

DAYTON BURNING, AND THOUSANDS MAY PERISH

SNOW STORM ADDS TO FLOODS HORRORS

At Least 300 Drowned at Peru ---and Whole State a Vast Lake.

STORY GROWS IN HORROR

Hundreds of Towns Without Food or Light and Cut Off From All Assistance.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Indianapolis, Ind., March 26.—A terrific snow storm this afternoon added to the horrors of the flood situation in Northern Indiana.

Indiana is without water, gas and telephone facilities. Wabash, Logansport, Kokomo, Peru, LaFayette and a score of smaller towns in the Wabash valley are isolated.

Reports from the south indicate that the waters are rising in that section. A passenger train on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroad dropped through a flood-weakened bridge over the Wabash river at Clinton, Ind.

300 on the Boats. South Bend, Ind., March 26.—Three hundred persons perished in the flood waters which engulfed Peru, Ind., according to Manager Bond, of the local Bell telephone, who is in direct communication with the stricken city.

"I have positive assurances from Peru at 1 o'clock this afternoon that the deaths will reach 300 there."

Bond asserts that 25 persons perished in the Peru court house alone, and that 3000 are seeking refuge in the upper stories of that structure.

The water is receding rapidly and rescuers probably will begin the search for bodies tomorrow. It is believed many of the drowned were swept miles away from the city.

In one house a whole family of 12 were found dead. It is reported that 25 corpses have already been found.

250 Drown at Peru. Indianapolis, March 26.—The first report of the loss of life in Peru was confirmed early this morning when Governor Ralston talked over the long distance telephone to Frank Butler, an attorney at Peru.

Mr. Butler said 100 coffins at least were needed, other bodies having been washed away.

Senator Fleming said early this morning that he had contracted with local undertakers to furnish caskets and with a coffin factory at Richmond to supply as many as possible for Peru.

Two hundred and fifty or more were drowned at Peru, Ind., according to a message received by Governor Ralston from that place.

The governor's informant asked that 200 coffins and food and clothing be sent to Peru at once.

"This probably will be the last message you will get from Peru," said the man. "Two hundred or more are drowned and the remainder of the residents are grouped on a hill waiting for daylight."

The State Is Flooded. Peru, Ind., March 26.—Many are reported dead; the city is isolated. Indianapolis is flooded by the White river.

At Richmond 20 bridges are gone and many are homeless. Kokomo is flooded by Wild Cat creek and 1500 are homeless. Half of the city of Shelbyville is under water. Logansport is isolated, and scores of houses have been washed

(Continued on page 5.)

OREGON WILL HELP

Portland, Or., March 26.—Mayor Roshlight of Portland, acting in conjunction with the chamber of commerce, the commercial club and other civic organizations, today sent the following message to Governor Cox of Ohio, and Governor Ralston of Indiana: "The citizens of Portland are appalled at the news of misfortune which has befallen your state. We extend deepest sympathy. We stand ready to render any assistance that you deem necessary and advisable. The resources of our people are at your command."

ALDERMAN WILL ABANDON OFFICE

Is Elected Superintendent of Portland Public Schools at a Much Larger Salary.

At a meeting of the school board of the city of Portland last night L. R. Alderman, state superintendent of public instruction, was elected superintendent of the schools of that city.

Three of the five members of the Portland board voted for Mr. Alderman, and two of them against him. The Portland position pays a salary of \$4500 a year.

This action of the Portland school board has been expected for the last six weeks. At a meeting the day after Mr. Alderman's departure for Philadelphia, where he attended the convention of the National Educational Association, the election was looked for, but was blocked by strong opposition.

It was again looked for at a meeting held last Tuesday, the day following Mr. Alderman's return from the East, but was again blocked.

There are a large number of candidates to succeed Mr. Alderman as superintendent. There appears to be little doubt that his successor will be Superintendent Churchill, of Baker county, who is one of the veteran educators of the state.

Many believe that E. F. Carlton, assistant state superintendent, under both J. H. Ackerman and Mr. Alderman, will be the successor. That he is one of the strongest candidates for the place is a certainty.

HUGH REEVES IS ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

Hugh Reeves, a carpenter of Jefferson, fell from a scaffold yesterday while at work on a building at that place, and died at the Salem hospital at 12 o'clock last night as the result of the accident.

A board upon which Reeves was standing suddenly turned, and the carpenter lost his footing. He fell a distance of 12 feet, alighting on the back of his head and neck.

Mr. Reeves' skull was fractured, and, although every effort was made to save his life, after being brought to this city for treatment, he died. The body was shipped to Jefferson this morning by Rigdon & Richardson, and the funeral will be held tomorrow.

"JIM HAM" SENATOR PINK WHISKERED FAKIE

Springfield, Ill., March 26.—James Hamilton Lewis, Democrat, and Lawrence Y. Sherman, Republican, were elected United States senators here today by a combination of Democrats and Republicans in the state legislature.

The Mare Island Yard

Vallejo, Cal., March 26.—With the belief being entertained here that his visit will determine whether the yard will be put in the first or second class, Commandant H. T. Mayo, of Mare Island navy yard, left here today for Washington. He carries data concerning the local yard, particularly as to the depth of its channel.

EVERY MINUTE ADDS TO THE LONG TALE OF UTTER HORROR

FLAMES SWEEP OVER RUINED CITY AND THOUSANDS MAY HAVE CHOICE ONLY OF MANNER OF DEATH---TALES OF DEATH DISASTER AND SUFFERING UNEQUALLED IN AMERICAN HISTORY OF CALAMITIES

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Columbus, O., March 26.—Fire is sweeping Dayton this afternoon, and its residents are meeting death in the flames, according to information received by Governor Cox here.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon the governor announced his determination to reach Dayton with state troops and assistance, regardless of cost. He plans to send a train to Cleveland, and from there to Toledo, hoping to reach Piqua or Troy from that city.

With every minute bringing news of fresh disasters there is not a doubt this afternoon that hundreds, possibly thousands, of human beings have perished in Ohio and Indiana in the terrific floods which are making of those states one vast grave.

No man can say within hundreds how many lives have been lost.

Probably 2000 souls have perished in Dayton, according to the secretary of Governor Cox, of Ohio. Later reports say that hundreds are being burned alive, perished like rats in the upper stories of flood-isolated buildings.

Eighty miles of the rich Miami valley, in which Dayton lies, is a waste of tossing waters, bearing on their breast the bodies of countless humans and animals, killed by the flood.

From all over Indiana and Ohio come momentarily wild stories of ruin and dismay. Columbus, Hamilton, Peru, Piqua, Zanesville, Indianapolis and a hundred other towns and villages hourly swell the toll of death.

Anything like a comparative estimate of the fatalities is impossible. From Washington comes the information that streams which as yet have not slain are raising in the banks, an army of towns in Pennsylvania are in danger.

Every resource of the Ohio and Indiana governments, backed by a personal appeal from the president and the whole force of the United States war department is being

JOURNAL WILL HELP

The Capital Journal will advertise free all shows or plans for raising aid for the million homeless in Ohio and Indiana. The situation calls for prompt and generous aid, let us all give it.

There is no doubt that close to 1,000,000 people, homeless, starving and freezing, are either marooned in their waster homes or camping desolate on the bare hillsides of the stricken region.

The damage to property will surely amount to uncounted millions.

Columbus, Ohio, March 26.—The list of fatalities in Dayton is growing rapidly, and the death list may yet reach 1000.

This was the message telephoned from Dayton to Governor Cox here this afternoon by John Bell, a Dayton wire chief.

"The Russell apartments at West Third street and the Boulevard are on fire," Bell said, "and the people are jumping into the water."

"The rear end of the Steel high school has burned in. Bauman's bakery has been saved."

"The first trainload of supplies arriving from Springfield this morning. Supplies also came from Brookville for those in Riverdale, and supplies have arrived by way of Eaton for the sufferers on Dayton's west side."

"A bridge was dynamited at Zanesville at noon to make egress for the flood waters."

"At Frasersburg, on Black Run, the water at noon was running five feet above the telegraph poles."

Two Thousand in Dayton. Columbus, Ohio, March 26.—The deaths in Dayton may reach 2000. It is the worst calamity since the Galveston flood.

(Continued on page 5.)

More Rain and Flood.

Washington, March 26.—The flood waters in Indiana and Ohio will be augmented by continued rains, according to the forecast issued here this afternoon by the government weather bureau. Reports received from Pittsburgh say that the Allegheny river there is rising at an alarming rate.

Weather Forecast

Oregon—Fair east tonight and Thursday; rain west tonight or Thursday. Warner tonight south and east portions. Southerly winds.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Columbus, O., March 26.—At 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, John Bell, wire chief at Dayton, telephoned Governor Cox here that the fire in the flooded district at Dayton had leaped across Third street, and was sweeping the next block.

Governor Cox was advised, via Springfield, that 10,000 to 12,000 persons were in the burning buildings. They are fighting the fires, lifting the water in buckets from the flood.

Three carloads of boats, on a special train from Springfield, passed Xenia at 2:45, and are due in Dayton at 3:30. Governor Cox at once notified Bell, who shouted the good news across the street to the fire fighters.

The Y. M. C. A. in Dayton is trying to direct the flood-rescue operations. Its members started in rowboats to meet the train and pilot the rescuers to the scene of the fire.

Edward Hanley, a wealthy Dayton man, notified Governor Cox, via Springfield, at 3:30 that he estimated the fatalities at "not more than 3000."

The Beckel hotel in Dayton took fire at noon, but the guests fought the flames desperately and managed to subdue them. One frantic Dayton man, in the governor's office here, offered \$10,000 cash to anyone who would take him into Dayton.

He said the money was all he could raise, but it was worth that much to learn whether his family in the stricken district were alive or dead.

Frantic Call for Aid.

Columbus, O., March 26.—Buildings along Third street, Dayton, are burning and people in them are dying. Farmers and every one else ought to try to get to Dayton this afternoon even at the risk of their own lives.

This frantic appeal to the residents of Ohio was voiced by Governor Cox this afternoon through the United Press.

"All people living along the rivers leading to Dayton," pleaded the governor, "ought to try to get there in boats at once. I appeal especially to the people of Troy, where there is a boat club."

32 Dead at Delaware

Columbus, O., March 26.—The first direct message from Delaware, Ohio, was received here this afternoon. It said that 32 persons were known to be dead there, that 1000 are homeless, and that the property damage approximates \$600,000.

Man may really need "but little here below," as the old hymn declared, but he "wants" great lots and always more.

Pennsylvania Gets Some.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 26.—Flood waters with their consequent fatalities threaten many parts of Pennsylvania, according to the weather bureau here today. The endangered districts have been warned to provide against the possible floods. The Allegheny river is at flood stage here and is rising at the rate of ten inches an hour. It is predicted that the river will be 42 feet at Wheeling, W. Va., tomorrow. The Beaver river has inundated a dozen small towns in Pennsylvania.

EUGENE IS AFTER OUR GREAT COACH

With All United States to Choose From Will Probably Give Preference to Dr. Sweetland.

A personal interest is being taken by the people of Salem in the efforts of the athletic committee of the University of Oregon to secure a football coach for the coming season. No less than 150 persons from all parts of the United States have applied for the position and yet the one whose name is considered the most favorably at the present time is that of Dr. G. J. Sweetland, of Willamette university, although he has made no formal application for the place.

A communication from Eugene states that all meetings of the committee are held in secret and little is known on the campus of their activities except the fact that Dr. Sweetland would have been elected to the position on at least two occasions if it had not been for a speedy adjournment.

"Although statements have been made to the contrary," said Dr. Sweetland this morning, "I have not been officially offered the position and have only allowed my name to be used at the request of friends. I do not expect to be named by the committee, for if I should be elected I would not take the job with any strings tied to it."

The Willamette coach was found on the athletic field, dressed in working clothes and high top boots, wheeling dirt on to the field and filling in some of the low spots. This characterizes Dr. Sweetland perfectly. He is not afraid of work and when the good of the institution he represents is to be attained, he gets in and works, with his head; with his hands, with his whole heart. He has done more for athletics at Willamette university than all the athletic directors of other schools of Oregon have accomplished together, and should he accept a place at the larger institution, Willamette would lose a man whose place would be extremely hard to fill.

Dr. Sweetland is just the kind of a man the University of Oregon needs to head its athletic work. For five years now her tennis have gone down to defeat before the sometimes lighter ones of the University of Washington, despite the fact that almost unlimited material was at hand. The same forces which in a way have been the cause of these defeats are those lined up against the election of Willamette's coach. Certain interests want a man they can run; who will play friends of theirs on the teams, and they know that Dr. Sweetland is not that kind of a coach. If he goes to the institution up the valley he will carry that democratic spirit with him which plays the best man for the place in that place regardless of his fraternal affiliations.

His many friends in Salem would hate to have the wily doctor leave this city and the school, but they would certainly like to see him given a chance in a place like the one in question. He has coached teams in the past which have beaten the "unbeaten" Dobbie of Washington and it is believed that he could duplicate the feat, if given a suitable opportunity. Even with the limited material present at the local institution, he has put out teams in football which have been the wonder of the northwest and in baseball he has beaten not only the University of Oregon, but the O. A. C. and Multnomah as well. If Oregon does not drop her petty feud and secure the services of the doctor, she will have missed one of her golden opportunities.

ADRIANOPLE IS AT LAST CAPTURED

After Stubborn Defense Last Stronghold of the Turks, forced to Yield.

PEACE IS NOW IN SIGHT

Bulgarians First to Enter City—Turkish Commander Commits Suicide.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Berlin, March 26.—The Sofia correspondent of the Presse Centrale definitely announced the fall of Adrianople in a dispatch to his offices here today.

The Bulgarian schipka regiment was the first to enter the city. All the Turkish military depots were destroyed. Before the Turkish surrender the Bulgarians advanced by short, fierce rushes from the entrenchments captured yesterday the final assault, and after desperate fighting overwhelmed the Moslems along the whole eastern side of the city.

Just as the ex-ans were being placed to cover a final assault in force the Turks surrendered. When the Bulgarians entered the "Holy City" fires were blazing in a hundred places, and the glare of the flames was frequently broken by great spouts of flame as the Turkish magazines blew up.

Only after a hard fight of three hours was the city prevented from being entirely consumed by fire. Driven to despair by his defeat Shukri Pasha, the Turkish defender of Adrianople, committed suicide as the Bulgarians entered the city today, according to a news agency dispatch received here from Sofia.

TEENKS MUST NOT EXCEED SIX FEET

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.] Seattle, Wash., March 26.—Railroads have the right to refuse baggage exceeding 72 inches in any dimension, according to notice received by the general passenger department of the Milwaukee line of the recent interstate commerce commission decision. The continual growth in the size of wardrobe trunks is responsible for the new rule, which will go into effect April 29.

The Prison to Be Probed.

Sacramento, Cal., March 26.—Armed with the names of many convicts who are expected to testify in the prison probe ordered by the state legislature, a special investigating committee of five assemblymen left today for San Quentin to ascertain whether or not convicts are subjected to cruelties.

You ought to look, especially this spring at our

Blue Serge Suits

We have a particularly good line of these goods; and no fabric ever made gives such general satisfaction as blue serge; always looks dressy; always looks and feels cool.

BISHOP'S READY TAILORED SUITS

Have the style and quality; tailored to fit. Prices \$15.00 to \$30.00

Salem Woolen Mills Store