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ASK LEGISLATURE TO ALLOW COUNTY TO VOTE MILLION

Plan for Restoring District Laid Waste by Tornado Approved by Commercial Club.

COMMITTEE TO GO TO LINCOLN

Fourteen Men Named to Request Authority of Lawmakers.

IMMEDIATE ACTION NECESSARY

Senate and House Will Adjourn in About a Week.

GOVERNOR MUST RECOMMEND IT

Time for Introducing Bills in Usual Manner Past.

COUNTY OFFICIALS CO-OPERATE

Majority Vote of Electors of Douglas County Required to Make Money Available if Legislature Favors Plan.

Immediate restoration of the district devastated by the tornado last Sunday is now practically up to Governor Morehead and the Nebraska legislature. The Commercial club yesterday afternoon coincided with the opinions of the committee of fifteen who were appointed this day before to work out a plan of restoration that immediate rebuilding may be accomplished through the voting of \$1,000,000 in bonds by Douglas county.

The following committee was appointed by C. E. Yost, chairman of the executive committee, to go to Lincoln for the purpose of presenting to the governor and state legislature a request for authority for Douglas county to submit to the people a proposal to vote bonds for restoration purposes in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000. Messrs. John L. Kennedy, chairman, J. C. Dahlman, J. A. C. Kennedy, R. C. Peters, H. W. Yates, C. T. Kountze, George A. Magney, John A. Rine, C. C. George, C. M. Wilhelm, Victor Rosewater, M. Dorey, Joseph Poljar, C. C. Belden.

This committee will leave for Lincoln tomorrow morning.

Quick Action Necessary.
There was quick action by the executive committee yesterday afternoon on the plan endorsed by the restoration committee at the noon meeting.

The legislature will adjourn in about a week and it was seen that if the plan of voting bonds was to carry action must be had at Lincoln as soon as possible. The time for introducing bills in the usual manner has expired, but a bill may be presented, considered and passed upon the recommendation of the governor even at this late day.

The county commissioners and county attorneys have announced that they will co-operate in submitting the proposal and it is understood that a majority of the legislators are in sympathy with it.

If the bill goes through and an election is held, the bonds will have to be carried by a majority vote of the electors of Douglas county. The proceeds of the bonds, according to the definite plans, will be lent and used for reconstruction purposes, the loans being made on easy terms and at a reasonable rate of interest.

If the plans of the various committees work out the work of rebuilding the destroyed district will be accomplished with energy and dispatch, so that all evidences of the tornado will be wiped out in the near future and Omaha will emerge from the disaster with renewed courage and increased commercial standing throughout the United States.

Relief Funds Grow Rapidly.
The general relief committee now has its work well in control and with the funds which will be available for that purpose it is believed all necessary food, shelter and clothing for those in need, will be available. Considerable amounts of money are being received, not only from Omaha, but all over the country.

A special committee of five, appointed by Chairman Yost of the Commercial club executive committee, will go to Chicago probably early this week to confer with heads of railroads centering in Omaha about restoration donations. Arthur D. Brandeis is chairman of this committee and the members are John L. Kennedy, W. H. Bucholtz, C. E. Yost and Arthur C. Smith.

President A. L. Mohler of the Union Pacific already has sent a request to Chairman Lovett of the board of directors asking that \$25,000 be given to ward the permanent restoration fund. Omaha banks also will be asked for donations. The First National, United States National and Omaha National have been asked for \$1,000 each.

The committee which is arranging the actual work of reconstruction will meet at the City hall at 9 o'clock this morning.

The price of The Bee Souvenir of the tornado is ten cents. Some unscrupulous newsboys were reported to charge 15 cents, but the price to all is ten cents.

OHIO IS ABOVE FLOOD STAGE

River is Sixty-Six Feet at Cincinnati and Still Rising.

PEOPLE ABANDON THEIR HOMES

All Hotels Are Crowded and Hundreds of Vans Move Goods to High Ground--Bridge Approaches Submerged.

WASHINGTON, March 29.—Here is today's special flood bulletin issued by the weather bureau:

"The stage of the Ohio river at Pittsburgh Saturday morning was 24.8 feet, a fall of 5.5 feet since Friday morning. Reports from the stretch between Pittsburgh and Parkersburg are missing.

"At Cincinnati the morning stage was sixty-six feet, sixteen feet above the flood stage, and a further rise of about two feet is expected. Present indications at Cincinnati point to a somewhat lower crest than first reported, about sixty-eight feet instead of seventy feet.

Further Rise Expected.
"At Louisville the morning stage is 41.1 feet, thirteen feet above the flood stage. A further rise is expected.

"Reports from Evansville are missing. The last advice from that point indicated that the lowlands would be inundated last night.

"The Cairo stage this morning was 49.1 feet above the flood stage. The river at that point will rise more slowly for the next few days.

"The flood situation in the lower Mississippi remains unchanged."

People Abandon Homes.
CINCINNATI, March 29.—With the Ohio river covering the entire lower section of this city and with refugees from the stricken up-state towns coming in by hundreds, Cincinnati today faced a situation that will require the combined efforts of all its relief and civic organizations to cope with. Every hotel is crowded to its capacity, while every moving van, automobile truck and freight street car has been pressed into service removing families from the flood area.

The Ohio river reached the stage of 69.9 feet at daybreak and was rising at a rate of 1/4 tenths of a foot an hour. More than sixty city blocks are under water with its depth ranging from between half a foot to ten feet.

Suffering has been at a minimum owing to a warning sent out early that a state of seventy feet would probably be reached before the waters began to recede.

The city was practically cut off from traffic communication with Covington, Ky., early last evening when the approach to the suspension bridge became covered with water to a depth that prevented car or foot service.

Bridge Approaches Submerged.
A rise of another foot will put the south Covington and Cincinnati street car companies' lines, which operates all street cars entering from Kentucky, out of commission, owing to the fact that the power house will become swamped at this stage. The Central bridge, leading into Newport, was abandoned early last evening.

The water reached the second floors of a number of business houses along Front street and was half way up on the first floor of several blocks of houses on Second street. Several lines of the Cincinnati Traction company, operating in the lower district, have been abandoned.

Reassuring word from the packers, commission men and general produce merchants came early today, when it was estimated by experts that Cincinnati had enough food supplies to last it at least ten days without inconveniencing any one.

Sixty city blocks in Newport and Covington are under water and, as almost all of the reconstruction plants on that side of the Ohio are located in the lowlands, thousands have been thrown out of employment.

Secretary of War Garrison, accompanied by Major General Leonard Wood, arrived here today enroute to Dayton.

It was decided that Major General Wood should stay in this city and assist Mayor Hunt and the Red Cross society in clearing the situation here. Accompanying Secretary Garrison to Dayton, via automobile, will be Major General Rhodes and General McCoy.

In the six Kentucky cities across the Ohio river from Cincinnati the authorities today estimated there were 12,400 persons already homeless and that more than 3,500 houses are flooded. Newport, Lovington and Dayton, Ky., immediately opposite Cincinnati, are most affected.

Anxiety in Louisville.
LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 29.—Attention turned here today to the Ohio valley and the threatened overflow farther south. In Indiana, not only in the Ohio river towns across from Kentucky, but in the valleys of the White and Wabash as well, ample warnings have been given all persons living in the lowlands and it is not believed that the flood will be the direct cause of any loss of life between here and the Mississippi.

The property damage, however, will run into the millions. Tents have been sent to several Kentucky towns along the Ohio and Mississippi and other steps taken to ease the situation here. The principal anxiety in Louisville is felt over the possibility that the plants which supply power for the urban and interurban electric railways in Kentucky and in southern Indiana will be put out of commission.

Bulgarian Army Advancing Toward Constantinople

LONDON, March 29.—The Bulgarian troops pierced the Tebatzja lines in the neighborhood of Lake Derkos, on the Black sea, today, and are pushing forward victoriously on Constantinople, according to a Central News dispatch from Sofia.

PREPARATION FOR HOST OF VISITORS

Arrangements Being Made to Handle Thousands of Sightseers in Omaha Today.

MORE STATE TROOPS COMING

Adjutant General Orders Them Here to Stand Guard.

RELIEF BOXES IN READINESS

Fifty of Them Will Be Received to Receive Contributions.

CERTAIN STREETS TO BE OPEN

Visitors Will Be Permitted Along These Lines Without Passes--Fresh Troops Are Being Ordered Into City.

Preparations are being made for the tens of thousands that are expected to visit the ruins of the Omaha tornado today. Certain streets have been ordered to be kept open to the public without requiring passes. Three companies of state troops have been ordered here by Adjutant General Hitt to help out in guarding the ruins during the Sunday rush. Relief boxes will be placed at fifty different points along the track of the ruins. Into these boxes anyone wishing to donate may drop donations. Each box will be guarded by two persons designated by the relief committee. The various hotels in the city and the depots also will have such relief boxes in plain sight. Those at the hotels will remain for some time, while the plan is now that those in the stricken district shall be operated only Sunday.

Additional Troops to Guard.

The additional state troops arrived at 2:45 this afternoon. They are Company A of the Second regiment from Kearney, D of the Second from Hastings and Company E of the Second from Holdrege. The strength of the Hastings troops is about sixty men, that of Kearney about forty and that of Holdrege about thirty-five. This will swell the force of state troops now on duty by about 145 men. After Sunday the matter of relieving some of the state troops will be considered, as the large force will not be needed after that time. Fresh troops from various parts of the state will be called in from time to time, while some of those who have been here longest will be discharged from guard duty.

Colonel H. J. Paul of St. Paul of the Second regiment, Lieutenant Colonel W. F. Sammons of the Second regiment from Kearney, Major Iver S. Johnson of Stanton of the First and Major C. H. Johnson Schuyler all have been ordered to report to the adjutant general in Omaha Sunday evening.

Streets Open to Public.
Streets to be kept open to the public during Sunday where no passes will be required are Sherman avenue, Florence boulevard, Twenty-fourth, Thirty-third, Fortyeth, Forty-eighth, Leavenworth, Farnam, Cumine, Seward and Lake streets.

J. P. Morgan Taken Ill on Easter Day

LONDON, March 29.—An unconfirmed despatch from Rome to the Exchange Telegraph company says:

"Herbert L. Saterlee, son-in-law of J. Pierpont Morgan, admitted today that Mr. Morgan has not left his hotel since Easter day, when he became ill during church service and was forced to return immediately to his hotel. He is taking a complete rest under the instructions of his doctors."

Teachers Elect Officers.
NORFOLK, Neb., March 29.—(Special Telegram.)—North Nebraska teachers voted their annual session here today, electing the following officers: President, C. A. Mohrman, Neligh; vice president, J. J. Malone, Humphrey; secretary, Minnie O'Neill, treasurer, N. A. Hougel, Madison.

"Thy Will Be Done"



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POSSE KILLS FLEEING STATE BANK ROBBER

Robert I. Brown of Barnes, Kan., is Shot by Robber.

POSSE GETS THE BANDIT

He Falls Under Hail of Bullets Three Blocks from the Bank Clutching the Bag of Stolen Gold.

BARNES, Kan., March 29.—Robert I. Brown, cashier of the Barnes State bank, was shot and killed today by a man who had robbed the institution. Later a posse of citizens shot the robber to death as he was trying to escape from town with a bag of gold. Brown met death, instead of obeying the order to throw up his hands he grabbed a revolver and fired at the robber.

Brown was at the counter counting money when he was confronted by a masked man pointing two revolvers at him.

"Put 'em up," was the robber's command. Brown instead ducked, reached into a drawer, got his revolver and had employed it without effect in the robber's direction before a bullet through the head killed him.

John Potter, assistant cashier, appeared at the back door and was met by two bullets from the robber's revolver, neither of which struck him.

"You better not get in this," sneered the robber, who kept Potter covered while he gathered into a bag \$600 in gold.

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Judge Admits Going Outside Record in Nelson Contempt Case

KANSAS CITY, March 29.—Circuit Judge Joseph A. Guthrie, in preparing his decision sentencing William R. Nelson to a day in jail for contempt of court following the publication of an article in Mr. Nelson's paper, the Star, concerning a divorce case, went outside the return made by Mr. Nelson on the citation, according to the judge's testimony on cross-examination today at the hearing of the contempt case before C. C. Crowe, commissioner of the Missouri supreme court.

Judge Guthrie said he was influenced by "other facts," including an article published in the Star following the citation, and by what he conceived to be the "general policy of the Star toward the courts."

SHOTTON ESCAPES FROM LEAVENWORTH PRISON

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., March 29.—Clyde Stratton, serving a five-year sentence in the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth for the robbery of the McCool, Ind., post office, escaped today by crawling a mile through the prison sewer. Two other prisoners who made the attempt with Stratton were captured.

The captured men were overcome by sewer gas and were pulled out of the sewer unconscious. When revived they declared Stratton had escaped.

Stratton, a college graduate, was taken in a raid in Chicago, following the murder of a jeweler there, but was not formally connected with that crime.

CENTRAL DAYTON IS OPEN TO SIGHTSEERS

Citizens Swarm Through Mud and Shallow Water.

TELEGRAPH OFFICE OPEN

Notice Is Sent Out that Private Messages Cannot Be Handled--Spirit of Optimism Now Prevails.

DAYTON, O., March 29.—Citizens of Dayton swarmed over the central part of the city today for the first time since Tuesday morning, when the flood rushed over the town. The military announced that those who would dare the mud and occasional patches of flood in the hollows might cross the bridges from other parts of the city without official permission.

The fire loss in the center of the city covers only four blocks, lying within the district bounded by Jefferson, St. Clair, Fourth and Second streets.

The Western Union Telegraph company succeeded today in opening an office in the Heckel house in the center of the city and was immediately swamped with telegrams from persons desiring to assure friends and relatives of their safety.

The sun was out, fire engines were busy pumping water from basements of the principal buildings, and a more optimistic spirit prevailed than at any previous time since the torrent of the Miami river rushed over the city.

Pleanty of Food in Sight.

Food poured in from every quarter by wagon, train and automobile; gangs of men were everywhere busy with shovel and axe and pick, clearing away the debris. It was hoped to have on pumping station working within forty-eight hours, which would provide the hydrants with water in case of fire.

In the Heckel house, which was at first supposed to have been burned with heavy loss of life, the water never reached the ground floor. The lobby, however, like every other building in the flooded district, was inches deep with mud.

Nine Western Union operators were marooned in their office for forty-two hours. They subsisted on a barrel of cabbage which floated down the alley at the side of the building. Another refuge in this place was a horse, which by stood in the water for twenty-four hours and partook liberally of the cabbage. Then suddenly it bolted into the street and was drowned.

Secretary of War Garrison arrived at Dayton this afternoon and at a conference with John H. Patterson, chairman of the committee of fifteen, decided to order federal sanitary experts here. Agricultural office regulations maintain and none is allowed out after 6 o'clock.

Private Messages Barred.
Announcement was made by the relief committee today, until conditions become normal, that no private messages to persons here will be delivered or answered, as the wire capacity is taxed to the utmost to carry official and public business. The committee expressed the wish that people throughout the country refrain from sending messages concerning the safety of relatives and friends here, as such are futile.

It is impossible to ascertain definitely any information concerning people in the flooded districts. As fast as the bodies of dead are identified the names are being sent out by the news associations.

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INVESTIGATORS ESTIMATE 500 FLOOD DEATHS

Earlier Estimates of the Number Drowned in City and Its Suburbs Too High.

This Estimate is Made by Committee of Business Men After General Survey of District.

UNDERTAKERS HOLD A MEETING

They Place Number of Dead at Eight Hundred.

WATER PLANT IS NOW AT WORK

Supply for Fire Protection Restored at Noon.

ALL SEWERS ARE CLOGGED UP

It Will Be Several Weeks Before They Can Be Used.

BODIES COVERED WITH MUD

Searchers Wade Through Sea of Slimy Ooze--Bodies of Hundreds of Dead Animals Lying in Streets.

Investigations yesterday tended to confirm the estimates of fewer than 500 deaths in the floods that swept over a score of cities in Ohio and Indiana last week.

As the waters receded from Dayton, Columbus and other places, leaving a thick coating of mud, alarm was caused by a rapid rise of the Ohio and the Mississippi rivers, inundating parts of cities along their banks. There is not much danger of loss of life in these places, however, as the inhabitants have hills to flee to and are used to floods.

Revised reports indicate that the number drowned in Dayton may not exceed 150, although there are those who say the number will be much greater. The death list at Piqua, O., fell off from the estimate of fifty to twelve known dead.

The latest estimates show the following deaths:

OHIO	
Dayton	150
Columbus	50
Hamilton	30
Mansfield	30
Ziffin	15
Chillicothe	15
Midletown	15
Trenton	15
Ohio total	420
INDIANA	
Peru	30
Brookville	10
Indiana total	40
Grand total	460

DAYTON, O., March 29.—Though a search of the flooded districts here indicated that the loss of life in Dayton will not be more than 150 to 200, at a meeting of seven-eighths of the undertakers it was announced that a consensus of their opinion put the total dead at 800. These estimates were based merely on general conditions, and Dayton citizens today renewed efforts to explore every recess of the city to ascertain if their reckoning was correct.

Large rescue parties went out today to succor the sufferers and recover the dead. The sewerage system, gas and wire communication have been nil and destroyed. Thousands of dead animals are lying about the streets. Two fertilizer firms began today to gather these animals.

Water is being served from the private plants of the Soldiers' Home and the National Cash Register company, being served from sprinkling wagons.

Sewers Are Clogged.

The relief committee has sent out an urgent appeal to people not to dump refuse in the streets, but to dig cesspools wherever possible. The sewerage system cannot be used for weeks and it will be necessary to do without gas for some time.

Considering the number of persons affected by the flood, there has been comparatively little sickness, the cold weather being responsible for this to a great extent. The cold has caused great suffering among those marooned without food, water or heat, but in the end it has proved a blessing.

Efforts were made today to clear away debris in sections first cleared of flood water, and it was feared bodies might be found in these masses of wreckage. With well organized crews doing this work, others took food to persons still marooned in Riverdale and north Dayton. It was believed, however, that by nightfall most of these people could get out, so rapidly was the water receding.

Water Supply Restored.

The city water works, which have been out of commission since Tuesday morning, were restored at noon today, relieving what has been one of the most serious phases of the situation here.

George F. Burba, secretary to Gov-

LET EVERYBODY HELP

Send your contribution for the tornado victims to any Omaha newspaper and it will be acknowledged in the paper and turned into official relief fund.

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House Demolished by Tornado Rapidly Rebuilt



HOME OF EARL HODGE, 261 CALIFORNIA.