

STATE OF OHIO UNDER WATER

Dreadful Loss of Life and Property in Inundated Districts

A despatch from Dayton says: All persons but a few of those hundreds of persons who have been marooned in the downtown section of flood Dayton are safe. This was the news brought out Thursday by an Associated Press staff man, the first to succeed in the perilous task of penetrating a far north as the Big Miami River, which runs through the centre of the town.

Chief of Police J. N. Allaback himself marooned, who has been directing the rescue work, gave the first information as to the situation when he has been the water-bound district.

Except for possible loss of life or even death there will not be more than a few dead in Dayton, according to Allaback's estimate after he had been given information as to the situation on the south side.

The worst condition found near the centre of the flood was at the workhouse where 60 prisoners have not had a drop of water or a bite to eat for two days. The men revolted and demanded their liberty and then fought for their lives. Since then the workhouse has been a mad house, according to Superintendent Johnson. The prisoners repeatedly fought with Johnson and threatened to kill both him and his family.

May Have to Shoot. Johnson asked that a detachment of the National Guard be assigned to help handle the men. He declared that the men would have to be shot if they escaped from their cells.

North of Burns Avenue South Street the water was as far as it could be from three to six feet deep. Beyond Fourth Street the water has receded to make it possible in many places to proceed on foot. From Fourth Street to the Big Miami River the road of work was taken up by a committee headed by Chief Allaback. No grocery stores were commanded, and all in most cases the goods were covered with water, sufficient supplies were found to prevent great suffering among those in the interior dry strip.

No Cases of Starvation. While there may be many deaths in individual homes, which have been without food or drink, there was no place that the workhouse where any considerable number of people had died without food. No one had had enough, but no case of approaching actual starvation was noted.

Knowledge that the death list is likely to grow so low in the down town section gave rise to the hope that even in North Dayton about which nearly all hope had been abandoned, there might be comparatively few deaths.

The progress of the first canoe route, the water-bound district, was greeted with appeals for bread and water. In nearly every home left stranded people were asked whether there had been any deaths, and with only a few exceptions all reported that there had not.

Becker Hotel Not Burned. It was impossible to approach within several blocks of the fire zone in the morning, but there appeared even indication that the Becker Hotel had not been burned and that the fire had been confined to the blocks between Jefferson and Third Streets.

The 500 guests of the Algonquin Hotel have been kept comfortable except for the continuing need of fire. The water reached to the second floor, but all supplies had been moved to places of safety, and those in the hotel experienced little discomfort.

Two hundred women and babies found refuge in a paint factory in North Dayton, where they found sufficient food to keep them from acute suffering. An effort is to be made at once to rescue them.

Victim's cheerful spirit. One of the remarkable features was the cheerful spirit with which flood victims viewed their plight. This was Dayton's big flood in many years. Much of the submerged area had been considered safe from high water, but as the majority of residents of these sections looked out on all sides open a great sweep of muddy, swift-moving water, they seemed undisturbed.

In some of the poorer sections the attitude of the married was cheerful. As a motor-boat passed

beneath the second floor of a partly submerged house, a man leaped out and threatened to shoot unless they took off his wife and baby that had just been born. The woman, almost dying, was let down from the window by a rope and taken to a place of refuge.

Further on members of a motor-boating party were startled by shots in the second floor of a house above which five feet of water swirled. The boat was stopped, and a man fired from the window.

"Why are you shooting?" he was asked. "Oh, just amusing myself shooting at rats that come upstairs when are you going to take me out of here?" he replied.

Situation is Brighter.

According to city officials, it is impossible to estimate the number who perished in the fire, which swept the entire district on the north side of Third Street between Jefferson Street and the canal a distance of more than a square and a half.

All patrons of the Beckel House are safe. Police and volunteers constructed a bridge over alleys and the tops of adjoining buildings to the point of safety.

The water receded rapidly. An occasional snow flurry and biting gusts of wind added to the discomfort of the rescue crews, but they remained steadily at work.

Estimate of Conditions.

The following is a tabulated estimate of conditions:

Dead - Accurate estimates impossible, probably under	200
Murdered	50,000
Residences submerged	15,000
Miles of streets inundated	120
Persons provided for in revenue stations	5,000
Horses killed	500
Automobiles damaged	1,000

These were tentative figures of damage that placed Dayton's pecuniary loss at \$25,000,000, estimated by persons who had explored parts of the flooded area:

Houses damaged to extent of \$2,000 each	2,000
Houses classified under damage figures of \$1,000	6,000
Cannot be repaired under \$500 each	7,000

Damage to buildings in the business district were set at \$2,500,000 and it was believed this amount would apply to stocks of stores. Figures available at manufacturing plants placed damage under this head at \$1,000,000. The loss on automobiles was set at \$500,000.

It was believed the damage to household goods would amount into the millions because in many sections of the submerged area the water reached to the second floor of hundreds of houses.

25 Victims at Columbus.

A despatch from Columbus, Ohio, says: Twenty-five persons were drowned, and great property damage was wrought by the Scioto River floods at Chillicothe, which had been cut off from communication until late on Thursday, according to the statement of G. W. Perry, editor of the Chillicothe Gazette, over long-distance telephone. Mr. Perry said that while many persons were missing, the known death list will not exceed 25. A great part of Chillicothe is under water.

Fifty Bodies Found.

A despatch from Columbus, Ohio, says: Coroner Benkert, after a trip through the west side on Friday afternoon, estimated the total death list in that section would reach two hundred. Of the fifty bodies recovered at that time twenty were at the temporary morgue, thirteen at the State Hospital, eight at the Hilltop Engineering, and the balance in the process of disentanglement from debris in backwaters.

The Dead at Chillicothe.

A despatch from Chillicothe, Ohio, says: First authentic information regarding the loss of life shows that eighteen persons are dead. Already eleven bodies have been taken from the wreckage of homes in the east end, where many realized they lived. With field glasses even more bodies were discovered hanging from the Kilgore bridge, three miles south of here, but it has been impossible to recover them. Conditions are much improved, the light plant having been able to resume service, and the water supply is also adequate. The estimated damage to property is one million dollars. Clearing of the wreckage has begun.

Half of City Submerged.

A despatch from Zanesville, Ohio, says: With communication being slowly restored rumors are ripe of loss of life, but there are only four known deaths in this city as a result of the flood. However, practically all of the Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Wards and a large proportion of the First and Second Wards are still under from 20 to thirty feet of water, and few boats have dared brave the waters. About half the entire city is still submerged. The property loss in Zanesville is estimated at between \$3,000,000 and \$8,000,000.

Floods at Troy, N.Y.

A despatch from Troy, N.Y., says: Martial law has been practically declared in Troy, and men of two military companies patrolling the streets and reliving

the best for you, BECAUSE it keeps your "White Clothes" looking just like new. It does not spot or streak the clothes as there is no settling. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money cheerfully refunded.

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