

TROOPS NOW IN DAYTON FOR RESCUE WORK; 10,000 DEAD, SAYS GOVERNOR'S SECRETARY

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SECRETARY OF WAR STARTS FOR OHIO TO DIRECT AID; WILSON PLANS TO FOLLOW

Garrison Heads Staff of Leading Army Officers and if He Finds President Is Needed In Flood Section the Latter Will Go

WASHINGTON, March 27.—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 to-day that the President would await word from Secretary Garrison after he arrived in the flood district and decide then if he will join the aid party.

Secretary Garrison left Washington to-day for the flood district to take personal charge of the relief measures being conducted by the army and to personally represent President Wilson.

Major-Gen. Leonard Wood, Chief of Staff of the Army, and a dozen other army officers, including officers of the Quartermaster's Corps, accompanied Secretary Garrison. The whole party left here at 3 o'clock this afternoon on a special train over the Chesapeake and Ohio. The plan is to begin operations from Chillicothe, O.

Quartermaster-General Aleshire and Major Rhodes, President Wilson's personal aide, also will be in the party. While a special train was being made up Secretary Garrison had a final conference with President Wilson in the White House offices.

Secretary Garrison said as he left the White House that everything possible was being done by the Government in the way of relief, and that army engineers will be ordered to look after the situation at points below the flood area where high waters are threatening.

President Wilson has telegraphed Governors Cox of Ohio and Haiston of Indiana:

"I have directed the Secretary of War to proceed at once to the flood district with the necessary staff to extend every possible assistance to the sufferers more promptly than would be possible if they had to overcome the present imperfect means of communication with Washington."

New York Responds to Relief Call With Contributions to Funds

The World to-day wired \$1,000 to Gov. Cox of Ohio for use in aid of the flood sufferers.

The Mayor this morning received the following contributions. The Mayor in his appeals for funds requested that the contributions be sent either to him or to Jacob H. Schiff, Treasurer of the American Red Cross, or direct to the American Red Cross at No. 106 East Twenty-second street. The contributions sent to the Mayor will be turned over to Mr. Schiff as fast as received:

Andrew Carnegie.....\$10,000

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Louis N. Kramer.....100
J. Bertschmann.....100
West & Flint.....50
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Louis Stieckler.....25
Henry Wollman.....25
Webster C. Estes.....25
Edward Shippen Barnes.....10
Mrs. C. W. Boynton.....10
Clarence S. Nathan.....10
Eugene Blanc.....10
Rudolph Bohm.....5
From D. and D. (cash).....2

GALES DUE TO STRIKE NEW YORK WEATHER MAN HERE DECLARES.

There was no regular daily weather forecast issued from the New York branch of the United States Weather Bureau to-day. The floods and storms in the Middle West have so disorganized the telegraph service that accurate data on which to base local predictions could not be had.

Observer James H. Scarr, head of the local bureau, said a storm was working across northern New York in a northwesterly direction. There were indications of a heavy blow in Pittsburgh. There was snow through the Ohio Valley.

Mr. Scarr said he thought the city would be hit by a succession of southerly gales in the next few days, turning finally into a northwester which would bring fine weather in its wake. These big winds must in no event be allowed to frighten timid or imaginative persons into the belief that they are the forerunners of tornadoes like those of the Middle West, he said.

The southeast wind of last night left a record on the instruments of 67 miles an hour, continuing for several minutes.

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First Photograph Showing Flooded District On the Outskirts of Columbus, Where Many Died



FLOOD THAT HIT COLUMBUS WORSE THAN AT DAYTON; 1,000 NOW REPORTED DEAD

Fire Chief of Ohio's Capital Make a Thrilling Rescue of Fifteen Persons, Riding in Auto Ahead of Rushing Waters.

COLUMBUS, March 27.—A loss of from six hundred to one thousand lives has just been reported from the western section of this city, which has been out of touch by telephone since Tuesday evening. From a hilltop former Mayor George S. Marshall got a message through to his law partner saying that he had been in charge of relief work in the isolated section and that his lowest estimate of the dead was one thousand. Reporters of the Columbus Dispatch reached their paper over the same wire and their estimates ranged from "over a thousand" to six hundred.

It had been assumed by the authorities that the dwellers in the low valley west of the city had all escaped to the hillside. The survivors say that hundreds of houses were struck by the first rush of the flood and swept away into the river before the people in them had a chance for their lives.

The section between Central avenue and Sandusky street was almost wiped out. Many persons are still beyond the reach of the rescuers. The cold wave which struck the section last night caused many to freeze, lose their grip and drop into the water. Bodies can be seen on the roofs of buildings which cannot be reached.

At the corner of Glenwood and Thomas avenues, the lifeless form of a man was found hanging in a tree. He had frozen during the night. Relief work to-day was directed toward rescuing 250 from the marooned plant of the Sun Manufacturing Company, where they have been for two days without food or heat. One boat, which got within halting distance and was stopped by the swirling current, was informed that conditions there were terrible.

The break in the levee near Central avenue washed everything before it. According to refugees from that section there is not a house standing on Glenwood avenue, and many of the parallel streets are almost completely denuded of buildings.

REFUGEES IN INSANE ASYLUM.
On the hilltop are the Columbus State Hospital for the Insane and the Mount Carmel Hospital. Every inch of floor space is occupied by refugees,

Loss of life at Galveston in 1900	1,900
Loss of life at Johnstown in 1889	4,000

many of them injured or stricken with fever, sleeping on blankets laid on the hard floors. Four children were born in a school house, which has been set aside as a maternity hospital, in which twenty or more women expecting to become mothers are housed.

Fire Chief Laue escaped from the hollow to the hill in his fire department automobile. At the risk of his own life he took with him fifteen persons—as many as could cling to the machine. He says he saw at least a hundred men, women and children swept away for whom he could do nothing.

Gov. Cox, who has worked day and night since the first of the flood, is beginning to show signs of the frightful strain under which he has been. After issuing a proclamation for ten days of legal holidays in order to protect the signers of legal financial papers and obligations and a new appeal to the country for money by telegraph rather than slow moving supplies, he refused to allow John I. Miller, Superintendent of Public Works, to enter his office.

OFFICIAL ASLEEP AT TIME OF DANGER.

He said that in all his own activities he had not found that Miller was doing anything or that he realized his obligation to the people of the State; especially, the Governor said, he was angered on learning that all through last night's fight to prevent the dam at Lewiston, above Piqua and Dayton, from going out, Miller was asleep in a hotel here. State Highway Commissioner James R. Marker has been put in charge of the Public Works Department over Miller's head.

All of Columbus, which has so far escaped the storm, was thrown into a frantic panic to-day by a false report that the storage reservoir six miles northwest of the city had burst.

Police automobiles were sent flying up and down the streets, spreading the alarm. People ran wildly about the streets for two hours, until special editions of the newspapers, distributed free, calmed them.

The Governor has appointed a State Relief Commission to administer the quarter of a million dollar emergency appropriation which was voted by the Legislature yesterday.

NAVY DEPARTMENT JOINS IN RELIEF FOR SUFFERERS

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Within fifteen hours the Navy Department will dispatch to the flooded Ohio district a "medical unit" of three surgeons, twenty assistants and all necessary medical supplies and rations for 500,000 persons. This announcement was made to-day by Assistant Secretary of the Navy Franklin Roosevelt. The medical staff in charge of Capt. D. P. Hall and Capt. Sheldon Evans, is being recruited to-day in Philadelphia and Washington. The rations are being rushed ready for shipment to the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

SECRETARY BRYAN SAFE; IS ON HIS WAY EAST.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Secretary Bryan, who has been out of communication with the State Department for

the last twenty-four hours in the Ohio flooded districts, and for whom grave fears were felt, was heard from to-day on his way eastward from Akron.

300 HEROES REPAIR BREAK IN DAM AND SAVE MANY TOWNS.

PORT WAYNE, Ind., March 27.—A small panic which hit this town when a rumor was received that the reservoir at Celina, O., had broken, was quelled by a telephone message from St. Mary's, O. Three hundred men, who had toiled under pressure, had succeeded in gaining control of a crumbling portion of the reservoir walls sixty feet in width. Later the men in charge of the conservation work at the dam confirmed the report that the break was under control.

These rumors of a break at St. Mary's came in a message to the local Weather Bureau. Residents of the low lying districts here were warned and fled to higher ground.

DAYTON AGAIN AFIRE; EXPLOSIONS BRING NEW TERRORS TO CITY

Women and Children, Led by Pastors, March From Bellefontaine and Do Heroic Work in Saving Lewiston Dam.

LATEST ESTIMATE PUTS THE LOSS OF LIFE AT 3,000

Secretary of the Governor of Ohio Says 10,000 May Be Dead at Dayton, but Others Say 1,000.

Dayton, O., was again put on the map of the United States this afternoon when troops of the State militia entered the city and opened the way for the arrival of food and other relief supplies. The flood danger is over in Dayton, apparently. Only the horrible aftermath of the disaster is to be dreaded; but other points in Ohio are going through experiences scarcely less tragic than those which have afflicted Dayton.

The fire in the business section of Dayton, which had died out at noon to all appearances, broke out again with renewed fury into this afternoon, long before the rescue parties had reached that part of the city. Watchers on the roof of the National Cash Register Building, a mile away from the fire, say they saw and heard numerous explosions. The blast is believed to have reached a paint and oil warehouse.

Columbus, O., reports that from 600 to 1,000 are dead there, the probabilities being that the latter figure is the closest to the correct total. Zanesville, O., is in the grip of a flood that is wrecking the city. Reports from other places which have been overwhelmed by the Dayton tragedy are bringing to light a disaster which, in extent of territory covered and loss of life and property, ranks with the most appalling in the history of the country.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN SAVE DAM.

Many contradictory reports have been sent out during the day about the Lewiston Reservoir, seventy miles above Dayton. The dam holding this reservoir is intact, thanks to the heroic work of the pastors, the men, women and children of the churches of Bellefontaine and other towns in the endangered district, who have been working like beavers to strengthen the walls.

As to the question of how many have been drowned in the whole flooded district of Ohio and Indiana, the estimate of about 3,000 is the closest that can be made, but it is likely to prove but a fraction of the total. Columbus furnishes an example of how what was considered reliable figures may be increased by investigation.

Hundreds of small towns and villages in the zone of the floods have not been heard from at all in the centres from which meagre news is filtering. These places have not been considered in figuring the loss of life. One district alone, the Miami Valley from Dayton down to the Ohio River, contains scores of small villages, besides several large towns, such as Hamilton, Middletown, Miamisburg, Franklin and Carrollton. Undoubtedly, in the estimation of persons who know the territory and have reported to Gov. Cox at Columbus, the loss of life in this district will exceed that in Dayton. The bodies of scores who were drowned in Dayton will be found down this valley.

TOWN OF MALTA DESTROYED.

One little place, unheard of as being touched by the flood until to-day, is Malta, a town of 400 on the Muskingum River, across from Crooksville, O. Malta has been completely destroyed. Not a trace remains of the village, and a yellow, foaming stream rushes over the site it occupied. Nobody in the vicinity has seen anybody from Malta, and the supposition is that all were drowned, although of course they may have fled to the higher ground.

The dam holding the east side of the Grand Reservoir at St. Mary's, O., in the western part of the State, partially gave way to-day. The break was repaired, but the situation is critical. The Grand Reservoir is said to be the largest artificial lake in the world, and if the dam gives way Decatur and Fort Wayne, Ind., and many other places along the St. Mary's River in Ohio and Indiana will be flooded once more.

Troops are reported to have entered Dayton this afternoon and the militia is now said to be in charge of the rescue work. Not until all in danger have been taken to places of safety will anything like a reliable estimate on the number of dead be possible. Pestilence is appearing in Indianapolis, Ind., where the flood has sub-