# 200 PEOPLE DIE AT DAYTON

EARLIER ESTIMATES OF LOSS OF LIFE TOO HIGH.

# FLOOD WATERS SUBSIDING

Real Property Loss Will Probably Exceed \$50,000,000. Loss From Fire Is Heavy.

South Dayton, O .- Dayton's loss of life probably will not exceed 200. This estimate is based upon a personal canvass of almost 100 of Dayton's leading citizens, men of unquestioned judgment and reliability, who have been engaged in relief and rescue work in every section of the city ever since the rising waters invaded the business section.

The property loss purely tangible and real will probably exceed \$50,000, 000. This includes damage to real estate and public works in those parts of the city where these forms of property are most valuable; to automobiles stored in two leading garages, and other personal property, much of which was owned by the more prosperous residents; to manufacturing, mercantile and jewelers' stocks, which were swept away, and to public utility plants and equipment. The cost of rebuilding miles of asphalt streets and walks, which literally were ripped from their beds, also is

Greatest Loss in North Dakota. The loss of life was confined almost entirely to North Dayton, inhabited by foreigners and laborers. In West Dayton, which comprises districts of a more substantial character: in Riverdale, in Dayton View and other residence districts, there was almost no loss of life. Several lives are known to have been lost in the business district, but none of the rumors that human beings had perished in the fire which swept two city blocks would stand the test of searching investigation. In fact, a score of cool headed men who were in some of the buildings, and others who watched the fire from across the street, assert positively that every occupant of the burned buildings escaped. The is in prison. flood assumed dangerous aspects Tuesday morning before most people had started to work. Consequently of Columbus placed the loss of life the loss of life in Riverdale, North at 600. There has yet been nothing Dayton and West Dayton was oc- to change these figures. The loss at casioned when dwellings, mostly of Piqua is now placed at 20; at Hamillight construction, were swept away ton, 50; Troy, 30; Middletown, 25. and shattered by the swiftly moving current, leaving the occupants, who had fled to safety in the second stories, to fight for their lives in the

There are not more than thirty seventy-five in North and West Day- destination, ton. Many houses were moved from right and their sheltered occupants remained until they were rescued.

# Two Allens Executed.

Richmond, Va.-Mumbling a prayer and crying half audibly that he was ready to go, Floyd Allen, a lawless product of the Virginia mountains, whose refusal to accept a short prison term for a minor offense led to the wholesale court murder in Hillsville one year ago, limped to the death chair in the state penitentiary Friday eleven minutes ahead of Claude Swanson Allen, his son.

The sentence of the court, held up for six hours while desperate and dramatic efforts were being made to save the condemned men by eleventhhour appeals to Lieutenant Governor Ellison, speedily was ordered to proceed when Governor Mann hastened back to Virginia to take charge of the situation. The prison superintendat 2 o'clock in the morning to defer eral Williams an opportunity to pass on the constitutional right of Lieutenant Governor Ellison to interfere. perilous positions. But the son of Governor Mann reached his father in Philadelphia by telephone less than an hour after the delay had been ordered and the governor was back in Richmond at 11:30 oclock.

# Fremont Helps Omaha.

Fremont, Neb.-A visit of a committee to Yutan, representing the Fremont relief workers, convinced it that the needs there are not as serious as in Omaha, and the balance of the Fremont relief fund will be turned to the Omaha committee.

# Zanesville Loses Four.

being slowly restored rumors are rife of loss of life, but there are only four stream in western New York is also known deaths in this city as a result | reported out of its banks. of the flood. Dies of His Injuries.

aged 28, a brokeman on a Burlington from Sharon, Pa. freight train, fell from the rear car of a string that was being switched in refugees in the court house at Peru, shots were heard fired within the help preserve order. Five were the local yards and several cars passed Ind., victims of exposure. Seven births flood zone early today, and these were over him. Both legs were cut off and also are reported. Contagion has taken to indicate that the guardsmen Larue, Marion county, sent an ap-

### Train Service Improves.

Briggs-"I understand that Gudger Chicago.-There is a marked improvement in train service with the at first sight." Griggs—"Yes; when the water with electricity from a wire borne by H. T. Hertzog, a farmer livituding more than half an inch from finding their way hard in Omaha. The the the stricken district, the governor Some have resumed regular schedule.

Relief Commission Appointed.

Lincoln, Neb .- Judge W. I. Redick of Omaha has been appointed a member of the relief commission by Governor Morehead in place of Mayor Skinner of Ralston. P. L. Hall of Lincoln takes the place of G. W. Potts on pear.

# The Loup City Northwestern THOUSANDS OF LIVES LOST IN FLOODS IN OHIO AND INDIANA

Appalling Disaster Caused by Bursting of Dams, Which Let Raging Torrent of Water Loose Upon Helpless Cities of Two States.

# DISEASE EPIDEMIC IS NOW BIG MENACE

Swollen Waters Fall in Flooded District, and Fear of Sickness Is Added to Horror-Loss of Life in Dayton Not So Great as First Reported-600 May Be Dead in Columbus-Scores of Towns Add to Toll

#### STORY OF THE TERRIBLE CATASTROPHE IN BRIEF

of Death.

Revised estimates of the loss in Dayton give ground for hope the dead In all sections affected by the flood will not exceed 2,000 and may go below that figure. Daring investigators who penetrated the flooded section revealed hundreds of persons safe who were believed to be lost.

At other points than Dayton the death list has grown. There was far heavier loss of life on the west side of Columbus than was thought. One estimate placed the number of dead above 600.

Apparently authentic reports from Piqua indicated twenty dead. At Peru, Ind., the authorities estimated the death list would reach at

From Hamilton, O., fifty persons were reported drowned in the collapse Twenty-five deaths were reported from Troy, O.; thirty at Middletown

and five at Massillon. Latest reports from Zanesville are that 150 lives are believed to have

The sun is shining bright on Day-

possible today. The ruins of the

Fourth National Bank building still

blaze fitfully, but the Beckel house,

Floods Are Receding.

Indianapolis, March 29.-The floods

in central and north central Indiana

are receding, with the effect of expos-

The death roll in the stricken cities

has not yet been made up, but the

needs of the living and the dangers of

and bad water are being revealed in

every message that adds details of

In Indianapolis hundreds of refu-

gees from the west part of town are

being cared for in Tomlinson hall. The

prospect is that the loss of life will

Peru in Bad Shape.

came last night in a telephone mes-

sage from C. D. Emmons, manager of

the Northern Indiana Traction com-

ing was quarantined and all the res-

ious diseases were removed to that

said he knew of twelve or thirteen

dead, that the toll would be greater.

but could hazard no guess as to its

Horrors Beyond Telling.

State Senator Stephen Fleming, who

had charge of the relief train sent

from Fort Wayne to Peru, returned to

Fort Wayne, telling a story of harrow-

ing suffering and of possible great loss

"It will be impossible to estimate

the loss of life in Peru," he said, "and

the horrors of the situation there are

beyond telling. There may have been

fifty persons drowned and there may

have been 500. Many people still in

their homes in the inundated city,

frightened at repeated capsizing of

among the stricken homes, positively

refuse to accept assistance, and al-

most crazed by their fear, insist upon

remaining in the houses, although

many of them are standing in water

"Sewage from the courthouse is ab-

solutely cut off, and filth collecting

there is adding to the suffering from

exposure through many cases of di-

Looters Are Shot.

Cincinnati, March 29 .- With the re-

ceding of the floods in Dayton and

peared and are being summarily dealt

with by the police and militiamen

Communication was re-established

with Dayton and other towns today.

Indiana, scores of looters have appare guarded.

on the second floors of their homes.

the report of pestilence. Mr. O'Neill ter.

cued persons suffering from contag- seek places of safety.

Lieut. Gov. O'Neill, who is at Peru, at the Union station. Some parts of

telephoned to Indianapolis denying the city were under thirty feet of wa-

be less extensive in the capital than

disease and epidemics due to exposure them yet.

beyond precedent in that region.

ugees, is unharmed.

the situation.

first reports indicated.

in the court house there.

confinement.

of life.

Cincinnati, March 29.-Reports from | broken out and the sick have been Dayton and other towns give a more quarantined in a section of the build-

hopeful view as to loss of life. While ing. the death list is appalling, it is now thought that the figures will not reach today when President G. B. Smith of anything like the first reports. Explorers who penetrated to the sub- Dayton could cope with the situation

merged districts say that many hun- and would be able to recover from its dreds thought to have been lost have been found safe, but in a serious plight from exposure and hunger. Revised ton today. The fires have practically estimates in Dayton give ground for burned out and rescue work will be hope that the death list there will not exceed 2,000.

considerably when the facts are known. reported burned with hundreds of ref-It is thought that the North side of Dayton list will reach 300,

Even this figure may be cut down

The militia report that looters are at work

Shots frequently were head from every direction. Militiamen say four men have been shot, as no one on any mission is allowed east of the Pennsylvania railroad tracks.

The militia say a score of persons suspected of being bent on looting have been arrested. An ex-policeman caught coming out of a deserted home

May Be 600 Dead at Columbus. Early figures from the West side

Peru, Ind., citizens insist that 150 are dead there.

Relief trains surround Dayton and other points in the Miami valley on all sides. It is thought that rail communication will be completed today such houses in Riverdale and possibly and that all may reach their points of

Washington is sending a number of their foundations, but remained up relief trains carrying food, medicines and army equipment for housing and caring for the homeless.

# Pestilence Now Greatest Danger.

Pestilence is the greatest danger to be feared now in the flooded districts, and local, state and national governments are working hand in hand to combat this grave peril.

In Chicago the various relief funds have passed the \$130,000 mark and will be swelled enormously by the contributions today.

Stations Filled With Supplies. At the stations where clothing and provisions are being handled the workers are swamped with supplies. Train after train load will be dispatched to

the flooded sections. Reports from Fort Wayne state that the situation there is well in hand and that the authorities say they can get

along without outside aid. The Ohio river is reported as rising fast. At Evansville, Ind., the flood has ent, acting within the law, had agreed | reached a stage of 39.5 feet, a rise of 4.5 feet in twenty-four hours. People the execution, giving Attorney Gen- living in the bottom lands have been warned to get on higher ground, and steamers are carrying them from their

# Is Still Critical.

At Zanesville, Ohio, the situation is still critical. The waters of the Muskingum and Licking rivers are still rescue boats working to and fro rising. Six hundred houses are reported as swept away and food is Middletown, Ohio, reports having

had communication with Miamisburg, a town of 8,000, which it was feared had been totally destroyed. Conditions are bad, but the dead number only 25. Heavy floods are reported from points in New York state, in the Adirondacks, Hudson river and Mohawk valley sections. Glens Falls, Schenectady and many other towns are flood-Zanesville, O.-With communication ed. Bridges have been washed away and loss of life is reported. Every

Reports from Chillicothe, Ohio. place the dead at 25. Linton, Ind., guarding the property of the flood vicsays that 16 persons drowned at Grand Island, Neb .- John Syneck, Howesville. Ten deaths are reported

Twenty dead were found among the Reports from Dayton are that many

Irresistible Attraction.

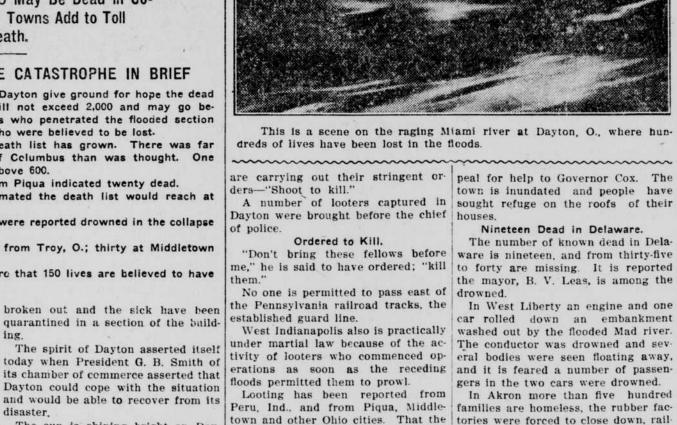
For Scorch Marks.

To remove a scorch from linen, cut

an onion in half and rub the scorched

Attempt to Electrocute Fish is Fatal. Lancaster, O.-While trying to kill fell in love with the girl he married fish in the Scioto river by charging ther of 37 children is the distinction Connecticut who wears a hatpin prohe first saw her she was making a fat attached to the third rail of the near- ing near Palermo, this state. He is her hat will be liable to 30 days' imtion company, Dudley Carpenter and than sixty, and has been married bill passes the legislature.

David Bobbitt were electrocuted. three times. Proof of Self-Control. Self-control is what we show when part with it, and then soak it in cold a woman in a crowded street car moon is a sign of rain." Peck—"So is that was splotched with bright green. la.-Florida Times-Union.



looters are being shot down is be- road and trolley traffic is paralyzed

lieved, but for obvious reasons the and it is feared that the big state

facts are suppressed.

are homeless.

Are More Cheerful at Dayton.

Reservoirs Give Way.

and finally it was thirteen feet deep

540 Dead at Piqua.

poured through the town and trapped

hundreds of people in their homes.

The swift current undermined the

In Delaware, the Olentangy river be-

were swept to their death.

one thousand were drowned.

cue was dufficult.

ings and crashed into it

bridges.

Thousands of dollars worth of lum-

busy dynamiting lumber jams at the

of the big industries were shut down

Fifteen Missing at Middletown.

persons are missing and scores of

Two companies of state National

Wedding Bells.

houses are floating down stream.

The big bridge over the Miami river

In Piqua the river burst the levees.

West Dayton, O., March 29.-The was electrocuted, was reported. Dayton Under Martial Law. sun rose bright and clear this morn-Dayton is under martial law. Three ing on a happier Dayton. Prospects are for a decided subsidence of the companies of the Ohio National Guard for an increasing pursuit of custom, havoc became known throughout the flood waters and for greater rapidity are aiding the police in rescuing famand efficiency in the relief work. The liles from flood-menaced homes.

weather has cleared and fear of pesti- The first direct word out of the city merged in the wave of grief. They cities. Prominent among the first lence now is the chief worry for offi- after the breaking of the levee was a ing facts of desolation and suffering cials in charge of the situation. A long-distance telephone message to lieutenant of militia said last night Richmond, Ind., from Frank Purviance, an employe of the Terre Haute, that probably 100 bodies had been located in the central district, but that Indianapolis & Eastern Traction comno attempt would be made to remove pany at Dayton. Eight thousand persons, he said had been drowned there.

tories were forced to close down, rail-

reservoir south of the city will break.

"They're dying like rats in their homes: bodies are washing around trolley, telephone and telegraph traffic is blocked and the cities in which the streets, and there is no relief in hundreds of lives have been lost are sight," Purviance said.

cut off almost entirely from com- Telephone communication with Daymunication with the rest of the world. ton was established for a few minutes. Millions of dollars' damage has then was broken again. Purviance been done to property, fully 75,000 said water stood twenty to forty feet people are homeless and appeals for in some of the streets.

id have been sent out to the Red Further light on conditions in Peru | Cross. In Dayton alone 30,000 people Frank Brandon, vice-president of Dayton, Lebanon & Cincinnati railroad, succeeded in establishing a telegraph wire from Dayton to Leba-The four days' continous rain pany, who is stranded in that town. filled every reservoir in the state and non. He said that the situation is ap-He said that twenty persons have a number of them undermined dams palling and beyond all control.

"According to my advices the situbeen found-dead among the refugees and poured their contents into the ation beggars description," said Mr. valleys. A wall of water seven feet Brondan, "What the people need most "They are moving the people from high rushed down into Miami valley. the courthouse in boats and it was The levees along the Miami river is boats. The water is high in every street and assistance late this afterfound that twenty of the refugees had broke and the residents of Dayton noon was simply out of the question. died from exposure," Mr. Emmons along the river were forced to flee My superintendent at Dayton told me said. He added that smallpox and for their lives. The rush of water that at least sixty had perished and diphtheria had broken out among the was so great, however, that houses probably a great many more, at the hundreds of persons packed into the were undermined and carried along in same time assuring me that unless courthouse. One corner of that build- the swift current. Hundreds were something that closely approached a drowned before they had a chance to miracle happened the death list would run considerably higher. The water crept higher and higher,

"We are rigging up several special trains and will make every effort possible to get into Dayton.' The greater loss of life is supposed

to have occurred a couple of hours

later, when the crest of the flood reached the city. Levee Broke Early Tuesday. The first break in the levee protect-

ing the city occurred about six o'clock homes, and it is estimated that 540 Tuesday morning. By noon the levee had broken in three places and the gathered on street corners and in was that of President Wilson. Others business section of the city was five to cafes, and their conversation was were from Governor Sulzer of New came a lake which covered most of six feet under water. the city. It is estimated that fully

The river was then at the highest stage it has reached in 40 years and Representatives of tornado insur- Denver, San Francisco, Seattle, Spo-People were left clinging to trees, still rising. roof-tops and telegraph poles, crying

for assistance. Owing to the swift current in the river, the work of resunder water and in the downtown sec-Damage in Cleveland \$2,000,000. streets were flooded. In Cleveland, while no lives

Governor Orders Out Troops. were lost, the damage will reach \$2,-000,000. The Cuvahoga river swept through the manufacturing district in the flats, closed down hundreds of world for tents and supplies in order everywhere but with their affairs. mills and left more than fifty thouto make provision for the worst casand workers idle. The East Third lamity that ever has befallen this street bridge was destroyed when a state," said Gov. James M. Cox in a big steamer was swept from its moortelegram he sent to a New York news-

The governor also informed the paber was swept from the river and out per that troops were ordered out for into the lake. Firemen were kept duty in the capital city and that the naval reserves were dispatched from Toledo to Piqua. The Dayton com-In Youngstown, 25,000 workmen panies are on duty in that city, he were forced to quit work when most said.

The Cincinnati companies, presumaother submerged towns in Ohio and by the flood. All bridges in the city bly, the governor said in his message. Middletown, which lie in the Miami valley and which sent out distress sig- Council Bluffs will reach twenty to being treated in the local hospitals, at Middletown was swept away, fifteen | nals.

> State Aid for Stricken. At the suggestion of Governor Cox a bill was drawn and was presented to the legislature today by Representative Lowrie, appropriating \$250,000 for relief of the flood sufferers of the

Long Hatpins to Be Barred Here.

Hen Lays a Green Egg. Baltimore.-A hen belonging to J. Heck-"They say a ring around the H. Seeger of Arlington laid an egg water. The mark will then disappokes us in the eye with her umbrel- a ring around a woman's finger a sign Seeger denied he was trying to "put over" a nature fake.

# 174 KNOWN DEAD

Omaha's Property Loss Will Exceed \$10,000,000 as Result of Tornado

# UTTER DESTITUTION IN STORMS PATH REVEALED

Actual Disclosures Rack the Nerves and Wrench the Heart-Strings of Those Who Behold Them.

Omaha-The utter destitution that attends the complete demolition of hundreds of homes and the destruction of the personal belongings of the thousands who were domiciled there when engulfed in the merciless swirl of the tornado is made impressively conspicuous throughout the stormswept district. It had been anticipated by all who realized just what the tornado meant, yet its actual disclosure racked the nerves and wrenched the heartstrings of all who beheld.

There were well understood causes that had delayed the grewsome revclation. Hundreds who had been tortured in the grip of the maddened elements had remained in a semi-daze for more than forty-eight hours, numbly realizing that they had been despoiled and bereft, yet failing to actively comprehend. Guided by kind friends and helpful strangers alike, they had been conducted passively to the shelter of neighboring homes that had opened for them, almost indifferent to the needs of the hour and but vaguely conscious of the demands of the morrow. But now they have begun to "pull themselves The number of known dead in Dela- together" and to take account of the situation.

Stunned, by the weight of the blow erosity of the untouched toward those which fell so suddenly upon her, Oma- who have suffered will long be a ha is under the spell of a strange laurel upon the brow of the city's car rolled down an embankment quititude, a reverent and subdued citizenship. tribute to the awfulness of the dis-

> With almost every tick of the clock reached at least two inches in depth side of the maimed.

Only one death, that of a lineman, who city. The men whose livelihood de- wreck. pends particularly upon their acumen and sprightliness, whose affairs call During Monday, when the storm's and who have been known as faithful world. messages of condolence and retoilers in that interest, were sub- lief offers came from many states and

Snow Falls On Stricken Homes. A light fall of snow in Omaha that

the name of another victim was add- by morning, came late Monday night ed Monday to the appalling list of to add its part to the sufferings of dead and injured, and the sadness the stricken ones in the tornado-swept was not confined to the wrecked section. The temperature Monday homes of the bereaved nor the bed- was below freezing and the chill went to the marrow of those who tried to There was little attempt at the work among the ruins of their homes usual transaction of business in the in the effort to save a little from the

# IN THE PATH OF THE OMAHA TORNADO



The devastation caused by the Omaha tornado is graphically illustrated by this photograph, taken at Lincoln boulevard and Thirty-fourth street, directly in the path of the storm.

only of the calamity-of what might York, Governor Dunne of Illinois, be done to alleviate the suffering. Chambers of Commerce in Chicago,

ance companies, building supplies con- kane, Kansas City, Salt Lake City and The suburbs of Riverdale, West cerns and storage companies, who Des Moines. Des Moines sent a spefound their work extremely distaste flicted. ful and were loth to press their point. Columbus, O., March 26.-"If our Men of business importance were worst fears are confirmed it will be seen to walk the streets softly and

In the face of all the ghastly and Henry C. Richmond ciceroned the terrible manifestations of a calamity party and conveyed them in special which is attracting the attention and cars to various parts of the city. concern of the whole world, there is

Side and North Dayton, were entirely might be readily and rightfully ex- cial train of forty doctors and nurses pected to reap a rich harvest follow- early Monday to assist in every postion St. Clair, Emmett and Second ing the assault of the wind fiend, sible way in taking care of the af-Solons Visit Omaha. Nebraska legislators, with scarce a necessary for us to call on the outside with downcast faces, their thoughts five hours in viewing Omaha's tor half-dozen of the 133 missing, spent nado-stricken district. Chief Clerk

> The visit made certain a legislative at least one bright lining to the cloud appropriation to aid the city in the which hangs as a pall over stricken gigantic relief work which must be Omaha. The ready sympathy, the re- immediately undertaken. A bill to sourcefulness, the kindness and gen- that end will be introduced.

Council Bluffs Hard Hit.

definitely known that the death list two, Neola four and Glenwood five, would be dispatched to Hamilton and in the recent cyclone disaster in this Numerous persons were injured at all section of the state, in and around of these places. Fourteen cases are twenty-five and the injured at least one, Benjamin Benningholt of Duck seventy-five. The death roll has, Hollow, having passed away early so far as telegraphic or telephonic Monday morning at Mercy hospital, service could be had, reached twenty shortly after being brought there. and the list of injured anywhere from N. Krinski, his wife and five chil-

Council Bluffs suffered the heaviest their home.

loss in life, seven bodies now being With the telegraph and telephone laid out in the morgues in that city. lines still in very poor shape, it is Weston has two deaths, Gilliat has

dren were killed in the basement of

Looters Will Be Severely Dealt With. brought Governor Morehead and party Looters or robbers who in time of to look over the storm's havoc and see disaster take advantage of the confudeposit in the savings bank."—Boston by tracks of the Scioto Valley Tracseventy years old and looks no more prisonment or \$10 fine, or both, if a liced by civil and military authorities sights and asserted that he would ask and any person discovered robbing the Nebraska legislature to approthe homes or stores devastated by priate a goodly sum at once to be the storm will meet severe punish- donated to the cause.

Near Glenwood, Ia., Ben Dean and his three daughters, all grown, are Gov. Morehead Views Storm's Path. said to have been killed in their home, A special from Lincoln Sunday night which was destroyed.