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## Two Hundred Refugees in Hotel Probably Lost Lives in Flames Impossible to Effect Rescue

### Boats Dared Not Approach Within Mile of Beckel House Where Large Num- ber of Flood Survivors Had Gathered—Fire Apparently Extinguished Gets Fresh Start.

DAYTON, O., March 26.—(Can. Press.)—That a fierce fire which appeared to be sweeping thru the half-submerged business district of Dayton late tonight, had destroyed the Beckel House, where there were supposed to be more than 200 flood refugees, was the consensus of opinion of scores of watchers atop the National Cash Register building, nearly two miles from the scene of the flames. Investigation of the fire at close range was utterly impossible. More than a mile of flood water intervened between the point where the staunchest boats dared to venture and the area of the flames.

Traced by aid of maps, it appeared that the Beckel House was destroyed some time after 10 o'clock. Whether the scores of refugees supposed to have been there had tried to escape was only a matter of conjecture.

The city has been placed under martial law. At midnight residents of Dayton watching the course of the flames from across the wide stretch of flood waters believed the fire got its new start this afternoon in the store of the Patterson Tool & Supply Co. on Third street, just east of Jefferson. Thence it ate its way west, apparently aided by escaping gas and exploding chemicals in a wholesale drug establishment.

## TOLL OF DEATH IS MORE THAN 3,000

### Half a Million People Homeless, and Property Loss is Esti- mated at Hundred Millions —Floods Have Spread to Western Pennsylvania and New York State.

Special to The Toronto World.  
NEW YORK, March 26.—The best available estimates of the dead in the floods that ravaged Ohio and Indiana, at 1 o'clock this morning, was that 3166 died in Ohio and 196 perished in Indiana, making a total in those two states of 3362.

A round half million people were made homeless and the property damage in both states will be at least \$100,000,000. At Dayton, Ohio, where the greatest damage was done, there was still great doubt as to the total number of dead, but it was thought it would not be less than 150, the Gov. Cox was credited with the belief that 1000 was nearer the right figure, he being his opinion that at least 500 perished in North Dayton alone.

Three villages are said to have been wiped out in Indiana, and 150 are believed to have perished in Peru. "Wide Area Desolated." Farmers, with their families are marooned on highway embankments for miles in flooded Ohio, and the whole country is desolated.

PUT IT THRU NOW!  
This important statement made in the house of commons yesterday, by Winston Churchill, first Lord of the Admiralty, in regard to the new imperial defence unit, to include the Canadian three dreadnoughts, ought to end the unhappy conflict at Ottawa. The Canadian navy will come later, but the great thing is to make a be-

WHO ARE OPPOSING LEASIE'S ANNEXATION?  
Perhaps half the opposition Leasie's resolution is coming from that subdivision who haven't the courage to throw in their lot with the party or are frightened off by the little-eyed contingent.

## DAMAGE DONE TO RAILROADS AMOUNTS TO FIFTY MILLIONS

CHICAGO, March 26.—Railroad officials here tonight declare that transportation lines thruout Ohio and Indiana and those centering in Chicago, face the greatest loss in their history. A conservative estimate places the damage done to railroad property at \$50,000,000. It is divided as follows:  
Pennsylvania, \$15,000,000; Baltimore & Ohio, \$10,000,000; Big Four and Monon routes, \$10,000,000; Erie, \$2,000,000.  
Other roads terminating in Chicago estimated at from \$5,000,000 to \$12,000,000.  
Train communication between the east and the west is virtually at an end.

## CANADIAN DREADNOUGHTS TO BE PART OF IMPERIAL SQUADRON WILL CRUISE AROUND THE EMPIRE

### Churchill Announces That Admiralty Will Establish Central Base for Canadian, Malay and New Zealand Ships at Gibraltar—Dominions Will Be Considered in all the Squadron's Move- ments—Facilities for Entering Service.

LONDON, March 26.—(Can. Press.)—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—Turning to the proposed Canadian ships, in his address on British naval estimates in the commons today, Hon. Winston Churchill said:

"While they will be directly controlled by the admiralty, we propose to form them, with the Malay and New Zealand ships, into a new squadron of five ships of high uniform speed, to be called the Imperial Squadron. It will be based at Gibraltar and thence able to reach Halifax in five days, Quebec in six days, Jamaica in nine days, the South American coast in twelve days, Capetown in thirteen days, Alexandria in three days, Sydney in twenty-eight days, New Zealand in thirty-two days, Hongkong in twenty-two days, and Vancouver in twenty-three days.

CRUISE FREELY ABOUT EMPIRE.  
"Our intention is that this squadron shall, as opportunity serves, cruise freely about the empire, visiting the dominions, ready to operate at any threatened point at home or abroad. The dominions will be considered in all movements not dominated by military considerations. Special facilities will be given for Canadians, South Africans and New Zealanders to serve as men or officers in this squadron. In this way the true idea will be given of a mobile, imperial squadron of the greatest strength and speed, patrolling the empire, showing the flag and bringing effective aid wherever needed.

EACH DOMINION FREE.  
"There is no more valuable principle than imperial federation and inter-dominion action. We cannot control these developments. Each dominion is absolutely free to take its own course. The admiralty will do its best to work loyally with the responsible ministers of any government that may come into power in any part of the empire. That is our duty. But it is also our duty, with our knowledge and experience in naval matters, to state clearly what we believe to be the right, sound plan for these important developments to follow and to combine as far as possible what is best for each with what is best for all."

## OVER THREE THOUSAND ARE DEAD HALF A MILLION MADE HOMELESS PROPERTY LOSS OF \$100,000,000

### These Are Revised Figures of Death and Devastation in Two Stricken States of Ohio and Indiana—Besides Incalcul- able Damage to 14 Cities, Railroads Were Crippled by Demolition of Bridges and Tracks.

CHICAGO, March 26.—(Can. Press.)—Three thousand may have perished in the deluge which swept the northern half of the Ohio River Valley yesterday and today. Probably half a million people were made homeless by the flood in Indiana and Ohio, and property damage in both states will be at least \$100,000,000.

These figures were compiled this afternoon from reports received here from various points in the stricken district. Further reports may increase the number of dead, and it is unlikely that any decrease in financial loss will be made.

An additional horror was reported early this afternoon from Dayton. Five there, which seemed widespread and probably uncontrollable, in view of the paralysis of the water plant, probably brought a horrible death to many who sought to escape drownings by climbing to upper floors of buildings.

Probable Death Toll.  
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Hamilton . . . . .12  
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Peru . . . . .150  
Newcastle . . . . .3  
Lafayette . . . . .2  
Indianapolis . . . . .14  
Noblesville . . . . .2  
Scattering . . . . .25  
Total . . . . .196  
Grand total . . . . .3262  
One Hundred Million Loss.

Reports unconfirmed say that fourteen persons lost their lives in Fremont and fifty at Tiffin, Ohio. It was reported in Indianapolis early today that 200 persons were drowned in West Indianapolis, but this number was later reduced to fourteen, the statement that lines converging in ladies' hats from Paris, London and New York. Pay your visit early to Dineen's, 40 Yonge street, corner Temperance.

All-Star Cast in "Robin Hood."  
The cast which will present De Koven's beautiful light opera, "Robin Hood," here next week is reported to be really all-star. Bessie Abbott, from the Metropolitan Opera, and Walter Hyde, tenor, late of Covent Garden, London, are the headliners. The advance sale of seats for the engagement opens this morning at the Princess Theatre.

## The State, and How to Prevent the Floods

Theodore Roosevelt had the genius and statesmanship to build the Panama Canal—a great public work owned by the state, built by men in the service of the state—and for the use of all the people of the States without discrimination whatsoever. And as soon as he got it under way he announced a second great national work, of even more importance to the United States—to control and store the waters of the whole Mississippi Valley and prevent floods like the appalling ones now devastating Ohio. He contemplated putting the army of engineers, mechanics, workmen, plant, organization and method of the Panama Canal outfit—whatever of it was available—at the improvement of the Mississippi valley, from the fourteenth to Wisconsin down to the Gulf of Mexico. He saw the havoc of the floods and he saw the untold wealth that could be created by stopping the waters by immense barrages and channels and artificial lakes; using this water for a 30-foot channel of continuous navigation, and for an unlimited creation of hydro-electric power. Also for irrigation; and at the same time almost absolutely guarding against the destruction of life, of buildings, of warehouses and levees, of land, of crops, of landmarks!

The catastrophe of this week in Ohio and other states will hasten this work, and in all probability congress will forthwith move on the plan outlined by Col. Roosevelt. The army of construction of the isthmus will be ready to go to work before September, and it is the greatest organization of its kind ever got together.

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## TOCHATALJA MAY HAVE FALLEN TO ALLIES

### Report That Last Turkish Line of Defence Has Succumbed Follows News of Adrianople's Surrender After Memorable Defence—Allies Suffered Tremendous Losses.

Special Cable to The World.  
LONDON, March 27.—(Copyright.)—The Times says that, according to information received in London this evening, the Bulgarians have succeeded in driving the Turks out of their position and are now in possession of the town of Tchatalja, just outside the Tchatalja lines. The Chronicle prints a despatch from Constantinople, dated Wednesday, by wireless, via Constanza:

"There is an uneasy feeling in many quarters that Constantinople is on the eve of another crisis, and it would not be surprising if an attempt were made within the next few hours to overthrow the government. It is declared that revolutionary plans, formulated by the military league, are ready for execution. The committee of union and progress is desirous of shifting the onus of making peace upon other leaders. The sultan was requested to order Achmet Boustari, who was the grand vizier on the outbreak of the war, to form a cabinet. Achmet Boustari had a long interview at the palace and in the end refused the task. There has been considerable military activity here since Tuesday. Soldiers are being rushed to Tchatalja by land and sea. Many wounded are arriving daily."

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## FIRE ADDS TO HORROR IN DAYTON FURTHER LOSS OF LIFE IS FEARED 65,000 PEOPLE HELD PRISONERS

### The Original Lord's Prayer

Special to The Toronto World.  
PHILADELPHIA, March 26.  
That the Lord's Prayer was originally written in Arabic verse was the assertion by Prof. C. C. Torrey of Yale at today's session of the American Oriental Society at the University of Pennsylvania. To prove his statement Prof. Torrey recited a portion of the Arabic version.  
As an indication of blue blood and of legitimate birth the ancients used to swear on the thigh, according to Prof. C. A. B. Brockwell of McGill University, Canada.

## ARGUMENTS ARE GIVEN BOTH PARTIES

### Conservatives Can Point to Churchill's Direct Expres- sion That Contribution is Preferable to a Canadian Navy, While Liberals Can Contend That the Imperial Squadron is Largely Orna- mental.

OTTAWA, March 26.—(Special.)—Mr. Churchill's speech in the British house of commons tonight will furnish arguments to both of the great political parties in Canada. The Conservatives will find in it one express declaration that from an imperial standpoint a direct contribution is preferable to the establishment of a Canadian navy. Mr. Churchill's opinion is stated explicitly, but with full acknowledgment of the complete right of every self-governed dominion to determine its own policy. By his proposed distribution of the Canadian dreadnoughts he also meets the point that the navy of the empire requires greater mobility and wider power to patrol and guard the outlying waters of the empire.

Show or Use?  
Those who favor a Canadian navy, and especially those who dispute the assertion that Canada's ships are needed in the North Sea, will claim that the imperial squadron to be furnished by Canada, New Zealand and the Malay States, is apparently not intended for an Armageddon, but rather for showing the flag in colonial waters and colonial ports. They will argue that there is no reason why Canada should not group herself with Australia rather than with New Zealand and the Malay States.

From the standpoint of Canadian politics, Mr. Churchill may be accused of boxing the compass. His speech at the Shipwrights' dinner pleased the Liberals and his memorandum, recently made public by Mr. Borden, filled the Conservatives with delight. His deliverance tonight will furnish ammunition for both parties.

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## Eight Buildings Destroyed Probably Held a Number of Refugees From Flood—Veil Hangs Over Dead and Estimates of Extent of Disaster Are Almost Impossible —Marooned Thousands Beg Piteously for Food and Water Which Cannot Be Supplied—Troops Arrive From Near-by Cities and Wire Service is Re-Established.

DAYTON, March 26.—(Can. Press.)—Flames that destroyed eight buildings in Dayton's submerged business section tonight cast a red weird glow over the flood-stricken city that added to the fears of thousands of refugees and marooned persons and led to apprehension that there may have been many of the water's prisoners in the burned buildings.

Soon afterward notice was posted in headquarters of the emergency committee announcing that the city was under martial law, and several companies of soldiers arrived from neighboring Ohio cities. The soldiers were employed to patrol edges of the burned district and prevent further looting of homes freed from the flood's grasp. Up to a late hour tonight there had been no material disorder.

LOSS OF LIFE VEILED.  
Rescue squads worked frantically today to throw back the veil that hides the true story of the Dayton disaster—the number of dead. Late tonight the arrival of motor boats gave hope that by tomorrow the northern section of the city, now cut off by the Big Miami's impassable barrier, may be penetrated, and then may be learned the fate of hundreds imprisoned by the torrent that poured down from the broken reservoir.

The list of dead was added to this afternoon by the death of a refugee. It was reported late tonight that a number of dead had been found in houses at Fifth and Eagle streets, but when rescuers worked their way into the partially submerged buildings they found a number of the flood's prisoners who were weak from fright and hunger.

Already over-burdened victims of the water's wrath were compelled to suffer again today in a cold, smarting rain.

FIRE KEPT IN BOUNDS.  
Fire that appeared to threaten the business section tonight was confined to the block bounded by Second and Third streets and Jefferson and St. Clair streets. In the block are the Fourth National Bank, Lattiman Drug Company, Evans' Wholesale Drug Company and several commission houses. It was impossible to get within two miles of the fire, and from that distance it appeared that explosions, probably of drugs, made the fire seem of larger proportions than it was. It appeared to have about burned itself out, and it was not believed it would spread to other blocks.

THREE THOUSAND SAFELY HOUSED.  
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 three thousand persons were housed in places of refuge tonight, the majority of them in buildings of the National Cash Register Company. At least 65,000 persons are imprisoned in their homes and in business buildings. It is feared their two-days' confinement, accompanied with hunger and fright, has caused tremendous sufferings. The flood came with such suddenness that food supplies in homes were whisked away by the torrent that reached to second floors in almost the flash of an eye. Skiffs skirted the edge of the flooded district, attempting to take food to those whom it was impossible to carry off, but the fierce current discouragingly retarded this work.

WIRE SERVICE RESTORED.  
Dayton was practically cut off from wire communication until late this afternoon. Then two wires into Cincinnati were obtained and operators plunged 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 kinsmen.

Two oarsmen who braved the current that swirled thru the business section of the city today reported that the water at the Algonquin Hotel, at the southwest corner of Third and Ludlow streets, was 15 feet deep. From windows in the hotels and business buildings, hundreds of the marooned begged piteously for rescue and food. The oarsmen said they saw no bodies floating on the flood-tide, but declared that many persons must have perished in the water's sudden rush thru the streets.

PITEOUS APPEALS MADE.  
Oarsmen who worked into the outskirts of the business section tonight reported that 250 persons marooned in the Arcade building and 200 imprisoned in the Y.M.C.A. building were begging for water.

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.

With the arrival of motorboats tonight it was hoped to