

HEAVY FLOODS

Pittsburg, Feb. 15.—Spreading ruin and disaster in its path, the annual flood of the river and small streams of this section holds Pittsburg in its grip tonight. At the headwaters the river continues to rise and scores of cities and towns in western Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio and West Virginia are partially inundated. In the Pittsburg district alone the damage it is expected, will amount to several millions of dollars. A conservative estimate places the number thrown out of work by the floods here at 20,000. The men are employed in the mills, manufacturing plants, business houses and coal mines, located in the flood zone. For weeks, charitable organizations have been soliciting funds for the unemployed and today additional appeals were made for contributions to assist the flood victims.

Up to late last night no fatalities have been reported. A great number of families have been compelled to move their household goods to upper stories. They go to and fro in skiffs. On the north side of Pittsburg, the police are patrolling the boats in skiffs. At Wheeling, Steubenville and other points below this city, the flood waters are expected to reach serious proportions late Sunday night or Monday morning.

Wheeling, W. Va., Feb. 15.—With the river rising at the rate of nine inches an hour tonight and a stage now around the 27 foot mark, Wheeling district is on the verge of a destructive flood. The rising water will bring more suffering among the poor than any similar visitation for many years. Forecaster Pennywit of Pittsburg, tonight predicts 45 feet on Monday night as the top notch of the flood and preparations are being made all along the line for what is expected to be a very serious situation. At midnight, supply was reached and Hon. L. P. Brodeur's marine estimates were taken up. Hon. G. E. Foster suggested an adjournment but the minister of finance desired to pass a number of important bills. Mr. Brodeur enquired for some more particulars about Brodeur's travelling expenses.

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