

Dayton Now in Flames; The Death List Grows.

Persons Who Escaped Rushing Waters in Dayton Reported to Be Burning to Death, With No Means at Hand to Save Them—Death List in Other Cities Will Reach Appalling Figures.

Columbus, O., March 27.—The business district of Dayton, O., is burning, according to the latest bulletins from the isolated, flood-stricken city, and Governor Cox has appealed to the natural gas companies to reduce the pressure, as it is said the gas is feeding the flames.

Marooned survivors of the flood are reported to be leaping from roof to roof to escape death by burning. There are from 500 to 2000 dead in Dayton, according to Governor Cox's secretary, who has arrived in the city, but these estimates are based largely on conjecture.

Reports from cities in other parts of Ohio show conditions to be much worse than they were on Tuesday. Zanesville, on the Muskegon river, is reported entirely under water, and it is feared there will be heavy loss of life there and farther down the valley.

The Lewistown reservoir is reported to be weakening and great alarm is felt.

Tiffin, in the northwestern part of the state, reports fifty dead. Mount Vernon, in the eastern part, is submerged, with 100 dead, and an unconfirmed report says Mansfield, with a population of 4000, south of Dayton, has been swept away.

In Indiana the heaviest sufferer is Peru, with 300 dead, property loss of \$2,500,000, and thousands homeless.

Railroad traffic in both states is entirely suspended, except on the Lake Shore line in the north and the Baltimore & Ohio in the south.

With 250,000 persons homeless in Ohio and many thousands more in Indiana, a ready response from federal agencies met the appeal of President Wilson for assistance for the flood sufferers. Secretary of War Garrison ordered the immediate dispatch to Columbus and other points in Ohio of tents for 10,000 persons, 100 hospital tents and food sufficient to feed 100,000 persons for ten days. Medical supplies were rushed to flood points, including vaccine points and a large number of doses of anti-typhoid vaccine as a precaution against the outbreak of the pestilence.

Fire Adds Horrors to Flood.

Fire is adding its horrors to the devastation wrought by the flood at Dayton, and word received from that city was that a disastrous conflagration is raging in the center of the city. Thousands of persons are marooned in buildings in that region, unable to escape because the streets are still filled with water, and unless the flames quickly burn out an appalling calamity will occur.

The fire has attacked the Beekel house, where 250 guests have been marooned since Tuesday morning. It is impossible to combat the flames and the hotel seems doomed, with all its inmates.

Governor Cox received word from Dayton that the entire business section of the city is on fire and that indications are that it will be entirely destroyed.

People are reported to be jumping from roof to roof of buildings keeping out of the way of the flames.

The fire destroyed buildings between St. Clair and Jefferson streets on the north side of East Main street and threatened to destroy a big portion of the business section.

A message from the Western Union operator at Wolf Creek, which is only a few miles from Dayton, says: "There has been an explosion in the middle of Dayton and the town is on fire and the loss of life has been increased. People are burning up and we have no way to get to them or the fire either, now."

A further message from Wolf Creek says: "Every hour or so explosions occur in Dayton due to fires. The conditions are simply frightful and indescribable."

The fire is reported to have started from the explosion of an oil tank containing hundreds of gallons and which bumped into a submerged building near Fourth and Jefferson streets.

The fire started in a row of buildings on Third street, between Main and Jefferson streets, next to the library building. This point is two squares south of the Phillips house. The fire is burning south.

The report of the fire came from Wire Chief Green, of the Bell Telephone company, who says the fire is now within a block of the telephone exchange, in which is located John Bell, who for more than twenty-four hours has kept the outside world informed as best he could of the catastrophe in Dayton.

Many of the buildings on the right side of the river were so insecure that they had left their foundations within an hour. What were blocks of thickly populated one and two-story residences, populated mostly by foreigners, are only shattered lumber. They are believed to contain many bodies. Every effort has been made to reach houses containing living persons.

It appears certain that no part of the district under water escaped contributing its toll to the flood. Mr. Bell said that he had seen two bodies floating in the waters along the shore in the south side residence district. Rescuers from time to time saw a body disappearing in the flood.

All of the buildings available have been filled with cots and means for providing food for the sufferers.

The crop of flood babies was increased by two, making five little ones to be born in the hospital rooms of a factory within twenty-four hours.

More than 70,000 persons either were unable to reach their homes or held in their waterlogged houses and were unable to reach land.

No communication could be established with those in the commercial district and any attempt to say whether any or all of them were drowned is the merest conjecture. It is supposed most of the fatalities occurred on the west and north sides of the river where the wall of water rushed in suddenly with the breaking of the levee.

The immediate pressing need is for food and medical supplies. The great demand for food exhausted the emergency supplies in the outskirts of the city and survivors now are depending entirely on what may be brought in during the day. Fear is anticipated that typhoid may result from the use of the river water.

Famine Faces Survivors.

The flooded district comprises a practical circle with a radius of a mile and a half, and in no place was the water less than six feet deep. In Main street, in the downtown section it was twenty feet deep.

Most of the business houses and nearly all of the residences have occupants. Downtown the offices were filled with men, fathers unable to get home, and the upper floors and on some of the roofs of the residences were helpless women and children.

Hundreds of houses, substantial buildings in the residence districts, many of them with helpless occupants, have been washed away.

The St. Elizabeth hospital, with 600 patients, was reported to have been washed away. The buildings were known to be in many feet of water.

Famine became an immediate possibility. All of the supply and grocery houses are in the submerged district, and it was said there was not enough bread to last the survivors another day.

While those marooned in the offices and hotels are in no immediate danger of drowning, there is no way food or drinking water can reach them until the flood recedes. Those in the residences, however, are in constant danger, both by flood and fire.

When the flood came the frailer buildings were swept into the stream, many showing the faces of women and children peering from the windows. These were followed by more substantial brick buildings, until it became evident that no house in the flood zone was safe. The houses as a rule lasted but a few blocks before breaking up. The flood came soon after daylight Tuesday morning after the residents had spent the night in terror.

The levee broke in a dozen places and a wall of water ten feet deep swept through the main street just above the junction of the Big Miami and the Mad river, and where the water of the Stillwater river poured into the Miami the flood reached its height and rolled into the business section. The Dayton News was soon under twenty feet of water. The flood rose to the second floor of the Algonquin hotel and all along Main street the occupants were driven to the third floors.

Information was telephoned to Mayor Goetz by Patrick A. Joyce, city controller of South Bend, who was in charge of the first relief party. Mr. Joyce said that 5000 persons were camped out without shelter in a park on a hill, that a small court house is crowded with 1000 survivors, the hospital with 1000 more, and that 300 children are imprisoned in a school house. No fires are allowed to be lighted and the women and children are suffering intensely from the cold and dampness.

From what seems to be authentic information fourteen are known to have been drowned in West Indianapolis as the result of the breaking of the Morris street levee. Rescuers say that a family of six, consisting of the father, mother and four children, are dead in their home. No effort is being made to bring the bodies out, as every means is being used to get the women and children, who in many cases are either standing on the second floors of their homes or have gone to the housetops and are suffering from the cold.

Families in one-story houses were at the mercy of the sudden rush of water that followed the breaks in the levees. It is believed that the bodies of these, who are supposed to have been trapped in the houses, will be found when the waters recede. Various estimates are made in West Indianapolis as to the loss of life, but the prevailing opinion is that not less than 200 persons must have drowned.

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The Weather.

Forecast for this section: Rain and cold; today; tomorrow, fair and much colder; high, shifting winds.

SURVIVORS ARE SUFFERING

Three Hundred Persons Drowned at Peru and Only One Block Escaped the Water—200 Reported Dead in West Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 27.—From Lake Michigan to the Ohio river the state of Indiana is gripped by floods. A revised estimate places the dead at 1000 in Indiana, but many communities are cut off, and the exact total cannot be learned.

Peru, on the Wabash river, seems to have suffered the worst. Between 200 and 400 persons were caught there by the current and were drowned, according to a telegram received by Governor Ralston from the mayor of Peru. All the survivors of the town took refuge on a hilltop. They are homeless. The buildings not destroyed are hopelessly damaged and untenable.

Food and water famines prevail in some districts. Railroad traffic in many sections is at a standstill. Hundreds of buildings and bridges were carried away.

Before the crest of the flood is reached the number of dead may go over 1200. More than 200,000 persons are homeless throughout the state. The money loss is at least \$25,000,000.

Mayor Charles E. Goetz, of South Bend, received an official report that 300 persons were drowned at Peru, that no bodies had been recovered and that there was less than one block of the entire city that was not under water.

The report was telephoned to Mayor Goetz by the relief party sent from South Bend, which reached the outskirts of Peru. It was stated further that only two feet of the upper parts of the houses in the submerged district could be seen; that the court house, the hospital and some factory buildings were crowded with survivors in need of food, and that Governor Ralston had been asked to send more supplies from Fort Wayne.

Mayor Goetz, who had been informed of conflicting reports about the loss of life, said he accepted the report from the relief party as official.

"The messages stated definitely that at least 300 were drowned," said Mayor Goetz. "That seems to leave little doubt that the loss of life is great. I can't conceive that those in charge of the relief party would overestimate the loss."

Twelve bodies were recovered in a single house in the southern part of Peru. This was taken to indicate that the loss of life in that section of the city was great, as it was there that dwellings were completely submerged before the occupants could vacate.

It was reported that six survivors were suffocated in the overcrowded court house. The weather has turned severely cold, adding to the misery of the unsheltered, but the flood is falling rapidly.

In the belief that most of the 16,000 people of Peru were hungry, Mayor Goetz started out another relief train loaded with 3000 loaves of bread, representing the output of all the South Bend bakeries and hotels. Barrels of salt meat, condensed milk, the eggs of all the grocery stores in town, a carload of apples, gasoline stoves, lanterns and some clothing also were sent.

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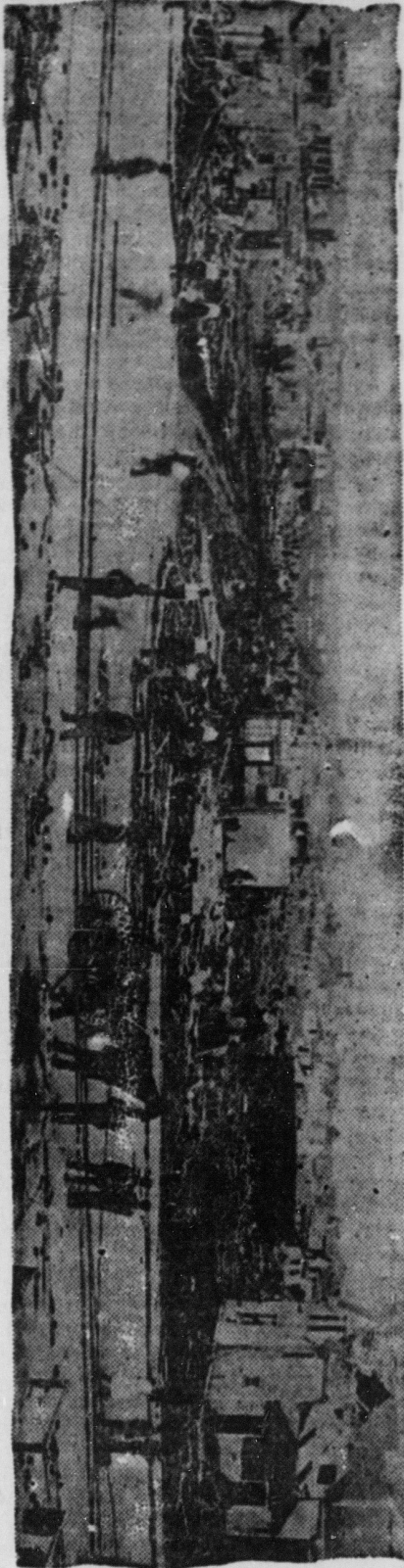
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IN PATH OF THE CYCLONE.



OMAHA BURIES DEAD.

Omaha, Neb., March 27.—Burying the dead and the work of reconstruction now occupies the tornado-stricken city of Omaha.

Paying the last rites occupied the time of thousands of persons during the day. Many of the bodies recovered from the wrecks of Sunday's storm were cared for at undertaking establishments and a greater number of the 100 or more funerals were held from those places. Friends of many stricken families took care of bodies and had them prepared for burial. Others were sent to out-of-town relatives.

In many instances churches were demolished in the districts covered by the storm and others were so badly wrecked as to prevent them being used for burial services. During the night the work of rescue continued. Only one body was reported recovered, that of another negro, buried in the Idlewild pool hall wreckage. The authorities are taking steps to uncover the place at once and remove any bodies buried there.

The real estate exchange has taken steps to prevent the raising of rents. Already cases of alleged attempted extortion have been reported. Executives of the exchange decided to deal harshly with any owners found taking advantage of the tornado victims.

Hundreds of persons from all over the state, unable to hear from relatives, have come to Omaha seeking news. Many persons known to have been in the vicinity of that portion of the city ridden by the storm have been reported missing, and everything possible is being done to locate them.

Plans for the immediate rebuilding of the wrecked district are now being worked out by a big company of the business men of Omaha. A corporation is being formed to handle this work systematically and assist those who lost their homes and personal effects. This institution will begin at once the task of at least partially reconstructing many homes.

150 Dead at Columbus.

Columbus, O., March 27.—At least 150 persons were drowned in Columbus as a result of the flooded Scioto river, according to reports from the flooded west side section of the city.

The reports came as a result of a partial restoration of telephone communication with the West Side. Many persons who are considered conservative, assert that they saw scores of bodies float down the stream and dozens of persons carried away in their house.

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Public Sale of Horses.

At No. 1211 West Fifteenth street, Tyrone, Pa., Saturday, April 5, 1913, at 1:30 p. m., the undersigned will offer at public outcry Eight Head of Good Work Horses, 3 pairs and 2 singly. The weights are from 1350 to 1500 pounds. The horses are all in good condition and desirable for draying or heavy hauling.

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NOTICE IN DIVORCE.—In the Court of Common Pleas of Centre county No. 78 December term 1912. In Divorce. Catharine A. Morgan vs. Dennis Merril Morgan. The undersigned a commissioner duly appointed by the Court of Common Pleas of Centre county to take testimony in the above stated case will meet the parties in interest at his office in Temple Court, Bellefonte Pa., on Saturday, April 19th, at ten o'clock A. M. for the purpose of performing the duties of his commission. All parties in interest are hereby notified to be present at time and place designated.

H. S. TAYLOR, Commissioner.

NOTICE IN DIVORCE.—In the Court of Common Pleas of Centre county, No. 138, September Term, 1912. Kathryn Meckley vs. James M. Meckley. Please take notice and you are hereby notified that the undersigned, having been appointed Commissioner by the Court of Common Pleas of Centre county, to hear and take the testimony in a certain action for divorce brought by Kathryn Meckley, will attend to the duties of his appointment on Friday, the 4th day of April, A. D. 1913, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at his offices in Critzer's Exchange, North Allegheny Street, in the Borough of Bellefonte, County of Centre and State of Pennsylvania, at which time and place you are hereby notified and required to appear if you think proper.

WILLIAM GROH RUNKLE, Commissioner.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.—Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Centre county, Pennsylvania, at their office in the court house at Bellefonte, Pa., for the construction of a reinforced concrete bridge over Elk creek, on Peters street, in the Borough of Millheim, Pa. Bids will be received until 10 o'clock a. m. Saturday, April 12th, 1913, and will be opened in public at 11:30 o'clock a. m. on the same day.

Plans and specifications for said bridge are in the hands of the engineer, J. H. Wetzel, of Bellefonte, Pa., and on file in the Commissioners' office. Proposals will be received on plans and specifications conforming thereto.

A certified check in the sum of \$200.00, made payable to the Commissioners of Centre county, Pennsylvania, at their office in the court house at Bellefonte, Pa., must be filed with the Commissioners' office at least two hours before the time fixed for closing of bids, for the faithful performance of contract. The Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

By order of the County Commissioners.

WM. H. NOLL, JR., DANIEL GROVE, JACOB WOODRING.

Attest:—H. N. MEYER, Clerk.

Bellefonte, Pa., March 19, 1913. 58-12-3t

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FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN.—The frame dwelling house at rear of Mrs. Jennie Mitchell's property on Logan Street. Owned desires the house to be removed. 58-8-4f

PINE GROVE HIGH SCHOOL.—The Summer school term at Pine Grove Mills will open on Monday, April 7th, in the High school room, and will continue for seven weeks. Special attention will be given to those who prepare for the county-teacher's examination. Instruction will be given to the 8th, 7th, 6th and 5th grade pupils.

PROF. FRANK L. PAUL, A. B.

SHERIFF'S SALE.—By virtue of a writ of Fieri Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Centre county, and to me directed, there will be exposed to public sale at the court house, in the borough of Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, on

MONDAY, APRIL 7th, 1913, at 10:30 a. m., the following described real estate, viz:

All those two certain messuages, tenements and tracts of land situate in the township of College, county of Centre and State of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows to wit:

No. 1. Beginning at a stone corner in the Brush Valley road, thence along said road north 79 1/2 degrees east 22 perches to stones, thence along land of Joseph Baker north 3 1/2 degrees west 22 perches to stones, thence along land of John S. Foster south 79 1/2 degrees west 22 perches to stones, thence along land of John S. Foster south 3 1/2 degrees east 22 perches to the place of beginning. Containing 48 perches, having erected thereon a wooden dwelling house, and usual outbuildings.

No. 2. Beginning at a pine on line of lands of John Homan, thence north 9 1/2 degrees east 25.9 perches to a black oak to lands of J. C. Markle, thence south 73 1/2 degrees west 41.9 perches to lot of C. H. Kline, thence south 3 degrees east 35.5 perches to lands of John Homan, thence north 51 1/2 degrees east 12 perches to black oak, thence north 4 1/2 degrees east 16 perches to the place of beginning. Containing 4 (4) acres and one hundred and four (104) perches more or less.

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ARTHUR B. LEE, Sheriff.

Bellefonte, Pa. March 15, 1913.

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