however.

LISTER'S AX AGAIN FALLS

Appropriations Totaling \$450,000 Are Chopped Off.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 27.—(Special.)—Governor Lister has vetoed appropriation bills passed by the Legislature and carrying a total of \$450,000.

Among the bills vetoed were those providing \$100,000 for a woman's building at the University of Washington, \$100,000 for a preliminary survey of the Quincy irrigation project, and \$200,000 for the public building bureau. The Governor approved the bill appropriating \$50,000 for a state powder factory at Pullman.

POKER GAME BROKEN UP

Three Men Are Arrested in Hotel at Sixth and Stark Streets.

A quiet little poker game in a room in a hotel at Sixth and Stark streets, where one man had nearly all the money on the table, was broken up last night by Detectives Litherland and Hill. The detectives arrested three men, who gave the names of Robert Parrish, clerk; C. E. Johnson, broker, and A. L. Smith, also broker. About \$25 was on the table, of which \$19 was lying in front of one man. The detectives, knowing that a fourth member of the party was expected, knocked on the door and were readily admitted.

"Cross Trader" Is Expelled.
CHICAGO, March 27.—Mark Bates, until recently president of the grain firm of W. G. Press & Co., has been expelled from the Board of Trade here. The directors found Bates guilty of "cross trading." Frank M. Bunch, former president of the Board of Trade, was expelled a short time ago on similar charges.

PORTLAND SENDS \$3500 FOR RELIEF

Contributions Pouring in From All Sides.

ORGANIZED WORK ONLY BEGUN

City Promises to Establish Record for Liberality.

ENTIRE STATE JOINS IN AID

Chamber of Commerce, Designated as Official Recipient of Money, Acts Promptly When Call Comes From Governor Cox.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS OFFICIAL RECIPIENT OF FUNDS FOR RELIEF OF FLOOD SUFFERERS.

By appointment of Governor West and Mayor Rushlight, the Portland Chamber of Commerce has been authorized to receive and forward all contributions from the people of Portland and Oregon for the relief of flood sufferers in Ohio and Indiana.

A. H. Averill, president of the chamber, has named a committee to conduct the campaign. This committee will meet in the office of E. C. Giltner, secretary, at 11 o'clock this morning, to organize for active work and to secure co-operation with commercial bodies throughout the state.

Mayor Rushlight has issued an appeal to all citizens to join in the relief work and has authorized the City Treasurer to receive for funds and to pay them over to the Chamber of Commerce.

Contributions for the relief of flood sufferers in Ohio and Indiana now are pouring into the office of E. C. Giltner, secretary of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, who has been appointed by Governor West and Mayor Rushlight as the official recipient of funds.

Cash in liberal amounts is the principal need. As fast as it is collected it will be forwarded to the affected districts. Portland promises to establish a record for liberality and practical charity in aiding the cause.

More than \$3500 was collected and forwarded from Portland yesterday and organized relief is not even under way. Action was taken immediately when an official call for relief was received yesterday from Governor Cox of Ohio.

Meeting Called for Today.
Definite steps to collect a substantial amount in Portland and throughout Oregon will be taken at a meeting at 11 o'clock this morning of a committee.

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Refugees Have Smallpox
Corner of Crowded Courthouse in Peru Is Quarantined.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., March 27.—A special telephone message to friends here tonight from C. D. Emmons, general manager of the Northern Indiana Traction Company, who is stranded in the flood-stricken city of Peru, said that 20 had been found dead among the refugees in the courthouse there.

"They are moving the people from the courthouse in boats and it was found that 20 of the refugees had died from exposure," Mr. Emmons said.

Smallpox and diphtheria broke out among the hundreds of persons who packed into the courthouse. One entire corner of that building was quarantined today and all the rescued persons suffering from contagious diseases were removed to that additional confinement.

Upon the acceptance of the resignation, a committee composed of Frederick V. Holman, Charles F. Swigert and F. T. Griffith was appointed to prepare resolutions expressing the good will of the company and the regret of all over the decision of Mr. Josselyn.

"On behalf of the Executive committee and the Eastern directors, as well

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JOSSELYN RESIGNS AS SYSTEM'S HEAD

Reins to Be Laid Down July 1 This Year.

DIFFERENT BUSINESS IN VIEW

Portland Railway, Light & Power Directors Advised.

SERVICE SPANS SIX YEARS

President of Largest Public Utility in City, Which Shows Marked Advance Under Him, Accepts Re-election Conditionally.

B. S. Josselyn, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, yesterday tendered his resignation to the company's board of directors, as the head of Portland's largest public utility corporation, to take effect July 1, 1913.

Mr. Josselyn gave as his reason that he was greatly in need of a rest or change, and that he had contemplated doing so a year ago, but was persuaded to continue in the harness.

Letter Gives Decision.
The annual meeting of the board of directors of the company was held in the president's office in the Electric building at 4 o'clock yesterday. During the progress of the meeting the following letter from Mr. Josselyn was read:

"In accepting the presidency of the company at the present annual meeting, I wish it understood that it is my desire to be relieved from the duties of the position and retire from the company on July 1, next, when I will have completed six years' service. I have felt the strain of my work very much in the last year and this action is taken in order that I may have a rest or change of some sort. It is my desire to remain in Portland and after a time take up some other line of business. I shall be pleased to render the company any service in my power and assist my successor in every way in becoming familiar and thoroughly posted on the property. I thank each of you for the consideration shown me, and for the services you have rendered the company as a member of our board of directors."

Resolutions Express Regret.
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COX MAY SEIZE RAILWAY LINES

OHIO GOVERNOR WANTS QUICK ROUTE INTO DAYTON.

Stern Measures to Be Taken to Prevent Influx of Sightseers and Curiosity Seekers.

COLUMBUS, O., March 27.—That Governor Cox would commandeer one or more railroad lines in Ohio and place their operation in the hands of the militia authorities was announced by the Governor tonight.

The Governor did not say which line would be taken over, but said that the object would be to have a direct route over which to carry supplies into Dayton and also to allow persons having relatives in that city to reach them.

The Governor emphasized the fact that stern measures would be taken to keep curiosity seeking visitors and sightseers out of Dayton.

EAST SIDE TO HAVE FROLIC

"A Night in Rosaria" to Be Feature of Annual Rose Festival.

"A Night in Rosaria," in addition to the annual children's parade, will be held on the East Side during the Rose Festival this year. The measure was decided on at a meeting of authorized committees of the Royal Rosarians and the East Side Business Men's Club, held in Hy Eilers' office last night.

The new feature will be masked reviews by all the civic organizations, taking place on Grand avenue on one evening of the festival. The "human rosebuds," or children, will be urged to present an appearance which will be doubly as large and will eclipse anything held heretofore.

The East Side Business Men's Club will work with the Rosarians and funds raised by them will go into the general fund. The Rosarians will reciprocate by assisting the East Side.

A large donation was received last night from Roy C. Yates, president of the Multnomah Hotel Company. The Cliff Hotel will be the scene of a Rosarian luncheon given by the East Side Business Men's Club at noon Monday.

Those present at the joint meeting last night were: Hy Eilers, chairman, Rosarians; Dean Vincent, J. Fred Larson, W. E. Coman and W. J. Hofmann, from the East Side Club; M. B. McPaul, C. A. Bigelow, H. A. Calef and George Dilworth.

SCHOONER BURNS AT SEA

Borealis, Driven by Gale to Anchor, Takes Fire but Crew Escapes.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 27.—The story of the loss of the schooner Borealis, which was wrecked in a hurricane in the South Seas, was told today when the schooner's master and crew of ten men arrived here on the liner Sonoma.

The storm occurred February 10 last. The schooner had discharged its deck cargo at Nukulofa, the capital of the Island of Tonga, and after trying vainly to beat its way out to sea, the anchors were used. One anchor chain broke and the vessel dragged the other. The vessel drifted ashore and took fire. Captain and crew fought their way ashore. The vessel was the property of the Charles Nelson Company, of San Francisco.

WITNESS OF FIGHT FOUND

Man Held at The Dalles in Connection With Killing Here.

Under arrest by the Sheriff's office at The Dalles, a man named Maphier, wanted as a witness in connection with the killing of John A. Brown near the Elkhorn Saloon, at Sixth and Davis streets Monday night, will be brought back to Portland today.

Tuesday Maphier left Portland for Cello, where he was employed at a Government camp. Reading, it is thought, the details of the death of Brown, he went to the office of the camp and asked for his "time." He was talked into waiting and word of his action was sent to Portland and the request for his arrest returned to The Dalles.

NEW ROAD INCORPORATED

Grants Pass-Crescent City Line to Traverse Undeveloped Section.

Articles of incorporation will be filed today with Secretary of State Olcott, at Salem, for the Grants Pass-Crescent City Railroad Company. The capitalization is \$5,000,000.

The incorporators are J. F. Reddy, of Medford, and W. W. Harmon and L. C. Gilkey, of Grants Pass. Their purpose is to build a line 100 miles long, from Grants Pass, on the Southern Pacific, in Josephine County, Southern Oregon, to the sea at Crescent City, Del Norte County, Northern California. The route of the proposed line runs through a rich undeveloped mineral and timber country.

BOND ISSUE HELD LEGAL

Court Passes on Horse Fly Irrigation Project.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., March 27.—(Special.)—In the Circuit Court on Tuesday, Judge Benson, passed on the legality of the bond election held last November by the farmers of the Horse Fly Irrigation project. He held that the corporation was legally organized, its officers legally elected and that the bond election was legal in every respect.

It is believed this will end all controversy in the matter as some of the principal men opposed have announced that they will not appeal from this decision.

DEATH LIST MAY YET BE BELOW 2000

Revised Estimates From Dayton Give Ground For Hope.

COLUMBUS FIGURES GROW

More Than 125 May Be Dead at Ohio Capital, West Side Being Hardest Hit.

50 DROWN IN HOTEL CRASH

Investigators at Dayton Find Many Thought Lost Alive.

70,000 PERSONS MAROONED

Property Loss in Stricken City Is Figured at \$35,000,000 With 15,000 Homes Submerged.

Revised estimates of the loss in Dayton, O., received last night, give ground for hope the dead in all sections affected by the flood will not exceed 2000 and may go below that figure. Daring investigators who penetrated the flood section, revealed hundreds of persons safe who it was feared were lost.

Unless swelled by the death list in the foreign settlement on the north side, as yet unsearched there may not be more than 200 dead in the whole city. In other points than Dayton the death list grew rapidly yesterday and last night.

West Columbus Suffers.
There was far heavier loss of life in the west side of Columbus, O., than was thought. Conservative estimates place the number of dead at 126.

Apparently authentic reports from Piqua indicated 60 dead.

At Peru, Ind., the authorities estimated the death list would reach at least 150.

From Hamilton, O., 50 persons were reported drowned in the collapse of a hotel where they had sought refuge.

Twenty-five deaths were reported from Troy, O., 30 in Middletown and five in Massillon.

Chillicothe List Diminishes.
Deaths from the flood in Chillicothe will not exceed 25, according to latest advices. Early advices were that from 200 to 500 lives had been lost.

A report from Linton, Ind., gave 16 persons drowned at Howesville, 25 miles south of Terre Haute.

There were ten deaths in Sharon, Pa. Estimates are that 70,000 persons were marooned in Dayton's flooded district, where 15,000 homes have been submerged. Rescue stands are providing for 5000 homeless. The property damage in the city is figured at \$35,000,000.

Rumors that the Grand reservoir, near St. Mary's, O., had broken proved unfounded. Similar reports about the Lewistown reservoir likewise were found to be untrue. Threatened breaks in both were repaired and reports to Governor Cox at Columbus last night indicated that the danger from this source was past.

Latest reports from Zanesville are that 150 lives are believed to have been lost there. About 150 are homeless. A score of buildings collapsed. Fire broke out at one point, but it was not believed it would spread.

GOVERNOR SUMS UP DISASTER

Loss Will Exceed San Francisco Earthquake, Is Cox' Opinion.

COLUMBUS, O., March 27.—Governor James M. Cox issued through the Associated Press tonight the following statement summarizing flood conditions in Ohio:

"It is the consensus of opinion that the property loss in Ohio will exceed that sustained by San Francisco. It is safe to assume that more than half the large railroad bridges in Ohio are down. The waters are receding at Dayton, Piqua, Zanesville, Fremont, Tiffin, Chillicothe, Hamilton, Middletown and Columbus, and while the cold weather which came late last night was welcome because of the deterrent effect it would have on the rising tide, the fall of the water will bring out the real tragedy of the whole situation.

"We ought to know tomorrow approximately what the loss of life has been. The indications tonight are that the loss at Dayton may not run as heavily as forecasted, but there are grave fears that a tremendous tragedy will be revealed beyond the Toledo

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