

# DORSEY KREITZER RECEIVES GRAPHIC STORY DAYTON FLOOD

LETTER FROM MOTHER OF MARSHFIELD BANK CASHIER TELLS AN INTERESTING AND THRILLING STORY OF THEIR EXPERIENCE IN GREAT CATASTROPHE.

Dorsey Kreitzer today received a number of photographs of the Dayton flood, two or three dozen photos graphically telling the story of the disaster that words can never tell. The flood reached even greater proportions than the newspaper accounts indicated. Mr. Kreitzer, a few days ago, received a letter from his father in which he stated that if a direct attempt to destroy the business section of Dayton had been made, it could not have been more completely accomplished. He said that some merchants had lost everything they had. The work of reconstruction is underway and is progressing as rapidly as might be expected.

Mr. Kreitzer has just received a letter from his mother in which she tells of the direful experiences in the flood. The Kreitzer home is a commodious brick one and was in no danger of being swept away. She writes:

"I am glad this morning that I have the privilege of once more writing you a few lines, after passing through such a terrible crisis, and I hope and pray that you will never meet with such a fate.

"I think that father and I have borne up remarkably well and especially father, exposing himself so much in the water and rain. They have been clearing at the house and building a shed, for the stable was a wreck. They have never had less than five or six men on the job and some days have had as high as nineteen or twenty.

"There were seven or eight inches of mud on the floor and in the cupboard and everywhere in the house, and all that we did not get upstairs was a total wreck. I will now try and give you a description of our experience on that dreadful morning.

"We had been having such hard rains on Easter Sunday and on Monday that water came up on Fourth street to Charter street, and the street cars could not run on Third street, but that did not alarm us very much. We supposed that we would get some water in the cellar and had prepared for that in the evening, but the first we knew anything was really wrong, was about 5 o'clock in the morning. Father was upstairs shaving when I heard the fire bell commence to ring and I began to count and found that it was no fire number, and I told father that something was wrong, as the bells were all ringing and the whistles were all blowing. It sounded like New Year's night.

"Father said, 'I expect the levee is broken,' so I went to the telephone and tried to get information and then tried to get Keplers over the Home phone but could get no one, so we went down as soon as possible and started to carry up our lard and potatoes out of the cellar. The water was just starting to come up into the cellar then. By that time father hurried down and we started to carry the things up from the cellar. We carried the parlor furniture upstairs all but the piano and one of the pieces that belonged to the parlor set, but we left the pictures all hung for we thought that the water would not come up that far. We set the piano up on boxes and put his books up on the book-cases and we piled things up as high as we could.

"We then ate a little breakfast, but by that time the cellar was full of water, so we hurried down and took up the dining-room rug, and took my china dishes out of the china closet and put them in the cupboard and took the china closet upstairs and all of the dining room chairs. By that time it was coming in on the dining room floor, so we took what little we had to eat and anything we could grab and went upstairs. The water kept raising until about 12 o'clock Tuesday night, when it just lacked the height of one step of the second floor. Father and I were on a continual watch Tuesday night. Father took the railing off of the back stairway and with that we tried, from the upstairs window, to keep drift wood and pieces from striking the windows below. The flood just lifted the shutters off their hinges and swept them away. Duwitt Arnold's front porch floated by.

"Wednesday morning we ate raw potatoes and some cereal that father brought up stairs. Wednesday afternoon, they brought us a loaf of bread and some canned beans. Then it turned cold and snowed and with fires burning in buildings all around us, it was just horrible. We could not find out just where the fires were and the citizens only had a few boats to work with until they built special ones. In consequence, we were upstairs there in darkness and cold until Friday morning. Keplers sent a boat for us Thursday afternoon but I could not go then and would not go until father went. Finally Friday morning they sent for us again and Pearl (Mrs. Kepler) was about sick from worry. When we got over there where there was no water and they had such a good warm house, I thought if there was any place the next to heaven, it surely seemed like it there—it was so nice and warm and dry.

"Of course they experienced a few inconveniences from the flood for awhile. They had to use coal oil lights and there was no gas. They had their coal range in the basement, so they took the gas burner out and burned coke. Some had to do their cooking on their furnace fires. Keplers filled tubs and every vessel they had before it was necessary to stop pumping.

Oscar telegraphed us several times, from New York City, and could get no word so he started Friday night and got to Columbus by rail, then to Springfield by traction and from there to Dayton by auto. He did not reach here until Sunday afternoon. He thought that maybe the papers had exaggerated the situation but he now says they did not. No one could believe it who did not see the flood.

"The outside world knew more about it than we did for we did not see a newspaper from Monday night until Saturday evening.

"I don't know when we will be able to get back home. The paper all came off the walls, the furnace is partly down and the house is so damp that we cannot paper it right away.

"This is about as good a description as I can give of it. I hope you are all well and happy. We are feeling pretty good under the circumstances."

### LIBRARY NOTES.

Two years ago the most gifted of American psychologists published an essay on the "Second Wind," in which he stated that we all possessed a sort of unlimited bank account upon which we could draw when it seemed as if we had gone to the limit of our powers.

But this does not apply to fatigue produced by physical overwork. It applies rather to mental work, to the expenditure of spiritual energy. It is because of its contrast to Josephine Goodmark's new book, "Fatigue and Efficiency," which has just been added to the library that makes this same book of great interest. It proves that fatigue is a poison, that the body is stricken by it as it would be by a dose of arbovic acid or arsenic, that because fatigue is a poison it makes inefficient workmen, that persons overworked make less of an output than those who work less time. In view of recent legislation here in Oregon and the fact that Josephine Goodmark helped make the brief and argument with Louis D. Brandies in the celebrated case of Curt Miller vs. the State of Oregon, this book is of special interest to Oregonians.

Dealing with sociology, but more humanly, less technically than "Fatigue and Efficiency," is "Twenty Years of Hull House," by Jane Adams, "the first citizen of Chicago. Hull House is a big, old-fashioned house, left stranded among encroaching tenements. Jane Adams conceived the idea of living here and being a neighbor to the great hordes of new citizens crowding round. She keeps open house. The boys and girls meet there to dance, to hold clubs, to take part in theatricals; the older people for lectures, for friendly talk on every thing from how to get the best milk for the baby during the hot weather to electing the councilman for the ward. This book is a story of this neighborliness extending over a period of twenty years.

Other books in the library by the same author are "A New Conscience and An Ancient Evil" and "Newer Ideals of Peace."

### AT THE HOTELS.

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# MISSING RICH GIRL IS FOUND

Miss Borden, Daughter of Millionaire Condensed Milk Man, Discovered.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) BOSTON, April 26.—C. C. Kyle, who claims to represent Mr. Borden, the millionaire, announced that Miss Borden, who has been missing for several days from a sanitarium, had been found. Kyle said that Miss Borden was a nervous wreck and is now in the care of friends. One of the women, who it is alleged, has been with the girl, is said to have left the city.

WILL NOT PROSECUTE. BOSTON, April 25.—Miss Borden's father arrived today from New York to accompany a detective in a search for his daughter. Kyle said Miss Borden was found in a private residence in the back bay district. With the girl were two other girls, said to be travelling with her. Miss Borden was taken by her father to the home of friends. Borden, it is said by Kyle, has decided to drop any legal proceedings he might have contemplated.

### WILL ARREST GLOVER.

Washington Banker Must Answer Assault Charges.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, April 26.—A special sub-committee which investigated the assault by Charles C. Glover, a local banker, on Representative Sims of Tennessee, reported today that it had found Glover in contempt of the House and recommended the Speaker to issue a warrant for his arrest to answer the charge.

### COUNTY FUNDS IN BANKS WILL DRAW 2 PER CENT

SALEM, Or., April 24.—Assistant Attorney General Van Winkle rendered an opinion Monday to John Frawley, Treasurer of Union County, that county funds deposited with banks under the provisions of the new law which will go into effect June 3 will draw 2 per cent interest. There was confusion over this owing to the fact that in the body of the law the rate of 2 per cent was named, while in the 17th of the bond the amount was placed at 1 per cent. Mr. Van Winkle held that the rate in the body of the law would apply, as the other was merely a form indicating the manner of drawing the bond.

### WASTE CANS GIVEN TO CITY.

Corvallis Women Buy 36 Sanitary Garbage Receptacles. CORVALLIS, Ore., April 28.—The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Commercial Club, which has conducted a "cleanup" day each year, has decided to vary the proceedings by the presentation of 36 sanitary garbage cans for street use. The women have the money on hand and at today's meeting decided to spend it for the more or less permanent improvement rather than on a single day's effort.

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