36TH YEAR.

SALEM, OREGON, THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 1913.

PRICE TWO CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS

# BLIZZARD FANS FLAMES, THOUSANDS ARE DOOMED

# INDIANA DEAD ABOUT TWO HUNDRED

Later Reports May Double + ditions in the flood district. He + This-The Property Loss Will Be Thousands.

Freezing Weather Adds to Horrors | + special train as his personal repof Situation, and Will Increase the Death List.

I DESTRUCTION PRESENTATION OF THE PARTY OF T 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.

between Chicago and Indianapolis. Wire men declare that the situation is the worst in recent history of telegraphy.

Bodies Floating in Streets. Peru, Ind., March 27 .- The flood faare 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 alley, 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 person marooned in the court house.

Relief workers so far have been un able to reach LaFayette, Kokomo, Wabash and Logansport. It is reported that severa I have gone insane from fack of food.

The latest estimate of the dead at and Cedar Grove. The latter town is reported destroyed.

## Lifeboats at Logansport.

men witsh six lifeboats from the federal station here arrived in Logansport. early today to relieve the flood situation. The boats will accommodate 16

## A Refugee's Story.

Plymouth, Ind., March 27 .- Gilbert Kassler, a refugee from the flood-strick- SEAATLE GETS AFTER en city of Peru, Ind., arrived here today. He said:

"The sight of the rushing waters seemed to take the heart out of most of

We were moving unsteadily when sud- ipal election. denly the woman arose and wailed: torrent. \*

and drew myself aboard. We then res- nish bail of \$1500.

"I was bringing in another boatload, into the muddy water.

"The current swept around the street corners at a great rate."

## 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 i 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.

Financial aid will also be extended to the sufferers in Indiana.

Woodrew Wilson replied to Huntingvery few words.

#### President May Go.

Washington, March 27 .- President Wilson today asked Secre-+ tary of War Garrison to go to + Ohio, and personally survey conwill be accompanied by General + ♦ Wood and will leave this after- ♦ ◆ noon at 3 o'clock. Unless condi- ◆ + tions materially improve, Presi-+ to send Secretary Garrison on a +

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Only two wires are working today Asks Salem's Big-Hearted People to Contribute to Fund for the Flood Victims.

Realizing the terrible suffering of the nomeless victims of the floods in Ohio talities are still unknown here. Bodies 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 proclam ation follows:

#### Proclamation.

Whereas, Overwhelming disaster has vertaken 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. the horror of the awful calamity, not only with tender sympathy, but with generous financial aid.

Therefore, I, B, L, Steeves, Mayor of parts of the city. salem, do hereby call upon the greathearted people of our city to give quickoccurred at Whitemore, New Trenton by and generously from their stores, re- reached \$750,000. No estimate from his perilous journey. He was the membering that they and their have whatever is possible at this first one to disclose the situation in been spared this terrible calamity, and time as to the number who per-I hereby appoint and name the Ladd & ished in the flames, or whose Bush bank as receiver of all subscripions in this behalf, and request that all money for the aid of the stricken people of the east be left with that

> the city of Salem this 27th day of March, A. D. 1913;

B. L. STEEVES, Mayor.

THE HIGHER UPS

[UNITED PRESS LEARED WINE.] Seattle, Wash., March 27 .- Prosecut us, especially the women. Night and ing Attorney Murphy and members of day we could hear the women shriek the Municipal and Car Line Leagues loss to understand why the leave the matter to the people generous with the taxpayer's are directing their efforts today to ob-"I piloted one rescue boat to the tain evidence against 'higher ups' in hour house, and filled it with refugees. the alleged fraud in the recent munic-

Two of the election officers in pre anyway.' Then she plunged into the against whom warrants have been is sued, have not yet been found. The "The next moment I found myself in other three, Paul Redslob, A. A. Grieves the water, and having no chance to and H. Williams, are in the county jail, swim, grabbed the stern of the boat, and have thus far been unable to fur

The alleged frauds consisted in mis counting the votes on proposition A. when another woman plunged out of which was a partnership agreement the boat despairingly, throwing us all with the city, advanced by the Seattle, Renton & Southern railway. It is charged that a big "barrel" was opened to get a favorable vote on propunition A.

## GOVERNOR FIRED

OFFICER FOR SLEEPING

Columbus, O., March 27,-Govern lox today barred from his office John Miller, state superintendent of publiworks, because Miller was asleep in a hotel here last night, while the gover nor was fighting to save the Lewiston reservoir. Miller was summoned from

bed by Cox, and savagely censured. This morning Cox put State Highway Commissioner James Marker in charge of Miller's office. At noon Marker communicated with both the Grand and Lewiston reservoirs, and it was reported that both are intact as a result of con-

# HUNDREDS OF BODIES ARE SEEN FLOATING IN DAYTON ST

# HAS A BLIZZARD TODAY + deat Wilson himself may go to + Ohio. This morning he virtually + declined to go, but later decided + STORY OF DISASTER BECOMES MORE APPALLING AS DETAILS ARE TOLD-BLIZ-ZARD 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 trict of Dayton, and 21 builddesolated city, started to spread eastward at 3 o'clock this afternoon from Third street toward the residence district, imperilling the lives of hundreds who so far have survived the flood, cold and star-

One of the first houses atflames was a paint house adjoining a building in which hun dreds 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 thouto lessen the suffering, and to mitigate sands of those marooned leaned from the windows of their refuges, and begged piteously for news of their friends in other

dead and sodden bodies lie in the ruins of their flooded + + + + + + + + + + + +

The tour of the United Press + boat showed thousands upon + In witness whereof, I have hereunto thousands of people isolated, + day. Brisk southerly winds in + set my hand and the official seal of most of them famishing, and + terior, high southerly winds along + made it certain that if help des + the coast. not soon come starvation and +

the already terrible roll of the Summary of Dead and Home victims of the disaster.

Fire Still Raging. Dayton, Ohio, March 27.---At 2:45 this afternoon fire was still raging in the flooded dis-

ings 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 impretacked by the onsweeping cations. 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 ad-

#### Rescuer Describes Scenes. a staff correspondent of the United

Press from Dayton direct.) Dayton, Ohio, March 27 .- Charles H Van Horin, a rescuerer, who went furth Chief Ramby estimates that er into North Dayton than any one the loss by fire already has else, returned early today, unnerved

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Weather Forecast,

Oregon-Rain tonight and Fri- +

Dayton, from 300 to 3000 dead; business section fireswept; 30,000 persons honicless, 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 prop erty damage estimated at \$1,-

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

Hamilton, 13 dead; several tories, 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

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

Piqua, 20 reported dead; scores missing.

The fatalities at Troy, Sidtimated at this time.

The loss to public utility com-

THE WHOLE COAST

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

Money Pouring in.

Indiana flood sufferers, and at +

pouring in. A telegram from the 4

· Spokane chamber of commerce ·

• stating that a telegram-has been •

+ received there from Governor +

◆ Cox of Ohio saying that the next ◆

catatrophe to have been the most + ◆ awful in American history and ◆

+ asking the Spokane chamber to +

+ notify all Pacific coast commer +

+ cial organizations that immediate +

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. help is needed.

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 esidents of Hood River and vicinity are today planning to send a carload of hundred homeless; several fac- potatoes and apples to the flood-swept listricts of Ohio.

#### Los Angeles Helping.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 27,-Food, state commission be created by law to lothing and financial help for the Ohie take up the work, flood sufferers is being received at the city hall and chamber of commercial here today, following the issuing of a proclamation by Mayor Alexander, call ing for aid, and naming receiving stations. Flags on all city buildings are

## Stockton Gets Busy.

Stockton, Cal., March 27 .- A mass neeting was held in Mayor Reibenstein's office here last night, and a subscription started for the relief of the Ohio sufferers. Several thousand dol. probable awful death of friends of lars will be telegraphed East today.

## Seattle Opens Purse.

Scattle, Wash, March 27,-Money for ney and Fremont cannot be es- the relief of Ohio and Indiana flood victima is coming into the chamber of commerce here today in amounts from panies alone is estimated at \$1 to \$150. It will be forwarded at once to the Red Cross headquarters at Washington,

harge money and supplies for the reflood sufferers in Illinois, Indiana and

## Aberdeen Generous.

Aberdeen, Wash., March 27.-The ity council, in conjunction with the chamber of commerce is today collect sufferers in Ohio and Indiana. A committee including all of the ministers is the city was appointed by the city ouncil to solicit funds. On account of the numerous mills in this vicinity will

## THEIR BIT OF A JOKE

IS QUITE SERIOUS Sau Francisco, March 27,-Action dading them over to the United State district court was taken here today by Pederal Commissioner Krull, in the case of Maury 1, Diggs and Drew Caminetti prominent Sacramento men, who appeared before him on a white slavcharge. The young men are accused of enticing two Sacramento girls, Lola Morris and Marsha Warrington, to Renn. Nev.

Diggs and Caminetti waived prelim inary examination, and were placed or der \$10,000 honds 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, ; band of yeggmen secured \$100 and fled toward the hills. The robbers took their tools and all other evidences of ton Wilson's long communication in a tinuous labor on their walls since the ing paper were premature in eral expression of the people is The people of Salem---the the robbery with them. Posses are out

# TO INVESTIGATE VICE AND WAGES

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

## few days probably will prove the + WILL CONTINUE WORK

Having a Permanent Committee Named to Go Into the Matetr Thoroughly.

#### [UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE, T Sacramento, Cal., March 27 .- The inrestigation 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 Beban of San Francisco came to an abrupt stop today when the

ommittee 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 Beban 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

the two, even of 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

or perfunctorily investigate" either

wages or vice, or the relation between

# Shock Killed Him.

[UNITED PIESS LEARED WIRE.] Onkland, Cal., March 27.-Shocked by the reports that scores of his friends lost their lives in the Dayton flood, G. at half-mast, also at the mayor's order. Whitoft, former postmaster of Dayton, was easy prey for a stroke of paralysis and is dead here today at the home of his son, W. Whitoft, where he was on

> From the first bulletin Whitoft be gan to ducline. Further news of the many years' standing induced such and physical anguish that Wit hoft finally succumbed.

> Withoff was formerly president of the National Association of Pirst Class Postmasters.

## Burglars Captured.

[UNITED PRESS LEARND WIRE] San Francisco, March 27, -Four pl leged members of a gang of burglars, The American Express company has two men and two women, in whose announced that it will transport free of apartments the police found \$5000 worth of lost, were arraigned here to lief of tornado sufferers at Omaha and day in police court. They gave the names of Patrick Shon, Mand Shon, Bert Shepard and Jessie Clifton. Preliminary hearing was set for next Wednesday.

## One Baby Body

TUNITED PRESS PARKED WITE.I Dayton, O., March 27.- Twenty-six odies 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 fixed waters are receding rapidy, having entirely disappeared from two blocks heretofore partially submerged.

#### THREE MORE DEAD FROM OMAHA CYCLONE

TESTEED PRESS LEASED WISE.I Omaha, Neb., March 27.—Three of hose injured in Sunday night's eylone died today. This brings the total dend up to 131. More troops were ordered out this afternoon.

## Robbed Her Friend.

San Francisco, March 27, -A warrant vas bossed here today for the arrest of Winnie Goodman, a manburist, who was charged by Mrs. M. Devour, a cinitor from Portland, with embezalement of \$10. Detectives are working on the case. It is said Miss Goodman befriended Mrs. Devour, and then deamped with her cush.

Mississippi Rising. TUNITED PRESS DRABED WHEEL! Cario, Ill., March 27 .- The Ohio and Missisisppi rivers here today reached a stage of 45 3-5 feet.

the city attorney's salary, as matter for the people. torney's salary was legal.

people---the taxpayers?

before taking its stand?

paper editorially endorsed people prevail.

The Capital Journal is at a the mayor seems now willing to and council were entirely too Ohio. morning sheet has apparently to decide---the morning sheet money in raising the city attorbeen in favor of the raise in seems to want to decide the ney's salary, especially so,

was evidenced by its exulting The Capital Journal has no cepted the office what salary ing funds for the relief of the floor What is the use? We will be drowned, cinct 218, A. B. Curtis and G. Lund, statement that "the fight was advice or suggestions to offer he was to receive. over," as soon as the attorney- on the solution of the water The Capital Journal believes general rendered his opinion problem. We feel that this is a that Mayor Steeves, and every that the raising of the city at- matter to be decided by the member of the council, try to the widespread destruction of homes people---by the taxpayers---and conscientiously serve the peo-Why hasn't the morning pa- in the future, as in the past, un- ple who elected them. They be asked to send lumber. per consulted the wishes of the der the present management of simply made an error. No inpeople of Salem --- why hasn't it this paper, the columns of The dividual or individuals, public championed the cause of the Capital Journal are open for or otherwise, should be severethe discussion from all sides ly censured for making an er-Why has the morning paper and angles of the water ques- ror---but when an error is made been so eager for the city to tion-the raising or lowering of and those making it either nepurchase the water works the city attorney's salary---the glect or refuse to rectify such plant? Why didn't the morn- purchasing of fire apparatus or error, when the way for doing ing paper first get an expres- anything else which concerns so is pointed out to them, they sion of the wishes of the people the welfare of the people of Sa- then lay themselves open to

such purchase. As The Capi- This being the case, while we when Mr. Page accepted the tal Journal stated at the time, have the most friendly feeling office. both the mayor and the morn- towards Mr. Page, yet the gen- Will they do it? taking their stand, and, while to the effect that the mayor taxpayers are waiting.

when he knew before he ac-

criticism.

No sooner had Mayor Steeves The policy of The Capital Now that the attorney-generbeen elected than he went on Journal is to first ascertain, as all has stated that lowering the record in an interview in the near as possible, the wishes of city attorney's salary would be morning paper as being in favor the people, and then to exert legal, and also cites the legal of the purchase of the water every effort within its power manner of procedure, it is works plant, and the morning to see that the wishes of the surely up to the council to reduce that salary to what it was