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## FLOODED CITIES START THE WORK OF REBUILDING

Improvement in Weather Helps Despatch, but is Dangerous to Public Health.

PURE WATER IS NEEDED

Chairman of Committee Issues Appeal to Other Cities.

DUPUY FLAYS UNDERTAKERS

Declare that Visitors Are Not Wanted.

PASSENGERS ARE QUESTIONED

Most Dead Were Caught in Streets Going to Work.

BODIES COVERED WITH MUD

Searchers Waded Through Sea of Slimy Ooze—Bodies of Hundreds of Dead Animals Lying in Streets.

Investigations yesterday tended to confirm the estimates of deaths in the floods that swept over a score of cities in Ohio and Indiana last week at between 200 and 300.

The latest estimates show the following deaths:

City	Deaths
Dayton	150
Cincinnati	100
Columbus	64
Wapakoneta	10
Delaware	14
Chillicothe	18
Miamisburg	15
Paris	15
Tiffin	15
Mount Vernon	10
Fremont	14
Franklin	4
Troy	9
Ohio total	471

Indiana total 40

Grand total 511

As the flooded areas recede the death list gradually grows, bodies being picked out of the water and found in the lowlands. Ultra conservative estimates place the number of dead in this state at not more than 100.

However, no authentic information has been received from Marietta, Portsmouth, Fronton and scores of smaller cities and villages where losses may have occurred. The largest increase in the death list was at Hamilton, where ninety-one bodies have been recovered.

DAYTON, O., March 30.—The work of rehabilitation began here today as the work of rescue approached its end. The all important weather showed improvement as viewed by refugees as it was warmer and pleasant to frost and water chilled bones, but the sanitary experts accepted the rise in temperature with mixed feelings, for the cold had retarded the decomposition of animal matter and refuse.

Secretary of War Garrison conferred with various officials and heads of committees and wired President Wilson that the death list would not reach 500, and otherwise epitomized the situation and departed for Cincinnati after a fitting view of the city from an automobile.

It is probable that he will go to Columbus tomorrow.

W. E. Blackwell, in charge of the morgues, estimated the dead at 250.

Members of the citizens' relief committee are apprehensive of a water famine. It is believed there is little chance that the present supply can be made to last until the water mains are in use again.

Ask for Bottled Water.

R. H. Grant, in charge of the relief supplies committee, tonight issued an appeal to all cities in the country, asking that as much bottled water be shipped to Dayton as possible. It is especially desired that this water be pure, as it is practically impossible to boil the water for drinking purposes.

Medical supplies were reported woefully short by Major T. V. Dupuy, who is in charge of sanitary work. Drugs here were largely destroyed and the medical chests of the militia as well as supplies sent by other cities, have, in many instances, been ruined.

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## Sightseeing Longs Looking Over the Ruins in Omaha Sunday



Passing Patrol at 35th and Cuming

### INJURED ARE CONVALESCENT

Tornado Victims Still in Hospitals Reported Doing Nicely.

### SURPRISINGLY FEW DIED

In Comparison to Large Number Treated at Different Institutions Not Many Were Fatally Injured.

Reports from the various hospitals yesterday indicated that most of the tornado injured still confined to them were doing nicely. Many have been discharged since the day after the catastrophe and within another week the number will be reduced considerably. After ten only those with major hurts will be obliged to remain.

In comparison with the large number of wounded, that were originally taken to the different institutions surprisingly few were fatally injured. The official list Sunday evening stood as follows:

COUNTY HOSPITAL.  
W. J. LePage, 453 Martha street, fracture and scalp wound.

Mr. Mathney, 1688 Mason street, Ella Douglas, colored, Twenty-fifth and Lehigh streets, Twenty-sixth and Q streets.

Hanna Hargadine, Forty-second street and Grand avenue.

William Eagan, Forty-fifth and Marcy streets, not injured.

Mr. J. S. Eagan and two children, 5411 Mayberry avenue, deep wound, arm and scalp wound.

Mrs. Nellie Eagan, 902 South Forty-fifth street, scalp and leg wound.

Loretta Eagan, 902 South Forty-fifth street, scalp wound.

OMAHA GENERAL HOSPITAL.  
Mrs. Mary Abernathy and two children, 2301 North Twenty-fifth street.

Henry Eikins, 323 North Twenty-first street.

William Eck, 323 North Twenty-third street.

Gertrude Glinn, 265 California street.

Frank Griffin, 517 Poppleton avenue.

Ella Golden, 292 North Twenty-fifth street.

Mrs. John Irwin, 303 North Twenty-fourth street.

Georgia Jackson, 2514 Patrick avenue.

Mabel Peterson, 4920 Jackson street.



Gazing at the Ruins in Bemis Park



Looking North on 33rd at Cuming Street

### WOULD JAIL GUY CRAMER

Greatest Fight of the Session is to "Come Off" Today.

CRAMER STRUCK SUGARMAN

Bollen of Knox Will Make Strong Fight Against Resolution to Incarcerate Cramer for Six Hours Without Trial.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Neb., March 30.—(Special.)—The sensational fight of the session will come in the house tomorrow when an effort is made to adopt the resolution introduced by an investigating committee to send Guy Cramer to jail for six hours without a trial on the charge of having struck Representative Sugarman.

Bollen of Knox expects to make a fight against the adoption of the resolution, and if pressed too hard he may make some disclosures that may put the house up against the proposition of suspending or expelling one of its members.

The committee appointed to investigate the Cramer-Sugarman incident, through its chairman, Nichols of Madison, has made two reports to the house which flatly contradict each other, and Bollen will rely on these conflicting reports to prevent the house taking any summary action against Cramer.

In the first report Nichols reports Cramer hit Sugarman after adjournment, or words to that effect, and he reported examining several witnesses to prove the assault had occurred.

In the second report Nichols reports the assault occurred in the presence of the house of representatives in representative hall.

As a matter of fact, the assault occurred during the noon recess in the lobby of representative hall.

Says Sugarman Incited Cramer.

Bollen will insist that the house has no jurisdiction, inasmuch as the assault did not occur while the house was in session. He will also attempt to show that Sugarman incited Cramer to riot and was himself to blame for the assault and his remedy lies in the courts and he cannot get satisfaction at the hands of the house.

Bollen will insist that the incident was not an assault on the peace and dignity of the house and, therefore, the house has no jurisdiction in the matter.

### Madison Will Aid the Omaha Tornado Victims

MADISON, Neb., March 30.—(Special.)—A mass meeting of the citizens of Madison will be held Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the Haskins theater, to consider what should be done to assist the Omaha cyclone sufferers. The meeting is called by Mayor Fred H. Davis. The citizens of Madison desire to extend their sympathy to the unfortunate in Omaha in a substantial way, and it is thought that the action of this meeting will result in a plan, which will comprehend the entire city and make it possible for all to do something, thus distributing the burden from a few to many.

LEGISLATURE IS WAKING UP

Lawmakers Are Beginning to See Error of Laying on the Job.

TOOK THEMSELVES SERIOUSLY

Star Chamber Session Attempts to Pick Out Bills of Real Importance from Among Mass that Has Accumulated.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Neb., March 30.—(Special.)—Though late in the season and the scales are beginning to drop from the eyes of some of the house members and they are beginning to take a tumble to themselves. These several house members have concluded they have been taking themselves too seriously and that really making the laws for the state as exemplified by the present house is a delusion and a snare and a roaring farce.

All of which came out at a star chamber session of three democrats last night when they got together to pick out some bills of state importance from the mass now on file and pass them. They had the opinion that the legislature had done nothing and would do nothing unless the steering committee got busy at once. They propose to be the steers.

Those present at the meeting were Fallstead of Richardson, Busch of Otoe, Elwood of Antelope, Reboche of Dawes and one or two others. On the outside with no invitation to enter was Bollen of Cedar, and Knox, while down the street was Potts of Pawnee, chairman respondent.

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The General Relief Fund amounts now to over \$150,000 to which is to be added the money collected on Sunday, which will be reported this morning.

### COOKED FOOD FOR HOMELESS

Relief Committee Sending Out Prepared Victuals to Stations.

MANY USELESS DONATIONS

A Great Many People Are Sending in Articles Out of Repair and of Practically No Real Service.

Food already cooked and prepared for the table was sent out from the Auditorium yesterday morning and afternoon to the various relief stations for the benefit of the sufferers who have no place to prepare food, even if it were received.

A squad of cooks were busy all Saturday night and Sunday morning in the basement of the Auditorium cooking food and forwarding it to the stations. Captain Stritzinger, in charge of the relief work at the Auditorium, says the food is being given away as fast as it comes to the stations and continued calls for more prepared into the Auditorium all day.

Useless Donations.

Captain Stritzinger complained yesterday of receiving many articles which are of little or no use. He said people had sent in old stoves with the doors and legs broken off and which were of no practical service and just caused unnecessary expense of hauling them to the Auditorium only to be then thrown away.

Dainties for Ill.

A limited supply of eggs, fresh milk and jellies and preserves are in the hands of the general relief committee and will be sent to sick people who are absolutely in need of them, but will not be sent out.

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### PAT CROWE RELEASED FOR HIS ROBBERY STORIES

MINNEAPOLIS, March 30.—Pat Crowe, who was serving a ninety days' sentence for ordering more chop suey at a local restaurant than he had money to pay for, was released from the workhouse Saturday with two-thirds of his time yet to serve. This action was taken by the court because Frank McDonald, superintendent of the prison told the judge that the stories he was telling of his numerous escapades in the old days were having an evil influence on the young prisoners, many of them serving their first sentence for trivial offenses.

## RELIEF WORK TO REQUIRE LARGER SUMS OF MONEY

Committee to Systematically Go About Work of Securing Additional Sums.

CHECK UP THE LARGE FIRMS

Will Ask for Contributions from Those Not on the Lists.

COMMITTEE GOES TO LINCOLN

Has Relief Measure Asking for Right to Vote Bonds.

GOVERNOR TO RECOMMEND IT

Only Way in Which Such Bill May Now Be Introduced.

REAL ESTATE MEN ARE ACTIVE

Find They Have Undertaken a Huge Task to Check Up the List of Property Damaged by the Cyclone.

With the general relief fund for the tornado sufferers amounting to \$150,000 in round numbers, the general relief committee expects this morning to set to work systematically to inquire further for relief money from some of the business firms of the city. A list of the business firms that have contributed has been made up alphabetically and the amount they have contributed will be placed after their names. This is for the use of the committee alone in making further solicitations. "We have thus far not asked a single soul or firm to contribute," said one of the committee members, "but we will ask for money as we come to look over the list of firms in the city and the amounts they have given, there really are not so very many that have not contributed up to date. We have no doubt all of them are willing to contribute and we are going to call them up one by one and ask them if they will contribute and how much."

Expect to Swell List.

This evening is expected to swell the list materially before this evening, although it will perhaps take several days or maybe a week to reach all of them. "The money is coming in splendidly," said Treasurer Cowell when asked about the finances yesterday, "but the need is terrific, the need is terrific."

Seek Bond Authorization.

A committee from the special finance committee of the general relief committee, headed by John L. Kennedy, will go to Lincoln this morning to present the needs of Omaha before the state legislature. They will ask for the enactment of laws permitting Douglas county to vote \$1,000,000 in bonds to be used for the rebuilding of the destroyed homes.

This committee leaves at 9:15 this morning for Lincoln. There are fourteen in the committee, and a roll call last night indicated that about a dozen of these would be able to go. They will take with them a draft of the proposed bill they desire the legislature to consider, empowering Douglas county to vote bonds in the sum of \$1,000,000. The committee will go directly to the governor with the proposal, as it is only through the recommendation of the governor that a bill can be introduced in the legislature now that the twenty days fixed by law for the introduction of bills have past.

Real Estate Men Active.

The committee of real estate men working in the affected district gathering information in regard to the amounts of damage in the various homes, the condition of mortgages, etc., has been working faithfully, but will not likely be through for several days. Members of the committee say it is the most difficult task they have ever undertaken. Only by the aid of the maps and charts kept by all real estate men are they able to determine the house number of most places where the wreck was worst, as several houses are often piled together in one tangled mass of kindling wood, with no house number to be found anywhere in the ruins. When the committee does learn the number of the houses that stood there, the next task is to find the owner or the renter. If the house is destroyed or damaged to any great extent the family has necessarily moved and in most cases no one in the neighborhood is able to tell where the family has gone.

Changed Addresses.

As yet no very effective method of listing new addresses has been devised. Miss Clara Cooper has on her own authority established a bureau of changed addresses in the city council chamber. She has a card system and has lists of a great many changed addresses, but as yet no very systematic method of reporting.

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## The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair.

For Iowa—Fair.

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

5 a. m. 45

Lowest yesterday 45

Mean temperature 58

Precipitation .00

Total deficiency since March 1.00

Local Weather Record.

Highest yesterday 67

**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.