

MIAMI RIVER LEVEES BREAK, FLOOD FOLLOWS

COLUMBUS AND DAYTON SOON FILL WITH WATER

FIFTEEN HUNDRED FAMILIES DRIVEN

Out of Their Homes at Indianapolis by the High Waters.

(By Associated Press.)
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Mar. 25.—Fifteen hundred families of Indianapolis were forced to leave their homes at noon today by the high waters.
The White river, Eagle creek and Pleasant run are rising six inches an hour.
The water company has warned all consumers to draw emergency supplies of water as the company expects to be put out of business by night.
The plant of the Indianapolis Gas Company is under water.
Floods continue throughout the state and are the worst in thirty years. It is estimated that 5,000 families have been forced to leave their homes.
Four deaths have been reported and many persons are missing.

DENBEITBEIK

Funeral Will Be Held at Warne-Lynch Mortuary Chapel.
Funeral services over the body of Nekona Denbeitzeik, the Russian coal miner who was stabbed to death in a fight at a Polish boarding house at the Robinson run coal mines early Sunday morning, will be held at the Warne-Lynch mortuary chapel Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. The Rev. Charles Baird Mitchell will conduct the services. The burial will be in the Masonic cemetery.

BADLY BURNED.

HUNTINGTON, Mar. 25.—Miss Tindell Hughes, daughter of Congressman James A. Hughes and a leader in social circles here, was quite seriously burned, when her dress caught fire from an open grate, while visiting at the home of a friend in Ceredo.

SON IS BORN.

Cuthbert A. Osborn, county surveyor, has been wearing a smile the last few days broader than when he learned that he had been elected. It just came out that a son was born at his home at Hartland Friday.

MAYOR DROWNED IN FLOODED TOWN

And Twenty Other Residents are Also Reported Drowned.

(By Associated Press.)
COLUMBUS, O., Mar. 25.—B. V. Leas, mayor of Delaware, a town of 10,000 inhabitants, twenty-five miles north of here, is reported to have been drowned.
The town is said to be completely flooded and all telephone and telegraph communications have been cut off.
Just before the telephone operators left their switchboards, they reported that all the people were fleeing to the hills.
An appeal for help was received by Mayor Karb, of Columbus, it is reported that besides the mayor of Delaware, twenty people were drowned.

FEVER CAUSES DEATH.

Meva Pearl Reed, aged sixteen months, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Reed, of 433 Stealey avenue, died late Monday afternoon after a short illness of gasline fever. The funeral services were held at the home Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock and the body was taken to Sistersville. The burial will be in the Lazeans Chapel cemetery Wednesday morning.

FOREIGNER

Assaults Fellow Countryman for Laughing at Him.

Joseph Lado and Mox Mare were fined \$5 and costs in Justice Jackson V. Carter's court for assaulting Willie Rourak at the Pinnicknick mines Monday evening.
It appeared from the evidence that Mox Mare had purchased a bunch of bananas at the store and was taking them home. Several small boys were running after him and grabbing bananas from the bunch. Rourak, who was standing near, was laughing at the fun the boys were having. This offended Mare and he and his friend, Lado, assaulted Rourak.

ANOTHER TORNADO.

(By Associated Press.)
KANSAS CITY, Mar. 25.—A message reaching here today from Leslie, Ark., sixty miles north of Little Rock, says a tornado in that vicinity killed eight or ten persons.

NECK BROKEN.

FAIRMONT, Mar. 25.—Benjamin Konoski, a coal miner of Farmington, is in the Miners' state hospital here with a broken neck, the result of a fall of coal from the roof of a mine in which he was working. While in a critical condition he has some chances of recovery.

ENGINEER INJURED.

MORGANTOWN, Mar. 25.—Walter Cupp, a Morgantown and Kingwood railroad engineer, is suffering from serious injuries at his home at Woodburn as a result of falling from his engine at the Elkins Coal and Coke Company's mine number six.

WOMAN MISSING.

PARKERSBURG, Mar. 25.—Miss Hannah Gibbons, who resided on Lynn street for a number of years, where she kept boarders and roomers, is strangely missing and police officials have been asked to aid in a search for her.

HEART TROUBLE

And a Complication Cause the Death of Mrs. Mildred Law.

Mrs. Mildred Law, aged 63 years, wife of W. S. Law, died Tuesday morning at 5 o'clock after a lingering illness of heart trouble and a complication of diseases at her home at 435 South Third street.
The deceased woman is survived by her husband, W. S. Law, who is in Arizona engaged in the ranch business; one son, E. L. Law, and three daughters, Misses Mystate and Maude C. Law, living at home, and Mrs. Omer Stout, of Lost Creek.

NO COURT TODAY.

Owing to the continuance of the Joe Devono murder case until Thursday, there was nothing on the trial calendar of the criminal court for today and no session was held.

APRIL TERM.

The April term of the federal court for this district will be opened here Tuesday morning, April 8, with Judge A. G. Dayton, of Philippi, on the bench. There will be no grand jury and the term will be short.

Muddy Waters Are Rushing through the Latter City.

FIRE BREAKS OUT

Waters Continue to Rise and Cities Are All under Water Now.

(By Associated Press.)
COLUMBUS, O., Mar. 25.—Information was received at the state capital late this afternoon from Dayton that forty persons had been killed as a result of the floods in that city.
Adjutant General Wood issued an order directing that the railroad bridge over the Big Miami river be blown up. The main street bridge, a steel and concrete structure, has already been swept away.

Muddy Waters Are

RUNNING THROUGH CITY.
(By Associated Press.)
DAYTON, O., Mar. 25.—The muddy waters of the Miami river are coursing through the downtown business streets of Dayton, the levees designed to hold back a flood having given way in many places.

Very Heart of Dayton.

Rising floods carrying debris are hurling their weight against the magnificent concrete bridges that span the Miami river.

Trains are at a Standstill

for many miles of track are under water. Traction cars stand motionless unable to navigate the lake that was once their right of way.

Factories Close.

(By Associated Press.)
SPRINGFIELD, O., Mar. 25.—Several hundred houses in the eastern section of the city have been flooded by the rising waters of Sand river. Many factories have been forced to close.

Houses Under Water.

(By Associated Press.)
LITTLETON, O., Mar. 25.—At 11 o'clock today 200 houses were under water here and their former occupants were sheltered in public buildings. The Great Miami river is one mile wide at this point.

NEW HOME

Of Stone is to Be Erected by the Farmers' Bank at Shinnston.

The board of directors of the Farmers' Bank at Shinnston at a meeting held completed arrangements to have a modern new banking house constructed for that institution.
This proposition had been contemplated for some time, but the recent fire, which came near destroying the building occupied by the bank, stimulated the directors to immediate action, and architects from Fairmont, Wheeling, Columbus, O., and Clarksburg were invited to submit sketches for the proposed building. From them the one submitted by S. W. Ford a Clarksburg architect, was selected as being the best suited for the requirements and Mr. Ford is now engaged in preparing plans and specifications for the structure.
The building is to be of classic design in stone, of fire proof construction and is to be one of the most modern banking houses in this part of the state.

NO LIVES ARE YET LOST

BY FIRE AT DAYTON.
(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Mar. 25.—No lives

SNOW STORM NOW ADDS TO HORRORS

Shivering Women and Children Out in Cold Watching Rescue Work.

HOPING AGAINST HOPE

City Officials Are Busy Distributing Clothing and Food Today.

(By Associated Press.)
OMAHA, Mar. 25.—Shivering from the cold, and awe inspired by the nature of their work, scores of men, women and children this morning struggled in the snow to rescue the dead or injured bodies of relatives and friends whom they believed to be buried in the wreckage of their homes, which were crumpled like egg shells by the Easter night tornado that swept with death over Nebraska and Iowa killing more than 200 persons in Omaha alone.

Operators Marooned.

The operator at Phoneton, a young woman, said that the station there had been made an island by the flood and that she and her assistants were marooned by waters fourteen feet deep.

The water in the telephone station, she said, was three feet deep on the first floor and was rising rapidly. The batteries of the exchange had been flooded and the operators rigged up a battery on a higher floor.

"The water in the Miami began rising yesterday afternoon at the rate of six inches an hour," the young woman said, "and continued to rise throughout the night. The levee broke about 6 o'clock this morning. The Dayton operator told me and there was no indication that the flood had subsided. Practically the whole city is under water and people are taking refuge in the upper stories of their houses. As there is no country around here higher than the ordinary level. The rain had stopped and there is no wind."

Physicians have volunteered

their services and nurses have willingly followed this example. Those patients that have shown improvement today will be removed from the temporary hospitals to places provided for them by the city, as most of them are homeless.

The snow, which according to reports, is falling with blizzard like proportions, from Colorado to central Iowa, is seriously interfering with what slender threads of telegraphic communications was established yesterday with the outside world.

Practically no information was obtainable today from the devastated sections of Nebraska and Iowa.

The fact that intense suffering is being caused by the storm in spite of the efforts being made by the city to provide for and protect all who have been made dependent upon it, caused Governor Morehead to fear that the conditions out in the state are deplorable. He said this morning that he would hasten action before the state legislature to secure sufficient funds for the immediate care of storm victims.

Sixteen additional bodies were taken from the floodwells, a negro pool hall, this morning, making the total thus far recovered from that place thirty-one. The ruins of buildings were burned.

ELKINS CUT OFF.

(By Associated Press.)
ELKINS, Mar. 25.—High winds early today blew all telegraph and telephone wires down here and the city is entirely cut off from communication with the world.

KILLED BY TORNADO.

(By Associated Press.)
SUT. LOUIS, Mar. 25.—Fifteen persons have been reported killed in a tornado at Makawika, Ill., 100 miles south of here, last night.

TO HOLD CONVENTION.

FAIRMONT, Mar. 25.—The annual convention of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Auxiliaries of the Methodist Episcopal church, Morgantown district, will be held April 2 and 3 in the Diamond street church of the denomination here, arrangements to that end having just been completed.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Murrin, of Parkersburg, are visitors in the city.

WHO WILL BE THE WINNERS?

ANOTHER COMPANY

Of State Troops is Sent Home from the Trouble Zone Today.

(By Associated Press.)
CHARLESTON, Mar. 25.—Governor Hatfield went to the martial law district this morning. It is expected he will order the release of a number of prisoners tonight. Company H of Huntington was ordered home today leaving three companies on duty. It became known this afternoon that Captain John Bond yesterday intercepted a case containing twenty modern rifles and a quantity of ammunition consigned to a miner living in one of the miners' camps. "Mother" Jones is still being detained at Paint Creek Junction.

TWO CHARGES.

Are Preferred Against Man Arrested by Railroad Detective.

When Alvine Morrison was fined \$1 and costs in Justice T. G. Newswarr's court Monday evening for being drunk at the Baltimore and Ohio railroad station, he was served with another warrant charging him with assaulting and beating James Gowans in the railroad yards. He paid the fine but was remanded to jail to await a hearing on the second charge. J. A. Campbell, railroad detective, arrested him.

RUSSIAN ON TRIAL.

Joseph Dombrosky, a Gypsy coal miner, was placed on trial late Tuesday afternoon in Magistrate G. H. Gordon's court on a charge of assaulting and beating Frank Glinesky, a fellow miner, when the two had an encounter recently. The principals are Russians.

DOGS FAIL.

FAIRMONT, Mar. 25.—Bloodhounds failed to run down burglars who broke into the residence of Lonnie Burgess a mile from Barricksville, near here, in the dead of night and safely escaped with \$200 in gold that had been concealed in a stocking.

GROUND BROKEN.

MORGANTOWN, Mar. 25.—Ground has been broken for the new federal building here. Postmaster Frank L. Bowman turned over the first spadeful in the presence of an interested crowd.

INQUEST

In Connection with Death of Stabbed Foreigner is Begun by Coroner.

A coroner's jury composed of John M. Flanagan, W. B. Robbins, Thomas R. Kearns, Daniel Boughner, Joseph Stealey and C. R. Boggess today started an investigation into the death of Nakona Denbeitzeik, who died in a local hospital Sunday night from a knife wound received in a fight at a Polish boarding house at the Robinson run coal mines near Shinnston early Sunday morning.

Several witnesses were examined by Dr. S. M. Mason, coroner, and as the physician who attended the dead man was out of the city, the jury adjourned until 5 o'clock Tuesday evening.

MAYOR FINES FOUR.

Four men were convicted of street drunkenness and fined the usual sums this morning at the regular sitting of the police court. Two of them paid the required sums and were released while the others were deported as vagrants. Mayor Frank R. Moore presided.

Extra 15,000 Bonus Vote Offer Still in Effect for This Week.

BIG CONTEST IS ON

All Candidates Now Hustling to Secure Highest Number of Votes.

The grand prize contest announced by the Telegram continues to be the chief topic of conversation among the people of Clarksburg and surrounding country. The automobiles seem to be the prizes most desired, but all of the prizes seem to have a share in the popularity.

Yesterday a man from one of the out of town districts came to the contest headquarters and nominated a friend, remarking: "If she does not win one of the grand prizes, the rest of the contestants will know that they have been in a contest."

Nominations continue to come in every day and many of the contestants are securing large numbers of the ten-vote coupons daily.

The contest has just started. It will be finished in just a few weeks. Think of it!

You can win a prize worth hundreds of dollars in that short space of time.

You are not competing against five or six hundred men and women from practically all of the state of West Virginia for one of the prizes, either. You will have at no time more than seven or eight real competitors for the district prizes.

A question was recently put up to the public of this city and vicinity by the Telegram, which has proved the burning question of the hour: "Who will be the winners of the splendid prizes which the Telegram will give away on the night of May 26?"

If the task of selecting the winners was left to the Telegram or to any one person, they would be unable to cope with the situation. The problem is one that would probably have perplexed King Solomon.

And so there is probably one solution for the problem. The readers of the Telegram and their friends are asked to decide the problem for us, and they are respectfully requested to exercise their prerogative and settle this perplexing question through our great voting contest.

Each issue of the Telegram contains a coupon good for ten votes. With each amount paid on subscription, whether back account or new, certain numbers of votes are given, according to the schedule of votes.

SMITH'S GARAGE AND BARN BURN

As Well As Two Cottages and the Contents of All of Them.

Fire of unknown origin which started shortly after 11 o'clock Tuesday morning and was carried by the high wind destroyed a large barn, automobile garage and two small cottages belonging to Edward G. Smith on the rear of his property on Harrison street in Broad Oaks.

The fire was discovered in a two-room cottage near a gas meter, but before anything could be done, it spread and soon the barn, garage and another small cottage located near were in flames. It looked as if the home place would catch fire but by good work by a large number of people who had gathered the fire was held in check until it burned itself out.

The amount of Mr. Smith's loss is not known, but his automobile and all equipment were in the garage. Several sets of harness with vehicles were in the stable. Among the things in the barn was a large number of books Mr. Smith had transferred from his office to the Merchants National Bank building to his home with some intention of taking them to his country place as soon as the roads were in better shape.

The loss was partially covered by insurance.