

LONDONER, JUST HOME FROM FLOOD DISTRICT, DESCRIBES THRILLING SCENES OF DELUGE

Mr. and Mrs. James Corsaut Penned in Brother's
Home for Days—Hundreds Clamor for
Food and Shelter.

MANY SWEEPED TO DEATH WHILE OTHERS FIND REFUGE IN TREES

Running as a conductor on a Ridout street car today is a man who went through all the horrors of the Ohio flood, who saw men, women and children by the hundreds huddled on housetops and in the branches of trees, houses picked up by swirling waters and carried out of sight, and heard people calling for help as they were swept away to death in one of the worst deluges that has ever visited America. To an Advertiser reporter he gave a graphic description of the suffering and scenes of the flood.

He is Mr. James Corsaut, of 816 King street, who left London on Good Friday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Corsaut, and two brothers, Drs. T. and H. Corsaut, who are now residents of Fremont, Ohio, a city of 10,000 population, but who formerly lived in London Township.

River Floods Main Streets;

Monday a Day of Horror

When Mr Corsaut and his wife arrived in Fremont, the weather was fine and remained so for three days. Sunday night while he was on a visit with one of his brothers it started to rain heavily, and early Monday morning the Sandusky River rose over its banks and swept down the railroad tracks through a large subway which leads to Front street, the main thoroughfare of the city and up into the business section.

From early morning Monday was a day of horror for the residents, according to Mr. Corsaut. The city depends on natural gas for a large part of its heat and light, and before night the supply was cut off. Everything was in darkness early in the afternoon and the cold was intense. Cries of the people penned in the houses and stores could be heard all over, but nothing could be seen. The water early in the day had flooded the large oil gasoline tanks in the south section of the city, and it was impossible to obtain light of any kind, the local electric light plant being put out of commission about the same time as the gas supply gave out.

Penned in Brother's House for Days; Hundred Fed by Londoner

"It was awful," said Mr. Corsaut. "That is the only way that I can describe it. We were penned in my brother's house, which was on a hill, for four days. The water was in the cellar and partly covered the ground floor, but it never rose any higher than that in the house. We could hear tin cans, tables and chairs floating around."

HOUSES CRUSHED LIKE EGG SHELLS, WRITES A FORMER LONDONER IN AKRON, OHIO

Mrs. J. A. Ford Describes Scenes and Sufferings of
Flood Victims—Bridge Swept Away
By the Torrent.

Miss Mazie Parent, of this city, received a letter this morning from her sister, Mrs. J. A. Ford, who lives in Akron, Ohio, formerly of London, telling in graphic manner of the sudden flood which inundated that town, as well as many others, causing tremendous loss of life and terrible suffering.

Five lives were lost in Akron, according to the letter, and the sufferings of the people were intense. Torrents of rain fell from Sunday morning until Thursday, when it turned to snow.

Crushed Like Egg Shells.

When the flood struck the town, the letter goes on to state, "some of the largest houses were crushed like egg shells, and the people were seen carrying out what they could save in shawls and anything they could get hold of."

The firemen worked all that night endeavoring to get the people out of the houses, and many thrilling acts of heroism were performed. One fireman lost his life in an endeavor to save a drunken man who was unable to realize his danger.

Conditions in the stricken town at the present time are described as terrible. All railroad communication, either in or out, was cut off. The town was in darkness at night, and the street cars had not operated since the flood first swept through the streets.

Bridge Carried Away.

One bridge was swept away complete, and another bridge connecting North Hill, an outlying suburb with the business district, was declared unsafe, no traffic being allowed across it. Pedestrians were allowed to cross only in

MR. AND MRS. JAMES CORSAUT, just re- turned from flood district.



in the rooms, and at one time we thought we would have to leave in boats, but on Thursday the water began to recede, and my wife and myself were able to get out.

"One of my brothers resides on Napoleon street, and hundreds of refugees were taken to his home and fed. He was about the only man in the flooded district who had any fire, and that was in a gasoline stove with some gasoline which he had in the house. It was used to cook food for the people who were taken to his house. At one time there were over a hundred huddled in the house, some meaning, others praying, and others watching their property carried away in the current.

Neighbor Sees Neighbor Go to Death in Swirling River

"I think there were eleven drowned, at least that was the estimate when we left the place on Thursday night, but there were all sorts of rumors going around. I heard one man call to another from a boat and ask where his neighbor was. Oh, he was carried down."

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ADVERTISER LEARNS FORMER LONDONERS HAD CLOSE CALLS

J. R. Dewar Sends Papers Con-
taining Account of Omaha
Storm.

Marks Location of Homes of
Former Residents of This
City.

Mr. J. R. Dewar, of Omaha, Neb., son of the late John S. Dewar, of this city, sends to the Advertiser copies of the Omaha papers of last Monday, describing the cyclone which struck that city the previous Sunday night.

In the Omaha News is printed a map of the city, showing the course the cyclone took. Mr. Dewar has marked the location of the homes of former Londoners, indicating that while none of the former Forest City residents were injured, the homes of some were within a short distance of the cyclone, which tore everything to pieces and left a trail of death.

Near Storm's Path.

Mr. Dewar's home is only a few blocks from the devastated district, as is Mr. R. A. Smith's. Both are situated at equal distances either side of the cyclone belt. Mrs. George Victor, Mr. W. Whitaker and Mr. W. F. Church lived a few blocks further out. Mrs. Theodore Graham and Mr. T. H. Smith resided in the suburban parts of Omaha.

The death list is given at 140, the injured at 350. Whole families perished, and 500 houses were demolished. Views given in the Omaha papers are similar to those given in The Advertiser's second section today.

JACOB DALE, born in Glen-
dale 77 years ago, and
who died there on Friday.



HAD PNEUMONIA;

ALLOWED LIBERTY.
Robert Smith, a negro, was arrested by P. C. Alex. Brown, on Clarence street, south Friday night for being drunk. He was taken to the station, where he was found to be suffering from exposure. He manifested symptoms of pneumonia, and was taken to Victoria Hospital. He was reported to be much better this morning. The charge of drunkenness against him was dismissed in police court.

POWERS TO EXPEND \$1,579,500 ARE ASKED BY CITY OF LONDON

The power to expend \$1,579,000 under certain conditions is asked in the City of London bill.

Of this the greater half is proposed for the electrification of the Port Stanley Railroad, which is likely to be voted upon in May. The amounts are as follows:

Cost of Port Stanley road electrification, for which power is asked to issue debentures.....	\$890,000
Debentures for Federal Square proposition.....	250,000
Extension of hydro light plant, for which power is asked to issue debentures.....	110,000
Debentures for original city hall proposition, for which extension of time for issuing is asked.....	75,000
Cost of West London breakwater, for which power is asked to issue debentures.....	75,000
Cost of addition to waterworks, for which power is asked to issue debentures.....	72,000
Debentures for addition to Victoria Hospital.....	28,000
Debentures for loan to Dennis Wire and Iron Works....	25,000
Debentures for loan to C. N. W. Shoe Company.....	20,000
Debentures for grant to Alexandra Sanatorium.....	15,000
Debentures for cost of new motor fire truck.....	7,500
Debentures for equipment of industrial school.....	7,000
Debentures for additional cost of Wharncliffe road bridge	5,000

Total power of expenditure asked for.....\$1,579,500

It is understood that the bill will be considered the latter part of the coming week, probably Thursday or Friday.

Many Londoners Hear From Friends in Flooded Region

Practically every person in London, who has relatives in the flooded sections of Indiana and Ohio has received telegrams or letters from them assuring them of their safety.

There are several who have not notified their relatives, but as regular communication has not been established, and as there are thousands of letters and telegrams which have not been delivered on account of the flood, the relatives believe that something may have occurred to delay the messages.

Word was received by wire today from Mr. Charles Currie, manager of the Northern Ohio Traction Company, which operates from Cleveland to Canton by way of Akron, stating the company's new dam and power plant are in good shape, and that 75 per cent. of the entire service is in operation. He states that the entire loss sustained through floods and interruption of the traffic will not exceed \$1,000.

ALBERTA LIBERALS BUSY NOMINATING

[Canadian Press.]
Edmonton, March 29.—The Liberal convention at Edmonton nominated W. H. Cross. Cross is also running in Edmonton.

Vegreville, March 29.—Liberal convention nominated Jos. McCallum of Mundare, who received 43 votes to 36 for the late member, J. B. Holden.

Medicine Hat, March 29.—Hon. C. R. Mitchell, minister of public works, was the unanimous choice of the Medicine Hat Liberals.

DAYTON'S WATERWORKS ARE WORKING AGAIN

[Canadian Press.]
Dayton, Ohio, March 29.—The city waterworks, which have been out of commission, since Tuesday morning, were restored at noon today, relieving what has been one of the most serious phases of the situation here.

George A. Burba, secretary to Gov-

ernor Cox, has telegraphed the chief executive as follows:

"The situation is rapidly improving. Ninety bodies have been recovered and the work of digging corpses from the mud and debris is progressing."

ALARM CAUSED BY DISAPPEARANCE

Accountant of Bank at Vancouver
May Have Met With Foul Play.

[Canadian Press.]

Vancouver, B. C., March 29.—Pohn McLennan, accountant in the Molsons Bank here, has disappeared and foul play is feared. His accounts are perfect. McLennan's home is in Cornwall, Ont., where his father, D. B. McLennan, is a prominent barrister. Last year he rowed in the eights for Winalpex.

WILL TRY TO STOP ALBERTA ELECTIONS

[Canadian Press.]
Calgary, March 29.—A report comes from MacLeod that the action of Premier Sifton in calling the provincial elections for April 17 will be contested as illegal. Colin MacLeod, legal adviser to Robert Patterson, Conservative candidate for MacLeod, is preparing to make application before the supreme court in Edmonton on Monday next for an injunction restraining the Sifton Government from holding the elections that day.

PREMIER SIFTON OPENS THE CAMPAIGN

Albertan Government Going to the
Country on Its Record.

[Canadian Press.]
Calgary, March 29.—O. G. Devonish, capitalist, and Clifford D. Jones, barrister, were nominated for the Legislature in two Liberal conventions held in Calgary. Premier Sifton opened the campaign with an address, the keynote of which was that he was going to the country on the record of his Government. The Liberals of Olds nominated Duncan Marshall, the sitting member, and minister of agriculture.

BULGARS PIERCE LINES AND PUSH FOR CONSTANTINOPLE

Ottoman Last Defense Breaks Before the Christians, Who Move
Victoriously on Towards Sultan's Capital—Bulgarian Loss
at the Storming of Adrianople Was Appalling.

[Canadian Press.]
London, March 29.—The Bulgarian troops pierced the Tchatalja lines in the neighborhood of Lake Derkos, on the Black Sea, today, and are pushing forward victoriously on Constantinople, according to a Central News dispatch from Sofia.

The Bulgarian casualties in the last few days' fighting at the taking of Adrianople are estimated at 14,000 killed and wounded. The first regiments which advanced to the attack lost 50 per cent of their officers and men in killed and wounded, according to a Central News dispatch from Sofia.

SHUKRI AT SOFIA.

Sofia, March 29.—Shukri Pasha, the captured Turkish commander-in-chief of Adrianople, with his staff and seven other Turkish generals, arrived here today. They were received with fitting honors. They will reside here during their captivity.

Servians Captured Shukri.

Belgrade, Servia March 29.—The honor of capturing Shukri Pasha, the Turkish commander-in-chief of Adrianople, with his headquarters staff belong to the Twentieth Servian Regiment of Infantry.

An official statement issued here today said that Shukri Pasha, two other Turkish generals, 22 field officers and 150 junior officers, were in the fort to the northwest of the city, when the Servians stormed and captured it. On the following day Shukri Pasha was handed over by the Ser-

DAYTON'S DEATHS GREATLY REDUCED

Loss of Life by the Flood Not
Likely to be Above
150.

NEW PERIL LOOMS UP

Thousands of Dead Animals Lie on
Streets and May Spread
Disease.

[Canadian Press.]

Dayton, Ohio, March 29.—Dayton awoke this morning wondering if the latest estimate of the number of its dead as a result of the flood was accurate. With 82 bodies recovered, and with nearly every section explored by life-saving crews and newspapermen, early estimates of tremendous loss of life had been cut to 150 to 100.

After a meeting of seven-eighths of the undertakers of Dayton last night it was announced that a consensus of opinion at the meeting was that 800 were dead. These men said they based their estimates merely on general conditions, and Dayton citizens today renewed efforts to explore every recess of the city to ascertain if their reckoning was correct.

As most of the hemmed in sufferers had been provided with food yesterday no effort was made to work in the flooded areas last night but with the coming of dawn large rescue parties were out to succor the sufferers and recover the dead.

A New Peril.

Not knowing yet how great is her loss in number of lives Dayton already faces a serious situation. The sewage, water, gas and electric lines, bearing systems have been destroyed. Thousands of dead animals are lying about the streets. Two fertilizer firms began today to gather these animals. Water is being served from private pits of the Soldiers' Home and the National Cash Register Company, being served from sprinkling wagons. The relief committee has sent out an urgent appeal to people not to refuse in the street, but to dig cess pools wherever possible. The sewage system cannot be used for weeks, and it will be necessary to do without gas for some time.

Little Sickness.

Considering the number of persons affected by the flood there has been comparatively little sickness, the cold weather being responsible for this to a great extent. The cold weather has caused great suffering among those marooned without food, water or heat, but in the end it has proved a blessing. Efforts were made today to clear away debris in sections where a flood water had run off and it was feared bodies might be found in these masses of wreckage. With well organized crews doing this work, others took food to persons still marooned in Riverdale and North Dayton.

It was believed, however, that by the mischief most of these people could get out, so rapidly was the water receding. Trainloads of foods came from several sections today. Train communication being established with the north, several relief trains came in bearing varied assortments of needed materials.

Hotel Collapsed.
Zanesville, Ohio, March 29.—(Via long distance telephone to Pittsburgh.) Four bodies had been recovered up to 6 o'clock this morning, and the flood in the Muskingum River had receded to Second street. The Rego Hotel collapsed early today, and the Schultz Theatre is in danger of falling in.

Appalling Destruction.
Hamilton, Ohio, March 29.—Less than a hundred is the estimate today of the dead in the flood here. As the water recedes the evidence of the property destruction is more appalling, but the death toll, it is believed, will not exceed one hundred. Filed high upon the east side of the court house are caskets awaiting the flood victims, whose bodies are being gathered as rapidly as possible. Militiamen are guarding the city everywhere, and though there have been reports of looting, there is no evidence that any ghoul has operated successfully.

MINISTERS SERENE UNDER A HOT FIRE AT MARCONI PROBE

A Terrible Ordeal For Isaacs
and Lloyd George, Says
O'Connor.

Unionists Gloomy at Failure to
Wreck Careers of Asquith's
Colleagues.

[Special Cable to The Advertiser by
T. P. O'Connor, M.P.]

London, March 28.—In England, as elsewhere, nasty, personal political scandals swallow up all other interests. Although this week was not without its momentous public events, public interest was entirely absorbed in the attacks on Postmaster-General Rufus Isaacs and Chancellor Lloyd George in regard to the Marconi wireless case. The committee room in which the inquiry was held was filled every day with an army of reporters, and a large and heterogeneous crowd of spectators. Even members of Parliament were ready to stand for hours in the crowded room to gaze at the extraordinary spectacle of the most renowned men in English public life, seated like criminals in the dock, and subjected to every form of searching cross-examination.

Cool Under Fire.

Mr. Isaacs and Mr. Lloyd George went through the terrible ordeal with marvellous coolness, courage, and success. Though Mr. Isaacs looked pale and drawn, he answered every question with transparent honesty, and even a superfluous abundance of detail.

The men who did the cross-examination did not even dare to suggest any imputation of corruption and confined themselves mainly to the suggestion that Isaacs, through his brother being secretary of the Marconi Company, had the advantage over the general public in hiding for them.

Isaacs kept his temper in wonderful control through the prolonged cross-examination, except once or twice, when a Unionist member vaguely suggested some timid defence of the attack on the officials. Isaacs then let himself go, and with flashing eyes, loud voice and blows on the table, made an eloquent and fierce protest against the continuance of more insinuations, and demanded to know whether their corruption was imputed or not.

The Unionists immediately began to retreat. In the meantime there was a striking indication even in the committee room of that inevitable reaction of opinion which always comes in England when the generous and racial instinct of the Englishmen for fair play feels itself offended.

Crowd Cheers Isaacs.

It was significant of this feeling that the audience in the room violated all the rules of order by bursting into enthusiastic applause when Mr. Isaacs uttered his words of vehement self-defence.

The final outcome of his evidence is that while the mud will still be thrown and Isaacs and Lloyd George may be accused of a lack of worldly wisdom, all the charges of corruption will be abandoned. The sensation rose to its highest point when Lloyd George continued on Page Four.

WATERS INVADE CINCINNATI CITY

Entire Lower Section Has Been
Inundated by the
Ohio.

REFUGEES CROWDING IN

City Is Cut Off, But Has Enough Food
To Last For a Few
Days.

[Canadian Press.]

Cincinnati, Ohio, March 29.—With the Ohio River covering the entire lower section of this city, and with refugees from the stricken up-state towns coming in by hundreds, Cincinnati this morning faces a situation that will require the combined efforts of all of its relief and civic organs to cope with. Every hotel in this city is crowded to its capacity, while every moving van, automobile truck and freight street car has been pressed into service removing families from the flood area. The river reached the stage of 65.5 feet at daybreak, and was rising at a rate of 1 1/2 tenths of a foot an hour, with more than 40 city blocks under water, whose depths range from half a foot to ten feet. Suffering, however, has been at a minimum, owing to warning sent out early that a stage of 70 feet probably would be reached before the waters began to recede.

The city was practically cut off from traffic communication with Covington, Ky., early last evening, when the approach to the suspension bridge became covered with water at a depth that prevents car or foot service. It was today estimated by experts that Cincinnati had enough food supplies to last at least ten days, without the intervention of anyone. Sixty city blocks in Newport and Covington are under water, and as almost all the manufacturing plants on that side of the Ohio are located in the lowlands, thousands have been thrown out of employment.

ARE THERE OTHERS?

Calgary, March 29.—"Am I the only one?" was the startling remark of Harry Minchen, former assistant city treasurer, former alderman, and recent candidate for city commissioner, when arrested on a charge of embezzling \$88,000 from the city treasury. In the preliminary hearing at the police court, Chief Curry testified to the above remark.