BUSINESS MEN ESTIMATE THE DEATHS AT 200

Dayton Undertakers Hold a Meeting and the Average of Their Estimates Extends List to 800.

LIFE SAVERS FIND VERY FEW BODIES

Loss of Property Will Run Into the Millions; Worst Is Over and the People Take Courage.

SOUTH DAYTON, O., March 28.—Dayton's loss of life probably will not exceed 200. This estimate is based upon a personal canvass of almost a hundred Dayton's leading citizens, men of unquestioned judgment and reliability, who have been engaged in relief and rescue work in every section of the city ever since the rising waters invaded the business section.

The property loss, purely tangible and real, will probably exceed $50,000,000. This includes damage to real estate and public works in those parts of the city where these forms of property are most valuable; to automobiles stored in two leading garages and other personal property, much of which was owned by the more prosperous residents; to manufacturing, mercantile and jewelers' stocks, which were swept away, and to public utility plants and equipment. The cost of rebuilding miles of asphalt streets and walks, which literally were ripped from their beds, also is included.

North Dayton Heaviest Loser.

The loss of life is confined almost entirely to North Dayton, inhabited by foremen and laborers; West Dayton, which comprises districts of a more substantial character, and to Riverdale. In Dayton View and other residence districts there was almost no loss of life.

Several lives are known to have been lost in the business district, but none of the rumors that human beings had perished in the fire which swept two city blocks would stand the test of searching investigation. In fact, a score of bald-headed men who were in some of the buildings, and others who watched the fire from across the street, assert positively that every occupant of the burned buildings escaped. The flood assumed dangerous aspects early Tuesday morning before most people had started to work. Consequently the loss of life in Riverdale, North Dayton and West Dayton was occasioned when dwellings, many of light construction, were swept off and shattered by the swiftly-moving current, leaving the occupants who had fled to safety in the second stories to fight for their lives in the water.

Remained Until Rescued.

There are not more than thirty such homes in Riverdale and possibly seventy-five in North and West Dayton. Many of these were moved from their foundations, but remained upright and their terrified occupants safely remained until they were rescued.

Governor Cox telegraphed today to Secretary Burba:

"Sergeant Lilly, one of the best health experts in America, detailed by Rupert Blue of the United States health service, left the troop train on the road to Dayton. In addition, Allen, Van Buskirk, Stewart and Long of the state health department arrived at Dayton at 7 o'clock. They reported that the work of reconstructing the city waterworks had begun.

"Mr. Patterson is entitled to every consideration. The whole state is speaking praise of his work. Please tell Mr. Patterson that the telegraphic orders sent in this morning for funds aggregate $100,000. Contributions also coming from other cities. Rations sufficient to feed 300,000 for one day will arrive in Columbus from the government this afternoon. We will have them in Dayton tomorrow. Advise Mr. Patterson that the state will take charge of the railroads if necessary to keep sightseers and robbers out."

Believe 800 Dead.

Eight hundred dead is the average estimate of seven-eighths of Dayton's undertakers, called together for a conference today. They reported eighty-two bodies have been recovered and now are at various places in the city. Individual estimates of the undertakers were from 500 to 800, but the consensus of opinion was that 800 would be a conservative figure. Information of several recesses of the city given by newspaper men hardly would justify such an estimate.

Orders had been issued for all bodies to be brought to a general morgue established in a garage. This had not been done, as less than half the number of bodies found, according to the undertakers, had been brought there tonight.

Keen Competition.

There has been keen competition between undertakers for possession of unclaimed bodies, and many of them have begun to undertaking establishments under water.

Many undertakers were present at the meeting and all said they based their estimates of the dead on a general survey of the situation.

Squads of life-savers made a trip into Riverdale and North Dayton sections, where it was feared there had been great loss of life. They did not find a body and further believed few would be found. The expedition of Cleveland naval reserves found practically an identical report.

Large a part of the city had been visited and information obtained failed to bear out earlier estimates of great loss, the announcement of the undertakers came as a surprise to those most familiar with the situation.

Will Float Down River.

Now that the work of gathering the dead has been systematized, it is expected bodies will be brought in more rapidly. Notwithstanding estimates of undertakers, it is believed the work of identifying accurately the number of victims will not be as difficult as heretofore believed. It is known, however, that many bodies floated down the river and will be recovered.

At the meeting of undertakers, unclaimed bodies that have been held at undertaking establishments were brought to a general morgue, where identification might be expedited and where authorities could keep better informed of the progress of this feature of Dayton's disaster.

The swift of the currents claimed the greatest toll of lives judging from the number of the bodies found. Most of them were washed up onto the banks where the rivers or found buried in the debris. The body of an infant, a day old, was found in a gutter.

In removing debris, workmen moved carefully, fearing they might tread upon bodies. The body of a man about 70 years old and identified only as Snyder was found clasped in the arms of his dead wife.

One Death in Hotel.

Three hundred persons who had been marooned in the Algonquin hotel in the heart of the flood district, moved from their prison today after the waters along Main and Third streets had receded. Most of them said there was a general scare at the fire which burned along Jefferson and Third streets on Wednesday night. There was one death in the hotel, Johnny Flynn, a bellboy. Several of the guests organized the majority after the flood waters had cut off escape on Tuesday, and for three evenings programmes of entertainments were given in the hotel's dining rooms. It was decreed by a "safety committee" that any person who declined to contribute to the entertainment would be compelled to walk, figuratively, the plank. There was none who refused.

Thousands Homeless.

While approximately 8500 persons are being cared for by the relief committee, there are more than 5000 homeless persons in Dayton who are caring for themselves as best they can. None of the banks are open for business and, for the most part, the refugees had little or no money with them when the flood came upon them. All the grocery stores and food supply houses have been taken over by the military and there are no fresh meats, eggs or milk available at any price.

The city is without means of general transportation; there is not an electric light in the place except those of the National Cash Register company. There is no adequate water supply, the sewer system is ruined, the available fuel supply is limited and the supply of natural gas used for cooking has been shut off since Tuesday.

Great Mental Strain.

Huddling together in groups about the streets and those localities where the waters sufficiently have subsided in front of their ruined homes, the people stand during the day with despair stamped on their faces. So great has been the mental strain that many persons are bordering on hysteria. For long minutes a group will stand gazing dumbly on the scenes of desolation all about them. Then some laconic remark will be made by one of the group and the others will laugh or giggle like silly children. In the bread lines in front of the relief stations each day stand business and professional men, side by side with day laborers. There are no class distinctions.

In every church and schoolhouse not seriously affected by the flood are to be found hundreds of persons living together, cooking their frugal meals over open fires and sleeping outdoors.

Many boats were engaged for long hours in rescuing those marooned in their homes along South Main street. In one little cottage two old women, one of whom was 81 years old, were found huddled in the attic. Their water supply was exhausted Wednesday afternoon and they had had no food since the breakfast they ate a few minutes before the waters came rushing upon them. As they were being lifted tenderly into the boat, a Red Cross doctor remarked to the elder woman that it was too bad a person of her advanced age should have to endure such privations.

"Oh, don't worry about me," answered the woman, with a smile. "I'm so happy to be alive—and surely I can't complain when there are so many others who have suffered so much more."

The sentiment expressed by the old woman is that of the thousands of survivors. Without exception the people are considering others before themselves. Hungry men receive rations, but divide them, or give them to women and children physically unable to stand the long hours waiting to be served.

Since the flood came scores of babies have been born in different parts of the city. In almost every instance the babies lived and the mothers are getting along nicely.

Even the most graphic photographs taken of the ruins fail to reveal in comprehensive detail the desolation of the stricken city. Whole streets are heaps of splintered timbers, twisted steel and brick and mortar. Once handsome residences are to be seen upturned and broken into parts. Blocks and blocks of houses are jammed against one another in baffling confusion. Debris litters scores of thoroughfares for long distances, and about all is a sea of mud and water.

COLUMBUS MORGUES FILLING UP SLOWLY

COLUMBUS, O., March 28.—The morgues of Columbus filled up slowly tonight as the swollen waters of the Scioto gradually receded.

The number of bodies recovered from the yellow flood reach sixty.

Through the temporary morgues hundreds of survivors passed, dreading to find their missing loved ones. Twenty-three bodies lay in a temporary morgue on the east bank of the Scioto and twenty more were placed in a recently constructed fire engine house on the hill top, just west of the flood district.

In the west side morgue the flood had cut off all electric power and the volunteer undertakers worked by the light of flickering candles and lamps. Several bodies lay in small undertaking shops in various parts of the city. Reports reached Columbus tonight that several bodies had been seen floating in the river at Circleville, twenty-five miles below here. The authorities believe these were victims of the Columbus flood and that bodies of many of those who lost their lives never will be recovered.

Rescue Work First.

While bodies were picked up wherever they were found today, the energies of the authorities were directed toward rescuing the thousands marooned in upper stories, on roofs and in trees. For miles along the swollen river there are great drifts of debris. Practically all of the bodies recovered have been taken from the edges of these drifts as the waters receded and the authorities believe that many more are buried beneath them. No attempt can be made to search these drifts until the water subsides. Coroner Benkert tonight said the death list would reach 200.

Relief measures were rushed today and by night the various relief agencies had the situation well in hand. At the state insane asylum and the state institution for the feeble minded hundreds of survivors were fed, clothed and lodged. A large school building nearby was filled with cots and supplies and thrown open to refugees. Hundreds were brought around the flood to the business section where relief stations were opened.

Distress Among Survivors.

Great distress among the survivors was caused by the separation of families and the consequent dread that the missing had been drowned.

Since the rescue work started nearly 100 children of the flood have been born. The authorities opened a maternity hospital tonight where the new mothers with their babies were cared for.

When the motor boat rescuers were forced by darkness to suspend their work, half a score of blocks in the worst of the flood district had not been reached. In the upper floors of houses in this district were many survivors, who had been without food since Tuesday. An effort will be made tomorrow to reach this section.

The river gradually fell today, with no indications of further high water.

MEN'S SHIRTS AND UNDERWEAR

Many SPECIAL VALUES for SATURDAY

Saturday we will sell hundreds of men's new spring shirts at a special price.

$1.50 DRESS AND NEGLIGEE SHIRTS will be sold Saturday at $1.15

DRESS SHIRTS of imported percales, fine Madras, in plain white, in pleated bosom, with neat patterns, with detached cuffs, with attached cuffs; coat styles; all sizes; endless choosing.

NEGLIGEE SHIRTS of French flannet, of soisette, of fine mohair, of pongee, with detachable collars to match; with French double cuffs; an immense line; Saturday at $1.15.

25 DOZEN 75c AND $1.00 SHIRTS AT 50c

A great lot of Dress Shirts, bought at a special price; light and dark patterns. We've added from our regular stocks, many of our $1.25 grades of shirts in sizes 14 to 17. Choice of any Saturday at 50c.

MEN'S 50c SPRING UNDERWEAR, 39c.

Jersey ribbed, of fine cotton, in ecru, all sizes in shirts and drawers. Saturday at 39c.

Men's 35c Silk and Worsted Socks, 17c.

Various styles; some in dark mottled combination colors; all sizes; not more than 4 pairs to a customer. Saturday at 17c pair.

Auerbach's Men Furnishing Section—Main Floor.

Auerbach & Co. ONE PRICE ESTABLISHED 1864

Phone Exchange 300

Ladies' Hose and Underwear Saturday at Great Savings

NOT IN MONTHS has there been values that equal these.

Ladies' 25c Hose for 19c

Fast black Hose, of Maco cotton, made with double garter top and linen spliced heels and toes, all sizes. Saturday at, pair 19c

Ladies' 15c Vests for 10c

Low neck and sleeveless styles; summer weight; best 15c quality. Saturday at 10c

Ladies' 40c Union Suits for 25c

Low neck, sleeveless, knee length union suits all sizes; no better value to be had for 40c. Saturday at, suit 25c

Auerbach Underwear Section—Main Floor

CHARMING TRIMMED HATS

$3.98 · $5.00 $10.00

THE WOMAN IN NEED of an attractive new spring hat will be able to secure one Saturday at a great saving on price.

Three special groups—each on a separate table—show a pleasing diversity of styles.

At $3.98 AND $5.00

Include hats in small and medium sizes—Hats of Milan and fancy straws and braids, some of hemp, etc., prettily trimmed with wings, flowers, ribbons, malines, silks, etc. They have been $5 and up to $10.00; some over these prices.

The Table of $10 Hats

Consist of copies and reproductions of imported models. They are as pretty and becoming as when their prices were still normal. Each Hat will be a great "find" for many women on Saturday.

Auerbach Millinery Section—Second Floor.

Auerbach SWEETS

Absolutely Pure—Minus Fancy Prices.

SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY AND MONDAY ONLY.

35c Chocolate Coated Dates—pound	23c
35c Chocolate Marshmallows—pound	23c
25c Butterscotch Beans—pound	14c
30c Assorted Imperials—pound	19c
25c Cocoanut Squares—pound	19c

SATURDAY—THE SALE OF

Rose Bushes and Ornamental Shrubs

THE PRICE FOR SATURDAY ONLY

12c each

After Saturday the Regular Prices Will Be Asked.

SATURDAY WE'LL HAVE

A Boys' CLOTHING SURPRISE

At this occasion we will sell

$7.50 suits for boys 4 to 10 years for	$5.69
$3.75 to $6.00 suits for boys 4 to 10 years for	$2.89
$2.50 and $3.00 suits for boys 2½ to 3 years for	99c
50c washable suits for boys 4 to 9 years for	39c

No descriptions. We want to surprise you with the smart values Saturday.

Saturday—Rug Dept., 3rd Floor.

$3.50 and $4.00 Axminster & Colonial Velvet Rugs

Size 27x60 and 27x60——all are new designs, the prettiest color combinations on sale Saturday at, each $2.18

One to a customer. No Phone Orders.

Saturday—Drapery Dept., Third Floor

$2.75 and $3.00 LACE CURTAINS

Scotch Nets, Cable Nets, Irish Points, Braden Curtains, Lace Edged Cable Net Curtains, in White, Cream, Arab and two-toned effects—2½, 3 and 3½ yards long—25 different patterns—On sale Saturday—at pair $1.55

No Phone Orders.

Women's $15.00 Spring SUITS, at $9.95

OTHERS SPECIALLY PRICED AT

$14.75 $18 $24.75

A SPECIAL PURCHASE OF SAMPLE LINE

NO ONE WHO SEES THESE NEW SUITS as they come to us from the makers who supply the Auerbach store can fail to be impressed with the quality of the best American tailoring.

The style inspiration comes from Paris, of course. These suits are reproductions of the ideas of the best makers. But the good workmanship and fine materials are distinctly American—and no better workmanship will be found anywhere in the world.

A good selection of new models and new fabrics in all the colors worn this spring.

10 Styles of Wash Dresses at $2.75

New goods—fine tissues and dress ginghams in tasty colors, Dutch and Robespierre collar effects, made with new vesper yoke and other models.

New Style Messaline and Serge Dresses Saturday $4.95 and $7.50

Good messaline satins, serges of fine quality, in a good selection of plain colors, as well as checks, plaids, stripes and figured effects.

CHILDREN'S WHITE SERGE COATS AT $2.39.

For children 2 to 6 years, lined all the way through, trimmed with pearl buttons and silk braids.

CHILDREN'S NAVY BLUE SERGE COATS, $2.65.

Full lined, trimmed in delft blue poplin and finished with novelty buttons.

CHILDREN'S BLACK SILK COATS, $2.95.

Well lined, trimmed with laces and large pearl buttons.

Infants' Wear---Savings

THREE ROUSING VALUES that are especially interesting at the very beginning of spring.

$1.25, $1.50 and $1.65 Infants' Dresses Saturday at 99c.

The lot consists of infants' long and short dresses—made of fine materials and prettily trimmed with laces and embroideries. There's a great variety of styles—each dress a splendid value at their regular prices of $1.25, $1.50 and $1.65. On sale Saturday at 99c

Infants' 35c Vests at 19c.

Absolutely non-shrinkable interlock vests, perfectly finished and comfortable fitting—All baby sizes. Best 35c quality Saturday at 19c

Infants' 75c Wrappers at 49c.

Made of fine outing flannel in a good variety of the best 75c grades. On sale Saturday at 49c

Auerbach Infants' Wear Dept.—Second Floor.

CHILDREN'S SHOES

AUERBACH "FOOT FORM"—MADE BY THE FERRIS SHOE CO.

THEY ARE THE SPLENDID SHOES that are made specially for Auerbach's by this famous old firm—you can buy them in a few other good stores in Salt Lake, though not under the "Foot Form" name—and pay more for them. They are the embodiment of smartness in children's shoes; made of best selected leather—made to give long service. Included are shoes for dress and school wear. Shoes of mat and glazed kid with cloth or kid tops. Louisville Oak turned soles and other points too numerous to mention.

The Kid Shoes Are Priced as Follows:

Sizes 5 to 8—price.. $1.50 | 8½ to 11 .... $1.75 | 11½ to 2 ..... $2.00

The Patent and Gun Metal Shoes Are Priced:

Sizes 5 to 8—price... $1.75 | 8½ to 11 ..... $2.00 | 11½ to 2 ..... $2.25

The March Sale of Drugs, Toilet Goods and Preparations Ends Saturday Night

You can trust implicitly in the QUALITY of every item quoted—no matter what little price we ask for it.

This Fine News Budget for Saturday

25c Bromo Lax	18c
25c Carter's Pills	15c
50c Cuticura Resolvent	42c
$1.00 Cuticura Resolvent	83c
25c Dioxogen	21c
50c Dioxogen	42c
$1.50 Fellows' Syrup Hypophosphite	$1.23
25c Glyco Thymoline	17c
50c Glyco Thymoline	34c
$1.00 Glyco Thymoline	67c
$1.00 Hood's Sarsaparilla	83c
50c King's New Discovery	42c
50c Parisian Sage Hair Tonic	42c
50c Parker's Hair Balsam	42c
$1.00 Parker's Hair Balsam	83c
25c Pinkham's Sanative Wash	21c
$1.00 Pierce's G. M. Discovery	83c
$1.00 Pierce's Favorite Prescription	83c
50c Syrup of Figs	39c
Welch's Grape Juice, pint	35c
Welch's Grape Juice, quart	50c
25c Liquid Veneer	21c
50c Liquid veneer	42c
$1.00 Liquid Veneer	88c
1 pound Epsom Salts	9c
1 pound Pure Borax	12c
1 pound Boric Acid	23c
1 pound Sodium Phosphate	23c
6 oz. Glycerine	23c
8 oz. Glycerine and Rose Water	23c
8 oz. Castor Oil	23c
8 oz. Witch Hazel	15c
100—5-gr. Aspirin Tablets	73c
100—La Pactic Pills	42c
$1.00 Ayer's Sarsaparilla	83c
10c Bromo Seltzer	6c
25c Bromo Seltzer	15c
50c Bromo Seltzer	29c
$1.00 Bromo Seltzer	59c
35c Castoria	20c
50c Cuticura Ointment	33c
25c Sal Heptica	15c
50c Sal Hepatica	39c
$1.00 Sal Hepatica	76c
15c Peroxide Hydrogen	6c
25c Peroxide Hydrogen	11c
50c Peroxide Hydrogen	19c
50c Sempre Glovine	29c
25c Danderine	17c
50c Danderine	34c
$1.00 Danderine	67c
50c Herpicide	29c
$1.00 Herpicide	59c
Rexall Hair Tonic	50c
Rexall Hair Tonic	$1.00
La Blache Face Powder	34c
Java Rice Face Powder	22c
75c Allen's Massage Cream	54c
35c Dore Benzoin Cream	23c
Old Witch Hazel Soap, 3 for	10c
Pure Castile Soap, 3 for	10c
10c Palm Soap	7c
$1.00 Colgate's Toilet Water	74c
75c Pinaud's Lilac Vegetal	52c

RUBBER GOODS, HAIR AND TOOTH BRUSHES AND SUNDRY LINES.

Hot Water Bottles, Fountain Syringes, Combinations. Each purchase is guaranteed best rubber, best fittings and workmanship.

$1.00 Rubber Goods at .69c | $2.00 Rubber Goods at $1.49
$1.25 Rubber Goods at .84c | $2.25 Rubber Goods at $1.69
$1.50 Rubber Goods at $1.13 | $2.50 Rubber Goods at $1.89
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25c HAND BRUSHES—10c. Pure bristles, solid back and waterproof.

$1.00 BATH BRUSHES—79c. 75c BATH BRUSHES—59c. Solid back, bristles guaranteed to stay in brush.

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25c AND 35c TOOTH BRUSHES—16c. Good bristles and good handles in different styles.

75c HAND MIRRORS—43c. Broad beveled French plate mirror, ebony and mahogany finish back.

$1.00 RAZOR STROPS—79c. 75c RAZOR STROPS—59c.

50c AND 60c DRESSING COMBS—39c. The good kinds that don't break. Many different styles.

WHISK BROOMS—19c. Exceptional values.

Saturday—Draper Dept. 3rd Floor

$2 Couch Covers

3 yards long—50 inches wide—made of extra heavy tapestry—Negus designs—an exceptionally good pattern; can be used with any rug or drapery with pleasing results. On sale for one day—at each 89c

One to a customer. No Phone Orders.

Saturday—Bedding Dept.

$5.00 White Wool Mixed Blankets

Extra heavy—extra large—very fluffy, measure 72x80 inches. Silk bound, either pink or blue bordered. On sale for one day—at pair $2.98

No Phone Orders.

Saturday—Linen Dept. Main Floor.

6 1-4c Twilled Toweling

The absorbent kind—25 yards in a batt. On sale Saturday, in batts only—at yard 3c

Or 25 yards for 75c.

One batt to a customer. No Phone Orders.

Saturday——Art Needlework Dept. Third Floor.

$3.00 Battenberg Table Cloths

45 inches round, with Mexican drawn work and Battenberg center. On sale for one day, at $1.49

1 to a customer. No Phone Orders.

Saturday—White Goods Dept. Main Floor.

35c WHITE SUITING LINENS, AND 35c WHITE CORDUROY PIQUES, on special at yard 21c

No phone orders.

Saturday—Neckwear Section—Main Floor.

Ladies' 40c Neckwear

Fancy Collars, Venice Lace Collars, Jabots, Bows, Shadow Lace Collars, etc.—great variety to choose from—excellent 40 values—Saturday at 25c

Saturday—Bedding Dept. Main Floor.

Feather Pillows

Worth $5.00 a Pair.

Size 20x26 inches; weigh 5½ lbs. a pair, with striped linen covering, filled with guaranteed new feathers—On sale Saturday—at each $1.44

No Phone Orders.

Saturday—Linen Dept. Main Floor.

30c Hemmed Turkish Bath Towels

Made from very absorbent twist yarn—extra heavy—measure 24 x45 inches—On sale Saturday—at yard 16c

Limit 6 to a customer. No Phone Orders.

Saturday—Domestic Dept.—Main Floor.

10c Twilled Egyptian Cretonnes

In oriental and floral designs for one day—at yard 6¾c

Limit, 12 yards to a customer. No Phone Orders.

Saturday—Art Needlework Dept.—Third Floor.

20c Tenerife Doilies

9-inch round, for one day, at each 9c

2 to a customer. No Phone Orders.

Saturday—Ribbon Section—Main Floor.

35c Ribbons

Up to 6 inches wide, satin taffeta, plain taffeta, Moire Taffeta Ribbons and a great variety of Fancy Ribbons in every desirable color and style. Regular 35c value—Saturday—at yard 19c

Saturday—Glove Section—Main Floor.

$1.25 Kid Gloves

One-clasp Kid Gloves in Black, White, Tan and Brown; a perfect fitting glove in all sizes and splendid $1.25 quality—Saturday—at pair 89c

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