

BLIZZARD FANS FLAMES, THOUSANDS ARE DOOMED

INDIANA DEAD ABOUT TWO HUNDRED

Later Reports May Double This--The Property Loss Will Be Thousands.

HAS A BLIZZARD TODAY

Freezing Weather Adds to Horrors of Situation, and Will Increase the Death List.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Chicago, March 27.--Blizzards today threaten to destroy all wires connecting Chicago with the flood districts of Ohio and Indiana. Telephone poles are going down, and those in Indiana and Ohio are standing in from three to seven feet of water.

Bodies Floating in Streets. Peru, Ind., March 27.--The flood fatalities are still unknown here. Bodies are seen floating through the streets hourly, and it is reported that 20 corpses have floated to Logansport. Logansport reports that many perished there. Thousands seek security in the churches and school houses there.

Insane From Suffering.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 27.--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 60 boats and supplies, reached Peru last night. It found 3000 persons marooned in the court house.

Lifeboats at Logansport. Wanagan, Ill., March 27.--Fifty men with six lifeboats from the federal station here arrived in Logansport early today to relieve the flood situation. The boats will accommodate 16 each.

A Refugee's Story.

Plymouth, Ind., March 27.--Gilbert Kessler, a refugee from the flood-stricken city of Peru, Ind., arrived here today. He said: "The sight of the rushing waters seemed to take the heart out of most of us, especially the women. Night and day we could hear the women shrieking."

Portland Getting There.

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 as 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.

GOVERNOR FIRED OFFICER FOR SLEEPING

Columbus, O., March 27.--Governor Cox today barred from his office John Miller, state superintendent of public works, because Miller was asleep in a hotel here last night, while the governor was fighting to save the Lewiston reservoir. Miller was summoned from bed by Cox, and savagely censured.

SEAATTLE GETS AFTER THE HIGHER UPS

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Seattle, Wash., March 27.--Prosecuting Attorney Murphy and members of the Municipal and Car Line Leagues are directing their efforts today to obtain evidence against "higher ups" in the alleged fraud in the recent municipal election.

WHAT'S THE ANSWER?

The Capital Journal is at a loss to understand why the morning sheet has apparently been in favor of the raise in the city attorney's salary, as was evidenced by its exulting statement that "the fight was over," as soon as the attorney-general rendered his opinion that the raising of the city attorney's salary was legal.

President May Go.

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.

MAYOR ISSUES A PROCLAMATION

Asks Salem's Big-Hearted People to Contribute to Fund for the Flood Victims.

Realizing the terrible suffering of the homeless victims of the floods in Ohio and Indiana, and the urgent need of immediate assistance, Mayor Steeves this morning issued a proclamation calling upon the citizens of Salem to aid in mitigating the horror and relieving the sufferings of the victims of one of the most terrible calamities that has ever befallen the nation. The proclamation follows:

Proclamation. Whereas, Overwhelming disaster has overtaken a portion of our great family, bringing death to thousands and suffering, hunger and want to half a million, and

Whereas, It is our privilege as well as duty to do all in our power to relieve the distress, to soothe the sorrow, to lessen the suffering, and to mitigate the horror of the awful calamity, not only with tender sympathy, but with generous financial aid.

Therefore, I, B. L. Steeves, Mayor of Salem, do hereby call upon the great-hearted people of our city to give quickly and generously from their stores, remembering that they and their have been spared this terrible calamity, and I hereby appoint and name the Ladd & Bush bank as receiver of all subscriptions in this behalf, and request that all money for the aid of the stricken people of the east be left with that bank.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the city of Salem this 27th day of March, A. D. 1913.

B. L. STEEVES, Mayor.

HUNDREDS OF BODIES ARE SEEN FLOATING IN DAYTON STREETS

STORY OF DISASTER BECOMES MORE APPALLING AS DETAILS ARE TOLD--BLIZZARD SWEEPS OVER NORTHERN INDIANA THIS MORNING--MALTA TOWN OF 400 REPORTED UTTERLY DESTROYED--COLD ADDS TO THE HORROR

Dayton Burning.

(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 flood, cold and starvation.

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

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 help does not soon come starvation and exposure will vastly increase

the already terrible roll of the victims of the disaster.

Fire Still Raging. Dayton, Ohio, March 27.--At 2:45 this afternoon fire was still raging in the flooded district of Dayton, and 21 buildings had been destroyed.

A mutiny started in the workhouse, where 100 prisoners are confined. All are terror-stricken, and demand their freedom, shouting, "We were not sent here to die."

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

One prisoner was released because he understands how to operate the water works pumps. More than 1500 persons were rescued from the flood today. Each has a thrilling story of adventure.

Rescuer Describes Scenes. (By a staff correspondent of the United Press from Dayton direct.) Dayton, Ohio, March 27.--Charles H. Van Horin, a rescuer, who went further into North Dayton than any one else, returned early today, unnerved from his perilous journey. He was the first one to disclose the situation in

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Weather Forecast.

Oregon--Rain tonight and Friday. Brisk southerly winds inferior, high southerly winds along the coast.

Summary of Dead and Homeless.

Dayton, from 300 to 3000 dead; business section fire-swept; 30,000 persons homeless, and damage estimated to be at least \$30,000,000.

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

Delaware, 13 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, 13 dead; several hundred homeless; several factories, valued at more than \$1,000,000 burned, others collapsed; total loss estimated at \$2,500,000.

Middletown, seven known dead and at least 100 missing; property loss estimated at \$500,000.

A score of towns in the flooded district cannot be reached. Complete reports are expected to support Governor Cox's statement that the floods have rendered 250,000 persons homeless. All railroad, interurban and street car service in the flooded districts is at a standstill.

Tiffin, 50 people reported dead. Piqua, 20 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.

Money Pouring In.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 27.--Eight thousand dollars was raised here today for the Ohio and Indiana flood sufferers, and at noon more contributions were pouring in. A telegram from the Spokane chamber of commerce stating that a telegram has been received there from Governor Cox of Ohio saying that the next few days probably will prove the catastrophe to have been the most awful in American history and asking the Spokane chamber to notify all Pacific coast commercial organizations that immediate help is needed.

THE WHOLE COAST IS ANSWERING APPEAL

Money Pouring in and Supplies Gathered to Rush to the Stricken East.

North Yakima, Wash., March 27.--The railroads have today been asked to transport free three carloads of potatoes which are being gathered for the flood sufferers of Ohio.

Hood River Busy. Hood River, Ore., March 27.--The residents of Hood River and vicinity are today planning to send a carload of potatoes and apples to the flood-swept districts of Ohio.

Los Angeles Helping. Los Angeles, Cal., March 27.--Food, clothing and financial help for the Ohio flood sufferers is being received at the city hall and chamber of commerce here today, following the issuing of a proclamation by Mayor Alexander, calling for aid, and naming receiving stations. Flags on all city buildings are at half-mast, also at the mayor's order.

Stockton Gets Busy. Stockton, Cal., March 27.--A mass meeting was held in Mayor Reichenstein's office here last night, and a subscription started for the relief of the Ohio sufferers. Several thousand dollars will be telegraphed East today.

Seattle Opens Purse. Seattle, Wash., March 27.--Money for the relief of Ohio and Indiana flood victims is coming into the chamber of commerce here today in amounts from \$1 to \$150. It will be forwarded at once to the Red Cross headquarters at Washington.

The American Express company has announced that it will transport free of charge money and supplies for the relief of torando sufferers at Omaha and flood sufferers in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.

Aberdeen Generous. Aberdeen, Wash., March 27.--The city council, in conjunction with the chamber of commerce is today collecting funds for the relief of the flood sufferers in Ohio and Indiana. A committee including all of the ministers in the city was appointed by the city council to solicit funds. On account of the widespread destruction of homes, the numerous mills in this vicinity will be asked to send lumber.

THEIR BIT OF A JOKE IS QUITE SERIOUS

San Francisco, March 27.--Action binding them over to the United States district court was taken here today by Federal Commissioner Krull, in the case of Maury I. Diggs and Drew Caminetti, prominent Sacramento men, who appeared before him on a white slave charge. The young men are accused of enticing two Sacramento girls, Lola Morris and Marsha Warrington, to Reno, Nev.

Diggs and Caminetti waived preliminary examination, and were placed under \$10,000 bonds each. The prisoners also await action by the district attorney's office in Sacramento.

Cleared Up \$100.

Yreka, Cal., March 27.--Dynamiting the safe in the depot here last night, a band of yeggmen secured \$100 and fled toward the hills. The robbers took their tools and all other evidences of the robbery with them. Poses are out in pursuit.

TO INVESTIGATE VICE AND WAGES

California Legislative Committee Says It Has Not Time to Examine It.

WILL CONTINUE WORK.

By Having a Permanent Committee Named to Go Into the Matter Thoroughly.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.]

Sacramento, Cal., March 27.--The investigation into women's wages in California and their connection with the white slave traffic, began with the creation of an investigating committee by the adoption in the senate of a resolution by Senator Behan of San Francisco came to an abrupt stop today when the committee reported back to the senate that it found itself unable to proceed with the work demanded of it for lack of time and funds, and was discharged.

The report, presented by Chairman Gates, recited that the Behan resolution called for investigation of wages and the white slave traffic in all its phases. The committee declared itself in sympathy with the spirit of the resolution but unable to "even cursorily or perfunctorily investigate" either wages or vice, or the relation between the two, even if the committee should devote all of its time for the remainder of the session to the task.

The report recommended that either a committee consisting of members of both houses and given sufficient powers, time and funds be named or that a state commission be created by law to take up the work.

Shock Killed Him.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Oakland, Cal., March 27.--Shocked by the reports that scores of his friends lost their lives in the Dayton flood, G. Whitoff, former postmaster of Dayton, was easy prey for a stroke of paralysis, and is dead here today at the home of his son, W. Whitoff, where he was on a visit.

From the first bulletin Whitoff began to decline. Further news of the probable awful death of friends of many years' standing induced such mental and physical anguish that Whitoff finally succumbed. Whitoff was formerly president of the National Association of First Class Postmasters.

Burglars Captured.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] San Francisco, March 27.--Four alleged members of a gang of burglars, two men and two women, in whose apartments the police found \$5000 worth of loot, were arraigned here today in police court. They gave the names of Patrick Shea, Mand Shea, Bert Shepard and Jessie Clifton. Preliminary hearing was set for next Wednesday.

One Baby Body.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Dayton, O., March 27.--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.

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

THREE MORE DEAD FROM OMAHA CYCLONE

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Omaha, Neb., March 27.--Three of those injured in Sunday night's cyclone died today. This brings the total dead up to 131. More troops were ordered out this afternoon.

Robbed Her Friend.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] San Francisco, March 27.--A warrant was issued here today for the arrest of Winnie Goodman, a manicurist, who was charged by Mrs. M. Devour, a visitor from Portland, with embezzlement of \$10. Detectives are working on the case. It is said Miss Goodman befriended Mrs. Devour, and then departed with her cash.

Mississippi Rising.

[UNITED PRESS LEARNED WIRE.] Cairo, Ill., March 27.--The Ohio and Mississippi rivers here today reached a stage of 45-55 feet.