

Angry Waters Have Abated Little in Their Work of Death and Destruction

PICTURES WHICH SHOW DEVASTATION WROUGHT BY STORM IN OMAHA, NEB.



Ruins of some of the houses of the residential district piled up in a heap by the swirling winds of the tornado.



A scene at a street corner, car junction point, in the heart of a district thickly populated by poor people. The storm did some of its most disastrous work here.



This photograph, showing the wrecked garage and automobile of Alice A. Welch, at Thirty-fifth and Cummings Streets, gives a faint idea of the force of the wind of the tornado.



Twenty-fourth Street after the storm. Photo shows car in which ten persons were injured.



Digging in ruins of the Idlewild Club at Twenty-fourth Street, near Lake, for victims. Seventy-five bodies were taken from this spot.



Ruins of a moving picture theatre. (Copyright, by Underwood & Underwood.)

PRESIDENT MAY GO TO STRICKEN ZONE

Ready to Leave for Ohio and Indiana if He Can Be of Service.

ALL RED TAPE IS BARRED

He Is Determined That Flood Sufferers Shall Have Every Aid Possible.

[By Associated Press.] Washington, March 27.—President Wilson to-day threw open the resources of the Federal government to the homeless thousands fighting against water, flame and famine in Ohio and Indiana. More than \$200,000 already has been expended, and the President is determined that no red tape shall stand in the way of instant relief everywhere. Secretary Garrison, of the War Department, left to-day on orders from the President to survey the situation in Ohio and direct the government's relief expeditions, and Mr. Wilson announced that if communication with the flood districts continues imperfect and the presence of the chief executive

was required to issue emergency executive orders, he would go to the zone of the disaster himself.

The President did little else to-day besides his work on the flood situation, and is ready to set aside all business before him to assist the authorities of Ohio and Indiana.

To-morrow the entire situation will be canvassed by the Cabinet. Postmaster-General Burleson is contemplating a quick journey to Ohio if the mail situation is not soon improved. Mail routes across the continent are badly affected, and the task of disentangling the mail service to points in Ohio and Indiana, untouched by floods, has reached a crisis. Assistants are being ordered to the flood region from nearby cities, and stamps and supplies are being rushed to places which have lost their stock in the floods.

Not only were the War and the Post-Office Departments straining every effort to be of service, but the Navy Department issued orders to its recruiting stations in the Central West to send its marines, physicians and officers, trained in rescue work, to cooperate with the army medical staffs. Power boats and skiffs were dispatched from naval stations on the Great Lakes. Secretary McAdoo, of the Treasury Department, sent Surgeon-General Rupert Blue, of the United States Public Health Service, to the flood districts, and placed at the disposal of the Governors of Ohio and Indiana all United States life-saving stations in those States. Secretary McAdoo also waived customs regulations so that relief supplies could enter free from Canada. Secretary Redfield, of the Department of Commerce, ordered all available boats in the light-house service near the Ohio River to take part in the relief work.

CHANGE IN NAME IS NOT FAVORED

Baltimore Methodist Conference Votes 157 to 17 in Opposition.

BISHOP ON CHURCH CHOIRS

Matter of Granting Women Equal Rights With Laity to Be Taken Up To-Day.

[By Mamie Bays.] Staunton, Va., March 25.—When the vote of the Baltimore conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was taken to-day, regarding the change in the name of the church, it resulted 157 in opposition to seven in favor of the change in the name. Bishop Kilgo announced at that time before the adjournment of the session to-day, that a resolution of the general conference of the church held in 1910, required that during the year 1912, the bishops should ask this question of every conference over which they presided: "Shall the name of the church be changed from Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to Methodist Church of America?" and secure the answer of each member of the conference to the question.

Those familiar with the session of the general conference of 1910, will remember that the members of that body voted in favor of the change in name of the church, and a year later the announcement was made that the College of Bishops had vetoed the action of the conference, and the name was not changed. The question of the change of name of the church will be considered again during the general conference of 1914, to be held in Oklahoma.

It is probable that during the session of the conference to-morrow, the matter of granting to the women of the church equal rights with the laity, will be considered. It is anticipated that the consideration of this subject will bring about an interesting discussion.

Second Day of Session. The conference convened at 9 o'clock for the transaction of the work of the second day of the annual session.

Bishop Kilgo was in the chair, and conducted the opening devotional service. Upon recommendation of their presiding elders, the following named preachers were referred to the committee on conference relations for the subordinate relation: W. E. Miller, J. W. Grubb, C. L. Kennard, J. M. Kilgo and J. E. Hedrick.

Cannon Introduced. James Cannon, superintendent of the Virginia Anti-Saloon League, and a member of the Virginia Conference, was introduced to the conference and addressed the body.

He called attention first to the recent meeting of the convention of the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia in Roanoke, and the later meeting of the executive committee and spoke of the thorough organization of the league. Referring to the conditions in Virginia to-day, Dr. Cannon stated that the part of Virginia included in the territory of the Baltimore Conference is the part of Virginia that is usually "wet," and this condition, he said, is due to the attitude of the State Senators in this territory. He said further that if these Senators had stood for the wishes of the people they represent the people of Virginia about this time would be preparing to vote on the question of State-wide prohibition.

He said further that he did not intend to measure the responsibility of the Baltimore Conference for this condition in this part of Virginia, but that if the State of Virginia is to go "dry," the Methodist Church must measure to her responsibility, and if she does so measure, Virginia will go "dry."

Dr. Cannon then said that the plan outlined by the Anti-Saloon League for this year is to elect as many men who are prohibitionists to the House of Delegates as possible, and to reach the Senate by the only two methods

NOTHING UNDONE BY GOVERNMENT

Heads of All Departments Busy Preparing to Aid Sufferers.

WHOLE MACHINERY IN MOTION

Army and Navy Are Rushing Relief to Ohio and Indiana Districts.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Washington, March 27.—At a word from Secretary Garrison, who to-day left for the Ohio flooded district, President Wilson will himself leave for Ohio, there to take charge of the extensive rescue and relief work which he has ordered every government department to undertake. The President will not hear from Mr. Garrison before noon to-morrow. In the meantime, he is in readiness to start. His private car, provisioned and equipped for privations from the water-stricken area at the Union Station.

The machinery of all the government departments has been set at flood sufferers in the stricken districts.

Major-General Wood, chief of staff, Colonel Russell, signal officer; Major Connor; Major Rhoades, who in addition to being the President's aide, is an army surgeon; Captain McCoy, two stenographers and a corps of signal men, who will be utilized to construct pontoons and operate boats to take provisions from the water-stricken areas, left Washington this afternoon.

May Declare Martial Law. General Wood has been authorized, if he deems it necessary, to declare martial law in the stricken districts, and to use the troops that now stand in readiness in the Middle West to enforce it.

Secretary Daniels, of the Navy Department, to-day ordered five navy hospital tenders to be sent to the flooded districts of the Ohio and Indiana. They will carry hospital supplies and equipment and enough nurses to care for many of the sufferers.

Secretary McAdoo, dispatched Dr. Blue, chief of the Public Health Service, to Columbus. All surgeons of the same service that can reach the stricken district within forty-eight hours have been ordered to proceed thither immediately.

After a conference with all Cabinet members whose departments can be of the least assistance, the President started Mr. Garrison on his way to Ohio with instructions to notify Washington if Mr. Wilson's presence can be of value. Following this conference Secretary Daniels issued these orders: designate Navy Surgeons Sheldon G. Evans, William Chambers and Roy Curthertson, with two assistants, whom they may select for immediate duty in Columbus. With them went Paymaster R. Nesbit and Pay Clerk Corwell, who were supplied with abundant funds to meet any ordinary contingency, and given unlimited drawing account books.

Forteen members of the hospital corps at Washington with three stewards were assigned to the charge of the hospital tenders, which will soon depart for the stricken waters in Ohio and Indiana. The tenders have been ordered from Philadelphia and New York, and will be shipped as soon as they can be loaded aboard express trains.

Field Kitchens on Way. The field kitchens, capable of cooking meals for hundreds of hungry people, were ordered expressed from Philadelphia. It is proposed to set up these kitchens within as short distance as possible from Dayton, and to prepare meals on them for all comers.

Secretary Daniels wired the Navy Hospital authorities at New York to slip with all dispatch the supplies that in their opinion will be needed for the sick and famine-stricken. No expense is to be spared. Officers have been informed that promptness is the only condition imposed.

The secretary wired all the officers in charge of recruiting stations in the stricken districts to direct the mem-

GALE IS HOWLING IN PENNSYLVANIA

Drop in Temperature Adds to Suffering of Flooded Country.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Pittsburgh, Pa., March 27.—Conditions throughout Western Pennsylvania created by the floods were not improved to-night. Slight recessions are reported from some streams, but in most instances rivers are rising. Rain continues to fall south and west of here. The temperature dropped suddenly this afternoon, a gale is howling through Pittsburgh and driving a light cutting snow. Similar weather reports come from north and east of this city.

The decline in temperature has intensified the suffering of thousands in Pittsburgh and surrounding communities, who are homeless because of the rising waters. Kittinging reported this evening, before the telephone wires went down that the Allegheny is higher than ever before. Scores of families were compelled to abandon their homes and take to the hills.

Loss Is Tremendous. Oil Creek has risen until a large part of the business section of Oil City is under water. The loss to business is tremendous. Families in the rural districts in the Clarion and Kiskiminnick Valleys have fled to the hills to escape such floods as never were seen there before. The whole Beaver Valley region is under water. Burning gas mains under the Beaver River compelled the shutting off of the gas supply. All the theatres are closed. Not a school is turning in all the great industrial plants of the streets.

Sharon and Newcastle are practically isolated, and no authentic news can be had. It is reported that since yesterday morning fifty persons have been drowned in the Shenango and Mahoning rivers. But confirmation of these reports cannot be had. Both rivers have set new flood marks.

Pittsburgh is feeling the effects of the flood seriously to-night. The expected twenty-six-foot level became a reality to-night, and the three rivers are still rising. The city is a repetition of the 1907 flood, when thirty-six feet swept millions of dollars' worth of property down the Ohio.

The Twenty-first Street and the Prud'homme Island houses of the traction company are in danger. The rise of three feet will stop the cars in a large part of the city and suburbs. Nearly two square miles of North Side is a lake. Motorboats and skiffs are playing the streets.

Downtown the pumps are working in most of the hotels, theatres and a standstill. Hundreds of thousands worth of store goods have been ruined. The Exposition Music Hall is holding four feet of water. Weather forecasters announced to-night a five-foot rise in Monongahela at Fairmount, W. Va. The crest will be reached in Pittsburgh to-morrow.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

WORK OF REMOVING BODIES IS BEGUN

Already Fifty Corpses Have Been Taken From Water in West Dayton.

SITUATION IS TERRIBLE

Future Is Feared When Appalling Sights Will Be Revealed.

West Dayton, Ohio, March 27.—After a day of grueling work, volunteer rescuers have removed more than half a hundred bodies from the waters of the great Miami River and Wolf Creek, and saved upwards of 500 who, for two days, have been clinging to roofs or living in water stations. With the coming of nightfall, the efforts to rescue more persons were slackened, and all of Dayton not in the central flood district, waited in dread for the nightly fires, which have added horrors to the already terrible situation. No fires had been seen in the central district since noon, but the knowledge that thousands of persons are trapped in upper floors of the buildings where help cannot reach them, added terror to the night.

Water Falls Rapidly. The water in all inundated districts has fallen from three to five feet to-day, and the current of the river and creek have slackened so that, it is possible, except in the center, for small boats to reach sufferers. A company of the Ohio National Guards is patrolling the streets of West Dayton.

The local company is on duty in Dayton now, and Adjutant-General Wood to-day wired Governor Cox asking that militia of Ohio or any nearby State be rushed here.

At the rescue stations, the scenes enacted to-day were heartrending, and the most pitiful are being witnessed at the temporary morgues.

At the West Dayton morgue frantic crowds all day and to-night watched everybody brought in, hoping against hope it was not that of some loved one.

Women became hysterical at times when searching for missing members of their families whom they had failed to find at the relief stations.

The food situation, which threatened to become serious, was relieved temporarily by the arrival of a special train from Richmond, Ind., bringing seven cars of provisions. Morgues, Quartermaster Logan received word from the United States Army quartermaster-general that 3,000,000 rations had been ordered shipped from Chicago; 100 rations and one complete quartermaster depot from Columbus, O.; 3,000 tents, 100 hospital tents and 100 stoves from Philadelphia, and 500 blankets, 500 bed sacks from St. Louis or Cincinnati.

Quartermaster Logan is authorized to purchase in open market all rations needed.

Awful Sight Feared. Hourly apprehension for the appalling sights that will be uncovered when the waters return to normal are growing. It is nearly certain that bodies of hundreds of persons caught in the first rush of the flood will be found. Pestilence is feared and already sanitary and health officials are mapping out their work. Sewers of the entire city were burst by the flood, and holes were simply blown from the earth. It will be many days before the water service can be restored, and it will be more than a week before street car companies can operate. The city's electric lighting system also is out of commission. It is impossible to learn the names of the dead so far recovered. Only one body in Riverdale has been identified and those recovered are being taken to temporary morgues, churches and private homes, so that an accurate count of the bodies is impossible.

HELP FROM LYNCHBURG

Carload of Provisions Sent to Sufferers at Dayton.

Lynchburg, Va., March 27.—A carload of provisions was dispatched by the people of Lynchburg this afternoon to the flood sufferers at Dayton, O. The car was carried from Lynchburg on a passenger train of the Chesapeake and Ohio, that company taking it to Cincinnati free of charge. Wholesale houses contributed, and much cash was given, this being converted into provisions sufficient to load a full car. It should reach Dayton early to-morrow afternoon.

RAINEY DESCRIBES SCENE

Washington, March 27.—The first train into Washington with passengers from Chicago arrived to-day at 1:55 P. M., more than three hours late. The train was routed by way of the Lake Shore as far as Detroit and thence to Pittsburgh.

Representative Henry T. Rainey, of Illinois, who was a passenger, said: "The only actual damage we saw was at Beaver Dam, Pa., a little beyond Altoona. This town is on the Monongahela River, which had risen far out of its banks. Several houses were seen floating down the river. Others were lying on the ground, completely destroyed."

"If any thoroughly familiar with the Lake Shore line," continued Mr. Rainey, "and I have never seen any high water on that line before. When we came through yesterday the water stretched on each side of the track as far as we could see."

Killed While Watching Flood. Pittsburgh, Pa., March 27.—D. J. Thayer, a wealthy oil operator, while watching the flood of the Allegheny to-day, fell from a third-story window in his office and was killed.

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