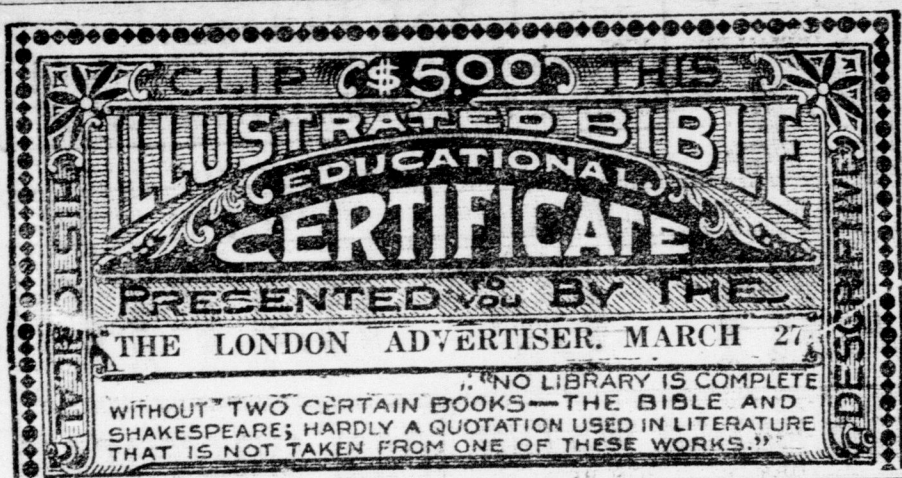




THOUSANDS OF THE MAROONED ON THE VERGE OF STARVATION; STORM ADDS TO SUFFERING

Hotel Ablaze and Occupants in Grave Peril of Losing Life—Dayton Is Declared Under Martial Law—Rescue Squads Working Frantically, But Many Are Without Food and Exposed to Elements.

Dayton, Ohio, March 26.—The flood which has covered the greater part of this city since Tuesday morning, tonight shows signs of abating, but the waters are still so deep and the current so strong in the deluged districts that little has been accomplished in the way of removing the unknown thousands of people marooned in the upper stories of buildings, and it has been practically impossible so far to convey to them the provisions which are constantly arriving at the headquarters of the relief committees.

Guesses as to Dead.

There may be a hundred dead or a thousand. The census of the dead cannot be taken until the water recedes and leaves its prey behind. The secretary of the board of health tonight ventured an estimate of the total loss of life in this city as between six and eight hundred persons.

Between the city and safety there is a whirlpool. Only a mile intervenes, but it might be 30 or 40 miles, for no word of what has happened beyond the whirlpool since noon Tuesday has come across the brief mile of water.

All the buildings between St. Clair and Jefferson streets on the north side of East Main street have been burned to the water's edge. Eight large business blocks have also been destroyed.

The Backus Hotel caught fire at noon, and a hard fight, with the aid of chemical extinguishers and the flood water, was made by the employees and guests, and the flames conquered.

The men, women and children marooned in the hotel were terror-stricken when fire attacked the building for the second time tonight at 9 o'clock. At this writing the hotel seems to be doomed. There is no way of lending aid to the frantic hotel patrons or of fighting the flames.

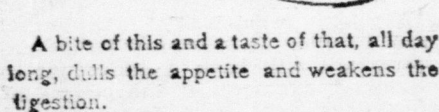
Tonight the temperature dropped suddenly. A blinding snowstorm and high winds followed close upon the fall of the thermometer.

The blizzard weather is causing added suffering. Survivors who escaped the horrors of a flood and fire tonight are huddled roofless in an Arctic storm. Countless men, women and children are marooned in the storm who have had no warm food or clothing since Tuesday morning.

It was impossible to ascertain even approximately the number of persons who might have been marooned in this section, and who died after being trapped by flood and fire. Nevertheless, rescue work went steadily on, and about 3,000 persons were housed in places of refuge tonight, the majority of them in buildings of the National Cash Register Company. At least 55,000 persons are imprisoned in homes and in business buildings. It is feared their two days' imprisonment, with accompanying hunger and fright, have caused tremendous suffering.

Dayton was practically cut off from wire communication until late this afternoon. Then two wires into Cincinnati were obtained, and operators plunked into great piles of telegrams from Dayton citizens almost frantic in their desire to assure friends outside of their safety. Operators at opposite ends of the wires reported that thousands of telegrams were piled up at relay offices. These were from people anxious over the fate of Dayton kin-men.

The rumor that the St. Elizabeth Hospital, with 600 patients, had been swept away, which gained circulation last night, today proved to have been false. Although it had been impossible to reach the hospital, field glasses showed that the building is still standing. The water is not thought to be much above the first floor of the building, and it is thought the patients have not suffered. The report that 400 school



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Rescue Work

Dayton, Ohio, March 26.—Rescue work, efficiently managed, and in which John Patterson, president of the National Cash Register Company, was a leading spirit, proceeded smoothly throughout the day. Missing members of families were restored to their loved ones through human clearing houses established at several points on the fringe of the flood district. Great ledgers filled with names, presided over by volunteer bank clerks, were at the disposal of persons seeking missing kinsmen. If these had registered in the clearing house their addresses were quickly given to the inquirers.

Up to 7 o'clock 4,000 of the homeless were housed in different places of refuge, most of them being cared for at the plant of the National Cash Register Company. Soldiers were employed to guard the places of imprisonment late this evening, and leaders of the rescuing parties were arranging for delays of the work during the night.

Expert oarsmen who braved the tide in the business section of the submerged city this afternoon came back nerve-racked to relate narratives of pitiable appeals made to them by hundreds marooned in upper floors of tall buildings about whose lower stories swirled the flood that threatened the structures' foundations. The dark colors in the narratives were lightened here and there by stories of bravery exhibited by many of the flood's prisoners.

she cried, "But for the love of humanity, please take this loaf of bread and jug of molasses to Sarah Prunty, down the street. I know she's starving."

Twice the boatmen attempted to take the food, but waves that eddied about the submerged house hurled them back.

Further on, in the exclusive residential district, they were offered fabulous sums for rescue by many of the flood's prisoners. Their narratives inspired an effort late this afternoon to launch a boat for navigation on the vast river, but up to a late hour the craft had been unable to pass beyond areas already reached on the fringe of the flooded district.

Shortage of Provisions. A shortage of provisions was threatened this afternoon when it was reported many relief trains bound to Dayton from neighboring cities had been stopped by high water. Every grocer in the city had been "sold out" before noon. It was believed that the relief trains might creep in during the night.

Encouragement was received in a message from the mayor of Springfield tonight, who said he was sending six big trucks, loaded with provisions that should reach Dayton early tomorrow morning.

With the arrival of motor-boats tonight it was hoped to begin to distribute provisions among the marooned soon after daylight.

Messages from the flood's prisoners in the business section said children were crying for milk, while their elders suffered from thirst that grew hourly. Volunteers were called for tonight to man boats that will brave the dangerous currents tomorrow in an attempt to get food to the suffering.

A report that the dam above Dayton threatened to break added to the city's terror tonight. If the dam breaks it will pour in a flood that will hold up rescue work for days.

DEATH TOLL OF WATERS IN FLOODED STATES

LOSSES IN OHIO.

Reports from the flooded districts in Ohio give the loss of life and property as follows:

Dayton—200 to 1,000 dead; property loss over \$20,000,000.

Piqua—100 dead; property loss unestimated.

Middletown—50 dead; city in flames. The \$2,000,000 plant of the Champion Coated Paper Company has been burned.

Sidney—25 dead.

Hamilton—12 dead; hundreds missing.

Troy, Carrollton, Miamisburg and a dozen smaller towns in the Miami River Valley are inundated. No estimate of loss of life or property is reported.

Delaware—25 dead in flood of the Olontangy River, and 400 homeless.

Columbus—17 dead and hundreds homeless in the flood. The Broad street bridge was washed out, cutting the city in halves. The Scioto River is still rising.

Cleveland—The property loss here and in the northern part of the state is reported to be large, but the death list is small.

Zanesville—2,000 are homeless in the flood of the Muskingum River, which is flowing through the streets. The Sixth street bridge went down this morning.

Lima—City flooded by Ottawa River.

West Liberty and Springfield—These cities are practically under water in the Mad River Valley freshet.

LOSSES IN INDIANA.

In Indiana the loss of life is estimated at over 500. The property damage in Indianapolis is roughly estimated to total \$1,500,000. This is the incomplete report from other Indiana cities and towns:

Peru—20 known dead. Many are missing. Total deaths may number 200.

Brooksville and Connersville—Hundreds swept away. Wire communication gone.

Newcastle—3 dead. Noblesville—2 dead. Lafayette—2 dead. Frankfort—2 dead. Rushville—1 dead.

Fort Wayne—1 dead. All lights are gone, and a water famine is threatened. Richmond—20 bridges are down, and many persons are homeless. Kokomo—City flooded by Wildcat Creek, and 1,500 homes are destroyed.

At least 250,000 are homeless in the devastated sections. Refugees, without food, are marooned on housetops and on high patches of ground. The sufferers from the flood are menaced by famine and disease. Governor Cox, of Ohio, has made a requisition on the war department for 50,000 tents, rations, medical supplies, surgeons and nurses.

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property loss may amount to more than \$50,000,000, but no one here can tell tonight, and there may be hundreds and hundreds of thousands suffering for want of food—there are only fragmentary reports to tell. The great area which has been transformed into a great theatre of death is, so far as definite information is concerned, as far away tonight as a European country. The telegraph wires are down, only an occasional telephone wire can be made to carry the human voice. All railroads are out of commission. Country roads, except those on the highest ridges, are impassable for anything except the sturdiest of slow horses, and certainly barred to automobiles. It is absolutely impossible to give any satisfactory definite estimate of what has been done, Governor Cox, of Ohio, utilizing every

agency the state can command, cannot tonight tell the extent of the ravages of the flood; the railroads are equally powerless, and even where there is faint, fragmentary communication, everything received is inadequate and vague.

For this reason it cannot be said tonight whether Ohio's dead will reach thousands or remain below one thousand.

MISS SARAH M'ARTHUR DIED UNEXPECTEDLY

Only Arrived Back From the
West a Few Weeks
Ago.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Paisley, March 26.—Miss Sarah McArthur died yesterday afternoon at the residence of her sister, Mrs. McInnes, Goldie street, of pernicious anaemia. She was a daughter of the late Peter McArthur, town line, Bruce and Saugeen, and had been living in Alberta for a number of years. About two months ago she came to visit her sisters, not very robust in health, but not considered serious until about a week ago, when she took suddenly worse, and her death was a great surprise to friends and relatives. She is survived by one brother, John, in Alberta; three sisters, Mrs. McInnes and Miss McArthur, here, and Mrs. Sinclair, Alberta. A. A. McArthur, M. P., died about a year ago. The funeral will be held on Friday, and interment made in Paisley Cemetery.

Mrs. Henry Sym died at her residence, Inkerman street, this morning, surviving her husband, the late Henry Sym, only about two weeks. She was 65 years old, and had been a great sufferer from a complication of troubles for about two years. She is survived by four daughters and two sons: Mrs. J. H. Hopper, Mrs. Wm. Grant, Mrs. John Burns and Mrs. William Davidson, and David and Harry, all residents in this vicinity. The funeral will be held on Friday, and interment made in Paisley Cemetery.

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