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## MAY NOT BE MORE THAN 500 DROWNED IN FLOODS

Receding Waters Show First Reports Much Exaggerated.

MANY THOUGHT DEAD GOT SAFELY AWAY

Rescue Work Going Forward Well, although there is Great Damage to Property — Ohio Creates New Menace.

The flood waters receded sufficiently last night to show that the number of persons drowned in all the affected cities in Ohio and Indiana may not exceed 500. While many persons are still missing to friends and relatives, investigations made to date indicated that many were safe who had been thought lost.

In Dayton careful estimates placed the number of deaths at 200 or fewer, although a meeting of the underwriters asserted that the total might be 800.

In Columbus 60 bodies have already been found.

Unverified figures from Miami, Ohio, gave 50 dead, but in all other flooded districts, the figures fell off rapidly.

Hamilton, Ohio, which had reported as many as 250 dead, did not put forth any figure today.

Mount Vernon did not confirm its previous report of 30 dead and no confirmation was had for 32 reported deaths at Venice, Ohio.

Chillicothe and Berlin, Ohio, where there had been reported 50 and 20 deaths, each found sixteen corpses up to midnight.

The best figures from Piqua give a death toll of 50 persons. Fremont, Indiana, where as many as 200 deaths were at one time reported.

With the situation somewhat alleviated in the flood-swept districts of Ohio and Indiana a new menace threatened tonight in the rise of rivers in the southern valleys of both states.

At Cincinnati, the Ohio caused alarm and although the situation had not yet reported an acute stage, reports from neighboring county towns indicated that the warning had been issued to the inhabitants of points of safety from the rising waters.

In Indiana alarm was felt in the valleys of the Ohio, Wabash and White rivers, but ample warning served in a measure to reduce the panic.

## MAINE POLICE DECEYED MEN OVER BOBBER

Pugilists Wanted for Assault on Bangor and Aroostook R. R. Strike Breakers Were Neatly Pinched.

Special to The Standard. Houlton, Me., March 28.—Chief of Police Whitney told the story of how he and Detective James Vallier, of the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad, decoyed two pugilists, Ernest McIntyre and Leonard McQuarrie, wanted for assault on Bangor and Aroostook strike breakers Monday night.

The officers traced the pair to a line store near Houlton, and brought them drinks and cigars, according to the story Whitney told in court. After this they induced the couple to step just across the line, when they were promptly arrested.

The railroad officials tonight are considering an application to the state department at Washington for the extradition of Frank Nightingale, a former B. & A. fireman, who was charged in court with having hired the pugilists to make the assault. He is said to have taken a position as fireman on the St. John Valley Railroad and to be living twelve miles from Woodstock, N. B.

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## RED MAN'S SONGS TO BE PRESERVED



Geoffrey O'Hara, a New York composer, who has been appointed as instructor of music under the Bureau of Indian Affairs by Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, although not yet officially notified of his appointment, is making preparations for his work of recording Indian music on the reservations. The position as outlined by Secretary Lane is a new one, it being incumbent on Mr. O'Hara to record the passing native music so that it can be taught in Indian schools and thus preserved.

## TESTING EYES OF PILOTS ON ST. LAWRENCE

Dr. H. D. Fritz of this City is Now Conducting Necessary Examination—Quebec Liberal Papers are "Sore."

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, March 28.—The criticism of certain Quebec Liberal organs to the effect that doctors of that province have been insulted by the government by the appointment of an outside doctor to examine the eyesight of the pilots, has been effectively answered by an interim report laid upon the table of the House this afternoon by the Hon. J. D. Hazen, minister of marine and fisheries.

The report was made by the three members of the pilotage commission, one of whom is a native of Quebec. The commission suggested that as the matter of the test of the eyesight of the pilots should be made without delay, a medical officer absolutely clear of local influence should be appointed. The commission further suggested that the doctor should be from the Maritime Provinces or Ontario.

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## GERMAN ARMY TO BE VASTLY STRENGTHENED

Bill Adopted by Federal Council to Bring Peace Strength of Actual Army Up to 870,000.

Berlin, March 28.—A bill increasing the German army by 400 officers, 15,000 non-commissioned officers and 115,965 privates, was adopted by the federal council today. The peace strength of the active army is thus raised to approximately 870,000 men with the colors.

The government's financial measures include a non-recurrent tax of \$24,750,000 to \$250,000,000 spread over two years, and a permanent yearly increase in taxation of from \$45,000,000 to \$47,000,000. The non-recurrent tax will be obtained by a levy of \$1.25 per thousand on fortunes beginning at \$2,500, and a supplementary income tax of two per cent on incomes above \$12,500 annually.

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## COURT BILL ADOPTED IN QUICK TIME

Two Hours Discussion Sufficed to Pass Hon. Mr. Doherty's Measure—Liberals Hunt in Vain for "Scandal."

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, March 28.—Hon. C. J. Doherty's bill respecting the Supreme Court of Ontario, was passed by the house today after over two hours discussion. The bill is intended to make Dominion legislation conform with the new constitution of the Ontario courts based upon provincial legislation which went into force on January 1 last.

Before the orders of the day were taken up, Mr. Burnham, West Peterborough, asked if it would not be fitting for the house to express its sympathy with the sufferers from the great floods in Ohio and Indiana.

The Prime Minister said he was sure that every Canadian had heard with sorrow of the disaster in the United States. "A disaster," he added, "is which our own kin and kind have suffered." He said he would consider the question of giving a formal expression of sympathy of the house.

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James Dodds Responsible for Loss of More Than \$1,000,000 Worth of Property in Winnipeg and Vicinity.

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## DAILY TRAIN SERVICE FOR BLACKVILLE

Hon. Mr. Hazen Secures Accommodation for Farmers Isolated Along Central Railroad—Workmen Injured.

Special to The Standard. Chatham, March 28.—Since the breakdown in the service over the Canada Eastern on the Chelmsford side, owing to the freshet taking the bridge, supports under the Blackville bridge, causing it to tilt to one side, the people of that section of the country between the Junction and Blackville, have been without mail or freight service, and the situation is extremely unsatisfactory.

On Tuesday an official of the local board of trade in response to requests from up-river people for some betterment in their isolation sent a telegram to Hon. J. D. Hazen and a brief outline of the situation. The minister took up the matter at once with Mr. Brady, of the I. C. R., and as a result orders were given to arrange for a daily round trip on the line from Chatham Junction to Blackville bridge, to be effected by means of the engine and crew of the freight train for Fredericton. When this arrives at Chatham Junction in the early morning, it will take what freight there is for places on this side of the river and go as far as Blackville bridge, arriving there in time to connect with the regular train from Fredericton to Fredericton over the Millerton branch. The engine and crew make the return trip to the Junction taking up what freight is ready and the requirements of the people along the line in a fairly satisfactory way, and it is expected to cause any inconvenience to those using the Fredericton freight. The train started out yesterday on its first trip.

It was reported to be a surprise that the protest against the abandonment of the Junction-Blackville section of the line has been successful, and that the department is now reconsidering its attitude on this matter. It is understood that repairs will be made to the Blackville bridge at once and the whole matter of train service over that section will receive serious consideration.

Ward was received here yesterday that William Carroll and Simeon Desnoyers, who went from Chatham to Dryden, New Ontario, to work on the plant of the Dryden Pulp and Paper Co., last February, met with a severe accident on the 12th of this month.

While they were working on the said plant of the mill, an explosion occurred, and Mr. Carroll, who was on top of the structure at the time, had his leg broken and was scalded from the ankle to the thigh. His fellow workman escaped more fortunate, having a shoulder put out and an arm scalded.

Few particulars have yet been received, though the last word was that both men are getting on very well.

Mr. Carroll is married, and Mrs. Carroll, who has been in Chatham since her husband went to Dryden, will leave immediately to join him.

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Grain Store Fired But Flour Depot Was Overlooked—Contents Distributed Among Poor—Bulgars again Victors

London, March 28.—According to reports from Sofia the condition of the population of Adrianople is not so desperate as has been depicted. While the Turks set fire to the grain store, they overlooked the flour depot the contents of which are being distributed among the poor. Only a few buildings were damaged by the bombardment.

Nothing is said in them concerning the damage done by the fires which the Turks themselves started before the city fell.

Many of the Turks, before the enemy arrived, took time to break their rifles, render useless a number of siege guns, destroy all the ammunition depots and even to kill their horses in order to prevent them falling into the hands of the invaders.

The wireless telegraph station and the searchlights were blown up. The Turks have suffered a severe defeat at Tchatalja. Some correspondents there the Turkish losses as high as 2