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TERRIBLE LOSS OF LIFE FROM FLOODS

Seventy Thousand People are Homeless in Dayton - Twenty Feet of Torrential Current Rushes Through Main Streets of City - Families Separated, Hundreds Cut off from Flood - Distressing Views, but Ratn Ceases and Outlook is more Hopeful.

(Canadian Press Despatch)
DAYTON, O., March 26.—The crest of Dayton flood passed about midnight, but the next few hours allowed no appreciable lowering in the water. Morning brought no hope of immediate relief to those who had spent the night in horror, however, and it is feared that the number of the wounded has been greatly increased during the twelve hours of darkness.

The rescue work looked as hopeless as on yesterday, however. No one in the city attempted to sleep. Among the known dead are: Anton Sactell, grocer, Vine and Main Sts.; killed in an explosion; his wife, drowned.

Unknown woman found nearby hanging on wire.
The Bish family wiped out with the exception of son, John Bish; his mother, aged 65; sister Florence, 27; niece Viola Bish, and Muriel, wife of John Bish, all being victims of the flood.

It is not believed the rescuers will be able to make any advance into the flooded district to-day, but will have to content themselves with saving those who were marooned within a few doors of the water's edge.

More than seventy thousand persons, either were unable to reach their homes or held in the water-locked houses were unable to reach land. Inundated district is estimated as more than fifteen square miles, most of which is under from six to eighteen feet of water.

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 mere conjecture.

It is thought 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 early breaking of the levee will keep the loss of life in commercial section lower than was first estimated.

By 8 o'clock yesterday the business streets were impassable and many of the employees in the stores reaching their places of employment. Many were driven to the outskirts of the city far from their own homes, however, and were unable to communicate with friends. The immediate pressing need to-day 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 fever may result from the use of the river water.

The breaking of the Farleton reservoir immediately shut off the usual supply of filtered water.

One fact that brightened the outlook was that the torrential downpour which had continued for 48 hours had ceased.

Francis Appeals for Help.
INDIANAPOLIS, March 26.—The break of day found anxiety in Indiana centred in Brookville and Connersville on the White Water river where frantic appeals for aid were received by Governor Ralston late yesterday. While the appeal was being made wire communication to Connersville failed.

The person who was talking with the governor said that a break in the White Water River levee had flooded the valley, sweeping hundreds before it. Since then, it has been impossible to re-establish communication, but for a few minutes, and the governor fears the worst there. Militia was ready all during the night to hurry to the town, but no train was operated in that direction.

The whole state is stupefied by the enormity of the disaster which in 24 hours drowned hundreds of persons and destroyed property valued at nearly twenty-five millions of dollars. Work on repairing the telephone lines and telegraph lines and railroads was started early.

Practically every railroad and traction company operating in the state has lost one or more bridges, with several miles of track washed out or made shaky by the flood waters.

Indianapolis awoke to find the waters higher than ever appeared before, with a property loss that two days ago would have been unbelievable.

It is hard even yet to bring the full realization of the damage to the people, who had no thought of flood from streams that ordinarily are unimportant aiding only in beautifying the city's parks and boulevard driveways.

During the night the water advanced upon the exclusive residence section along Fall Creek. It tore away one bridge, destroyed the city's most pretentious driveway and forced the families living along its banks to desert the homes.

A few hours before they had no idea they were in any danger and were awakened by the militiamen to be ordered to find every hotel in the city full. They were cared for at the homes of friends.

The Washington street bridge over the White River that connects Indianapolis and West Indianapolis which was closed for traffic late last night, early to-day was torn apart by the waters, the floor of the structure being carried away.

With the breaking of day also came the proposition of feeling the refugees to the number of 10,000. The city had appropriated enough to pay the expense to-day, but more will be needed to-morrow. A fund has been started and it is believed this will solve that problem.

It was believed by telephone and telegraph officials that they soon would be able to establish a more certain communication with Peru, where scores are reported to be dead, and where many persons are suffering for food and clothing.

Indianapolis faces another day without water, and it is without fire protection. Drinking water is at a premium while water for the use of baths and washing is not obtainable.

Brantford People in Flood Zone

Brantfordites are anxiously awaiting definite news from the stricken city of Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Tom Mann has a son, John R. Mann, resident in that city. He is employed with the National Cash Register Company. A telegram has been despatched inquiring for his safety, but no answer has been received, and it is thought the delivery of such messages would be effected under present conditions.

Dr. Nelles, Jr., nephew of Mrs. John McGeezy, Park avenue, is also a resident of the stricken city. He has many relatives here. So far the latter have been unable to receive any communication from him.

J. T. Byers, in charge of a horse belonging to Mr. H. T. Westbrook, is left in the flooded district. No word has been received from him.

Richard Bursnell, also David and Alex. Wilson, well-known horse breeders of Paris, are also at Dayton.

The situation is doubtless a perilous one.

From Lake Line to the Ohio River Today Towns are Submerged—Worst Flood in History of States - Whole Towns Washed away, and it is Estimated there are a Quarter of a Million People Homeless.

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COLUMBUS, O., March 26.—From Lake Erie to the Ohio River, and from the Indiana to the Pennsylvania state lines, Ohio to-day is experiencing the worst flood the state has ever known.

With an appalling loss of life at Dayton, estimated to-day to run over 500, almost every city and village in the state follows with a death toll that cannot be tallied until the raging waters subside.

Although reports had put the loss of life at Dayton as high as 5,000, refugees arriving in Xenia from the flood-stricken city said that it would be below 1,000. The most serious news early to-day was that the town of Miamisburg, with a population of 4,000, had been washed away.

Heavy rains continued through most of the state last night, and all flood records in most sections of the state have been broken again to-day.

Bridges have been washed away, railway and interurban traffic is at a standstill, and in many cities there is grave danger of fire loss due to the shutting down of plants supplying water.

250,000 Homeless.
Governor Cox estimated that more than 250,000 people have been rendered homeless. The state is unable to cope with the situation in its entirety, and the governor has called upon the National Red Cross Society and the adjoining states for aid. The immediate need is for tents and for food for the homeless. Every militia company has been ordered to report for duty to-day, and the troops will be sent to the points of greatest emergency. The state commissary department is making every effort to rush supplies to the many points which need them.

The property damage cannot at present be estimated, but will run far into the millions. This includes actual loss by fire and flood and prospective loss where farming lands have been inundated and in many cases washed away. No immediate relief from the flood-bound conditions is in sight, as rainy weather is promised for the state to-day.

Harrowing Tales.
Harrowing tales are beginning to filter in from various sources of families who spent the night in a drenching rain in tree tops or on the roofs of their flooded homes. Many of those marooned in tree tops are believed to have been worn out from cold and fatigue and to have dropped from their perilous positions to death in the flood below.

Thrilling rescues are reported without number, as are also unavailing efforts to rescue persons seen to be drifting by in the ruins of their homes or on chance driftwood. The list of missing is also swelling, but it is believed that this will be materially reduced when scattered families have the opportunity to reunite.

This city is completely cut off from the rest of the country by rail, and almost completely so by telephone and telegraph, but reports received show the greatest loss of life at Dayton, which may run from 300 to 1,000; Piqua, where 54 are reported drowned; Delaware, where the loss will be over 30; Hamilton, 16, or more, and Troy, where great loss of life has been reported, with no definite figures available.

In his city three are known to be dead and eleven more are reported to be. These last were either seen to pass the city clinging to drift or reported to have fallen from boats. As the city is without lights and the whole west side is flooded, nothing definite could be learned early to-day.

Worst Flood Ever.
The flood is the greatest ever known in Columbus, and business activities are practically paralyzed. The waterworks shut down last night, and will not be in condition to furnish water for a week, as two large mains have been washed out by the flood, which took away every bridge in the city. Last night the city was in darkness, as the municipal electric light plant was flooded. Gas pressure is low, and little hope is held out that it will last throughout the day.

The flood in the Scioto and Olen-tangy rivers came so suddenly yesterday that workers of all classes who had crossed them early in the day were unable to return to their homes in the west side where the torrents tore loose the bridges connecting both sides of the city. All available state departments were thrown open to refugees, and thousands of dollars have been raised to care for them.

A bill will be introduced in the legislature to-day as an emergency measure, providing that \$250,000 be appropriated for the relief of the flood sufferers.

The street car system is operating under crippled conditions, and many lines are not running at all. The failure of the water supply is most keenly felt, and the state health department, together with the local health department, have made preparations to cope with any situation which may arise from this cause.

Clinging to Roofs.
PERU, Ind., March 26.—(Via telephone to South Bend)—Death faced hundreds of persons who at dawn to-day were clinging to the roofs of buildings, where they sought refuge from the flood which last night swept in from overflow banks of the Wash-bash River, drowning within a few minutes probably sixty persons.

The prospect at daylight was distressing. Currents of muddy water from ten to twenty feet deep were racing through the main streets at twenty miles an hour. The water, however, was then believed to be receding slightly.

Among those marooned was Mayor John J. Krutzer. He was sick at his home when the flood rushed in on the city, and was unable to escape before the water surrounded his home to a great depth. He delegated the functions of the Mayor to Thomas Kreuger, superintendent of a lumbering plant. Food and clothing for five (Continued on Page 4)

Death List Proves Very Heavy One

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CHICAGO, March 26.—Daybreak upon the desolation brought by flood throughout Ohio and Indiana, with a slight hope that the estimates of the loss of life of the night before might be somewhat reduced when it was undertaken, revealed the fully the situation of the stricken cities.

At daybreak, as yet unverified reports from the flood-swept cities in the two states showed the following revised estimates of the loss of life, based upon an apparent reduction in the figures from Dayton, according to refugees, and upon a possible diminution in the reports from Peru, Indiana:

- OHIO
Dayton, 500 to 1,000.
Piqua (rumored), 540.
Delaware, 50 to 100.
Sydney, 23 to 50.
Hampden, 50 to 100.
Hamilton, 12.
Tippecanoe City, 3 to 5.
Scattered, 16.
Total for Ohio, 1,194 to 1,695.
- INDIANA
Peru, 60 to 250.
New Castle, 3.
LaFayette, 2.
Noblesville, 2.
Port Wayne, 3.
Fort Indiana, 73 to 250.
Grand Total, 1,264 to 1,945.

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FORECASTS

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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

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ADRIANOPLE HAS FALLEN

But the Turks Burnt Their Bridges Behind Them—A Fierce Fight.

(Canadian Press Despatch)
CONSTANTINOPLE, March 26.—The fortress of Adrianople was taken by the Bulgarians this morning after fighting of the most terrible character since Monday. Flames are devastating the city at many points.

After the outlying fortifications had been captured the Turkish troops set fire to all their depots, stores as well as to the arsenal and the artillery park. They also blew up the barracks and a number of powder magazines. Most of the population fled.

Thursday, March 27—Back by demand—Jos. M. Gaites again presents JOHN HYAMS, LILLA McINTYRE and original company of seven in the delightful musical play, "THE GIRL OF MY DREAMS," with the same superb cast of principals, big beauty chorus and pony ballet, special orchestra. Note—This attraction having played here the beginning of the season, and as the company is exactly the same as seen here before, the management of the Grand guarantees "The Girl of My Dreams" to be one of the very best musical shows which has played Brantford. Prices: 5 rows, \$2; 13 rows, \$1.50; 4 rows, \$1; balcony, 75c; balcony, \$1 and 75c; gallery, 3 rows reserved, 50c; balcony, 25c. Seats Tuesday.

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 Tamehill, Jr., and Geo. W. Barnum. A rollicking, roystering fun-maker, tremendously funny, absolutely clean, presented by a capable company of metropolitan players. Prices: 14 rows, \$1; 8 rows, 75c; balcony, 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

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FINE PICTURES FOR COLLEGIATE

Copies of Celebrated Classics Secured By Mr. E. B. Crompton in England

When Mr. E. B. Crompton was recently in the Old Country he had a commission from the Collegiate Board to purchase for them some pictures for the halls of the new Collegiate. He purchased the same with his usual good taste, and they are now on exhibition at Mr. Pickett's news store, Market street, where they were framed. There are 19 in all, and they are very beautiful. "The Doctor," the famous picture by Luke Fields, which first brought him fame, shows a doctor looking with thoughtful brow at a critically ill child, while the mother and the husband stands by with his comforting hand on her shoulder. "Now Came Still Evening," by Joseph Farquharson, R.A., is a striking study of a well-wooded and winding road at twilight. "When the stars were evening Glows," by the same artist, constitutes a remarkable reflection of sunset upon people and objects. "Lions in the Enemy's Country," by Herbert Dicksee, R.A., is another notable replica. "The Last Furrow," by the same artist, and "The Shadow," by E. Blair Leighton, R.A. The whole collection is an iridescent exemplification of the best in modern art, as manifested by some of the most noted British knights of the brush.

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One Minute Interviews

Mr. Buzz Burns (at the Smallpox Hospital)—"The Courier was quite right in a recent issue. This is no hospital; nor even a stable. It is worse than a horse stable, but we are doing well."

Chief Engineer Kellett of the Lak Erie and Northern—For some time we have had ten men under a Dominion Government engineer take complete soundings of Port Dover Harbor with a view to the development of that Port for vessels. They will get through to-day and the results be forwarded to Ottawa. The Government will pay for this work.

Terrible Loss When Train Drops in River

(Canadian Press Despatch)
GRAFTON, W. Va., March 28.—The Baltimore and Ohio Telegraph operator here this afternoon received a wire from Baltimore and Ohio operator at a tower near Cincinnati saying that a commuter train from Loveland, Ohio, to Cincinnati, had gone through a bridge and all on board about 800 persons, apparently had been lost.

Goets to New York.
Miss M. Long, who has been a member of the staff of Macdonald Hall, Guelph, for the past three years, left on Monday evening for New York, where she will take up a course in house furnishing and interior decoration at the Art School. Miss Long expects to be gone some months. Miss Long is an ex-member of the B.C.I. staff.

Scouts Entertained.
Miss May Banham entertained the Boy Scouts of Wesley Church in the church parlors last evening. There was a large number out and after the usual instructional work the boys sat down to a generous spread to which they did ample justice. Rev. J. J. Liddy, Scout Commissioner Macfarlane, Scout Master Stopps and Capt. Ward addressed the gathering. The toast of "Our Hostess" was heartily received, Miss Banham making a neat reply. The affair proved one of the most enjoyable events in the history of the Wesley troop.

DEVIL'S ISLAND FOR MILITANTS

Lord Robert Cecil Would Deport Suffragettes Convicted

LONDON, March 26.—Lord Robert Cecil, member of the House of Commons for the Hitchin Division of Herts, and son of the late Lord Salisbury, in a letter to the London papers this morning advocates the deportation of suffragettes convicted of militancy.

Forbidding feeding he says, is futile; so, the courts should be empowered to sentence the women to deportation to some distant island. Once there they could be left at large. Food and lodging would be offered to them, but no compulsion put upon them to accept it.

Lord Robert Cecil says that the women would have no right to object because they would be treated as prisoners of war, and would be identical with a special kind of treatment adopted for certain criminals.

NOTICE!

Ward 2, Conservatives! A meeting will be held at the Central Conservative Rooms (old Masome Building) on Wednesday evening March 26th, at 8.45 for the purpose of electing a Ward Chairman.

Making Repairs to Office

Contractor J. Usher, 203 Wellington Street is repairing his office, which was damaged by the recent wind storm.

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