

WATER RECESSES AT DAYTON; BITTER COLD CAUSES SUFFERING

FLAMES STILL RAGE; LIFE LOSS UNKNOWN

Search of the Debris For Bodies Reveals Many; 5000 Is Estimate.

RAINFALL CEASES; BLIZZARD RAGING

Conditions at Zanesville Are Becoming Worse; Relief Measures Being Rushed

Dayton, O., March 27.—(Via Miami)—Many bodies are being removed from the river at Riverside. They are being stacked three deep along the banks according to word just received at the Western Union headquarters.

Dayton, O., March 27.—Further danger from flood was passing today but the apprehension of great loss of life from famine, exposure and sickness was growing hourly.

Although there are constant rumors of great numbers of 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 the extent of mortalities.

George F. Burba, representing Governor Cox today telegraphed the governor urging that special emphasis be given the great need of immediate provisions.

"If the death list is only 1,000, I will consider it a marvelous dispensation," telegraphed Mr. Burba to Governor Cox. "If it is 10,000 I will not be surprised."

of the humans." The crowded north side of the river, where it is feared there may be thousands of foreigners dead and dying, is still far beyond reach. No one speaks of it, the immediate needs of the known survivors calling for every attention.

An effort also is being made to urge all who are able and all who can find outside places of refuge to leave the city as fast as the train service will permit.

The erroneous announcement today of the breaking of the reservoir caused men to rush through the uptown streets shouting "See for your lives, the reservoir has broken."

Families living outside the danger zone gathered their babies and belongings in their arms and fled for the cash register office, crushing into that already over-crowded structure.

Not until John H. Patterson had addressed the frightened throng was any semblance of order restored. Mr. Patterson has been appointed military aide in the southeastern district of the city with full control under martial law.

A blizzard is reported from parts of the inundated area. Cold weather and snow hamper the work of rescue and relief.

Relief measures are being perfected in many cities. Carloads of provisions, clothing and other supplies are ready for transportation as fast as trains can be moved.

The Ohio river is rising, and the danger stage at Cincinnati has been passed.

MIDDLETOWN FACING RUIN; WITHOUT FOOD

Ten Thousand of Its 18,000 People Are Homeless and Unsheltered at the Present Time.

Middletown, O., March 27.—A paralyzed community of 18,000 souls, Middletown awoke this morning to face perils that threaten her very existence.

The work of rescue and relief was started at daylight, despite the fact that a thin snow was falling and it had turned bitterly cold during the night.

The Ohio river is rising rapidly at Portsmouth, O., Catlettsburg, Ky., and Parkersburg, W. Va. At Huntington, W. Va., and Maysville, Ky., the river is now within a few feet of the flood stage and rising rapidly.

GARRISON GOES TO FLOOD SCENE

War Secretary Will Take Personal Charge of Federal Relief Measures.

Washington, March 27.—Secretary Garrison of the war department will leave Washington late today for the flood district to take personal charge of the relief measures being conducted by the army and personally represent President Wilson.

President Wilson has determined to go to the Ohio flood district if his presence there can do any good. It was announced at the White House today that the president would await word from Secretary Garrison after he arrives in the flood district and decide then if he will join the aid party.

Meanwhile, the Red Cross is urging cities near the submerged area to supply food and clothing and bedding, the first necessities of the suffering thousands.

CONDITIONS WORSE AT ZANESVILLE

Pittsburgh, Pa., March 27.—Telephone communication with stricken Zanesville, O., was severed this morning after the following message came through the local office from the Zanesville chief operator:

AT CINCINNATI FLOOD MENACE MOST SERIOUS

Predictions Are That Water Stage of 63 to 70 Feet Will Be Reached at That Point Soon.

Cincinnati, O., March 27.—The continued rains of the past 24 hours completely changed the complexion of the river situation at this city and today, according to experienced rivermen, Cincinnati is threatened with one of the worst floods in her history.

Radical observers predict a seventy-foot stage but more conservative men say that 63 feet would not be improbable, and that unless the two Miamis run out more gradually than is expected, and even greater stage may be recorded.

The Central Union station was abandoned last night and all trains leaving or entering this city are being detained.

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RAIN AND SNOW

Louisville, Ky., March 27.—(Bulletin 9 a. m.)—The stage of the river here at 7 o'clock this morning was 33.6 feet, a rise of 14 feet in 24 hours.

1000 DROWNED AT COLUMBUS SAY REPORTS

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

Columbus, O., March 27.—Between 600 and 1000 persons lost their lives in the flooded west side of Columbus, according to reports of the Columbus Dispatch, who have just gotten into communication with the newspaper office from previously isolated sections of the city.

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

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 least a thousand.

Wife Slayer Is Captured. Dayton, Va., March 27.—George Shelton, of Reidsville, N. C., who on Monday evening last shot and killed his wife while she was visiting a relative and who immediately afterward made good his escape was captured last night in the woods not far from that place.

FLOOD LOSS IN OHIO AT LEAST 100 MILLION

TUCKASIEGEE RIVER HIGHEST IN 20 YEARS

Bryson Water Main, Crossing River, Destroyed—Three Feet of Water Running Trough Cut.

Bryson City, March 27.—The Tuckasiegee river is at highest flood in 20 years.

DAYTON HOSTS YET MAROONED

Waters Subsiding, but Attempts at Rescue or Relief Are Very Difficult.

Dayton, O., March 27.—Unlike other cities heretofore overwhelmed by fire or flood, Dayton has no representative citizens committee to relieve victims of the flood and fire that has swept this city.

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

Until today relief measures exceeded requirements but only because it was impossible to rescue the thousands of marooned inhabitants.

Absence of power boats has been the cause of great suffering. Hand propelled boats could not navigate the water.

Harrowing tales have been told in connection with the rescue work already done. A boy pitched by his mother from a roof to a boatman who was having difficulty keeping his craft steady, was missed by the rescuers and drowned.

RISE AT MEMPHIS. Memphis, March 27.—(Bulletin 8 a. m.)—Thirty-two feet and five-tenths was registered on the local Mississippi river gauge today.

Damage at Dayton Alone Estimated at Fifty Million Dollars.

EFFORT TO RESUME RAIL TRAFFIC MADE

Appeal of Governor Cox for Outside Help Meets with Quick Response—Efforts Making to Prevent Typhoid Epidemic in Flooded Cities.

Columbus, O., March 27.—With Ohio and streams subsiding today, the state is emerging from the greatest flood it has ever known. The loss of life has been heavy; so heavy that the full extent will not be revealed until the waters have receded.

From all sections of the state militia equipped with food and blankets are hastening to the relief of the Dayton sufferers and it was reported last night that the advance guard was patrolling the principal streets in boats and checking incipient ruffianism.

The appeal of Governor Cox for outside help has received quick response and today provisions, coats and supplies of all kinds were being hurried from neighboring states.

It was believed this morning that the Lewistown reservoir near Dayton, which had threatened to break during the night, had been so strengthened that no further danger need be feared.

Resumption of rail traffic will be made today if possible. Not only are bridges washed out everywhere, but the tracks of many of the principal railroads still are flooded and washed.

Even during the early hours of the third day of flood an estimate of the number who have perished would be mere guesswork.

Thousands have been marooned. How many have survived no one knows.

Numerous fires have sprung up since the water from a burst reservoir poured in tens of thousands but the worst blaze started yesterday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock and this morning still was claiming its toll of property and doubtless many lives.

Winston Salem Fire Loss Subject of State Probe

Raleigh, March 27.—Unable to prevent the frequent occurrence of serious fires in Winston-Salem, Insurance Commissioner Young announced today that he had requested 130 insurance companies to send representatives there April 2 for the purpose of checking up insurance to determine the amount of over-insurance. The town furnished a large proportion of fire losses last year and in the majority of cases the property was over-insured.