

ALMOST EVERY CITY AND TOWN OF OHIO STATE PREY TO RAGING FLOODS AND TORRENTIAL RAINS; THOUSANDS DEAD, A-QUARTER MILLION HOMELESS

Worst Inundation Ever Experienced Prevails From
Lake Erie to the Ohio River and From
Indiana to Pennsylvania.

MIAMISBURG REPORTED SWEEPED AWAY BY WATERS

[Canadian Press.]

Columbus, Ohio, March 26.—From Lake Erie to the Ohio River, and from the Indiana to the Pennsylvania state line today is experiencing the worst flood the state has ever known. With an appalling loss of life at Dayton, estimated today 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.

TOWN WASHED AWAY.

Although first reports had put the loss of life at Dayton as high as 5,000, refugees arriving in Xenia from the flood-stricken city say that it would not be beyond 500. News today says that Miamisburg, population 5,000, had been washed away.

Heavy rains continued throughout most of the state last night, and all flood records in most sections of the state have been broken.

Bridges have been washed away, railway and inter-urban 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.

QUARTER MILLION 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 in the adjoining states for aid. The immediate need is for tents and food for the homeless. Every militia company has been ordered to report today for duty, 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.

ONE THOUSAND DROWN AT DAYTON, LATEST REPORT

[Canadian Press.]

AT 2:45 P.M.

Wolf Creek, Ohio (two miles west of Dayton), March 26.—One thousand persons lost their lives in the Dayton flood, according to a report received here by the Western Union Telegraph Company, which has established a sending station.

Most of the victims were residents of North Dayton, who were caught without warning. Today Dayton is reported under 15 feet of water, and although the flood is receding the rain is beginning again, and the chances are that the flood will remain at the present level until the rain ceases.

Late news from Dayton said that St. Elizabeth Hospital was probably carried away, although the Dayton informant was unable to verify this report. Dayton also inclined to doubt report that 400 school children had been drowned, because the flood came up hours before the children were due to go to school.

LOSS WILL TOTAL MILLIONS HARROWING TALES OF STRICKEN

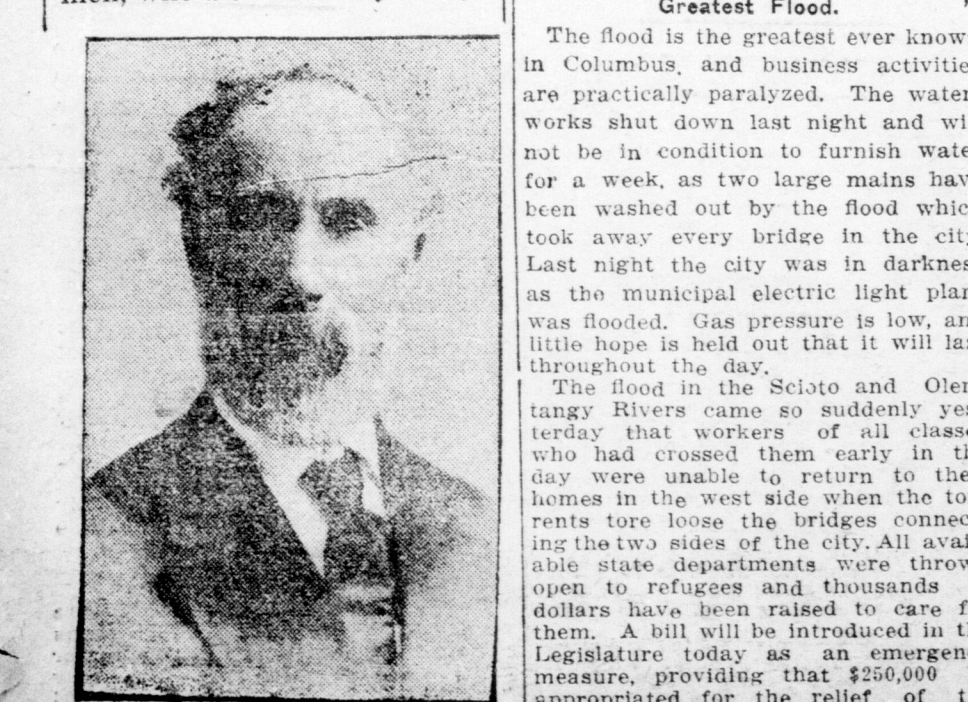
The property damage cannot yet be calculated, but it will run far into the millions. This includes actual loss by fire and flood and prospective loss where farming lands have been inundated and in many cases washed away. No immediate relief from the flood-bound conditions is in sight, as rainy weather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

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 places of death in the flood waters.

Thrilling Rescues.

Thrilling rescues are reported with-

JOHN BEATTIE, one of
London's veteran post-
men, who died suddenly today.



Latest Figures On Loss of Life

Chicago, Ill., March 26.—Day broke upon the desolation brought by flood throughout Ohio and Indiana, with a slight hope that the estimates of the loss of life might be somewhat reduced when search revealed more fully the situation of the stricken cities.

At daybreak only partly verified 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, Ind.

Ohio.
Dayton, 500 to 1,000.
Piqua (rumored) 540.
Delaware, 50 to 100.
Sidney, 23 to 50.
Middletown, 50 to 100.
Hamilton, 12.
Tipppecanoe City, 3 to 5.
Scattering, 15.
Total: Ohio, 1,194 to 1,695.
Indiana.
Peru, 60 to 250.
Newcastle, 4.
Lafayette, 2.

SIXTEEN MONTHS FREE OF RENT FOR M'CORMICK FIRM

Will Have That Time to Dis-
mantle Premises and
Vacate.

City Will Pay Interest on
Whole Price Until
Completed.

The purchase of the McCormick property for federal square purposes will date from April 1, the McCormick Manufacturing Company being allowed sixteen months free of rental to vacate and dismantle their premises, and an additional two months, if necessary, at a rental equivalent to interest on the purchase money at 6 per cent. The city will agree to pay the McCormick company interest at 6 per cent on the purchase price of \$125,000 from April 1, until the property is paid for.

Committee to Act.
These are the terms that Mayor Graham and Chairman Moore, of the finance committee of the city council, were authorized to make with the McCormick Company, and which it is understood will be acceptable to the latter. The city on its part may not be able to pay over the purchase price for a month or six weeks. The banks will not, and in the opinion of City Solicitor Meredith are justified in declining to, advance the money until the city of London bill is passed.

Banks Not Authorized.
In the past money has often been advanced to the city under similar circumstances, but the banks have not had authority for so doing. Now that the money market is very tight, the banks are keeping well within the letter of the law.

The McCormick company on their hand, may require more than the fifteen months stipulated as the length of occupancy in the original agreement and the city will offer them sixteen months free rental and two months grace, with interest.

Free Rental Question.
Aid, Richter asked if the question of free rental had been thoroughly threshed out. Mayor Graham quoted Mr. Meredith to the effect that it was very doubtful if the city could collect rental charges after offering free rentals in the preliminary agreement.

There were present Mayor Graham, Aldermen Robinson, Spittal, Stein, White, Richter and Moore.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—UNSETTLED, COLD.

Forecast.

Toronto, March 26.—Unsettled and cold, with occasional falls of rain or snow today and on Thursday.

Local Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures at the local observatory during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today: Highest, 32.5; lowest, 30 degrees above zero.

M. R. J. J. DONOHUE, son
of Mrs. D. Donohue, of
this city, a resident of Dayton



LONDONERS IN FLOODED DISTRICTS

There are many Londoners throughout the flood-swept districts of Indiana and Ohio, and many inquiries were received this morning by The Advertiser from anxious relatives in this city.

In practically every town and city in both states former Londoners reside, and so far no word as to their safety has been received.

Telephone and telegraph wires are down, and communication is impossible.

Live in Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. J. J. Donohue, a son of Mrs. Daniel Donohue, of 443 Pall Mall street, and his family reside in Dayton, Ohio. Mr. Donohue is employed in the English Woolen Mills store, and resides on McDaniel street. His mother received a letter from him last Monday, but has received no word since the flood commenced.

Wanted To Get Word.

An Advertiser reporter called at her home this morning to see if she had been able to get into communication with her son. At first Mrs. Donohue thought that word of her son's death had been received in the city, and she implored the reporter to tell her the worst. On being assured that nothing had been heard about her son, she was overcome with joy, but a little later fear returned, and again she asked if anything had been heard of her boy.

Has Relatives There.

Mr. J. H. Hynd, a former Londoner and a brother of Mr. W. Hynd, 117 St. George street, resided in Dayton until a short time ago, when he left for Calgary. Mr. Hynd has three sisters-in-law, the Misses E. K. and A. Ryder, residing in Dayton, and he has received no word from them.

Many Others There.

Other Londoners in the flooded districts are: Dr. A. W. Ziegler, 107 Main street, Fostoria, Ohio; D. R. Mackama, (Continued on Page Eleven.)

RAILWAY HORROR 200 ARE KILLED

Reported That a Train
Went Through Bridge
and That Hundreds
Perished.

[Canadian Press.]

Grafton, W. Va., March 26.—

The B. and O. telegraph operator here this afternoon received a wire from a 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 200 persons, apparently had been lost.

Leaves for Peace River.—Dr. W. M. Rhyard, of 468 Dufferin avenue, was surprised by a number of his friends Tuesday evening, who, hearing of his intended departure from the city, gathered at his home and gave him a handsome club-bag. The evening was pleasantly passed in games and music, refreshments being served at the conclusion. Dr. Rhyard left on the C. P. R. this morning for the Peace River district, where he will practice.

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BULGARS TAKE ADRIANOPLE AFTER TERRIBLE FIGHTING

[Canadian Press.]

Mustappa Pasa, March 26.—The fortress of Adrianople was taken by storm 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 and stores, as well as to the arsenal and the artillery part. They also blew up the barracks and a number of powder magazines. Most of the population fled.

London, March 26.—Shukri Pasha, Turkish commander-in-chief of Adrianople, committed suicide after the capture of the city, according to news agency dispatches.

MR. GLAUBITZ AGREES TO CALL TENDERS AND GIVE ALL DEALERS A CHANCE

Mr. George A. Wenige Complained That Purchase of Motor-
cycles Was Being Made Unfairly, and General Manager
Will Leave Matter Altogether With Commissioners.

Mr. George A. Wenige, of the Bicycle and Motor Sales Company, Clarence street, wants to know why tenders were not called for in the purchase of two new motorcycles for the water and light department. General Manager Glaubitz was authorized by the water commissioners last Thursday to purchase the two machines. He stated that the price would be \$290, and promised the board to get the machines at the lowest price possible.

Mr. Glaubitz says that in order to avoid trouble tenders will be called.

"Won't Overlook You."

"I was talking to Mr. Glaubitz last fall about the hydro lighting I had in," said Mr. Wenige. "I told him I could get the Helena light at 10 per cent lower price, but that otherwise I would prefer to use the city light. He told me not to change from hydro, and said that the city would soon be in the market for a couple of motorcycles. 'We won't overlook you,' he added."

Gave Board a Figure.

"Some time after that," said Mr. Wenige, "I sent in a tender for Pope motorcycles of the desired type and size at \$290 each. It was from my tender that Mr. Glaubitz got the figure which he gave the board of water commissioners."

"The other day when I saw that the machines were to be purchased I made inquiries to see if my tender had been received all right."

Said Machine Was No Good.

"I was over there, but I was told by Mr. Glaubitz that Superintendent Alford preferred the Indian motorcycles, and had told him (Mr. Glaubitz) that the Pope machine was no good. Mr. Alford tried to back out of this statement when I asked him about it, but Mr. Glaubitz told him to let his superintendents select the machines they desired."

Ordered Two Months Ago.

"I made some inquiries, and I have found that the order for Indian machines went in from the local agent two months ago, and contained the information that the machines were for municipal use. The price was \$325, at which figure the city has completed the purchase of one of the machines, and is going to take the other one also."

"I don't think it should be left to Continued on Page Eleven."

NEARLY \$4,500 GATHERED IN BY Y.M.C.A. WORKERS

Three-Days Campaign Promises
To Be Productive of
Fine Support.

Solicitations of the Members of
Teams Meet With Hearty
Response.

Nearly \$4,500 had been collected at noon today by the 14 teams of businessmen who are engaged in a three-day campaign for funds for the local Young Men's Christian Association. It is expected that the total will reach \$6,000 before night.

All the workers are enthusiastic, and the work has gone forward with a will. Six thousand dollars will have to be collected tomorrow in order to reach the figure which the men aim to achieve, namely, \$12,000, but they are hopeful of being able to make up this amount. Not one-half of the names on their lists have yet been waited upon, and if the response they have so far met with is any criterion, the success of the campaign should be assured.

Not Refused Once.

"I wasn't turned down once this morning," remarked one of the captains. Another told of receiving a subscription of \$100 from a most unexpected source.

The results of the campaign thus far were posted at mid-day luncheon today in the Y. M. C. A. rooms. The team captained by Mr. J. H. McDermid was shown to be in the lead with a total of over \$2,000. The announcement was greeted by loud applause. The team headed by Mr. C. F. Glass is in second place.

Interest in the contest is intense, and it is estimated that there will be a number of changes in the positions of the various teams as further results become known.

Will Continue Work.

Should they fail to make up the required amount in the three days, many of the members have expressed their willingness to carry on the campaign until the whole sum is raised. This, however, will not be decided until the results of Thursday's efforts are known.

MISS LUTA LAYMAN, a
contralto of great
promise, who has joined
the First Methodist soloists



Boy in Barroom; Bartender Pays Fine in Court

A bartender in the City Hotel was fined \$2 in the police court this morning for allowing a boy under 21 years of age to loiter in the barroom Saturday afternoon.

Mr. E. W. M. Flock appeared for the defendant and argued that as it was a very busy day, the bartender had not time to notice the boy standing at the bar. The bartender testified that he had not seen the boy, nor had he served him with any liquor. The court, however, held that under the liquor license act, it was the duty of the bartender to see the boy standing there and to order him out. The minimum penalty of \$2 was imposed.

BRITAIN OFFERS NAVAL HOLIDAY

Churchill Suggests That
Naval Construction
Cease For Year.

PROPOSAL IS MADE TO WORLD

In This Way He Believes People
of World Would Be Relieved
From Thralldom.

[Canadian Press.]

London, March 26.—A naval holiday for a year, as far as new construction is concerned, was the offer made to the world today by Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the British admiralty, when he submitted the British naval estimates to the House of Commons.

In this way, he says, the peoples of the world would obtain an almost instantaneous mitigation of the thralldom in which they had been involved by the evil and insensate folly of the present acute rivalry in armaments. Scores of millions, he declared, were being squandered year after year without making any real difference in the relative naval strength of the nation. His proposal, he argued, would involve no alterations in the relative strength of the world's navy, and added: "We address this proposal to all nations, and to no nation with more profound sincerity than to our great neighbor over the North Sea."

Mr. Churchill concluded with a graceful recognition of the sensible improvement that had taken place in Anglo-German relations.

AGED MOTHER TELLS COURT ABOUT SON

Tears Stream Down Her Face
as She Testifies Against
Him.

ASKS FOR CLEMENCY

With tears in her eyes and her voice shaking with sobs, an aged mother unwillingly testified against her son in the police court this morning. The young man was charged with using abusive and threatening language to her, and she asked that he be not punished, but made to stay away from her.

The son, it appeared, had been out of money and owed her other some money. She asked him to return a portion of it, and the request was met by a torrent of abusive language. She refused to repeat the words he used.

She said that she would gladly forego the payment of the debt if he would only keep the peace toward her. She also offered to take into her home his young wife, who is in a delicate condition, until such time as he was able to provide a home for her.

To these terms the young man agreed, and was bound over in the sum of \$50 to keep the peace. He promised to leave town immediately in quest of work.

THAMES GOES DOWN AGAIN; DANGER PAST

Practically all danger of flood from the Thames is over, and at 3 o'clock this afternoon the residents of West London and other sections of the city whose property was in danger, are breathing a little easier.

Tuesday night at 6 o'clock there was six feet eleven inches of water going over the dam at Springbank, but at 3 o'clock this afternoon the river had receded two feet seven inches.

There is still considerable water in the cellars of houses on Front and Ada streets, but the residents firmly believing that all danger has passed, have moved back into their homes.

A large section of Adelaide street in Chelsea Green was washed out by the rain and water Tuesday afternoon, but employees of the city engineer's department were sent to the scene early this morning and succeeded in repairing the damage.

Sidewalk Investigation To Be Resumed.

The investigation into the construction of London sidewalks, which was postponed on account of the winter, will be resumed within a few weeks. As soon as the frost is out of the ground completely the engineering department expects to begin operations.

