

# Thousands Die in Disasters Flooding Wake of Storm

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ern Ohio and Indiana. At Louisville the wind maintained a velocity of 60 miles an hour.

Other cities affected by the flood and storm are:

Linna, O.—Flooded by the Ottawa river. Ten miles of trains held up there by a washout at Middlepoint.

Springfield, O.—Mad river and Buck creek both out of their banks and several hundred houses flooded.

LaRue, O.—Inundated, many persons homeless and much suffering.

West Liberty, O.—Mad river overflowing its banks.

Port Wayne, Ind.—St. Joseph, Maumee and St. Mary rivers on a rampage. Town without lights and water famine threatened. Highest water in 20 years.

Marion, Ind.—Five hundred persons forced to flee for their lives.

Ellwood, Ind.—Three hundred persons homeless.

St. Louis, Mo.—One person known to have been drowned and many families forced to leave their homes.

Youngstown, O.—Twenty-five thousand men are idle by the closing down of the mills and factories. The flood is the worst experienced in many years.

## BODIES WASHED ABOUT STREETS

Richmond, Ind., March 25.—Frank Purviance, an employe of the Terre Haute, Indianapolis and Eastern Traction company, at Dayton, O., tonight said over the telephone scores had been drowned there.

"They are dying like rats in their homes, bodies are washing around the streets and there is no relief in sight," Purviance said.

Telephone communication with Dayton was established for only a few minutes. Purviance said the catastrophe was caused by the breaking of the Lewistown reservoir dam, north of Dayton. He said water stood 30 feet deep in some streets.

A telephone operator in the Dayton office, who established communication with Richmond, said bodies were floating past the window of the office. The operator begged the local offices to send an appeal for aid to Governor Cox of Ohio.

The telephone operator at Liberty, a small town several miles west of Dayton, established communication with the local exchange late today. He reiterated the story told by the Dayton operator.

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### NOTICE

Temporary Change in Car Routes in the Business Section

Effective on Thursday, March 27, on account of the reconstruction of tracks and paving on 19th street, the following temporary changes will be made in car routes:

**AVONDALE LINE**

In on 22d street to 1st avenue, thence to 20th street, thence to 20th avenue, thence to 22d street, thence to Ave. B, thence to 20th street, thence to 20th avenue.

**AVENUE B AND 20th STREET LOOP LINES**

In on 20th street, thence to 22d street, thence to Avenue B, thence to 20th street, thence out the regular routes.

**IDLEWILD LINE**

In on 20th street to 3d avenue, thence to 22d street, thence to Avenue B, and out Avenue B.

**NORWOOD LINE**

In on 19th street to 6th avenue, thence to 20th street, thence to 1st avenue, thence to 19th street, and out 19th street.

**DEPOT LINES**

In on 4th avenue to 22d street, thence to 1st avenue, thence to 19th street, thence to 4th avenue, thence to 21st street, and out 21st street.

**NORTH BIRMINGHAM LINE**

In on 2d avenue to 20th street, thence to 1st avenue, and out 1st avenue.

**NORTH ENGLE LINE**

In on 4th avenue to 18th street, thence to 1st avenue, thence to 19th street, thence to 4th avenue, and out 4th avenue.

**BIRMINGHAM RAILWAY, LIGHT & POWER CO.**

## REPORTS FROM FLOODED CITIES CONFIRM ENORMITY OF DEATH AND DESTRUCTION

Evansville, Ind., March 25.—Winds of cyclonic intensity, followed by heavy rains, smote St. Joseph, a suburb of Evansville, and Elizabethtown, Ill., below this city, early today. At these places considerable property damage was done, though no loss of life is reported.

Interest centers here, where little danger is imminent, in the threatened rise of the Ohio river, which rivermen expect will go over the 48 foot stage, six inches higher than the January stage. The present high stage of the Mississippi river makes the outlook worse for towns below here.

**Storm Sweeps Scranton**

Scranton, Pa., March 25.—A storm swept over Scranton and vicinity this afternoon. The Clements silk mill was unroofed and a 150 foot section of the roof was deposited on the adjacent engine room, partly demolishing the structure. There were 150 girls at work but outside of bruises and scratches they were unharmed.

The storm came from the west. A heavy downpour accompanied by thunder and lightning followed the blow.

At Shamokin, lowlands were flooded, crops damaged and wire service crippled.

**Call on Outside World**

Columbus, O., March 25.—"If our worst fears are confirmed it will be necessary to call on the outside world for tents and supplies in order to make provision for the worst calamity that has ever befallen this state," said Governor James M. Cox in a telegram sent tonight to a New York paper.

The governor added that troops were ordered out for duty in the capital city and that the naval reserves were dispatched from Toledo to Piqua.

Cincinnati companies, presumably the governor said, would be dispatched soon. When they arrive, breeches buoys will be sent to those in isolated houses and treetsops.

Communication with the main section of the city was still unobtainable tonight.

The number of deaths on that side of the city is still unknown.

Walter Raines, who was thrown into the river when the Big Four bridge was washed out, is still in the treetop where he caught. He has clung there more than eight hours.

Scores of the stranded have been clinging to trees and houses without food, and a drenching rain since 2 o'clock this morning.

The river is slowly receding.

**TWELVE DEAD IN HAMILTON**

Hamilton, O., March 25.—Twelve persons are known to have been drowned while it is believed over a score more are dead as the result of the flood of the Miami river that swept Hamilton from one end to the other today and is rushing through the streets tonight to a depth of from three to six feet.

The known dead are:

Robert Shank, an attorney.

N. C. McRoberts, aged 65.

Clarence C. Harman, a farmer.

Dr. Leon Lutzl.

Three unidentified women and two unidentified men.

J. R. Espey, a prominent merchant, saw a man and woman fall from a boat as it swept past his house and neither appeared on the surface again.

Robert Shank and Dr. Lutzl lost their lives while trying to save others.

Tonight the residents are gathered in the principal buildings of the town. Communication with the outside world is limited to single telephone wires that reaches only to Cincinnati.

The town is in darkness.

Three companies of militia from Cincinnati arrived in Hamilton tonight, but owing to the swiftness of the currents in the street have not been able to detain.

**NO MORE BODIES ARE REVEALED**

Terre Haute, Ind., March 25.—Further search of the ruins left in the path of Sunday night's tornado failed to reveal any more bodies and the death toll tonight at 20, but some of the injured now in hospital, probably will die and four persons still are reported missing. The list of injured reaches nearly 500.

The city, Vigo county and many private firms and citizens have donated thousands of dollars for relief. Heavy rains fell again today seriously hampering the work of removing the stricken families. The police issued an order intended to stop moving men from overcharging the people.

**NEARLY HUNDRED LOSE LIVES**

Bellevue, O., March 25.—Between 75 and 100 persons lost their lives in the swirling waters of the flooded Olentangy river today, according to estimates made by the police tonight. More conservative reports place the number of dead between 25 and 50.

Scores of persons are still clinging to tops of trees, roofs of houses and other available footings.

Tonight big fires were built along the banks of the river to cheer the marooned ones, while desperate efforts to rescue them continue.

Life-saving crews from Toledo and Cleveland lake stations have been asked for, and a crew is expected from Toledo.

**SEETHING FLOOD COVERS THE ENTIRE CITY OF DAYTON, O.**

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and burned the block on South Park, a block from Wyoming. Another big fire is reported to have burned a downtown block.

The breaking of the Tarleton reservoir, which supplies the drinking water, left the city without water, and physicians declared there was great danger of typhoid in the use of the flood water.

There are no boats in Dayton which can breast the current, and those on the outside early gave up any attempt to reach the business section.

At Wyoming street, on the south side, where the National Cash Register company centered its efforts at rescue, many saved their lives by creeping on a cable, 100 feet above the flood.

At first linemen worked their way along the cables, carrying ropes to which the flat bottomed boats were attached. When the flood became so fierce that the boats no longer were able to prevail against it, men and women crept along the cables to safety. Others, less daring, saw darkness fall and gave up hope of rescue.

Those willing to risk their lives in the attempt at rescue, found themselves helpless in the face of the water.

Seventy thousand of Dayton's population, it is reported, are homeless. The National Cash Register plant, on a high hill, offers the only haven in the south end. Three women became mothers in the hall of its office building tonight.

**NOTHING LESS THAN A SEETHING RIVER**

Dayton is tonight nothing less than a seething river three miles wide, a mile and a half on each side of Main street. Its principal thoroughfare, while it is estimated that from 200 to 500 people have perished.

The Algonquin hotel is submerged to its third story and above this level in the downtown district office buildings, hotels and business houses are places of refuge.

A school building that was known to have housed no less than 40 school children shortly before the waters rushed in that direction is entirely submerged and as far as can be ascertained all of these little ones met a watery grave.

Thousands of those who were fortunate

to Hamilton and Middletown, which sent out distress signals shortly after noon.

**Reservoir Overflows**

Bellefontaine, O., March 25.—More than 2000 acres of water are pouring against the banks of the Lewistown reservoir, 15 miles from here, and if the increasing flood should burst the banks, the lives of every inhabitant of lower Miami valley would be imperiled.

Sheriff Cook and deputies have vainly tried all day to reach the Pennsylvania train which has been marooned nearly 24 hours on the bank of the Mad river, opposite West Liberty, O. Twenty passengers waded to safety from the coach which fell into the river. Most of the passengers on that train are thought to be from Chicago.

**Storm Hits Nashville**

Nashville, March 25.—A windstorm traveling at the rate of 64 miles an hour and accompanied by a vivid lightning display and considerable rainfall, struck Nashville at 10:15 tonight. Several windows in the state capitol were broken out and the roof of the residence of Mrs. Wilson, 416 Fourth avenue, north, blown off. Other trivial damages were done.

**Greatest Flood in History**

At Sharon, Pa., the greatest flood in the history of the city is being experienced. Over 10,000 persons have been thrown out of employment and property loss is enormous. The entire town is inundated and a dozen or more bridges wrecked. The loss of the United States Steel corporation at Farrell, a suburb, is estimated at \$200,000.

**Tornado in Arkansas**

Leslie, Ark., March 25.—A tornado eight miles southwest of Leslie yesterday killed Mrs. John Souders and her son, William, and James Triest, his wife and

caught on a guard rope but swept clear and was gone before it could be recovered.

**FLOOD CAME BEFORE DAYLIGHT**

The flood came soon after daylight this morning after the residents had spent last night in terror. The main levee of the big Miami broke at Webster street at about 8 o'clock. An hour later the water was through in a dozen places and a wall of water on the main levee of the big Miami and the Mad river and where the water of Stillwater river poured into the Miami the flood reached its height and rolled over the business section a wall 20 feet high. The Dayton News was soon under 20 feet of water, the flood rose to the second floor of the Algonquin hotel and all along Main street occupants were hurried to the third floors. What has happened to them since no one on the outside can tell.

House looting began early in the night while the local militia are on duty they are wholly incapable of handling the situation.

Incidents without number are narrated of persons in the flood, some waving for aid, being kept swept away before the eyes of the watchers on the margin of the waters. Many of the rescue boats were swept by the current against what had been fire plugs, trees and houses. They were crushed. How many died in this way no one knows tonight. Canoes and rowboats shared the same fate. What life exists in the district which the water covers is in constant and helpless until the flood subsides.

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Robert Cowell, a business man, declared the time to organize for rebuilding is now. "I would suggest," said Mr. Cowell, "that a corporation be formed immediately for the purpose of lending money to those who want to rebuild a merely nominal rates of interest. In the list of losers are many who are proud and sensitive who do not want to accept charitable aid."

enough to have escaped the first rush of the waters are being fed tonight on short rations.

Three trainloads of foodstuffs have arrived from Xenia but as yet there have been no chance to deliver them and suffering from lack of exposure has become to occur within the next few hours. The rain continues and the waters are still rising.

The union railroad bridge that admits all except one of the railroads to the city was dynamited this afternoon, but the effect was not felt to any marked degree.

**BOATS SENT TO AID INJURED**

In the workshopping department of the National Cash Register company boats were being turned out at the rate of 10 an hour and these were rushed to where the waters had crossed Main street in a sort of gully.

But the waters crept up and the strength of the current was far too strong for the crude punts, though they were the best that could be made in a hurry. Trip after trip was made and as many as 100 refugees were taken from this stretch of houses and the houses on the other side. Then came the path of the flames starting at Vine and Main streets. It jumped from street to street on the other side where were some flames.

In the middle of the street were a few frame houses that had been washed from their foundations. These were swirled about for a time and as though to add in the passing of the section by fire they were cast into the path of the flames.

Persons hurried from their rooftops, where they had been driven by the flood, to the roof tops of adjoining houses.

Then the sun went down, leaving a desolate light from the fire.

The first to seek safety by sliding his body along the telegraph conduits was a Phil Hershey, a near-sighted man. The first of the women was Mrs. Luella Meyers. She is a widow with one son, a boy in knee breeches. He got out on the wire and with the agility of a cat was soon seen on the wire. Mrs. Meyers was so young as the boy and possibly more awake to the danger below. When she was over the boiling torrent beneath she swayed as though faint, slipped and the crowd soon by with bated breath. By a lucky chance her senses came back to her in time that she could grasp one of the wires.

Hand over hand she was able slowly to pull herself to the nearest pole, where she rested her aching arms before again making the trial. This time she did not falter, but when she was picked up by the rescuers at the farthest pole toward safety she was limp from exhaustion. One man carried his baby to safety in a pillow slip and the youngster celebrated his arrival to safe ground by a lusty yell.

The worst of the flooded district includes all of north and west Dayton, all of the downtown section, the south side as far as Oakwood and all of the residence suburbs of Glendale. The district has a normal population of more than 20,000.

Rescuers and those at the hospitals said an estimate of 500 dead might be as accurate as an estimate of 100.

While those marooned in the offices and hotels are in no immediate danger of drowning there is no way food or drinking water can reach them until the waters recede.

Those in the residences are in constant danger both by flood and fire. First the traller buildings swept into the stream, many showing faces of women and children peering from the windows. These were followed by more substantial brick buildings until it became evident that no house in the flood zone was safe.

The houses as a rule lasted but a few blocks disintegrating.

The body of one gray haired woman floated down the stream only a few feet from the yatchers at South Park street.

**Fifteen Injured in Paducah**

Paducah, Ky., March 25.—Fifteen injured in the storm which struck Paducah this morning and considerable rainfall fell in the hundreds of thousands, represents the situation here tonight. Three hundred houses and factories were more or less damaged in the storm, and in some cases the loss in live stock is heavy throughout the county.

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Robert Cowell, a business man, declared the time to organize for rebuilding is now. "I would suggest," said Mr. Cowell, "that a corporation be formed immediately for the purpose of lending money to those who want to rebuild a merely nominal rates of interest. In the list of losers are many who are proud and sensitive who do not want to accept charitable aid."

enough to have escaped the first rush of the waters are being fed tonight on short rations.

Three trainloads of foodstuffs have arrived from Xenia but as yet there have been no chance to deliver them and suffering from lack of exposure has become to occur within the next few hours. The rain continues and the waters are still rising.

The union railroad bridge that admits all except one of the railroads to the city was dynamited this afternoon, but the effect was not felt to any marked degree.

**BOATS SENT TO AID INJURED**

In the workshopping department of the National Cash Register company boats were being turned out at the rate of 10 an hour and these were rushed to where the waters had crossed Main street in a sort of gully.

But the waters crept up and the strength of the current was far too strong for the crude punts, though they were the best that could be made in a hurry. Trip after trip was made and as many as 100 refugees were taken from this stretch of houses and the houses on the other side. Then came the path of the flames starting at Vine and Main streets. It jumped from street to street on the other side where were some flames.

In the middle of the street were a few frame houses that had been washed from their foundations. These were swirled about for a time and as though to add in the passing of the section by fire they were cast into the path of the flames.

Persons hurried from their rooftops, where they had been driven by the flood, to the roof tops of adjoining houses.

Then the sun went down, leaving a desolate light from the fire.

The first to seek safety by sliding his body along the telegraph conduits was a Phil Hershey, a near-sighted man. The first of the women was Mrs. Luella Meyers. She is a widow with one son, a boy in knee breeches. He got out on the wire and with the agility of a cat was soon seen on the wire. Mrs. Meyers was so young as the boy and possibly more awake to the danger below. When she was over the boiling torrent beneath she swayed as though faint, slipped and the crowd soon by with bated breath. By a lucky chance her senses came back to her in time that she could grasp one of the wires.

Hand over hand she was able slowly to pull herself to the nearest pole, where she rested her aching arms before again making the trial. This time she did not falter, but when she was picked up by the rescuers at the farthest pole toward safety she was limp from exhaustion. One man carried his baby to safety in a pillow slip and the youngster celebrated his arrival to safe ground by a lusty yell.

The worst of the flooded district includes all of north and west Dayton, all of the downtown section, the south side as far as Oakwood and all of the residence suburbs of Glendale. The district has a normal population of more than 20,000.

Rescuers and those at the hospitals said an estimate of 500 dead might be as accurate as an estimate of 100.

While those marooned in the offices and hotels are in no immediate danger of drowning there is no way food or drinking water can reach them until the waters recede.

Those in the residences are in constant danger both by flood and fire. First the traller buildings swept into the stream, many showing faces of women and children peering from the windows. These were followed by more substantial brick buildings until it became evident that no house in the flood zone was safe.

The houses as a rule lasted but a few blocks disintegrating.

The body of one gray haired woman floated down the stream only a few feet from the yatchers at South Park street.

**Fifteen Injured in Paducah**

Paducah, Ky., March 25.—Fifteen injured in the storm which struck Paducah this morning and considerable rainfall fell in the hundreds of thousands, represents the situation here tonight. Three hundred houses and factories were more or less damaged in the storm, and in some cases the loss in live stock is heavy throughout the county.

The Ohio river is rising at the rate of three feet a day.

**Phonetic, O., March 25.—**From this place, which consists principally of a telephone station and a few houses, six miles north of Dayton, it is possible to drive to the edge of the flood stricken city, but communication beyond that point so far has proved impossible.

Telephone communication has been maintained intermittently throughout the day. The wire chief of the telephone company, however, is penned up in the top of a four-story building and can tell only of what he sees.

Past this office which is on one of the main thoroughfares, he saw cars and a flood a same house on the top of which were a woman and a child. The woman was beckoning and crying for aid while the child lay motionless at her feet. The house was carried over the dam and woman and child disappeared.

Numerous fires have been burning throughout Dayton and several of the buildings have burned to the water's edge.

The wire chief at Dayton refused to put any estimate on the loss of life, but said that he feared that unless relief came soon it would be heavy.

Troy, O., 10 miles north of here and Piqua, 20 miles north, both in the Miami valley, are flooded and there is said to have been loss of life there.

The town of Tippencanoe City on the Ohio-Indiana state line, is reported to be half under water.

Efforts to go to the relief of these towns have been made through various directions and all have been unsuccessful owing to the fact that bridges were washed out.

**STRUGGLE THROUGH SNOW TO RECOVER DEAD**

Shivering from cold but awe-inspired by the nature of their work, scores of men, women and children this morning struggled in the snow to recover the bodies of those who were buried beneath the wreckage of homes and buildings crushed by the tornado which Sunday swept with death-dealing force over Iowa and Nebraska, killing more than 150 persons in Omaha alone.

Privations of the storm sufferers are being increased by the heavy snow storm following so closely in the storm's wake. Women tug and shove heavy beams hoping to find hope to find the living bodies of dear ones beneath the wreckage; men cheering their sorrowful mates and weeping children wrapped about with shawls and blankets were first to recover in the scene which were revealed by dawn to the federal soldiers patrolling the afflicted district.

City officials distributed clothes and other necessities to the sufferers. They all have been unsuccessful owing to the fact that bridges were washed out.

**MANY INJURED ARE HOMELESS**

Those patients who have shown improvement today will be removed from temporary hospitals to places provided by city officials. Most of the injured are homeless, the storm having destroyed their abodes. Many of the patients whose conditions are considered more or less

critical have not been told of the complete loss which the tornado made of their property. The snow, which according to reports is falling blizzard like from Colorado to central Iowa, has seriously interfered with the slender thread of telegraphic communication established from Omaha. Practically no information has been obtainable from the devastated sections of Nebraska and Iowa. The fact that such intense suffering is being caused here by the present storm, in spite of heroic efforts made by the city to provide for and protect all who have been made dependent on it, caused Governor Moorhead to fear that the conditions within the state are in deplorable shape. He said he would hast