

When Church Is Flooded Home Takes Its Place



His church filled with water, Father John Dillon of St. Stroz Catholic church of Cincinnati holds services in the home of Edgar Pharo. As many of his parishioners who were able attended the services.

Ohio and Mississippi Valleys Devastated by Flood



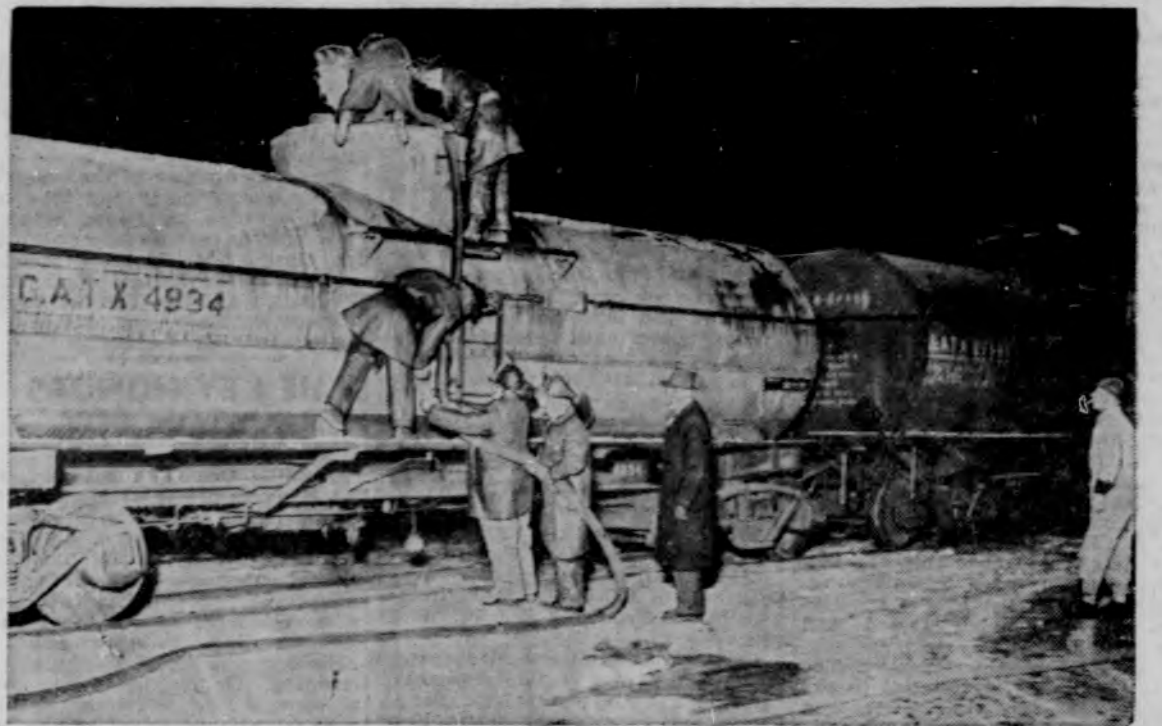
1—Flood refugees load their possessions aboard a truck prior to fleeing to higher ground. 2—Cat is marooned on a second story window ledge as Ohio river flood waters rise. 3—Flood sufferers at Portsmouth, Ohio, are fed by boatmen who row about streets, handing bread to refugees above the water line.

Flood Threatened Live Stock Saved by Coast Guard



Members of the U. S. Coast Guard shown evacuating live stock and farm residents near Cairo, Ill. Her Coast Guard men are shown taking possession of cows found on a railroad right of way which is higher than the ground from which the flood had driven them.

Tank Cars of Drinking Water for Flood Sufferers



Tank cars, normally milk cars, are shown being loaded with water in Chicago and started southward to the flood scourged sufferers in the Ohio and Mississippi valleys where water was so contaminated that it was unsafe for human consumption.

HIGH AND DRY



High and dry is Emil Dallalio as he perches atop a light pole in a flooded Cincinnati street. The water was 20 feet deep. As the Ohio river receded leaving death and desolation in its wake, refugees began returning to their homes.

Prevent Pestilence in Flood Areas



She was a good little trooper, even when driven from her home by the raging Ohio, but the inoculation needle brings tears from Evelyn Jean Hartung as Dr. Reece M. Pedicord, Wheeling, W. Va., health commissioner gives her anti-typhoid serum injection.

Coast Guard Rescues Flood Victims



Flood victims in coast guard boats shown arriving at Jeffersonville, Ind., across the river from Louisville, Ky., where they were placed on refugee trains and taken to safety further north. Floods on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers were the worst in the history of the country. More than 1,000,000 people were made homeless by the treacherous waters that rose over retaining walls, inundated cities and towns and covered rich farm areas. Damage of property exceeded half a billion dollars.

EVACUATION AREA



Map showing 100-mile wide strip along the Mississippi river from Cairo, Ill., to New Orleans which the War department ordered evacuated of all people in the most disastrous flood in the nation's history. Largest peace time removal of civilians in history, the project was conceived to save the lives of more than 500,000 people.

"OLD MAN RIVER'S" FOE



Secretary of War Harry Woodring, under whose orders army engineers and detachments of the regular military service worked to maintain the levee system along the Ohio and Mississippi to combat the raging flood waters. Secretary Woodring ordered the army to evacuate all persons from the Mississippi valley extending from Cairo, Ill., to New Orleans for 50 miles on either side of the river.

Exhausted Refugees Find Relief



A father and his children, pictured in a refugee train as it left Portsmouth, Ohio, for haven and safety. They sleep the sleep of exhaustion, as did the majority who escaped the terrors of the great flood.

Orphans of the Flood Find Refuge



Refugee children from the flooded districts of northern and eastern Arkansas are shown asleep on the floor of a railroad station following their rescue. With millions of acres of farm land under water and countless cities inundated, the Ohio and Mississippi valleys experienced the most devastating flood in history.

HEADS FLOOD RELIEF



Harry L. Hopkins, WPA administrator who has directed the work of more than 50,000 federal relief workers in the flood area. Besides rescue and first aid work, the toolers have begun the task of rehabilitation—a job which it is estimated will confront Ohio and Mississippi river cities for several months to come.