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## MEVAGE OF FIRE ADDS HORRORS-- BLIZZARD TODAY INCREASES SUFFERING

### Dynamite Sent for to Blow Up Buildings in The Path of Flames in Dayton, Ohio--A Blizzard Adds to the Misery of Thousands Who are Homeless--Relief Measures are Taken to Lessen Distress

(BY CANADIAN PRESS)

The menace of fire continues this morning in the flooded district of Ohio. Dayton is still burning, and appeals have been sent out for dynamite to blow up buildings in the path of the flames.

The Lewiston reservoir, north of Dayton, has not gone out. Men are being rushed in to protect and strengthen it. A blizzard is reported from the inundated area. Cold weather and snow hamper the work of rescue and relief.

Relief measures are being perfected in many cities. Car loads of provisions, clothing and other supplies are ready for transportation as fast as trains can be moved. Ohio National Guardsmen also are ready to move to Dayton as soon as they can enter the city.

At Zanesville the flood conditions are growing worse every hour. No fire has been reported from this city.

The Ohio River is rising. The danger stage at Cincinnati has been passed. Western Pennsylvania is facing a grave flood situation. Sharon and New Castle report fifteen feet of water.

### Governor of Ohio Issues Appeal

(Canadian Press Despatch)

NEW YORK, March 27.—Governor James M. Cox of Ohio, telegraphed during the night from Columbus as follows:

"The exact extent of the appalling flood in Ohio is still unknown. Every hour impresses us with the uncertainty of the situation. The waters have assumed such unknown heights in many parts of the state that it will be hardly less than a miracle if villages and towns are not wiped out of existence in the southern and southwestern parts of Ohio. The storm is moving south of east.

"Please give great publicity to an appeal for help. My judgment is that there has never been such a tragedy in the history of the people. Columbus was the centre of all activities in behalf of the stricken cities. Every hour has apparently been filled with an accumulation of drastic circumstances.

"Piteous appeals have been made by men, who were surrounded by water and endangered by the approaching conflagration in the city of Dayton. Every human energy has been exerted to give relief, and yet the measure of assistance has been comparatively small. It is my belief, however, that by day light those imprisoned in the business section of Dayton can be relieved.

"The day began by a storm signal from the weather bureau, advising that there would be a dangerous rise in the waters of the Muskingum river.

er. All the towns along its source including Zanesville and Marietta were advised. Before noon the situation assumed a critical aspect at Zanesville and the historic 'Y' bridge was blown up with dynamite.

"The loss of life at Zanesville is uncertain because all telephone communication ceased at noon. Marietta cannot be reached, but it is safe to assume that the same devastating results at Zanesville was carried on to Marietta.

"In many respects the Dayton situation is absolutely without parallel. The city is unable to send to the outside world any accurate idea of the real loss. North Dayton reported a loss of ten thousand dollars, and the same situation was reported from Riverdale. West Dayton was almost completely under water and houses in Edgemoor, a residential section, were so deep in the flood that great destruction to life and property certainly ensued there. On the highlands of South Park and East Dayton picnics were developed and people were drowned in apparent elevations where it seemed naturally impossible. The workers at Fifth and Brown Sts., which is 25 or 30 feet above the elevations in the business section reported ten feet of water.

"At this time a river wild and turbulent, four miles wide, is sweeping through the business section of Dayton, to say nothing of overflow in the residential sections.

### Columbus Westside Has 1000 Dead

(Canadian Press Despatch)

COLUMBUS, O., March 27.—Between 600 and 1,000 persons lost their lives in the flooded west side of Columbus, according to reports of the Columbus Despatch, who have just gotten into communication with the newspaper office from the previously isolated sections of the city. The same estimate is given by persons in charge of the relief stations on the hilltop west of the flooded section.

"Discoveries made this morning among the stricken people, they say, are appalling.

According to those who invaded the stricken district, the churches, big state institutions and store rooms in the hilltop section are crowded with refugees, many of whom were rescued from the murky waters, and who tell stories of indescribable horrors.

#### GRAND OPERA HOUSE BRANTFORD

Thursday, March 27.—Back by demand—John M. Gaites again presents JOHN HYAMS, LEILA MCINTYRE and original company of seventy 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 best 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 TOKYO." One year at the Court Theatre, Berlin, Germany. English version by Frank Tannehill, Jr., and Geo. W. Barnum. A rollicking, roasting fun-maker, seemingly funny, absolutely clean, presented by a capable company of

Former Mayor George S. Marshall, who was in phone communication with Attorney Cecil Randall, his law partner, said today that Mr. Randall said the death toll would reach at least a thousand.

"Thousands of excited groups of people from the flood-stricken section of the city, who were crowded into the temporary rescue quarters, asserted that the estimate of Mr. Randall is not exaggerated.

The true extent of the awful tragedies enacted during the sweeping away of homes, nor the exact death toll, will not be known for days until the mass of wrecked houses and uprooted trees which are strewn on the level lowlands south of the city are uncovered. This mass of debris is now under several feet of water, with swift currents running in many directions. Many of those rescued tell of escaping from their homes by the fractions of minutes just before the rushing waters swept their homes away and crushed them like eggshells against bridges. Scores of entire families, these people assert, were swept down with their houses in the swift current.

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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 matinee Wednesday and Saturday—Ernie Marks and his big company of vaudeville and dramatic stars, in new 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 Eloquent." 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

"Telephone communication was established before the day was over with four points in the city. Bell, the intrepid Bell Telephone operator, reported first that he had sent scouts into the different parts of the city by boat. His belief at daylight was that the loss of life had been overestimated, but by ten o'clock it was known that easily 500 people had been drowned.

"This evening we cannot resist the belief that the loss will not be less than 1,000.

"The Miami river enters Dayton directly from the south, separating North Dayton from Riverdale. It then makes a complete turn west and runs about three-fourths of a mile before it turns directly at right angles to the south. These bends have been the undoing of the city and caused the break in the levee. Not until today was it apparent that between ten and twelve thousand people are penned up in the business houses, skyscrapers, hotels and the Y. M. C. A. building, making it apparent that the flood came so rapidly that the business community was unable to reach the hills of the city.

"Police on Guard. "The city hall is patrolled by a number of policemen inside, and it is so situated so as to enable the officers to make more or less accurate estimates as to the number of people in the business section.

"Fire broke out in the square bounded by St. Clair, Jefferson. See (Continued on Page 3.)

Meeting Will Be Held Tomorrow Afternoon to Discuss Bell Memorial Plans.

A meeting of the directors of the Bell Memorial Association will take place in the Court House on Friday afternoon at 3.30.

The matters to be discussed will be 1. Removal of the buildings from the present site.

2. The laying out of said site as a park.

3. Improving the streets adjacent to same.

The sculptor has been notified as to the meeting and requested to be present, also the members of the Parks Board.

MILLERSBURG, O., March 27.—The people of this city have been shut out from everywhere since Tuesday morning by floods, which to-day are four feet higher than ever before. The railroad tracks are under water from two to three feet north and south, and the depot is flooded with two feet of water, which has put out of commission the telegraph office. The water-works are flooded and the water is shut off. One gas company's line is broken and the electric light plant forced to stop. A telegraph operator at Baddow Pass named Workman, and his wife and child, lost their lives when a bridge swept away and struck their house.

The waters are slowly receding and snow is falling this morning.

Dam is Gone. DAYTON, O., March 27.—A report has reached here that the reservoir at Lewiston has broken and the waters are rushing down the Miami River,

### Latest Bulletins From Flood Stricken States By Canadian Press

Doomed by Fire? DAYTON, O., March 27.—Believing the city to be doomed by the fire it was reported this morning that Vice-Mayor Huber of this city has sent out appeals to all the cities of the state for dynamite with which to raise buildings in the path of the flames whenever this can be accomplished and also for all the fire-fighting apparatus that can be rushed here.

City Ablaze. PHONETON, O., March 27.—A telephone message from Piqua early this morning stated that the city was ablaze with no way of checking the flames. It is reported that the fire started in the residence section and spread to the business houses. An estimate of the casualties there could not be made at that time, the message said.

Break in Reservoir. DAYTON, O., March 27.—The reservoir at Lewistop is expected to break at any moment, according to a telephone message this morning from Llanman, Ohio, 2 miles from Lewistop. It is said a high wind is blowing water over the banks and that citizens living near by have deserted their homes. Should this reservoir give way it is predicted a flood worse than that of Tuesday will submerge Dayton.

Blizzard Raging. LIMA, Ohio, March 27.—A blizzard is raging throughout the flood district this morning, hampering the work of relief for the flood sufferers. While the cold weather has lessened the flood it has added greatly to the misery of the flood victims.

Leaving in Boats. PITTSBURG, Pa., March 27.—Telephone communication with stricken Zanesville, Ohio, was broken this morning after the following message came through to the local office from the Zanesville chief operator: "We are leaving the exchange in boats, the water is up to the second story. Conditions here getting worse every minute."

Ten Dead at Sharon. PITTSBURG, March 27.—Ten deaths, at least, are known to have occurred at Sharon, Pa., according to a telephone report from there at 4 o'clock this morning. It is believed others have perished. The town is under five feet of water and in absolute darkness. New Castle, Pa., is under from 6 to 15 feet of water, but no fatalities are reported.

Fire Gets New Start. COLUMBUS, O., March 27.—Word reached the office of Adjutant-General Wood today this morning from the Central Union Telephone operator at Dayton, who has been a principal means of communication that the fire

there had taken a new start. The flames had broken out in several places, he said, and were getting so near the telephone building that they would have to leave. The operator who has been furnishing Columbus with bulletins for 48 hours, said he wanted to say good-bye to Columbus people. His own safety has been precarious and considerable doubt exists as to whether he was able to save himself.

No Light There. TERRE HAUTE, March 27.—Light and transportation facilities are paralyzed in this city this morning. The stage of the river is at 31 feet 6 inches and business is at a standstill. The electric light plant has just closed, and the gas plant has ceased operations. Street cars stopped entirely at 9 o'clock.

Snow Makes It Worse. DAYTON, O., March 27.—Snow added to the terrors of the elements today. Hundreds of refugees are being taken out of the Hickory street school. The weather is bitter cold, adding to the suffering of those who have been trapped on the top of their homes since the levees broke. Fire is sweeping almost the entire downtown district of the city. The flames are leaping hundreds of feet into the air. The conflagration has destroyed several blocks in the heart of the business section, as indicated from observations taken early from the roof of the National Cash Register building.

Reservoir Breaks. DETROIT, Mich., March 27.—A telephone message received by Mayor Marx at 9:45 this forenoon from a member of the relief committee at Dayton said that St. Mary's reservoir, reported to be one of the largest in the world, broke this morning, and its contents are pouring down the Great Miami on Dayton. The reservoir is about 50 miles above Dayton. The telephone message was broken off, and the mayor could get no details.

Relief From Canada. WASHINGTON, March 27.—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo will admit relief supplies from Canada for the flood sufferers of Ohio and Indiana free of duty. He waived the tariff restrictions today upon the receipt of a telegram from Mayor R. N. Price of St. Thomas, Ont., saying the people of that city wished to send food, clothing and medical supplies.

Another Report. LIMA, Ohio, March 27.—A telephone report has reached here that the grand reservoir between St. Mary's and Celina has given way and the water is reported rushing out. The report has not been confirmed. If (Continued on Page 4.)

## CANADIAN SHIPS FOR IMPERIAL SQUADRON TO GIRD EMPIRE TOGETHER

### Winston Churchill's Great Speech on the British Naval Estimates Yesterday Was Endorsement of Premier Borden's Naval Policy.

Eighteen Vessels to Ten. LONDON, March 27.—Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, introduced in the Commons last evening the estimates for the navy.

At the outset he explained the causes for increase in the naval expenditure. First, he said, it was owing to the decisions to increase the number of ships maintained in full commission in consequence of new German navy law, and to decisions to increase the numbers, and notably the pay of the personnel. Secondly, it was due to the increase in the size and speed, armaments, equipment and cost of warships of all kinds. It was necessary to keep pace with similar vessel-building all over the world. Thirdly, from the introduction and development of new services, principally oil fuel, air service and wireless telegraphy. Secondly from the general increase in price of coal, oil, steel, and all materials used in shipbuilding. Fifthly, from arrears

in shipbuilding during the last two years, arising from the failure of contractors to earn their proper instalments as manifested by delays in executing current programs. "The estimates" he said, "would have been substantially higher but for congestion in the shipyards arising out of the extraordinary demands upon the shipbuilding plants, and especially upon the skilled labor supply. If better progress is to be made in executing programs it will be necessary for me to ask Parliament later in the year for further supplementary estimates. "Swift and Ceaseless Development." The navy is passing through a period not merely of expansion but of swift and ceaseless development. The latest German navy law has increased the number of vessels we require to construct each year, and that law and the Mediterranean requirements have still more increased the number and proportions of ships which must be maintained in the highest condition of (Continued on Page 8)

## THREE HUNDRED WAS FINE FOR HAVING TOO MUCH BOOZE

### His Worship, Magistrate Livingston Soaks The Foreigners in Police Court Today—It Was Some Session.

Amed Hassan, a Turk, appeared at the police court charged with having more liquor on his premises than for his own use. Mr. Woodruff appeared for Hassan. Mr. Hollinrake for the license inspector. Mr. Hollinrake stated the defendant was a Turk who didn't drink beer so he must have had it for sale.

Mr. Woodruff—"He had it for the entertaining of his friends, in view of the fact that he had received word that he was the father of a child in his old country, and he had asked a number of Armenians and Turks in to celebrate."

Mr. Hollinrake said he must have a harem over there as he had been ordering beer every day.

Mr. Hollinrake had to leave so the case was adjourned until to-morrow. Tony Gambrocorta, who lives at 17 Main street, was another who received an unexpected call—from the police on Sunday. They found two kegs, one empty, one full. The defendant keeps boarders and as he had more than could be reasonably be consumed by his family, his Worship thought that he was guilty. The defendant stated that he had six boarders who bought the beer and used it personally. He had to pay \$100 or three months.

Another Heavy One. Steve Lovatic, who resides at 133 1-2 Colborne street, had rather an expensive celebration Sunday afternoon. The occasion was a celebration of a christening. Lovatic had invited a number of friends in to drink the health of the child. But Lovatic keeps six boarders and hence has the privilege of having more on his premises than he and his wife could personally consume.

Mr. Woodruff and his Worship argued as to the meaning of the clause in the liquor license act, as to whether he could have that quantity—8 gallons—on his premises to entertain his guests and run a boarding house. His Worship, however, thought he was compelled to fine the defendant, but would give him two weeks in which to pay the fine of \$100, and in order that Mr. Woodruff might communicate with the Provincial authorities in regard to the meaning of the clause.

Anthony Faldey. Another of the foreigners who the booze has been getting into trouble. (Continued on Page 4)

### THE PROBS

TORONTO, March 27.—A disturbance which developed over Texas during yesterday is moving rapidly northeastward, being centred this morning over the State of New York, accompanied by snow throughout Ontario and Quebec and rain in the Maritime Provinces. Milder weather is setting in over the Western Provinces.

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### One Minute Interviews

Mr. S. G. Read—"You can say positively that the bottom has fallen out of the real estate market. Last month the market was very active and it is keeping up."

Rev. J. C. Potts, curate of Grace Church—"It cannot be said that there are many destitute people in Brantford. In fact prosperity abounds, although there are homes where an exception can be taken."

Mr. Geo. Ryerson, Chairman School Board—"We have land set aside in the East Ward as a site for a new school and by the way we are developing it will not be long before it will be used."

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