

# SCORES LOST IN PUEBLO FLOOD DEATH TOLLS REACH HUNDREDS

ESTIMATED 15,000 HOMELESS—NUMBER LOST IN DISASTER WILL NEVER BE KNOWN.

## MILLIONS IN PROPERTY LOST

REPORTS SHOW HEAVY RAINS CAUSE ENORMOUS LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY OVER ENTIRE STATE.

Denver, June 6.—Friday, June 3, was a dark day in the history of Pueblo, Colorado's second city. Flood waters from the Arkansas and Fountain rivers devastated the business and lower residence sections of the town, sweeping away hundreds of houses and causing great loss of life. Reports to date show property loss will run into millions, while constantly dead bodies are being found, until the death roll shows upwards of 200. Flood waters fill a large portion of the city, and Saturday and Sunday as they receded new horrors were revealed. In some places the water was reported seven feet deep.

Pueblo's union depot was in the center of the flooded area, which reached from the high cliffs on which the better residence portion of the city is located at Seventh street to west of the station. Practically all in that lower section is destroyed. From Friday night to Sunday the city was without light or water, street cars stopped, fires became frequent and with no chance to fight them, soon consumed many business and residence blocks.

The flood was augmented by a second cloudburst Saturday which wrought greater havoc. Sunday, with the breaking of Beaver dam, eight miles north of Florence, and a terrific cloudburst about 3 p. m., the stricken city is in a most pitiful condition. The Arkansas river rushed down again and the receding waters were given fresh impetus. It is impossible to tell the extent of this dire disaster.

Pueblo is under martial law, the Colorado National Guard and Colorado Rangers being in complete control of the city. Looters have been arrested by the dozen and several shot. Armies of rescuers worked day and night to save persons caught in the flood and who could not reach safety before the great nine-foot wall of water struck the city.

Denver & Rio Grande train No. 3 and Missouri Pacific train No. 12 were caught in the flood and both turned turtle. As each carried numbers of passengers, it is not now known how many perished.

Railroad and wagon bridges are out north, south and west of Pueblo, and it is difficult to get relief to the stricken city. Denver sent a special train of clothing, food, blankets and other necessary equipment Saturday night. Red Cross nurses and helpers accompanied this train with a full supply of emergency material. The Salvation Army, Fitzsimons Hospital, Fort Logan and many others put forth every effort to supply necessities for the thousands of homeless.

Forty-one undertakers from Denver took special train for Pueblo Sunday morning to assist in caring for the dead. Trinidad sent a carload of provisions, Victor, Colorado Springs and other towns responded nobly to the call of the distressed city.

Governor Shoup took up his residence at Colorado Springs in order to be as near the scene of disaster as possible. First hand reports to him by Representative Iver Daley and State Pure Food Inspector W. F. Cannon on Sunday morning shows that the total number of dead would never be known, that scores of bodies will never be found, either because they are buried under tons of sand or destroyed in some of the fires that raged, and caused this statement to be issued by the governor:

"The Pueblo flood is much worse than the disaster attending the earthquake and fire in San Francisco. The exact number of dead may never be known. Scores of bodies may never be recovered." Every possible assistance has been rushed to Pueblo in an effort to relieve the situation as much as possible.

**Damage Can Not Be Estimated.**  
Pueblo, Colo.—No estimate of the actual property damage from flood here or loss of life can be made at this time. Conditions are beyond description. Virtually every building from the postoffice to the square beyond the Union station on Union avenue was completely wiped out. In addition to the havoc wrought by the water, buildings undermined by the inundation have caved in causing a scene of desolation and horror beyond anything ever seen in Colorado.

**Two Millions Railroad Damage.**  
Surveys made by trackmen sent out by the Denver & Rio Grande furnish no definite idea of the extent of the track damage wrought by the storm. According to statements made at the general offices of the Denver & Rio Grande and Colorado & Southern the damage to freight in the Pueblo yards will amount to upwards of \$2,000,000.

## EYE WITNESS TELLS OF HORROR

HOUSES TOPPLE OVER FILLED WITH WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

Devastation Wrought by Fire and Water at Pueblo Beyond Description.

Colorado Springs.—The devastation wrought by fire and flood at Pueblo is beyond description, according to C. S. Railsback, formerly of this city, now special agent of the Santa Fé at Pueblo.

Mr. Railsback made his way to Colorado Springs by special Santa Fé motor car in an effort to get into communication with La Junta over the Union Pacific wires to order a special relief train to the scene of the disaster.

"Hundreds of lives were lost and millions of dollars in property were destroyed," said Railsback. "The main business district of the city gutted by fire and water, and it probably never will be known how many hundreds of people perished."

"The entire residence districts in several of the lowlands were completely wiped out. I spent the entire night, with hundreds of others, rescuing women and little children from the flood, and my mind is so befuddled that I can hardly talk about the thing. It was horrible beyond description."

"I saw several frame rooming houses topple over, plunge into the raging torrent, each filled with screaming women and children. The scene was sickening."

Mr. Railsback said at one time there was fifteen feet of water running through the Santa Fé yards. In fact, the yards were completely destroyed.

To add to the horror of the flood, fires broke out all over the city, not only in the business district, but in many residence sections.

The largest business houses of the city, including the big banks, Crews-Beggs, White & Davis, Straub's trunk factory, the King lumber yard and many others were wrecked by water or completely destroyed by fire, according to Railsback.

The river broke over its banks near the state insane asylum, and soon there was a raging torrent from the high cliffs to the west of the union depot to Seventh street.

### Las Animas Flooded.

Las Animas, Colo.—Four Mexicans are reported drowned, houses in the lower section of the city swept from their foundations and the entire city was surrounded by waters ranging in depth from one to six feet. Residents fleeing from the residential districts of the city to the hills. Owing to flooding of the lighting plant the city was in darkness, adding to the terror of the people. The sugar factory here has been flooded out and water reached a depth of six feet in the company offices and throughout the plant. The bridge over the Arkansas river here was washed out. All telephone lines were carried away. The river is swollen and has overflowed its banks. The four Mexicans reported drowned are sugar factory employes who were in the company houses near the plant. They did not heed warnings of the oncoming flood. It is feared others may have perished in the wall of water which struck the city late in the evening.

### Many Daring Rescues.

The entire eastern section of the city was isolated. The south side also was cut off from the business district. Frank Pryor of a local furniture company spent one night on one standing wall of his four-story building, which collapsed.

Richard Philbins of the Rangers was rescued from a telephone pole where he had spent the night. He was riding a horse when the waters overwhelmed him. The horse was drowned, but Philbins managed to swim to the pole.

Scores of persons were detected looting stores as the flood poured its way into the streets. A hundred shots were fired at the looters by soldiers.

Scores of strong men risked their lives to bring women and children to safety. The Colorado Rangers, the police and Troop C of the Colorado National Guard bent to the work of rescue. Scores of persons alive in Pueblo

owe their lives to the bravery of the men of these organizations and scores of volunteers.

J. B. Roberts and Robert Wayland, prominent business men, volunteered to take a boat and attempt to reach two women whose calls could be heard in the darkness. After much difficulty they found a girl of 19, Mary McAlister, clinging to a power wire. She was taken into the boat and the men attempted to reach her mother, in a treetop close by.

They succeeded in getting her into the boat, when she gave a lurch and all four went into the water. After a struggle Roberts and Wayland, with the girl, managed to scramble onto the roof of a floating house, but their danger was not over and the building was carried down the street closer and closer to the lumber yard of the King Investment Company.

Their cries for help attracted the attention of men on the roof of a negro church, who saw the capsized boat under the eaves of the floating house and carried along with it. The three finally righted the boat, got into it again and got to a point where they could wade to safety. The girl's mother, it is feared, was drowned.

Among the refugees was an aged Mexican woman, crying for someone to go after her daughter, stranded in their home. In her hands she clasped a bundle of clothes and a pound of butter.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Verhofstad, for past middle life, were typical of many of the unfortunates. Fleeing before the rush of water, they had nothing but the clothes on their backs and a small box of valuables.

Joseph Rosen, clothing merchant, narrowly escaped death. Like most of the merchants, he was in his shop at Main and Second streets attempting to save his stock. The Arkansas rushed up Main street so quickly he could not escape. In a desperate effort Rosen broke through a transom over the show window and was seen by J. E. Creel, D. V. Ruppel and others in the Dean Creel Furniture store across the street. They shouted to rescuers on the second floor, who lowered a rope and hauled Rosen to safety.

One whole section of the Pryor furniture store was carried away when struck by Santa Fé loading sheds swept on in the flood. Many other similar incidents occurred through the flooded district.

Everyone available lent aid. The Y. M. C. A. housed refugees and issued food cards. Nothing being sold without the permits.

A party of twelve newspaper reporters and police escaped drowning only by clambering to the top of a garage, some of the number caring for a blind man, tore a hole through a brick wall with a pair of large shears.

Prisoners in the city jail were hauled to safety by ropes dropped from the second floor.

### List of Destroyed Business Houses.

Pueblo.—Thirty Pueblo business firms have been totally destroyed by the flood. Many of them lie in ruins. Others have been swept away altogether. But two are covered by flood insurance. The list of businesses considered a total loss follows: Watkins Hat and Clothing Shop; Griffin Style Shop; Gross and Wildin; Barnhelm Outfitters; Dean-Creel Furniture Company; Rosen's Clothes Shop; Palace Drug Store; McCarthy Embalming Parlors; Prior Furniture Co.; Western National Bank; Hawkins-White Furniture Co.; Kress 10-cent Store; United Cigar Store; Dixon and Miller; Sellers Confectionery; Knibel Sporting Goods Company; Penter Cigar Company; White-Davis Clothing Company; F. W. Woolworth 10-cent Store; Ellington Café; Rushmer Jewelry Store; Hosman Drug Company; R. T. Frazer Saddlery; Cotting Brothers' Furniture Store; West Bros., Jr., Furniture Store; Dixon-Stump Bottling Company; Knibel Bottling Company; Jack Gray, barber; H. B. King Commission Company; Hinckle-Duke Mercantile Company; Colorado Bedding Company; Brinkley-Douglas Fruit Company; Furubush Ice Company; Straub Trunk Company, destroyed by fire; King Investment Company, burned; offices of the Arkansas Valley Railroad, Light and Power Company; Pueblo Savings Bank; Crews-Beggs Dry Goods Company; Taub Brothers Haberdashery; Winch-Slayden Stationery Company; Tom Brown Shoe Store; Churchill Jewelry Company; Pueblo Carriage Company; Pueblo Auto Company; Newton Lumber Company. One entire city block, between First and Second streets on Santa Fé was entirely destroyed, every building being demolished. Between Third and Union streets on Santa Fé, Main and Court streets, buildings were completely destroyed.

### Pueblo Menaced by Filth.

Colorado Springs.—A special dispatch from Pueblo says: "Shrouded in inky blackness, only relieved by an occasional flicker of a blazing building, Pueblo people have gathered for the flight to overcome the disaster which nearly overwhelmed it Friday night with a loss to property conservatively estimated at between \$10,000,

000 and \$15,000,000 and a casualty list set now at not less than 500.

"The most serious problem facing the smelter city is that of sanitation, according to Robert Gast, chief of the sanitation commission of the Pueblo chapter of the Red Cross, who has issued an urgent appeal for aid.

"Pueblo's \$1,000,000 courthouse houses 600 homeless. The schools, churches, public buildings and hundreds of private homes are housing countless others left destitute by the flood. The destitute are being fed at the rate of 600 an hour by the Red Cross, which has nobly responded to the tremendous demands for assistance. But despite the well-organized efforts to take care of its unfortunates, the city must have outside aid and at once.

### U. S. Asked for \$5,000,000 Aid.

Colorado Springs.—Governor Shoup is asked to appeal to the federal government for an appropriation of \$5,000,000 of which \$2,000,000 may be immediately available, in a telegram received at his home from James L. Lovern, president of the city council of Pueblo, Frank S. Hoag, chairman levee repair committee; E. E. Withers, president Pueblo waterworks; C. K. McHarg, president Arkansas Valley Ditch Association.

The text of the message follows: "Hon. Oliver H. Shoup, governor Colorado Springs:

"Late estimates of total property and crop damage between Cañon City and state line, is from fifteen to twenty million dollars. Damage in Pueblo city and county alone will total six to eight million dollars. Federal government expends millions of dollars to improve and repair levees in all sections of the country. We now ask \$5,000,000, of which the sum of \$2,000,000 may be immediately available for purpose of repairing and improving Arkansas river and Fountain river levees and removing debris from cities damaged, of which Pueblo should have at least one and one-half million dollars immediately. Impossible to ascertain loss of life, owing to impossibility of removing debris without great financial assistance, but Pueblo alone will show several hundred people drowned when debris is removed."

### Platte River Goes Over Banks.

The flood gates of Bergen and Harriman lakes above Denver were raised to allow the flood waters to escape down the Platte river, that the dams could take care of the extra water let loose by the breaking of the Beaver dam. This caused the river to overflow its banks in Denver and a near panic ensued when the police sent out warning to people living along the low land next to the river. No loss of life was reported and all danger was soon over. The police of the city used every precaution to see that no one was allowed to cross any of the bridges which the raising water was threatening. The water in some instances running within two feet of the floors of the bridges.

### Tell the World We'll Rebuild.

Pueblo, Colo.—Business men of the city are not disheartened by the flood, though the damage to their property will be a total loss, wiping out many of them.

"Tell the world that we are going to rebuild," a group of them told the newspaper men. "Send out word over your wires that we are going to have another city."

A fund of \$125,000 for relief work was subscribed among the business men yesterday within a few minutes.

### Enormous Property Damages.

Millions of dollars of farm property was lost in the flood of the Arkansas river. From Pueblo east to the Kansas line on both sides of the river, entire farms are devastated. Houses, fencing, machinery and stock all swept on by the raging waters. It is thought that many people may have perished on the farms and the lowlands of the valley along the river, but the exact number will not be known for some time. Nearly ever town in the Arkansas valley suffered more or less damage and loss to property and life.

### Train Turned Over.

The overturning of a Denver & Rio Grande passenger train with 150 passengers on board in the railroad yards at Pueblo is the outstanding disaster of the storm as far as railroad traffic is concerned. The passengers were removed to the Nuckolls Packing plant, where physicians hastily summoned attended to the injured. The train left Denver carrying 150 passengers, largely excursionists to the Pacific coast.

### Damages Over State.

Death list stands at five—four near Sterling and one in Longmont. Logan, Weld, Larimer and Boulder counties slowly recovering from storm. Between Denver and Boulder no loss of life reported. Receding water disclosed heavy losses in Erie, Louisville and Lafayette. Menace to Marshall from huge Marshall lake dam passed. Roads impassable and transportation demoralized.

### Lamar Partly Flooded.

The crest of the flood of the Arkansas river reached Lamar Sunday morning, covering the north side of town and reaching the Santa Fé tracks. All business houses and residence were surrounded by water and the residents in that section of the town took refuge in the higher land in the south side of the city.

## FELT LIKE AN IRON BAND AROUND HEAD

Mrs. Osborne Says She Shudders When She Thinks How She Suffered.

"For years," said Mrs. V. B. Osborne, of 718 Lancaster Ave., Lexington, Ky., "I have been in a run-down condition; nervous, weak and dizzy. I was actually so nervous that any sudden noise or excitement would produce a palpitation of my heart that frightened me. I absolutely could not climb stairs, for to attempt such would thoroughly exhaust me.

"I had nervous headaches and when they came on it seemed that an iron band was drawn tight around my head. I now shudder when I think of those headaches. My stomach was weak and I could not digest the lightest liquid food. Any food of a solid nature caused nausea and the sickening sensation remained for hours.

"My misery was almost unbearable. My sleep was never sound and I was worn out all the time. My condition was indeed a very deplorable one. I finally sought treatment in Cincinnati, but nothing helped me one particle. I was on the verge of giving up in despair when a neighbor pleaded with me to try Tanlac. I obtained a bottle of the medicine and began its use.

"I began improving at once and soon felt my nervousness and dizziness disappearing. Then my headaches left me and I realized my strength had returned. My appetite and digestion improved and I am now so much better in every way. This Tanlac is a wonderful medicine and the only one that ever really helped me. I hope every poor woman who is suffering as I did will try it."

Tanlac is sold by leading druggists everywhere.—Adv.

### But This Isn't London.

"Here you are, gentlemen, the greatest invention of the age!" bawled the street peddler.

"What is it?" inquired an onlooker. "A magnetized keyhole plate for front doors. It will attract an ordinary steel key from a distance of two feet. All you have to do to find the keyhole is to take out your key and hang on to it."

Three men were injured in the crowd that rushed to buy.—Tit-Bits.

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Now is the Time to Get Rid of These Ugly Spots.

There is no longer the slightest need of feeling ashamed of your freckles, as Othine—double strength—is guaranteed to remove these homely spots.

Simply get an ounce of Othine—double strength—from your druggist, and apply a little of it night and morning and you should soon see that even the worst freckles have begun to disappear, while the lighter ones have vanished entirely. It is seldom that more than one ounce is needed to completely clear the skin and gain a beautiful clear complexion.

Be sure to ask for the double strength Othine, as this is sold under guarantee of money back if it fails to remove freckles.

## NOT WHAT THEY LOOKED FOR

Audience, Like Readers of Novels, Wanted What They Had Been Used to Getting.

Dr. William Lyon Phelps of Yale said at a dinner in Philadelphia:

"The average popular novelist and his audience are very, very—well, it reminds me of a story.

"An old-time music hall artist turned up, after some years of absence, in a certain provincial town where he had once been a great favorite. He went on in his usual make-up—bulbous red nose and so forth—expecting a grand reception, but all his efforts were received in gloomy silence.

"What's the matter with 'em?' he said afterward to the stage manager, and he dashed a tear from his eye. 'Have they forgotten old Bill?'

"No, Bill, they ain't forgotten you," said the manager in a kindly voice. 'No, it ain't that, but you've changed your jokes about. You're tellin' the one about the star boarder ahead of the one about the lumberger, and it upsets 'em.'"

### About Colors.

Is your room small? Then avoid yellow and red in its furnishing. They are warm colors and make a room look small. Use grays and violets to give a "roomy" effect.

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## TWO THINGS NOT LOOKED FOR

Even Stolid Englishman Saw the Humor in One of Josh Billings' Famous Jokes.

Andrew Carnegie told a good story at the expense of Matthew Arnold in his "Autobiography." It seems that the English critic was not successful in his lectures in the United States, but he was anxious to learn, and he asked how Josh Billings held his audience. The American humorist replied: "Well, you mustn't keep them laughing too long, or they will think you are laughing at them. After giving the audience amusement you must become earnest and play the serious role. For instance, 'There are two things in this life for which no man is ever prepared. Who will tell me what these are?' Finally some one cries out, 'Death.' 'Well, who gives me the other?' Many respond—wealth, happiness, strength, marriage, taxes. At last Josh begins solemnly: 'None of you has given the second. There are two things on earth for which no man is ever prepared, and them's twins,' and the house shakes." Mr. Arnold did also.

### More men die of idleness than of hard work.

Untold agony is a secret a woman can't repent.

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Sound nourishment for body and brain with no overloading and no tax upon the digestion, is secured from  
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