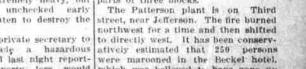


Expected to Break Any Minute,

Reports today from the vicinity of

sickness was growing hourly. the reservoir has broken. Crowds in Panie Relief Measures.

Louisville, Ky., March 27.-(Bulle-tin, 9 a. m.)-The stage of the river



The flood waters receded three ness most of those marooned that already over-crowded structure. would be liberated. Four motor boats which arrived from sible effect of its breaking would taken to the water's edge and foot. The waters already are seven feet lower than the high water of Monday. mediately relief to the most An effort was made to drive some of the pante-stricken back to their

urgent cases found. Although there are constant helpless on the streets. The constant rumors of great numbers of the night, but the downfall ceased at deaths from fires and floods in far parts of the city the fact remains that up to the present there can be no actual knowledge nor intelligent estimate of others quick to take up the cry and word from Secretary Garrison after he soon thousands crowded the streets.

the extent of mortalities.

George F. Burba, represent, ing Governor Cox today teleing Governor Cox today tere-graphed the governor urging that special emphasis be given the great need of immediate the great need of immediate provisions. There is not a full day's food supply in the city and their bins are believed to city and before night it is like-

city and before night it is like-ly that 10,000 persons who have been held downtown without food or water since Tuesday will be released and there will be no provisions for Dayton, is still holding. Men are be-them nor places to care for ing rashed in to protect and strength-

them. "If the death list is only 1,000, I will conisder it a mar-velous dispensation," tele-graphed Mr. Burba to Gover-nor Cox. "If it is 10,000 I will not be surprised." Homeless Number 70,000. "Horrible as time is." he said. "the real suffering will grow worse for days. There are 70,000 homeless. The refugees are being ted from hand to method from hand

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Families living outside the danger feet during the night and it zone gathered their bables and belongings in their arms and fled for was expected that before dark- the cash register office, crushing into The reservoir contains 17,000 acres War Secretary Will Take Perin the downtown district of water space and it was pointed out that the flood district is estimated at sonal Charge of Federal several million acres so the worst posto retard the work of rescue and could Cincinnati this morning were not cause a rise of more than one

(By Associated Press) Washington, March 27 .- Secretary Garrison of the war department will leave Washington late today for the homes, but in the main they stood

flood district to take personal charge of the relief measures being conducted by the army and personally represent President Wilson.

arrives in the flood district and decide then if he will join the aid party. Not until John H. Patterson had Meanwhile, the Red Cross is urging cities near the submerged area to sup ply food and clothing and bedding, the majority of its workers throughout

t Columbus. Aas soon as it is omsible to reach Dayton the Red Cross workers will be sent in almost unlimited numbers. The war department has authorized the officer

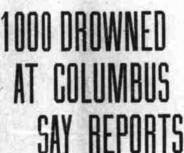
ooned inhabitants.



a Service Practically Stopped. shurgh, Pa., March 21.—Wire unication with Ohio river points of Wheeling was font this morn-Train schedules west of Pitts-were annulied. There is no tel-

here at 7 o'clock this morning was 33.6 feet, a rise of 14 feet in 24 hours. The river is now rising at the rate of about four inches an hour. Rain and wone

fell generally throughout the Ohio valley last night and early today.



Investigation in West Side of City Reveals Appalling Conditions-Many Narrow Escapes.

(By Associated Press)

Columbus, O., March 27,-Between 600 and 1000 persons lost their lives

This same estimate is given persons in charge of the relief sta-tions on the hill top west of the flooded section.

among the stricken populace, they say, are appalling. work went on rapidly. According to those who invaded the

stricken districts, the big state institution and store rooms in the hill-top section are crowded with refuges, many of whom were rescued from the murky waters and who tell stories of

describable horrors. e S. Marshall, steady, was missed by the rescuers and communication drowned. The mother was saved. A Former Mayor George S. Marshall,

who was in telephone communication with Attorney Cecil Randall, his law partner, said today that Mr. Randall, said the death toll would reach at

Pittsburgh, Pa., March 27.—Tele-phone communication with stricken Zanesville, O., was severed this morn-ing after the following messarc came through the local office from the Zanesville chief operator: "We are leaving the exchange in hoots, water up to the second story. Conditions here getting worse every minute."

tities heretofore overwhelmed by fir or flood, Dayton has no representative itizens committee to relieve victims of the flood and fire that has swept this city. It is impossible to commu-nicate with the mayor or other cit

officials as they, with more than half of the population of 150,000, are emmed in by the water.

March

The relief work is being well done small coterie of citizens in the outheastern portion of the city who happened not to be caught in the business section when the flood suddenly nade egress from buildings impos dble.

The relief work is in charge of J H. Patterson, president of the Nation Cash Register company.

The cash register plant was the only inhabitants hemmed in by raging flood water and menaced by fire. tructure of importance not seriously Although only a little more than a mile from the section where it is iffected by the flood or the fire which ollowed and today more than 100 refugees are receiving medical atteneared there has been great loss of life. tion and food at the plant which ha hundreds of men and women looked

seen turned into a huge hospital and lodging house. Until today relief measures exceed

third day of flood any estimate of the ed requirements but only because i number who have perished would be was impossible to rescue the thou-sands of marconed inhabitants. With nere guesswork. Thousands have been marconed the waters receding and the rapidity How many have survived no one of the torrents through the business knows.

sections lessened, people were brought out by hundreds today and the relief staff was kept busy. Many doctors and nurses have come here from nearby towns and medical supplies have

Absence of power boats has been the cause of great suffering. Har Han

propeiled boats could not navigate the by water. With appeals for motor boats rur Cleveland responded with sev

Discoveries made this morning eral boats and men who arrived this norning. Cincinnati also sent some. Upon the arrival of these craft rescue

Harrowing Tales, Harrowing tales have been told in connection with the rescue work al-ready done. A boy pitched by his mother from a roof to a boatman who was having difficulty keeping his craft

young husband had to restrain his wife from throwing herself into the flood waters as they sat upon the roof of their ruined home. She was hold-ing two small children. All were

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RISE AT MEMPHIS.

By Associated Press. Memphis, March 27.—(Balleti a.).—Thirty-two feet and Ryc-was registered on the local Mis-iver gauge today. This is a 1

It was believed this morning the Lewistown reservoir near reservoir near Day on, which had threatened to breakduring the night. strengthened that no further danger need be feared. Resumption of rall traffic will be

phoid epidemic, the state health de-

partment is making arrangements to

lean up the larger citles visited by

Even during the early hours of the

helplessly.

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lewiston were that the huge reservoir had been so there was expected to break any min-A high wind was blowing water atte. over the reservoir banks, the dams were weakening rapidly and Lewiston

made today if possible. Not only are people were fleeing from their homes bridges washed out everywhere, but for high ground. the tracks of many of the principal Lewiston is 70 miles from Dayton raliroads still are flooded and washat it is predicted here that if the are numerous. Evaring a ty-

reservoir there gives way a worse lood than has overwhelmed the city will sweep down upon the inhabitants now fighting for life. Should this caastrophe come before the water now thousands emming in subsides

Dayton, O., March 27 .- A small ortion of Dayton's citizens from their mough to allow bonts to get to the refuge today on the highest point in the city awaited anxiously to learn of ople, it is predicted that it will be mpossible to reach them for days. the fate of at least 65,000 of the city's

Cold. Rain and Snow.

Most of them have been submitted o a cold, penetrating wind driving alm before it since Tuesday noon, Early today there was snow and a deided drop in the temperature.

Martial Law; Thief Shot to Death.

The city was proclaimed under marial law yesterday afternoon and late last night. A thief was caught rob-bing homes of flood victims who had een taken to refuge stations. He was hot to death by state guardsmen do-

ing police duty. Persons taken from flooded homes

Numerous fires have sprung up since nave been well cared for. Although all grocery stores outside the water from a bursted reservoir penned in tens of thousands but the he flooded area sold out their stocks worst blaze started yesterday after-noon about 4:36 o'clock and this morning still was claiming its toll of vesterday afternoon, food soon supplied by other citles. Doctors and nurses have been rushed from nearby owns and today Dayton waits to sucproperty and doubtless many lives. for its unfortunate and to care for its Breaking of Tarlton Reservoir. dead.

Although water from swollen treams clowly had been creeping up Fearing that even should the flo on the outlying sections for hours, subside enough to allow men and the catastrophe which resulted so teams to make their way to the fire the catastrophe which resulted so teams to make their way to the are seriously came within 20 minutes after the Tariton reservoir broke. The streets soon became basins for swirt-ing torrents of water in which boats could not live. Those safe from the food have had to wait until the water subsides. The water went down per-

Winston Salem Fire Loss Subject of State Probe

Special to The Gazette-News. Raleigh, March 17.—Unable to pre-vent the frequent occurrence of serious fires in Winston-Salem, Insurance detectives have been unable to

Commissioner Young announced today that he had requested 130 insurance companies to send represeptatives here April 3 for the purpose of backing up insurance to determine The commissioner remody is found

Hamilton to call troops from adjoin-ing posts, in his discretion, and will be supplied with pontoons and other quipment for the rescue of the ma-



ist a thousad.