

PUEBLO LIFE LOSS PUT AT HUNDREDS

Screaming Women and Children Washed Away.

LOSS IS \$10,000,000

Hundreds of Families Lose Everything in Mad Rush to Escape Onrushing Torrent.

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because of the mass of mud and debris.

The force of the flood carried entire buildings down the stream and it was believed many of the dead were carried far down the river and may never be recovered.

Railroad officials were pessimistic about resumption of train service. All the lines in Pueblo either were washed away or the tracks were so twisted and torn that it will require entire new construction of roadbed and tracks.

Officials of the roads estimated that the dead would run from 1000 to 1500.

Warnings are sounded. The first warning of yesterday's flood came at shortly after 5 P. M. in telephone messages which said that dams near Portland were threatened and the water in the Arkansas river had risen dangerously at Wetmore, Portland and Florence.

The fire department siren sounded 15 minutes flood warnings and within a short time every available police officer and guardman was sent into the West Peppersauce river bottoms of West Pueblo to warn the inhabitants.

People were slow to leave their homes and many refused to follow the soldiers. One woman, dragged from her home before the flood crest reached the bottom, crawled under the house and hid.

Heavy Life Loss Feared. It was feared a heavy loss of life resulted in this section, although it has been impossible as yet to conduct an investigation. On the crest of the flood, which turned from the river into Fourth street, was carried a two-story house. Scores of people were caught as the flood entered Main street flowing south into Union avenue. Within two hours, the entire wholesale district and a greater part of the business district were flooded with water 10 feet deep.

Several persons were rescued from a candy factory, swimming in the flood with the aid of ropes thrown by city firemen. Many business houses and residences were set afire by burning timbers floating from the flaming lumber yard.

Boy Scouts Make Rescue. Boy Scouts rescued George King and his son Francis from one building in boats. Southbound Denver & Rio Grande railroad train No. 3, due in Pueblo from Denver at 7:45 P. M. last night was held near the Nuckolls Packing plant north of the city. The train was swept into the river. Most of the passengers have been accounted for, climbing to the roof of the cars and making their way to the Nuckolls Packing company.

Missouri Pacific train No. 14, which was to have left Pueblo at 6:05 P. M. last night, also was toppled into the stream and most of the passengers on this train also made their way to the Nuckolls packing plant.

On the Denver & Rio Grande train the known dead were: Duffey Wilson, switch foreman; J. E. Littlejohn, engineer, and "Dutch" Haind.

Twenty telegraph operators were marooned during the flood in the dispatcher's office at the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway.

South Pueblo was cut off from the rest of the city and few details of damage there were available.

Two Bridges Are Left. The South Union-avenue bridge and a railroad bridge two blocks below it were the only bridges left intact.

Among the known dead were: Mrs. Mary Murphy's daughter Ethel, 14, and son, 5; Mrs. Charles Clark, 60; a boy of 10 named Skinner, and Paulina Brown.

A negro rescued four women from a tree and nearly lost his own life in the attempt. Three women near him were drowned when the boat overturned. During the height of the flood while a severe thunderstorm was raging to the north and burning buildings lighted the heavens, scores of people were seen trembling on the lawns or in the streets kneeling in prayer.

The city was without electric light tonight. Gas also was unavailable. This added to the plight of the sufferers. The water plant was put out of commission by the flood and there was no drinking water available from the city mains.

Trains at Supplies Dues. The cheering thing to the city officials was the news that a train carrying water, milk, food and tents would be on the way from Denver early tonight.

The flood swept into the city proper about 7 o'clock last night. Police and guards drove the crowds back from the main bridge here, the cars were taken refuge. In half an hour water was pouring over the top of the railings of bridges and the main business section was inundated. Street cars stopped, electric lights went off.

In the darkness could be heard the roar of the onrushing water and the crash of falling buildings. A rain was falling to add to the discomfort. Here and there with the flashes of lightning spectators could see small houses floating. Over in the railroad yards passenger coaches and other car equipment lay overturned. And out of the night came the cries of stricken women and children appealing for help.

Lives Risked by Rescuers. Scores of men risked their lives to bring women and children to safety. The Colorado rangers, the police and troop C of the Colorado national guard bent to the work of rescue. Scores of persons alive in Pueblo tonight owe their lives to the bravery of the men of these organizations and scores of volunteers. Then came the fire.

There was no water to combat the blaze. It swept through the Florman Paint company, the gas plant, the ice plant, moved down two big bridges and then attacked the yards of the King Investment & Lumber company. All were laid in waste.

In the grip of the disaster, all Pueblo seemed stunned today. All day long refugees, dazed and seemingly not knowing what to do, straggled about the mud-covered streets. Mothers with babies in their arms, mothers whose arms were empty, old men and women and people of every description wandered about until taken to a headquarters established this afternoon by the Red Cross, where they were fed.

With everything swept away, the clothes on their backs and the few

FLOOD DAMAGE TO COLORADO TOWNS SUMMARIZED.

At Pueblo—City almost razed by flood and fire, with loss of life approximating 500.

At Lafayette—Entire town under two feet of water. Many residences and business buildings ruined. Damage heavy. Communication cut off.

At Longmont—Three feet of water in Main street. Communication cut off. Breaking of irrigation ditches principal cause.

At Berthoud—Crops damaged and business section inundated.

At Loveland—Two reservoirs, the South Side and Ryan Gulch, broke this morning. The Hillsboro dam, five miles east, also broke, the concrete headgate being washed entirely away. Ten thousand barrels of eastern wheat at Johnston are inundated. Damage will run into hundreds of thousands of dollars. Colorado & Southern railroad tracks washed away. George Arndt, 60 years old, escaped from his own home when flood approached. He went to the home of a friend for safety. As he entered he dropped dead from excitement. Water soon surrounded the friend's home and Arndt's body could not be taken out.

At Marshall—Dam still holding, but all residents in the valley have been ordered to seek places of safety.

At Superior—Colorado & Southern tracks washed out. Citizens fled to safety by means of rowboats.

At Dacono—Railroad bridge on Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad dented on account of floods.

At Frederick—Town under three feet of water. Two mines flooded. Camp swept by water. Residents fleeing to high ground.

At Dacono—Railroad bridge washed out.

At Boulder—Interurban car service to Denver paralyzed. Impossible to run cars for five or six days, according to C. W. Richards, general agent for the interurban system in Denver.

At Erie, Colo.—Thirty houses washed away. Citizens received warning of impending rush of water, but declined to leave. Bridges approaching town washed out and railroad tracks in vicinity destroyed.

At Estes Park—Three major bridges over Big Thompson river swept away. Automobile highways partially ruined.

At Sterling—Four drowned and damage exceeding \$1,000,000. Floods receding in district.

At Broomfield—Motorists en route from Denver to Boulder caught in flood waters and are camping in machines, more than 400 in number. Food supplies nearly exhausted and no more can be obtained because of the barrier of water which rushed through the streets.

At Denver—City ditches rising from heavy rains of last night. Platte river, in Globeville, suburb, over its banks. Residents along the bank of the stream were obliged to throw up levees and barricades to prevent flooding of homes. Cherry creek, Denver, high, but within its banks. Robinson for Denver, Colo., & Electric Light company, killed when he came in contact with a live wire in repairing storm damage.

things they carried in little bundles, many men and women, while others tried to locate relatives and friends. The courthouse was thrown open and served as a canvas and hospital.

St. Mary's, one of the principal hospitals in the city, was cut off by the Arkansas river waters and volunteer workers brought equipment from it to the courthouse, where aid could be given the injured and dying.

All morning motor cars moved up Main street carrying the dead bodies on the fenders, covered with mud, in dirt and gruesome.

Harrowing experiences came to rescue parties as well as those they tried to reach. Friday night W. S. Hopkins of Detroit, Mich., secretary of the Arkansas river waters and volunteer workers, attempted to reach two negro women stranded in a tree top five blocks from the heart of the business district. Their boat was caught in the swift current and both were thrown into the water. Hopkins succeeded in getting out quickly, but Hopkins was in the water more than an hour.

Girl of 19 Is Rescued. J. B. Brown and Robert Wayland, prominent businessmen, volunteered to take a boat and attempt to reach two women whose calls could be heard in the darkness. After much difficulty they found one, a girl of 19, Mary McAllester, clinging to a power wire and suspended in the swirling water. She was taken into the boat. The men then attempted to reach her mother in a treacherous nearby. They succeeded in getting the older woman into the boat, but she gave a lurch and the occupants of the boat fell into the water. After a struggle Roberts and Wayland and the girl managed to scramble onto the roof of a floating house. The mother was lost. The trio floated until they reached water in which they could wade with safety.

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him. The horse was drowned but Phillips managed to swim to the pole.

4 DEAD IN LOGAN COUNTY

Farmer's Wife and Children Lose Lives in Cloudburst.

STERLING, Colo., June 4.—The known death list in Friday's flood in western Logan county remained at four today. Waters from the cloudburst in eastern Weld county Thursday night had receded to the banks of Pawnee creek this morning and further losses were not anticipated. The flood covered a territory 30 or 40 miles in length and varying from a half mile to a mile in width, running from the Logan-Weld county line to the juncture of Pawnee creek and the Platte river near Atwood.

Approximately a half mile of the Union Pacific railroad track, also used by the Burlington, was washed out near Atwood and perhaps a thousand acres of sugar beets and as many acres of other crops were flooded in the valley of Pawnee creek. Many farm homes were damaged, beet workers' houses were carried away and loss in farm implements and equipment was large.

The Cheyenne-Sterling Burlington line will not be used before the first of the coming week. Virtually all of seven or eight highway bridges across Pawnee creek were washed out.

Carl Davis, his wife and three children awoke Thursday night to find the water pounding on their house. They escaped through a window, but were exhausted and no more can be thrown out of the stream, but his wife and three children perished. The body of Mrs. Davis was found 25 miles below the place of the drowning. The bodies of the two smaller children were not recovered. The house, 20 miles northwest of Sterling, was splintered.

Backwater approached within a mile of Sterling but did not reach the city.

MAYOR BAKER OFFERS AID

Pueblo Is Informed Portland Ready to Send Assistance.

Mayor Baker last night telegraphed to the mayor of Pueblo, asking him if there is anything that Portland can do, and if so, to let him know at once.

"Portland stands ready to extend its aid in any manner," said Mayor Baker. "If we receive a reply that financial help is needed, I have arranged for Commissioner Bigelow, who will be acting mayor in my absence, to issue a call to the people of the city."

Mayor Baker left for California on a long-contemplated trip immediately after filing the message.

Red Cross Gives \$50,000.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 4.—The southwestern division of the American Red Cross was authorized tonight to draw on the national disaster relief fund up to \$50,000 until Monday to afford relief in the Colorado flood district.

National headquarters said the "whole extent of the problem" was expected to be known by Monday, and if it was then found that the national southwestern division were not sufficient to meet the situation, "additional funds would be forthcoming."

Pueblo Trains Suspended.

TRINIDAD, Colo., June 4.—Local railroad officials said service to Pueblo and north would be cut for ten days to two weeks on account of bridges being washed out.

Lieutenant Governor Earl Cooley with a party of eight American Legion men left here tonight to offer assistance in behalf of Trinidad. Mayor Day said tonight that as soon as funds are received from the Pueblo of the nature of relief needed a relief train will be fitted up.

All Fires Are Put Out.

At 1:30 o'clock this afternoon the flood waters began receding fast on Main street.

One grain house here reported a loss of \$20,000. The Armour Packing company's local plant was practically destroyed.

All of the fires that were burning at daylight were extinguished.

The loss of life was due to the fact that the people did not take warning. Signals were set out at 6 o'clock last night but due to the fact that the waters came up with such suddenness, it was impossible for hundreds to escape.

Relief Suggestions Made.

Suggestions have come from prominent citizens that the immediate needs of Pueblo are tents, fresh water, food, bedding and milk for the babies.

Captain John L. Fitzgibbon, commanding the military, has given orders to shoot all looters.

Thousands of Mexicans, with possessions on their backs, were wandering through the city this afternoon with nothing to eat and no place to sleep.

There was no gas or drinking water available.

A big part of Pueblo business men who assembled for a dinner at Minnesota club last night still were marooned there today.

Red Cross Organizes Aid.

The Red Cross was organizing to aid sufferers. Refugees were being taken care of in schools, courthouses and churches.

C. W. Lee of the Charles Lee company, here, was named official food administrator of Pueblo. He will have charge of rationing the food of the city.

Frank Fryer, of a local furniture company, passed last night on one standing wall of his four-story building, which collapsed. Rescuers were endeavoring to reach him this afternoon.

Richard Philbin was rescued from a telephone pole, where he had passed the night. He was riding a horse last night when the waters overwhelmed

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