

2000 OR MORE FEARED DEAD IN DAYTON, O.

Streets of Ohio City Are Seething Torrent Eight to 20 Feet In Depth.

HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS LOST

Famine Impends, as All Groceries and Supply Houses Are Inun- dated—Houses Crowded, Office Buildings Filled.

Dayton, O.—The crest was reached about midnight Tuesday. Water is now falling at the rate of half an inch an hour.

Dayton.—The wind veered suddenly from south to north at 3 o'clock and the fires on Vine street sprang up anew.

Dayton.—(By telephone via Xenia.)—Dayton is nothing less than a seething river, three miles wide, a mile and a half on each side of the main street, its principal thoroughfare, while it is estimated that from 2000 to 5000 people have perished.

The Algonquin Hotel is submerged in water up to its third story, and above this level the downtown district office buildings, hotels and business houses are places of refuge.

A school building that was known to have housed not less than 400 school children shortly before the waters rushed in that direction is entirely submerged, and as far as can be ascertained all of those little ones met a watery grave.

Mayor Heer of Middletown, Ohio wired Mayor Hunt of Cincinnati to rush boats on a special train, adding: "Do it quick, necessary to save lives." The special train was sent at once.

Through Safety Director Cash of Cincinnati, the Chamber of Commerce at Hamilton, Ohio, today asked the Governor Cox be requested to order a battalion of militia to Hamilton. That body also adopted a resolution asking Governor Cox to declare Hamilton under martial law.

Three bridges over the Miami river at Hamilton have collapsed. A bill appropriating \$100,000 for the relief of the flood sufferers was introduced into the Ohio legislature. It is estimated that there are 5000 people homeless in the state.

FLOODS COVER INDIANA.

Thousands Homeless in Kokomo, Muncie, Terre Haute and Marion.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Ten thousand families are homeless in Indiana as the result of the worst flood in the history of the state. The property loss runs into millions, and all industry, including transportation facilities, is suspended.

Four persons are known to have been drowned. Large sections of the state are isolated, and it is feared the death list will be materially increased when communications is restored.

Some of the largest cities in the state will be in darkness for some days, the flood waters of various rivers putting electric light and water plants out of commission. The floods follow a two days' downpour, which was general in Indiana as well as adjoining states.

Five hundred persons are homeless at Marion, Ind. At Mississauga, Ind., the river burst the levee on the east side of the city and factories there were forced to shut down. Kokomo is without light and water, and a mile square area in the center of the city is flooded.

The schools are closed there and the militia are patrolling the streets. The known drowned in the state up to noon were Ray Rothenburger and his brother, Roscoe, Frankfort; Wallace Garrison, Burlington; John Dagner, Newcastle.

Leaves Breaks In Three Places.

Dayton, Ohio.—Thousands are homeless in Dayton and vicinity and are being sheltered in tents and public buildings following the breaking of the big Miami river levee in three places. The river has passed the flood stage and is still rising. Scores of factories are closed. Three companies of militia were ordered to aid the police.

Riverdale, North Dayton and other suburbs are inundated. Tuesday night couriers were sent throughout the threatened districts warning the inhabitants to flee. The river is the highest it has been in 40 years.

St. Louis Is Flooded.

St. Louis, Mo.—More than 48 hours of heavy rain, which at times was almost a cloudburst, has raised the River Des Peres at the western end of the city, seven feet higher than any record. The city's show place, Forest Park, is under six feet of water.

Bridge Gives Way.

Norwalk, Ohio.—Causing the death of three members of the train crew, a Wheeling & Lake Erie freight train went through a bridge at Brighton, Ohio, near here, Tuesday.

300 Homeless in Terre Haute.

Terre Haute, Ind.—With 20 known to be dead, five missing, and 100 injured, Terre Haute is slowly recovering from the effects of Sunday's cyclone. More than 300 persons are homeless, the city housing the destitute in the public schools. Mayor Gearhart was forced to issue a threat to prosecute storekeepers who were caught charging exorbitant prices for food. They had increased their prices in some cases nearly 100 per cent. The working class district here was wiped out.

Fifteen Killed in Illinois.

Anna, Ill.—Fifteen persons met death in a cyclone at Makanda, Ill., Monday night, according to reports received here. A fast freight train was blown from the Illinois Central tracks and 25 cars dumped into a ditch.

A torrential rain followed the cyclone. Engineer Wagoner and Fireman Andrews of the wrecked train are known to have been injured.

OHIO HEADWATERS RAGING.

All Small Streams Out of Their Banks and Grave Danger Seen.

Pittsburg, Pa.—With a continued heavy rainfall in Northern and Western Pennsylvania, the flood situation is growing serious and heavy property damage has already resulted. Oil City, Bradford, Warren, Titusville, Greenville, Newcastle, Sharon and the lowlands of this city and vicinity are battling with flood water.

Man's points are without electric light, water, transportation lines and gas. A score of bridges throughout the state were swept away.

The situation at Oil City, Pa., is grave. The dam at Sparta Springs has let go, sending a wall of water toward Oil City. The Allegheny River at Oil City has reached 16 feet and is rising a foot an hour. Oil Creek is out of its banks, and a large portion of the city is under water.

All small streams around Bradford are out of their banks. Sections of the city are under water and hundreds of families homeless.

At Greenville, Pa., more than 500 persons are homeless. In that town is under water and a dozen or more bridges are wrecked. The loss of the United States Steel Corporation at Farrell, a suburb, is estimated at \$200,000. A report reached Sharon that a wreck train and a crew on the Lake Erie road went down with a bridge near Meadville, Pa.

TERRE HAUTE TWICE DESOLATED

Flood Follows Cyclone Disaster and Many Surrounded by Water.

Terre Haute, Ind.—Hardly recovering from the daze of the tornado of Sunday that claimed 20 lives, injured 250 and did property damage amounting to \$1,000,000, Terre Haute Tuesday faced its second disaster in 48 hours, when the waters of the Wabash left their banks, flooding part of the residence district.

Many families whose homes had escaped unscathed in the tornado were surrounded and the residents were forced to flee for their lives.

The river has passed the 25-foot stage and is rising at the rate of five inches an hour. Railroad traffic is practically suspended and interurban traction service has been abandoned. Residents of Taylorville, Robertsville and West Terre Haute have deserted their homes. Five hundred houses are under water and the coal mines near here are flooded.

Relief stations established near the flooded districts are swamped with applications for aid.

TOTAL LIVES LOST NEAR 7675.

Estimated Figures Based on Unverified News From Two States.

Chicago.—Unverified reports from flood-swept cities in Ohio and Indiana show the following estimated loss of life:

Ohio—Dayton, 100 to 5000; Piqua (rumored), 540; Delaware, 50 to 100; Sidney, 23 to 50; Middletown, 15 to 20; Hamilton, 12; Tippicanoe City, 3 to 5; scattering, 16; total Ohio, 759 to 7175.

Indiana—Peru, 200 to 500; Newcas-
tle, 3; Lafayette, 2; Noblesville, 2; Frankfort, 1; Fort Wayne, 1; Rushville, 1; total Indiana, 210 to 500.

Grand total, 969 to 7675.

The homeless, most of them temporarily, are estimated to number upwards of 100,000.

The property damage is roughly estimated at \$25,000,000 or more.

All the great railroad systems running through the flooded states are tied up by floods and washouts.

Thousands Rush to Safety.

Cleveland, Ohio.—Washouts are reported everywhere, and all interurban railroad traffic is at a standstill.

The Cuyahoga river is badly swollen. In Muskingum county a boy was drowned while attempting to ford the stream in a buggy.

Police Captain McGowan was drowned at Findlay while trying to rescue marooned families in the low lying districts. Two feet of water is reported in several Findlay districts.

At Cincinnati, Valentine Best, 22 years old, was drowned in the Miami and Erie canal.

The Scioto river at Columbus is far above the flood stage, and is rising rapidly. Scores of factories are closed. More than 500 residents were forced to abandon their homes at Akron. Several parts of the city are under water.

Seven hundred families were driven from their homes at Mount Vernon when the Koskosing river broke through the dike.

Many Drown at Delaware.

Delaware, O.—Between 75 and 100 persons were drowned in the flooded Olentangy River, according to estimates made by the police Tuesday. More conservative reports place the number of dead between 30 and 50. The names of only 28 of those believed to be dead have been obtained. Scores of persons are still clinging to tops of trees, roofs of houses and other available footings. At night fires were built along the banks of the river to cheer the marooned ones, while desperate efforts to rescue continued.

Two Girls Are Heroines.

Cincinnati.—Two girls were the real factors in giving to the world the news of the Dayton flood. Both are operators. One, a telephone operator at Dayton, flashed the last tidings that came out of the stricken city Wednesday by telephone and gave the news to Governor Cox which enabled the executive to start relief to the city.

Miss Rena Alken, the other, a telegraph operator at Phometon, served as relief operator for the girl in Dayton. Both stood at their posts as long as the wires were in operation.

Fire Aids Rescuers.

Hamilton, O.—The Champion Coated Paper Company, a \$2,000,000 concern, took fire early Wednesday morning and it is at the mercy of the flames, as all fire-fighting is out of the question. The glare of the fire helps rescuers in their work. Twelve persons are known to have been drowned, while it is believed over a score or more are dead as a result of the flood of the Miami River that swept Hamilton, and is rushing through the streets to a depth of three to six feet.

Five Dead at Hamilton.

Hamilton, Ohio.—Five persons are known to have been drowned and several others are reported drowned. Half of the city is already under the flood waters of the Miami river, and to make matters worse an old reservoir on the banks of the river burst today, flooding over 400 acres of farms.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

General News of the Industrial and Educational Development and Progress of Rural Communities, Public Institutions, Etc.

HEPPNER MEN TALK ROADS.

Palace Hotel Rendezvous for Backers of Good Highways.

Heppner.—About fifty of Heppner's business men sat down to a sumptuous dinner at the Palace Hotel recently. The object of the gathering was to discuss good roads in general and the improvement of the road to Spray and the extension of the Willow Creek road to Ritter in particular. The two roads mentioned will bring considerable additional business to Heppner.

T. J. Mahoney acted as toastmaster. John Scott Mills, of the publicity department of the O. W. R. & N. Company, and J. R. Stein, of the freight department of the same company, were present. Mr. Mills delivered an interesting and instructive address upon the good roads question. This was followed by talks by several of the leading business men of the city. Committees were appointed to work out definite plans for the improvement and construction of the roads under consideration.

W. D. Newlon, who has been drilling a number of wells in the light land district in the northern part of the county, made a proposition to drill for artesian water. The proposition was accepted, provided a bonus of \$20,000 be raised, the same to be paid in the event he secures a flow of water sufficient for irrigation purposes. If he fails to secure the flow of water he shall receive nothing. The offer aroused considerable interest, and a committee was appointed to see what can be done with the proposition.

COW PURCHASE PLAN NEW.

Hood River Commercial Club Backs Move to Aid Valley Folk.

Hood River.—To aid the apple-growers of the community in securing cows, the Hood River Commercial Club proposes to form a cow purchasing association, which will not only select the animals, but will assist the orchardists financially in securing them. It is the hope of a large number of people of this city to secure a creamery. However, Professor Kent, of the Oregon Agricultural College, who was recently here conferring with the directors of the club, says that before the creamery can be operated on a profitable basis at least 300 more cows ought to be placed in the community.

The valley's population is made up to a great extent of people who have come from cities and do not understand how to choose a good milk cow. An expert will make the purchase for them, and the club is promulgating. A large number of those who are desirous of going into the dairy business are not able financially to pay cash for cows at the present time. The club will make the purchase for these, and through the association that will be formed will await the remittance of the purchasing rancher.

ENGINEERING FEAT BIG.

Question of Getting Foundations for Coos Bay Span Is Problem.

North Bend.—An engineering problem confronts the men in charge of the bridge operations of the Southern Pacific to bridge Coos Bay. The trouble arises over getting foundations. Bedrock seems to be the one thing that is lacking in the geological formation of the bay, as drilling has shown that no such substance can be found, at least within a reasonable distance from the surface. The tests have gone down to a depth of 100 feet, and all that the drill shows to be there is sand.

In conversation with one of the engineers he stated that a plan was being worked out to make the foundations of concrete, imbedded in the sand, something entirely new in engineering. Considering the weight of the finished structure a foundation made in this manner seems to be something that is almost impossible.

CROP PESTS DISCUSSED.

300-Page Book Issued by O. A. C. of Much Interest to Growers.

Corvallis.—Results of the last two years' work in crop pest investigations and experimental work in horticulture done at the Oregon Agricultural College Experiment Station are being published in the bulletin form and the first copies of the 300-page book have been delivered to the college by the State printer.

Special features of the work are accounts of investigations made by the college experts to determine the influence of bud variations on fruit markings; an exhaustive treatise on the several forms of aphid which cause Oregon agriculturists so much trouble, and a discussion of the work of the San Jose scale on pears. These treatises are illustrated by color plates.

Coquille to Have Public Park.

Coquille.—Coquille will have a public park and playground, pending for some time having been completed which gives the city possession of a ten-acre tract within easy reach. The property purchased is known as Patterson's Grove and was purchased by public-spirited citizens led by Mayor Morrison, and that syndicate will hold it until such time as the city is financially able to take it off their hands. The grove will be fitted up this season for use of the children as playground and a place where meetings and picnics may be held.

Many Claims Received.

Salem.—Adjutant-General Finzer was here recently in conference with Secretary Olcott arranging for a proper form for the claims of the veterans of the Indian Wars. The recent Legislature appropriated \$50,000 to repay these veterans for the use of their horses. The Adjutant-General says a large number of claims are coming in and that probably the entire \$50,000 will be used. He is not certain whether the amount appropriated will cover the entire amount of these claims.

Marshfield votes "Yes."

Marshfield.—The special election here Tuesday resulted in 506 votes being cast. The proposition to sell terminal railway franchise to the Southern Pacific carried 393 to 83. The proposition of the city to give the band \$1800 yearly, carried, 367 to 114.

The Chronicles of Addington Peace

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MR. TAUBERY'S DIAMOND

"Hi, young fellow! Does Inspector Peace live here?"

He spoke roughly enough, and I returned his stare with equal irritation. When a man may not indulge in day dreams on his own doorstep the state society wants mending. He was a big bully of a fellow, with a red face, a curled, white mustache, and a single eye-glass, through which he regarded me with an air of extreme ill-temper.

"The inspector lodges on the third floor," I told him coldly.

"Do you live here too?"

"I had a mind not to answer him, but after all, it was not worth while making trouble over an impudent question."

"Yes," I said; "I rent the ground floor and the studio behind. My name is Phillips. I am an artist. For the past four years I have studied abroad. If you would like to see my birth certificate I will go and fetch it for you."

To my surprise, he burst into a shout of laughter, swaying his body from side to side. It was quite a time before he recovered himself.

"Good, lad—good, lad," he chuckled; "Gad! but I deserved it. Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Guntun, sir—Colonel Theophilus Guntun—and I'm very pleased to meet you."

He held out his hand, which I shook, without any great degree of enthusiasm.

"Is this Addington Peace at home, do you think?" he continued.

"I don't know," I told him. "I should walk upstairs and find out if I were you."

"There I recognize the practical head. You know him?"

"Then, we will go together. You can introduce me."

I was offended at the noise and bluster of the man; but he had grabbed my arm, and I didn't want to seem at my own door. I led him up the stairs, his voice growing silent as his lung capacity weakened. The inspector's voice cried an invitation to my knock, and I entered, with the Colonel puffing at my heels like a locomotive on a stiff incline.

"Sorry to disturb you, Peace," I said; "but this is a gentleman by the name of Guntun, and he appears anxious to make your acquaintance."

The little man rose from his easy-chair, and stood looking at the stranger with an expression of great good-humor.

For myself, I was about to withdraw when the Colonel's hand dropped heavily upon my shoulder.

"Don't you go," he said. "A cosmopolitan, a detective and a man of the world, as I am, form a unique combination. And, by Gad! gentlemen, we shall want all our brains over this affair."

I glanced at Peace, who smiled and nodded. So I stayed.

The Colonel kindly consented to take the most comfortable chair, sighed, stretched out his legs, lit a cheroot, and then, without further introduction, plunged into his story.

"Perhaps you have heard of Julius Taubery? No? Well, it's a name as well known throughout India as the vicary's. He is the head of one of the richest firms in Calcutta. Went out there as a young man, worked well, married well, and ended well in all things, save his constitution, with which he played a very delicate game. In 1900 he returned and took a fine London house in Portland place, together with an old hall down in Devonshire. A month ago the doctors ordered him out of England for life. Rough on him, wasn't it, seeing that he had spent two-thirds of his time out of it already? But the south of France is his only chance, they tell him; so, like a wise man, he is selling off his stocks, and settling down at Mentone, without seeming to show how much it hurts him."

"Julius and his wife—she's one of the kindest-hearted women—have been giving some farewell parties to their old friends. They had a lunch today, one-thirty sharp, and a lot of people turned up. After the ladies had left us, the talk, as luck would have it, fell on precious stones; and Julius Taubery is a crank on them if there ever was one. His wife wears the finest jewels in London, and the old man is supposed to have many thousands of pounds' worth more locked away, which he won't trust even her with the handling."

"Gentlemen," says he, "I will show you something that may interest you. It is a new purchase of mine, and it happens to be a remarkable stone!"

"He pulled a green case from an inside pocket, flipped it open, and there the thing was as big as a walnut. The lights were on, it being dull weather, and the stone blinked and sparkled like the sun on dancing water."

"My word, Julius," I said. "But that's a risky bit of stuff to carry about with you."

"It's going to the bank this afternoon," he answered. "So if you want to examine the pretty pebble, gentlemen, this is your last chance."

"And with that he took it from his case, as proud as a young husband of his first baby, and sent it round the table."

"I was sitting on Julius' left. Between us was a fat old boy, who was a stranger to me. He took a long stare at the stone, whistling softly between his teeth, before he passed it on. It went from hand to hand, never out of sight, so far as I could notice, until it came to Sir Andrew Cartillon, who fancied himself an expert on gems. They say that when Lady Cartillon is in the stalls, the play is finished to the wo-

could arrest him. I bought the diamond from his agent in Paris.

"You interest me deeply, Mr. Taubery," struck in Sir Andrew, speaking very softly, though we could all see he was in a devil of a rage. "Even I was not unaware of the existence of the Pavloff diamond. If my memory does not fail me, it is slightly disfigured by a flaw on the eighth facet."

"Certainly, Sir Andrew," said our host; "if you examine the stone you will see that such is the case."

"There is no such blemish on the diamond I have before me. Therefore I humbly suggest that you have been deceived by this Parisian agent as to its origin."

"Professor Endicott climbed to his feet with a grunt of disabatement, and leant over the table, thrusting out his jagged fist to receive the jewel. He remained standing, with his body angled forward, so that the electric lights above the silver center piece might shine the brighter upon what he held. Presently he dropped his hands to his sides and stood staring about him like a plowman lost in Piccadilly."

"This is not the stone I examined five minutes ago," he muttered.

"Nonsense," said old Julius, with a shadow of fear in his eyes. "Nonsense, Endicott; look again."

"Can it be that two such famous experts have made a mistake?" sneered Sir Andrew. "Can it be that a humble amateur like myself is right and that they are wrong? As I told you, gentlemen, the Hydrapore diamond—"

"Hydrapore diamond be d—!" squealed the fat man. "This thing is a fake, a clumsy imitation. Taubery, you have been robbed!"

"We were all on our feet in an instant—made a clamor of tongues. But there was one man amongst us that kept his head; one man who realized that his honor was in peril; that immediate action was necessary. His name—if I am not too egotistical—is Theophilus Guntun."

"Fortunately I have a voice of some power, and a manner that, when my feelings are strongly moved, is perhaps not unimpressive. I commanded and obtained silence. I begged them to resume their seats; they obeyed."

"Julius Taubery," I said, "has your diamond disappeared?"

"He answered that it had, looking at the imitation stone, which they had returned to him, in a silly, scared way."

"Julius Taubery," I continued, "we, your guests, lie under a stigma, an imputation. We cannot leave the house under such circumstances. Some one must have brought the imitation stone with him for a purpose that it is needless to define. The real jewel must be in his pocket at this moment. Let us, therefore, be searched."

"They all sat silent as mice under my eye, save the professor, who grunted as if in dissent."

"Do I understand that you object to my plan, sir?" I asked him. "Do you refuse to be searched? And if so, may I ask why?"

"He gave me an angry look, but he had not the courage to contest the point."

"Then, I may take it that we are all agreed. Taubery, you have a library upon this floor. As I passed the door before lunch I noticed that there was an excellent fire there. Professor Endicott and myself will retire to that room. I will search the professor; the professor shall search me. After that the rest of the guests will come, one by one, into the room, where we will search them in turn. Let us have no delay. Professor Endicott, I am very much at your service."

"I went through that party, gentlemen, as our Transatlantic cousins would express it, with a fine-tooth comb. And I feel it my duty to say that not one of them raised the smallest objection to the severity of my methods. They were like lambs, gentlemen, they were, by thunder! But I obtained no result. The Taubery diamond had disappeared."

"Poor old Julius was quite broken down about it. He placed the whole matter in my hands. On my way to Scotland Yard I remembered what an old friend of mine had told me about you. If you are ever in a hole, Guntun," he said, "get Addington Peace—"

"I inquired your address; I am here. And now what are you going to do?"

"Can you remember who it was that introduced the subject of precious stones at your luncheon party?" asked Inspector Peace.

"Pon my life I don't know," said the Colonel, polishing his eye-glass with a red silk pocket handkerchief.

"It was one of the fellows at the other end of the table, but I can't say which of them."

(CHRONICLES TO BE CONTINUED.)



DID GREAT THINGS AS BOYS

Notable Instances of Those Who Have Accomplished Much in Their Youth.

It is well for us to remind ourselves not infrequently of the historical fact that some of the greatest achievements in the world have been made by youth, and it will always be so in human history. David had experienced some of the greatest emergencies before he was twenty, and was a king at the age of eighteen. Raphael had practically completed his life work at age of thirty-seven. He did no great artistic work after that age. James Watt was as a boy as he watched the steam coming out of the teakettle, saw in it the new world of mechanical power made possible by the old element turned and driven by a simple appliance. Cortez was master of Mexico before he was thirty-six. Schubert died at the age of thirty-one.

After having composed what may perhaps be called in some ways the most entrancing melody ever written, Charlemagne was master of France and the greatest emperor of the world at the age of thirty. Shelley wrote

Queen Mab when he was only twenty-one, and was master of poetry before he was twenty-five. Patrick Henry was able to shape the revolutionary history of a new country before he was thirty, and astonish the world by his oratory before he was twenty-six years old. At the age of twenty-four Ruskin had written Modern Painters, and Bryant had written Thanatopsis. The list of achievements of youth in all ages—in all departments of activity—is endless.—Christian Herald.

One Way With Late Husbands.

At Stelzhan, Canton of St. Gall, Switzerland, a young married woman whose husband was unable to tear himself away from his favorite cafe in the evenings and was always very late for dinner, took the dinner and "planted" it before her husband and friends while they were playing cards in the cafe.

"Continue your game as long as you like, but don't return home and have to be called in some way to bed," she said, and walked out of the cafe. The young husband had to pass the night in the streets, as his wife refused to allow him to enter the house.