

HUNDREDS DEAD IN THE FLOODS

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The 200 refugees in the Y. M. C. A. building at Dayton and in the Algonquin hotel were facing possible short rations this morning. Their food supplies were becoming limited and drinking water was at a premium.

Forty boats have been requisitioned by the city authorities and are patrolling the city in an effort to save life and property. These boats are manned by volunteers.

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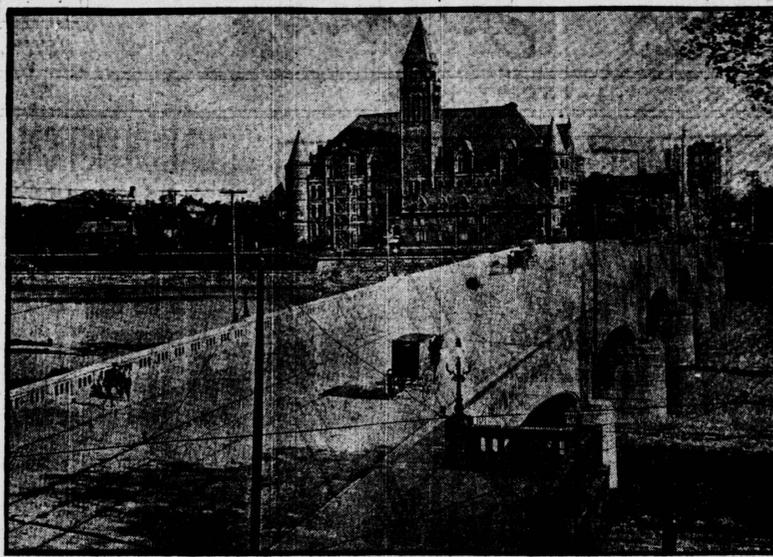
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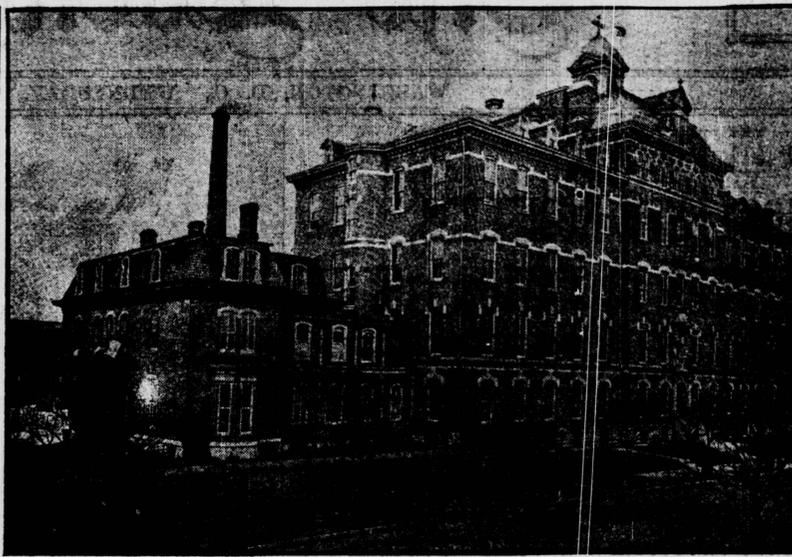
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The entire valley along the Little Miami river is submerged, and it is reported that seventy-five summer cottages along that stream have been swept away. All are now down and that section is cut off from communication at Cleves, Ohio, seven miles down the river, part of the city is still under water, but no loss of life is reported.

Ohio Rising at Marietta. MARIETTA, Ohio, March 26.—With the Ohio river rising rapidly and all surrounding streams having a large volume of water into it residents of this section are alarmed over the prospects of a flood.

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Most of the rubber factories have been forced to shut down. No further rise in the river is expected. The many homeless are being taken care of in the schools and churches.

Circleville Is Cut Off. CIRCLEVILLE, Ohio, March 26.—This city was cut off from railroad communication today, all trains on roads entering Circleville being cancelled.

The food has wrought damage to the extent of several hundred thousand dollars. All bridges are washed away and the Scioto river stands three feet higher than for tonight. There has been no loss of life here.

Shelter for Refugees. The Assumption Parochial School, in charge of Father Joseph Weber, is sheltering and feeding about 100 women and children. Efforts to reach that section of the city from Indianapolis have been fruitless, until this morning.

Families in one-story homes were at mercy of the sudden rush of water that followed the breaks in the levees. It is believed the bodies of these people, who are supposed to have been trapped in the houses, will be found when the waters recede. Various estimates are made of the number of persons who were swept west Indianapolis as to the loss of life, but the prevailing opinion is that not less than 200 persons must have been drowned.

The break of day found anxiety in Indiana, centered in Brookville and Connersville, on the Whitewater river, from which frantic appeals for help were received by Gov. Ralston late yesterday. While the appeal was being made wire communication to Connersville failed.

Whitewater Levee Breaks. The person who was talking with the governor said that a break in the Whitewater river levee had flooded the valley, sweeping hundreds of persons before it. Since then it has been impossible to re-establish communication, even for a few minutes, and the governor

company operating in the state has lost one or more bridges, with several miles of track washed out or made shaky by the flood waters.

Indianapolis awoke to find the waters higher than ever appeared before, with a property loss that two days ago would have been unbelievable. It is hard even yet to bring the full realization of the damage to the people, who had no thought of a flood from streams that ordinarily are unimportant, aiding only in beautifying the city's parks and boulevard driveways.

During the night the water advanced upon the exclusive residence section along Fall creek. It tore away one bridge, destroyed the city's most pretentious driveway, and forced the families living along its banks to desert their palatial homes.

A few hours before they had no idea they were in any danger, and were awakened by the militiamen to be ordered from the threatened buildings, only to find every hotel in the city full. They were cared for at the homes of friends.

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