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WATCH FOR BIG ANNOUNCEMENT IN COURIER ON SATURDAY

FLOODS LOSS EXAGGERATED SAY REPORTS THIS MORNING

Revised Estimates are of More Hopeful Nature, But Anxiety About Dayton, Ohio Still Lasts---Death Toll at Columbus Not as Heavy as at First Reported.

[Canadian Press Despatch]

Revised estimates which came in early to-day from the flooded districts of Ohio and Indiana showed that reports of loss of life in many cities and towns had been exaggerated.

The greatest anxiety still centred about Dayton, where an accurate estimate of the number of the victims of the flood continued to be an impossibility.

The death toll promises to be much less heavy at Columbus, Ohio, than first reports from the western part of that city indicated.

In the parts of Dayton which have been explored by a motor boat the death list has been greatly reduced from first estimates, and unless the number of victims in the north section of the city is found to be large, the dead in the entire city may not number more than 200.

In Piqua, where more than 500 persons were reported drowned, less than 20 lost their lives, according to advices to-day.

In Chillicothe, where the number of drowned was reported to be in the neighborhood of 500, the dead will not exceed 25. Similar results were expected as to Zanesville and other Muskingum Valley towns.

Indiana points continued to report improving conditions during the night, with the estimates as to deaths shrinking as more accurate reports were made.

Shot Looters Down

ZANESVILLE, Ohio, March 28.—(By long distance phone to Pittsburg)—With the coming of dawn to-day Zanesville, '30,000' inhabitants 10,000 of whom are homeless, saw the first gleam of hope since the flood in the Muskingum River swept through the city three days ago. The river had commenced to recede, soldiers, reinforcements for the National guard on duty in the streets were entering the suburbs, and provisions had arrived to a point within four miles from the city. The sun rose clear and bright and there were indications that the bitter cold of the past 24 hours was passing.

Conditions are still frightful. The electric light and water companies are out of commission and will be for days. One small gas line is serving the city with a fitful supply of fuel, and there is little if any coal available. Provisions are scarce and many families in the flooded sections are without food. Communication between the city and the section known as Putman, where it is believed the loss of life will be the greatest, is still cut off and public and private business is at a standstill.

Looting has commenced and the militia has been given orders to shoot down the first thief caught at work. However, the city and county authorities are beginning to see

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CARNEGIE GIVES $13,000 TO BRANTFORD LIBRARY

Andrew Carnegie has "come across" again for the Brantford Library. This time it is $13,000, and the pleasing announcement was made by members of the Library Board this morning. A year ago, under the chairmanship of Mr Thos. Hendry, the Library Board decided that extensions were necessary and Mr. Hendry, with His Honor Judge Hardy, planned to make the effort to secure the amount needed from the Laird of Skibo Castle. Plans were drawn up a year ago for the extension, but it was not until this week that the announcement of the gift was received.

The library will be built practically to the rear of the present lot. The addition will include a new board room, a new stack room, an extension to the rotunda. It is also likely that special provision will be made for technical works. The front appearance of the library will not be changed.

The Carnegie gift, of course, is subject to the usual conditions that a fixed sum will be spent yearly on maintenance.

Safe Crackers Said To Have Had Plans on Brantford Office

Police Last Night Swooped Down in the Hope of Catching Expert Dynamite Men at Work, But the Birds Apparently Had Flown.

Is there a gang of crooks, thieves, marauders and desperadoes at work in the city?

Recent police activities would lead one to believe that something is doing, although a special raid by four stalwarts of the peace proved last night a case of a lot of smoke but really no fire.

Some one tipped it off to police headquarters that there were safe-crackers in the city and that they had plans laid to commence operations in the city. They were to start in at Geo. Foster and Co., wholesale grocers on Colborne St.

For a few nights past an officer has been stationed in front of Kerr and Goodwin's to keep on the look out for desperadoes, but no one seemed to put in an appearance. Last night the officials got uneasy, and thought there was to be "a job pulled off" especially when the electric lights were out of commission, and the city in darkness.

General citizens of course are not aware of the fact, but there landed in Brantford early in the week, four of what are believed to be among the most expert safe blowers in the United States.

The Buffalo police wired the various departments that they had left presumably for Canada and also sent along descriptions.

The local men who have more than once demonstrated their ability to spot the "described" reported that a quartette of men were here whose appearance tallied with the Bison dope.

A man in plain clothes quietly visited the local hotels and found that the quartette were located two in one hostelery and two in another under assumed names.

It was understood that their first job was to be at the wholesale warehouse of George Foster and Sons on Colborne street and an officer was stationed in the Ker and Goodwin works to be on the look out.

When the lights went out it was decided to phone Mr. Truesdale, one of the members of the firm and it was found that he was out of town, the advice was given to 'phone Mr. George Hawkins, a city traveller, who was at that time attending a private dance in the Masonic Temple. The idea was to get admission to the Foster premises. He immediately left for police headquarters and Sergeant Wallace and three constables immediately went to the premises and made a thorough search without any result.

It is believed some one tipped the men off from the Bison City, or else that they got wise to the fact that they had been located.

At any rate the quartette left the city this morning.

GERMANY SHOWS TEETH AT CHURCHILL'S OFFER

The Olive Branch of Britain is Regarded as a "Fine Plot to Cheat"---Proposal is Ridiculed By German Press. Germans are Charry About It.

BERLIN, March 28—The "naval holiday" olive branch offered by Winston Churchill, the First Lord of the Admiralty, in the British House of Commons has met up to the present with a most discouraging reception in Germany. The officials of the German Ministry of Marine will remain discretly silent until the full text of the speech is received by mail, but it may be inferred from the general tone in official quarters that the English Cabinet Minister's proposal to suspend naval construction for one year is an impossible one. It is only in professedly pacifist circles that there is any sign of a readiness to consider his proposal. In other quarters the hostility to the suggestion is not only violent, but is often vulgar.

All Vituperation.

The section of the Pan-German press, which is mainly responsible for anti-British feeling here, is outdoing itself in vituperation of Mr. Churchill whose suggestion is frankly declared to be a foul plot to cheat Germany under the guise of a friendly agreement, and to bring her under the British yoke.

The Post says: "Mr. Churchill's speeches have always been distinguished by inconsistency and insincerity, but on this occasion he has made it particularly easy for the critics to dispose of him. We are not going to overthrow our naval law at the behest of a very glib-tongued and blustering English Minister." The paper describes Mr. Churchill's proposals as not merely sheer fantasy of the most grotesque and absurd sort, but something much worse.

Count von Reventlow, Germany's foremost naval critic, writing in the Deutsche Tages Zeitung, accuses Mr. Churchill of a felonious attempt to influence a section of German opinion which is opposed to naval expansion. He declares that Mr. Churchill's tactics are disloyal and insincere.

Will Bleed Them White.

The Tageliche Rundschau ascribes what it calls Mr Churchill's "passionate lovemaking" to Germany to a fear that the cost of the armaments will strangle Britain before Germany. The paper figures out that when Germany has 61 Dreadnoughts Great Britain must have 130, and adds: "This denotes for Englishmen a process which will bleed them white. The prospect is calculated to blanch even Winston Churchill's brazen face."

Many of the more reputable papers have not yet commented on the speech. The Liberal papers, the Vossische Zeitung and the Tageblatt, received the speech in a friendly manner. The Lokalanzeigler, although it opposes the proposal, is content to say nothing stronger than that it is a Utopian idea.

One point made here is that a "naval holiday" of a year, as proposed by Mr. Churchill, would precipitate a crisis in the shipbuilding industry of both countries, which would amount to a self-inflicted stroke of economic paralysis, and for this reason alone the British Minister's scheme is impracticable.

Lloyd George On The Stand Says He Is Quite a Poor Man

Interest of British Members in Marconi Contract Stirs Up Considerable Interest — Chancellor of Exchequer Tells All He Knows About Transaction.

At the Marconi enquiry in London this afternoon the Chancellor of the Exchequer informed the committee that the whole of his investments yielded a yearly income of only $2,000. Although he was reported to have mansions in various parts of Great Britain and France, he owned only a single house of the value of $10,000.

Mr. Lloyd-George, while admitting that he made a profit of about $500 on his first sale of wireless shares, added, lugubriously, "I wish I had left it there."

There was a dramatic moment as Chancellor Lloyd-George, with a trembling voice, spoke of his early struggles as a lawyer, his rise to the rank of Cabinet Minister and the salary attached to that high office—"a substantial one to me, having regard to the life I was leading at the time."

Mr. Lloyd-George's eyes filled with tears, and he was unable to proceed for a few moments.

[Canadian Press Despatch]

LONDON, March 28. — British ministers of state were more interested than was at first thought in stock transactions at the time of the agreement made by the British Government with the Marconi Company for the erection of a chain of wireless stations throughout the British Empire. A second deal by David Lloyd-George, chancellor of the exchequer, and the Master of Elibank, the chief Liberal whip in the House of Commons, involving an additional three thousand shares in an American wireless company was revealed during today's meeting of the parliamentary committee of inquiry and created surprise among both the committeemen and the public.

The deal was first divulged in the evidence of Sir Rufus Isaacs, the Attorney-General, just before he left the witness stand this morning and was subsequently confirmed by Mr Lloyd-George himself.

When he took the stand this afternoon, the chancellor of the exchequer explained that he had been very anxious that the fact should be stated during the suit for libel brought by Sir Rufus Isaacs and Postmaster-General Herbert Samuel, against the newspaper Le Matin, but counsel on that occasion thought it would strain the rules of evidence.

Mr. Lloyd-George, added that beyond the two deals which were now known to the public he had never directly or indirectly bought or had any interest in any wireless concern. He asserted that there was nothing about the investment except what was perfectly reputable and creditable for any one and took occasion to remark that he was sorry in spite of the rumors as to prodigious fortune, that he was a comparatively poor man.

Plans to Re-organize Assessment Department

Finance Committee Meets To-Night When Important Work Will be Undertaken – Remove Inequalities.

The finance committee meets to-night in connection with the reorganization plans for the assessment department. Just what form the reorganization will take has not been definitely decided upon. It is not regarded as likely that there will be any increase in the staff, although changes may be effected in the personnel. Ald. Spence, chairman of the finance committee, refused to discuss the matter this morning, further than to say that the committee was aiming at securing greater efficiency, whereby inequalities in the assessment of the city would be reduced to the minimum. It was also desired to have the revenue of the city boosted by a general raise of assessment, and in this connection it is likely that the assessors will work along definite lines laid down by the finance committee. Last year excellent results were secured in this way. A reduction of the tax rate, it is suggested, can be much more easily effected if the assessment is carried out with efficiency, and it is conceded that this department is the most important with which the City Council has to deal.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE
BRANTFORD

Saturday, March 29—First time at popular prices. Frank O. Miller offers the mirth-provoking German farce, "THE GIRL FROM TOKIO." One year at the Court Theatre, Berlin, Germany. English version by Frank Tannehill, Jr., and Geo. W. Barnum. A rollicking, roystering fun-maker, screamingly funny, absolutely clean, presented by a capable company of metropolitan players. Prices: 14 rows, $1; 8 rows, 75c; balance, 50c; balcony, 75c and 50c. Seats Thursday.

Five Nights, Commencing Monday—Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, with special matinees Wednesday and Saturday—Ernie Marks and his big company of vaudeville and dramatic stars, in new and high-class repertoire. Monday—"Tempest and Sunshine." Tuesday—"A Hero of the Hills." Wednesday (Matinee)—"For Love and Honor"; Night, to be announced later. Friday—"Ishmael." Saturday—Matinee—"Happy Hooligan's Troubles." Saturday Night—"The Elopement." This is the first visit of Mr. Ernie Marks and Miss Kitty Marks to Brantford in years, so don't think you have seen this attraction before, for you haven't. Prices: 10, 20, 30c; Matinee, 10, 20c. Seats Saturday. See the high-class specialties between the acts.

Thursday, April 3—Werba and Luescher present a gala musical event, "THE ROSE MAID," the opera which enjoyed two seasons at the Globe Theatre, New York, through its captivating music, delicious comedy, tasteful settings and gorgeous gowns, and was proclaimed by all who witnessed this operetta of fun and fashion as prettier than its sister opera, "The Spring Maid." Company of 75, with special orchestra. Two carloads scenery. The Kute Kiddies and the Rosebud Garden of Girls. Each girl a fashion plate. Prices: 14 rows, $1.50; 8 rows, $1; balance, 75c; balcony, $1 and 75c; gallery, 50c and 25c. Seats Tuesday.

CATARACT IS FAILURE AGAIN

What Happens When The The Lights in a Big City All Go Out.

The Cataract lights went out last night and there was a fine commotion in the dark in many places.

At the Western Counties office this morning little definite information could be secured in the matter or explanation of just why the lights went out, but it is thought that the trouble originated in the big turbines at Decew Falls.

At St. John's church in the midst of a most impressive confirmation service at which 11 candidates were presented to His Lordship Bishop Williams, the electric glimmer went out and left the congregation in darkness. A hasty effort to light the gloom enshrouded surroundings by means of coal oil lamps was made and proved successful.

In the City Council Chamber the Pastime Bowlers were engaged in reading the minutes of the last meeting. It took them some minutes longer because Janitor George Smith was commissioned to get a supply of matches. The Pastimes wished for the time being that they were on their own green where they have the one original lighting system plant of their own design.

The theatoriums and opera house also were vicitmized by the illusive Cataract and the crowds hankered for Hydro-lectric during the interval.

CITY ENGINEER TO GET AUTO

Board of Works will Recommend Purchase of Buzz Cart for Department.

The report of the Board of Works to be submitted to the Council on Monday night will likely contain a recommendation for the purchase of an automobile for the city engineer, a new traction engine and steam shovel for the Board of Works department, and a new street sweeper. The estimated cost is in the neighborhood of $8,000.

Price Paid By Allens In The Chair

[Canadian Press Despatch]

RICHMOND, Va, March 28--Floyd Allen and his son, Claude, the only two of the Hillsvile gunmen to pay the death penalty for the Carroll County murders a year ago, were electrocuted in the state penitentiary shortly after 1 p.m. to-day after a dramatic eleventh hour attempt to save them had been thwarted by Gov Mann unexpectedly returning to the capitol and thus preventing the lieutenant governor from acting upon a request for a commutation.

The old mountaineer, once the terror of a whole section of the Blue Ridge, and his strapping young son, were electrocuted within ten minutes of one another. The old man who went to the chair shaking, but brave, was pronounced dead at 1.26 o'clock. His son was dead at 1.35.

Marriage Under New Auspices

A new act regulating marriages will shortly be introduced in the Ontario Legislature. Its main features are:

1—The prohibition of the custom at present prevailing in Niagara Falls, Windsor and other places on the border where eloping couples and people of unsound mind from the United States became united, thus overcoming the preventive legislation in the different states.

2—A clause prohibiting a minister from marrying people who are under the influence of liquor or who are of unsound mind.

3—A clause making the clerk of the municipality the sole issuer of marriage licenses.

4—A clause providing for notice of 30 days or three weeks when the applicant for the license has not been a resident of the municipality for a stated time.

REFUSE BRICK SENT TO CITY

Secord and Sons, Contractors, Determined to Secure Very Best Material for Post Office.

There has been a good deal of criticism of the brick for inside work unloaded on the site of Brantford's new public building.

As a matter of fact, Secord & Son, the contractors, condemned the first instalment, and absolutely refused to make any payment.

They also declined to unload two other cars standing on a Grand Trunk siding.

As the outcome, a representative of the supplying company was in the city to-day, and after an examination remarked: "Your contention is quite right."

He then announced that the company would remove all the brick at their own expense, and expressed regret that the concern (a most reliable one by the way) had inadvertently sent forward such ashipment.

Secord & Son are determined that none but the very best material will go into the structure.

WILL SIT HERE ON APRIL 7

Dominion Railway Board Gets Ready For Session In This City.

The Lake Erie and Northern Railway application will be heard by the Dominion Railway Board in this city on April 7. This morning Sheriff W. Ross is in receipt of the following telegram from Ottawa from the Board signed by M. D. Cartwright, secretary of the board:

"Board of Railway has decided to hold sittings in Brantford April 7th, and would like to have use of Court House for that date. Kindly wire Board if it will be available." Sheriff Ross stated that the Board would be able to secure the room.

POLICE.

Another of the foreigners appeared this morning charged with breach of the Liquor by-law. Most of these foreigners keep boarders and when they order liquor they make good fellows of themselves and buy enough for the boarders too. This makes them liable as they are only supposed to have enough on their premises for their own use. The case this morning was adjourned until to-morrow.

HEAVY FINES WERE MULCTED

Local Movies Contributed $50 and Costs in Police Court.

Because of an oversight in failing to take out five-dollar licenses, two operators employed at moving picture theatres in this city were yesterday fined $5 and costs by Magistrate Livingston. The cases were heard in camera, and the complaints were filed following a visit of the Government inspector. While the magistrate had no other course under the statute but to impose the fines, it was admitted that it was a matter of hardship on both theatoriums, the proprietors of which had not attempted to escape paying the ordinary license fee. It was a case where there was a change of operators, and the transfer of the license was not effected. In the other the proprietor had given the money to the operator wherewith to pay his fee. In neither case was there any suggestion of incompetence of operators, a matter in which the statute is very particular.

THE PROBS

[Canadian Press Despatch]

TORONTO, March 28.— The disturbance which was centered over the State of New York yesterday, now covers Newfoundland and the weather in Canada has cleared. Mild conditions prevail throughout the Western Provinces.

FORECASTS.

Southwesterly winds, fair with rising temperature. Saturday, fair and milder.

One Minute Interviews

Mr. Fred Ott—"There is no truth in the report that local barbers have decided to advance the price of hair cuts."

E. L. Goold—"The Courier is right about Dufferin Park. The playground was given to the youngsters and it is a case of the big fellow pushing the little fellow off.

T. J. Barton—"The residents of Echo Place should be grateful to the manager of the Brantford Street Railway for the manner in which the Mohawk car has been kept running."

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