

# BLIZZARD INCREASES FLOOD'S HORRORS

## FLAMES FANNED BY HURRICANE DESTROYING DESOLATED DAYTON IMPERILING A THOUSAND LIVES

Survivors of Flood, Cold and Starvation Face More Terror—Fire Spreads Eastward Toward Residence District—Loss by Flames Already Reach \$750,000—No Estimate Possible of Those Who Perished in Flames or Whose Bodies Lie in Ruins of Flooded Homes—Thousands Upon Thousands Isolated, Famishing and Suffering From Exposure—Rescuers Must Hasten or They will Be too Late—26 Bodies Recovered

**SUMMARY OF DEAD AND HOMELESS IN OHIO**

Dayton—From 300 to 2000 dead; business section fire swept; 30,000 persons homeless, and damage estimated to be at least \$10,000,000.

Columbus—From 50 to 200 dead; several buildings burned, 20,000 homeless, and damage at east \$10,000,000.

Delaware—Thirteen known to be dead; 1000 homeless, and property damage estimated at \$1,000,000.

Zanesville—Seven known dead; 4000 homeless, and loss fixed at \$1,500,000.

Hamilton—Thirteen dead; several hundred homeless; several factories valued at more than \$1,000,000 burned, others collapsed; total loss estimated at \$2,000,000.

Middleton—Seven known dead and at least 100 missing; property loss estimated at \$500,000.

A score of towns in the flooded districts cannot be reached. Complete reports are expected to support Governor Cox's statement that the floods have rendered 250,000 persons homeless.

All interurban and streetcar service in the flooded districts is at a standstill.

Tiffin—Fifty reported dead.

Piqua—Twenty reported dead; scores missing.

The fatalities at Troy, Sidney and Fremont cannot be estimated at this time.

The loss to public utility companies alone is estimated at \$40,000,000.

(By a United Press Staff Correspondent)

DAYTON, Ohio, March 27.—Driven by a howling blizzard which still rages unabated, the flames which are eating up this desolated city started to spread eastward at 3 o'clock this afternoon from Third street toward the residence district, imperiling the lives of hundreds who so far have survived the terrors of flood, cold and starvation.

One of the first houses attacked by the onswEEPING flames was a paint house adjoining a building in which 300 persons have been trapped since Tuesday. As the United Press motorboat, carrying Fire Chief Ramby and representatives of the United Press, passed through the flooded streets, hundreds and thousands of those marooned leaped from the windows of their refuges, pleading for doctors and begging piteously for news of their friends in other parts of the city.

**Estimates Impossible.**

Chief Ramby estimates that the loss by fire already has reached \$750,000. No estimate whatever is possible at this time as to the number who perished in the flames, or whose dead and sodden bodies lie in the ruins of their flooded homes.

The tour of the United Press boat showed thousands upon thousands of people isolated, most of them famishing, and made it certain that if

## FEDERAL ARMY SURRENDERS TO SONORA REBELS

NACO, Ariz., March 27.—After thirty-six hours of fighting without food or water, Colonel Moreno has surrendered his federal garrison at Cananea to the Sonora state rebels, according to authentic reports here today. The surrender was unconditional. It is believed that the prisoners taken by the rebels will be paroled.

According to the messages from Cananea, seventy federals were killed and wounded during the fight. Two hundred rebels are said to have fallen.

help does not soon come starvation and exposure will vastly increase the already terrible toll of the victims of the disaster.

Twenty-six bodies had been recovered here up to 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. They had been swept toward shore. One of the bodies was that of a baby.

**Flood Waters Recede.**

The flood waters are receding rapidly, having entirely disappeared from two blocks heretofore partially submerged.

At 2:45 o'clock this afternoon a fire was still raging in the flooded district of Dayton, and 21 buildings had been destroyed.

A mutiny has started in the city workhouse, which houses 100 prisoners. All are terror stricken and demand their freedom, shouting, "We were not sent here to die."

The prisoners are beating on the cell doors and shouting imprecations. Superintendent Johnson has appealed to the militia for help.

## WANT RELIEF WIRED TO FLOOD SUFFERERS

PORTLAND, Ore., March 27.—Following the receipt of a telegram from Governor Cox of Ohio stating that he feared that the damage and distress in Ohio is greater than earlier advices indicated, and asking that contributions be telegraphed, Mayor Rushlight has designated the Chamber of Commerce the recipient of the funds contributed by Portland people and the people of the surrounding country. Practically all of the commercial organizations in the city have wired offers of financial aid.

Financial aid will be tendered the sufferers in Indiana and Ohio also.

## THREE MORE VICTIMS OMAHA CYCLONE DEAD

OMAHA, Neb., March 27.—Three of those injured in Sunday night's cyclone died today. This brings the total dead up to 134. More troops were ordered out this afternoon.

## SAVE WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND CHILDREN LET MEN WAIT

Hundreds Left Behind in Their Flooded Homes in Death Stricken Dayton After Families Rescued—Already Corpses of Victims Visible

Little Done Yet to Save the Thousands Imperiled in Flood and Fire Ravaged City—Few Boats

DAYTON, Ohio, March 27.—Women and children first in the rule in death stricken Dayton today.

Hundreds of men have been left behind in their flooded homes after their families were moved because there was not room enough in the boats for all. Many of these are facing death from fire, while their anguished wives and children watched the flames from points of safety. Already the corpses of the flood victims are becoming visible. From the south shore of the flooded district the bodies of men, women and children can be seen floating with the debris of houses and the carcasses of dead horses.

## Mingled Mass of Dead.

The mingled mass of dead humanity and animals is being carried swiftly along by the waves, and it is believed few of the bodies will be recovered.

## Cold Retards Work.

Such few boats as are available are being worked at top speed by eager rescuers, and already scores of women and children, famishing and almost freezing, have been landed on the higher spots in the city where the flood waters have receded. Bitter cold, however, is retarding the work of rescue as well as making the suffering of the survivors almost unendurable. The deaths from exposure probably will materially swell the fatal toll, which cannot be made up in anything like completeness for probably a week.

## LIFE-SAVING CREWS OFFERED GOVERNORS

WASHINGTON, March 27.—All the United States lifesaving stations in the neighborhood of the flooded district were placed at the disposal of Governor Cox and Governor Ralston of Indiana today by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo. The crews were ordered to respond without further notice to the requests of the governors.

Surgeon General Blue left today to personally aid the government health service officers rendering assistance to the flood sufferers.

## ONLY THREE DEAD FROM INDIANAPOLIS FLOOD

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 27.—Only three persons are known to be dead here as a result of the flood situation. The water is rapidly subsiding.

## WIDOW OF REAR ADMIRAL EATON, WHO IS ACCUSED OF MURDERING HUSBAND, PICTURED AFTER ARREST



ARREST OF MRS. EATON BY JOHN H. SCOTT, STATE OFFICER.

Mrs. Joseph Giles Eaton, wife of Rear Admiral Joseph G. Eaton, who died suddenly in Massachusetts a few weeks ago, has been charged with the Admiral's murder. Arsenic poison, according to the authorities, was the method of destruction used. Mrs. Eaton, who is now in the county jail at Plymouth, Mass., has pleaded not guilty.

"Mrs. Eaton is indignant that she should be charged with such an offense. She will make no statement at the present time." This is the statement of Francis Geogan, the Eaton family attorney.

## GRAND RESERVOIR HOLDS; COLLAPSE TALE PREMATURE

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 27.—Frantic telephone messages from St. Marys and various other towns in Ohio and Indiana, telling of the breaking of the Grand Reservoir, were found at noon to have been premature. The east walls of the reservoir showed signs of collapse and its guards allowed a quantity of water to escape to relieve the pressure. This volume of water, rushing on St. Marys and other towns, threw their residents into a panic, leading to the report that the reservoir had burst.

A large force of men labored all night strengthening the walls of the reservoir. At noon it was pronounced intact and safe for the present. Reinforcement of the Lewiston reservoir also continues.

## EXPOSURE KILLS PEOPLE MAROONED IN DURST PLANT

DAYTON, Ohio, March 27.—The people marooned in the Durst plant here today are without food or water. They are being soaked with rain, and it is reported some are dying because of their clothing becoming frozen.

A band of rescuers left the plant of the National Cash Register company early today. It is expected they will bring back many refugees.

Three hundred and fifty persons are trapped in the upper stories of the Carrier Car company building.

Fire Chief Frank Ramby declared that many firemen were drowned early today in trying to reach the flames. They were working in boats, many of which were upset. Some of the firemen grappled with horses swimming nearby, and were drowned when the animals sank.

## CHICAGO PACKERS TO BUY ALASKA PACKERS

ASTORIA, Ore., March 27.—It was authoritatively announced here today that Libby, McNeil and Libby, the Chicago packers, are negotiating for the purchase of the Alaska Fishermen's Packing company canneries at Bristol Bay, Alaska. A meeting of the stockholders of the packing company will be held on April 10 to consider the offer.

## WAR SECRETARY GOES TO SURVEY FLOOD DISTRICT

WASHINGTON, March 27.—President Wilson today asked Secretary of War Garrison to go to Ohio and personally survey conditions in the flood district. He will be accompanied by General Wood and will leave this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Unless conditions materially improve, President Wilson himself may go to Ohio. This morning he virtually decided to go, but later decided to send Secretary Garrison on a special train as his personal representative.

The president sent the following message to Governor Cox of Ohio and Governor Ralston of Indiana:

"I have directed the secretary of war to proceed immediately to the flood districts, with the necessary staff, in order that every possible assistance may be rendered the sufferers more promptly than would be possible if he had to overcome the present imperfect means of communication from Washington."

## HILL LINES HAUL RELIEF SUPPLIES

PORTLAND, Ore., March 27.—W. D. Skinner, traffic manager of the Hill lines in Oregon and the North Bank railroad, stated at noon today that the Hill lines in Oregon, the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific and their associated lines in the east will carry donations for the relief of the flood sufferers in Indiana and Ohio free of charge.

Skinner also stated that eastern connections of the Hill lines had wired him that food articles of particular value would be canned salmon and other canned goods.

## RESCUED FROM RAFTERS IN ATTIC OF HOME

DAYTON, Ohio, March 27.—Jerry Connors, sporting editor of the Dayton News, was rescued from the rafters in the attic of his home here with his wife and baby.

Christopher Emerick rescued his wife and two children by carrying them on his shoulders in water up to his armpits.

## MARTIAL LAW PROCLAIMED IN FLOOD DISTRICT

Waters in Indiana Are Subsiding—Suffering From Exposure and Famine Intense—Relief Workers Unable to Reach Many Towns

West Side of Indianapolis Cut Off and Famine Threatens—No Food and No Drinking Water

INDIANAPOLIS, March 27.—Because of the chaotic conditions resulting from the general floods, martial law was proclaimed here early today. Conditions throughout the city are grave and a famine is threatened.

The West Side of the city is cut off from wire communication from the business section because of floods. It is expected the death list here will be small.

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The flood waters in Indiana are subsiding today. The suffering in the Wabash valley, which has been without food and fuel and drinking water for three days is intense. A train carrying sixty boats and supplies, reached Peru last night. It found three thousand persons marooned in the courthouse.

Relief workers so far have been unable to reach LaFayette, Kokomo, Wabash and Logansport. It is reported that several persons have gone insane from lack of food.

The latest estimate of the dead at Brookville is seventeen. Fatalities also have occurred at Whitmore, New Trenton and Cedar Grove. The latter town is reported destroyed.

## FRIGHTFUL STORY OF FIRE VICTIMS

DAYTON, Ohio, March 27.—A frightful story of the plight of the flood and fire victims was told this afternoon by Abbie and Mamie Hedges, residents of Hess street, who were rescued during the day.

"Hundreds of people marooned in that neighborhood," they said, "are slowly starving to death. The rescuers must work fast or they will be too late to render much aid. Many will not survive even if they are rescued now. It is already too late."

On Pulaski street two families, consisting of nine members, escaped by lashing themselves to shutters and sliding down the roofs of their houses into the water. Ropes were attached to the shutters, and they finally were pulled to safety.

Mrs. Katherine O'Connor and daughter Blanche were rescued, the husband and son remaining behind. They were among the missing this afternoon and it is feared they perished.

## 100 DEAD AT PIQUA 25 AT TROY PERISH

PHONETON, Ohio, March 27.—Militiamen reported 100 dead at Piqua and 25 at Troy. A trainload of provisions, they said, arrived at Piqua today.

A man who arrived from Dayton reports that 650 persons were fed and clothed there by relief committees. Two cars of chickens and pigs, he said, have been killed and are being dressed.

Information received here today from the manager of the telephone company at Sidney said that both the Lewiston and Grand reservoirs are holding.

## HUNDREDS DIE IN WEST SIDE OF COLUMBUS

Thickly Populated District of Ohio's Capital City Almost Wiped Out—Impossible to Make Any Accurate Estimate of Dead

Train Loads of Relief Supplies Sent Dayton—Receding Water Shows Corpses Hanging in Trees

EAST HAMILTON, Ohio, March 27.—Half starved men this afternoon swam out of the flood to high ground here used as headquarters by the state militia. Earl Brandegee, one of the refugees, said:

"Director of Safety De Armand of Hamilton told me the toll of death would be 1500 in Hamilton and the surrounding towns and county. Hamilton is a city of horrors. Hundreds are dead."

## COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 27.—

Firemen who returned from the flooded West Side of this city declare that at least one hundred corpses have been found in the United Brethren church there.

The West Side, one of Columbus' most thickly populated districts, is almost wiped out. It is impossible at this time to make any accurate estimate of the number of dead.

The estimated damage to property on the West Side is between \$10,000,000 and \$15,000,000.

Rapidly receding water revealed corpses hanging to trees, some lodged in the debris and others floating about partly submerged buildings. Refugees brought the names of hundreds of missing persons, who are believed to have been drowned.

Encouraging advices, the first to come from the stricken city, were received here today by Governor Cox from George Burba, his private secretary, who is in Dayton.

"One thousand persons," Burba wired, "have been rescued along the right-of-way of the Pennsylvania railroad, which now is above water."

"The first trainload of supplies has passed Springfield and should reach Dayton at noon. A second train bearing militiamen is forty minutes behind it, and a third train, carrying militia and life savers from Cleveland is half an hour behind the second."

## FIRST PARTIAL DEATH LIST OF DAYTON VICTIMS

DAYTON, Ohio, March 27.—The first authentic partial list of the dead in Dayton's great flood and fire was obtained here today. It follows:

George Morgenthalen.  
J. N. Haverlick, manager of the Bell Telephone company.  
L. C. Haupt, wife and three children.  
Mrs. Collins and son.  
Lillie Eichmann.  
Mrs. Schmidt and daughter.  
Mrs. Bond.  
Antonio Scharffe.  
Mrs. Carrie Schantz.  
Mrs. Thompson.  
An unknown girl.

Twenty-five policemen and a dozen firemen are missing, including Fireman Charles Phillips, who leaped into the flood, believing his family had perished.

MISSISSIPPI RISING  
CAIRO, Ill., March 27.—The Ohio and Mississippi rivers here today reached a stage of forty five and three-fifths feet.