ALL TELL STURIES OF HEROIC DEEDS

Survivors of the Flood Disaster Proud of Record Made by **Brothers**

NEEDS OF OTHERS PUT FIRST

No One Has Cause to Be Ashamed of Spirit Displayed in Agonizing Time-Some Fearful Experiences Brought to Light.

Chicago,-"Women and children Bret."

This world-old cry, made more memorable when the Titanic disaster thrilled the world, echoed over the flood-stricken districts of Ohio and Indiana. Refugees who reached Chicago told innumerable stories of men risking their lives to save the women and

The unwritten law of the sea was observed on the inland rivers. The entire tenor of stories told by refugees was one of bravery, self-sacrifice and devotion to the weak and unprotected. "Women and children first."

Only One of Many.

"What is your name?" asked the registerer who received refugees at Dayton, O., of a slender person in men's clothing.

"Norma Thurma," was the reply. Norma came in with Ralph Myers, his wife and little baby. Myers had elimbed a telegraph pole first. He let down a rope to his wife, who tied it to a meal eack which contained their baby, three months old. Myers pulled the rope with its precious burden up and then let it down to aid his wife. Holding on to two thin wires, he traveled across the cable a full block to vafety.

Whole Families on Roofs.

All of the first terrible night, while the city of Peru, Ind., was in inky darkness because of the cutting off of the gas and electric light supply, men, women and children, and in some instances entire families, lay flat where they had crawled to the roofs of their homes, waiting for daylight to bring relief. Hundreds of others were sammed in the courthouse and lodge buildings, which were in the only four blocks of the city not under water.

The first thought of rescue parties was to send into the town boats to carry to safety those who were threatened with drowning. Telephone communication had been opened with soints in the residence and business districts and from those marooned in buildings it was learned that many persons, including some women who held their children in their arms, had been on roofs exposed to an almost freezing temperature all night. One man telephoned he had seen several water. It was the purpose of the rescuers first to reach those in greatest danger. Hundreds of others huddled together at the courthouse, although in want of food and water, were to be taken later.

Heroes in All Classes.

If a great loss of life was averted at Peru, this is due to some heroes of the Owen Wister type, river men and water rats from surrounding lakes, who by unbelievable prowess with a pair of frail oars rescued the doomed, and in splendid harmony with their virile efforts shines the spirit of women who valiantly helped, supremely oblivious to distressing surroundings.

Among the latter are Mrs. R. H. Bouslog, Mrs. R. C. Edwards, and Mrs. Albert Shirk, all three wives of local millionaires, and also leaders in the self-sacrifices required to provide sandwiches, coffee and smiles to a panic stricken multitude in emer gency quarters.

Among the boatmen two brothers, Charley and Ted Knight, are praised on the corners left in Peru. Ted, with W. A. Huff, a dentist, braved the turbulent waters of the Wabash river, cutting off Peru on the south side and rendering uncertain the fate of the inhabitants of South Peru. According to the report the two rescuers reached the opposite shore alive, after having been overturned several times.

The Man on the Roof. There were two heroes on the Dayton floods. Their names are M. B. Stohl and C. D. Williamson, and they are employes of the American Telegraph and Telephone company.

Stohl is a wire chief at Dayton. He reached the Dayton office of his company late the night before the floods came. The rush of the waters put all the telephone batteries and power out of commission. Forgetting thoughts of escape, Stohl rummaged around until he found a lineman's test set. With this he rigged up a sending and receiving apparatus, and cut in upon the wire on the roof of the four-story building. This wire connected him with Phoneton, a testing station eight miles away. Thus he established communication with Williamson, whose batteries were still working.

Then Stohl sent messages from the flooded city, otherwise cut off from communication with the outside world. All night he stuck to his post. All next day he remained. The following noon found him still on the roof of a building whose foundations were being sapped by the waters.

There he stayed in the rain and cold,

a strong man's sob as he teld his tale of death and desolation; of floating wreckage bearing men, women and children doomed to death; of dead bodies borne upon the crest of the wa ters; of piteous sights, in themselves enough to unnerve the bravest of men But he stuck to his post.

Surgeon Tells Graphic Story. Dr. Ray B. Harris, a police surgeon of Dayton, Ohio, and one of the chief workers among the injured immediately after the cyclone, told a graphic story of the sufferings of the hundreds who were burt.

"When we began to collect the bod es we realized for the first time the fearful state of affairs," said the physician. "It was as grewsome a task as I ever worked at. Some of the bodies were twisted into frightful shapes and some had pieces of wreckage-wood and fron-driven through their bodies. Dozens were smothered to death, some were burned, still others were crushed and

beaten to death by the flying timbers. "Every physician in the city, and even the medical students, were at work Sunday night and all day Monday. I impressed two dentists myself. although I didn't want any teeth drawn. They worked like Trojans.

"Some of the taxicab drivers thought it was a golden opportunity to reap a harvest, and demanded huge sums for carrying the injured to the hospitals. The doctors wouldn't stand for any thing like that, and I personally thrashed two drivers who presumed to haggle."

Another husky young doctor had an argument with a chauffeur, who demanded \$5 apiece for conveying two injured women to a hospital. When he would not yield the physician seized a piece of board and knocked the man senseless with it. Then he took the chauffeur to the hospital with the women and ministered to him.

It is such incidents as this that evidence the fearful night of terror and panic and the day of sorrow that followed.

Hang to Roof Thirty Hours.

After hanging to the roof of their home for thirty hours, with a strong wind blowing and a heavy snow falling, August Schmidt, wife and two children were rescued. None of them could move a muscle, being chilled through. They were removed to Van Cleve School, where hundreds of other rescued were taken.

"I'd have fallen into the water if it hadn't been for daddy," exclaimed the little girl, who was first of the four to recover sufficiently to talk.

"When the water came into the house we had to climb on the roof. Daddy held me and mamma held brother. Oh, it was cold. I thought was going to die, but daddy kept hold of me."

A little boy, who, during the night clung in full sight of the rescuers, was rescued. He probably will die. The little fellow was discovered after the flood had risen so high he could not weather the waters.

Herolo Rescues Common. all parts of Dayton come sto ries of heroic rescues. The stolid volunteers pay no attention to them. All of them for three days have constantly offered their lives to save others. Several of these men have given their lives on rescue work. Their names are unknown. Watchers on the banks saw them trying to reach persons in floating houses, saw

Late in the day a large frame house floated down the river. Four women were in the windows. As they neared the Main street bridge they waved at the crowd on the banks and the building struck the pieces. There was a swirl in the murky waters and a little farther down stream the debris appeared, but none of the women.

their boats upset and the men go

down.

Victims Are Cheerful.

One of the remarkable features was the cheerful spirit with which flood victims viewed their plight. This was Dayton's first great 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 upon a great sweep of muddy swiftly moving water, they seemed undisturbed.

In some of the poorer sections the attitude of the marooned was not so cheerful. As a motor boat passed before the second floor of one partly submerged house a man leaned out and threatened to shoot unless they took off his wife and a 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

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

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

"Why are you shooting?" he was

he replied. The bodies of a woman and a baby were seen floating down Jefferson street, one of Dayton's main thoroughfares. It was thought they came from the district north of the river.

Go Insane, Slay Families.

There were stories of insanity caused by the flood at Dayton. A father had killed his four children and his wife and then leaped into the flood.

Children had been born in boats with the prospect of death staring him | that were carrying their mothers to | fraud travelers."

in the face every moment. He sobbed | places of safety, and on the roofs of buildings, only to die from expos-

> The suffering of the survivors huddled together in the marooned buildings was awful. Food and water

> could not be taken to them. Foreigners killed their countrymen and even members of their famlies in their desperate efforts to obain food, according to John Volbrecht of Yukawa street, in North Dayton. who was taken from the one remaining abutments of the Herman street bridge. Volbrecht said he was at his home with his family when the flood struck North Dayton. The house was picked up by the current and carried against the Herman street bridge. Volbrecht said he clung to the bridge and didn't know what became of his family.

One weman with a ten-day-old baby climbed over the roofs of three houses to reach the rescuers.

Many Rescued by a Cable. Many thrilling stories were told by the Dayton refugees who had been trapped in their attics and on their roofs in the very heart of the flood. A. J. Bard of Belmont avenue, who was penned in the City National Bank building on Third street, near Main, Tuesday, was rescued. .

"One hundred and fifty of us were caught in the building," said Mr. Bard. "We remained there until the fire started, then we began to plan an escape."

"We cut the elevator cable and obtained a ball of twine and some small wire from one of the offices. We attracted a boatman, who risked his life to come to us. We gave the boatman one end of the twine and he rowed to the old courthouse. He then pulled the wire over and after that the heavy

"One end of the cable was made fast in the bank building and the other in the old courthouse. Then, with only the light of the burning structure, the 150 persons in the bank building made their way, hand over hand, along the cable over the swirling torrent to the courthouse. I believe every one, men and women, made the trip in safety. During our imprisonment I had two crackers and a slice of chipped beef to eat."

Only Doctor a Drug Flend. Terrible scenes were reported from West Indianapolis. Conditions in the flooded district were made worse by the fact that the only physician who was there to attend sufferers was a victim of the morphine habit. In the Methodist church a woman rescued from the bottoms gave premature birth to twins. The physician, what with the horror of his duty and his inability to obtain more of the drug, went insane, and after making three unsuccessful attempts to jump from a window, was placed in a straight-

Forty Dead at Bridge.

Richard Lee, an engineer on the Pennsylvania, who brought in the last train over that line from Logansport, reported a terrible condition at the Pennsylvania bridge over the Wabash on the outskirts of Logansport.

"This bridge is braced across an island and is as near indestructible as a bridge can be made," said Mr. Lee. "It is eighteen miles down stream from Peru and has caught all the debris from that town.

"I think we saw the remains of more than 100 houses stacked up against this bridge, with the current tugging and pulling at them. We could make out thirty or forty dead bodies in the crushed lumber, and it seemed as if some section of Peru must have been overwhelmed sudden ly and swept down stream to destruction."

Robber Prices of Boatmen. Boatmen in Peru, Ind., recped for

tunes by carrying flood sufferers from the danger zone at exorbitant prices, according to M. S. Scott, a traveling salesman of New York, who arrived from Peru with two other traveling men.

"The condition at Peru," said Mr. Scott, "cannot be told. I was at a hotel across the street from the court house and last night six babies were born to women who lay on the bare floor of the building. When we learned of this we had them rowed across the street and gave them our rooms. The boatmen charged \$5 each to row three women across the street. We paid \$15 to be hauled three miles, and were lucky to get off that cheaply."

Passengere Give Refund Money. The flood relief fund collected in Chicago was increased \$152 by the two hours' delay of the Twentieth Century Limited from New York. For every hour the train is late the passengers are given \$1 by the company. It arrived in Chicago two hours be-

hind time. J. L. Daube of Philadelphia conceived the idea of giving the \$2 which would be refunded by the railroad company to the fund. He made known his intentions to Joseph Horowitz of New York and Fred K. Townsend of Rochester, who also were passengers. They became enthusiastic and formed committee to collect the refund slips of all the passengers on the train.

Out of eighty passengers seventysix readily gave up their slips. Among the four was an Englishman just arrived. The flood situation was explained to him and Daube pictured the sufferings of the victims.

"I don't believe it," declared the Englishman. "It is some bally American scheme to defraud strangers. Show me your credentials. I never heard of any flood. I know all about your schemes in this country to de

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One day he had served a guest with a plate of soup, and was turning away, when he was called back sharply.

"This is an outrage!" cried the indignant diner. "I find a needle in my soup! What does this mean?"

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Old Love and the New Rug.

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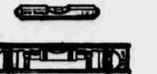
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