

5-HOUR DOWPOUR  
FLOODS MANY HOMES  
AND M. E. HOSPITALPatients Moved to Safety as Water Backs  
Up From Sewers Leading to Swollen  
Streams — Car Lines Suffer.

Five hours of heavy rain brought flood conditions in many parts of Indianapolis today.

White river, Fall creek, Big Eagle creek and other streams are rising rapidly, and lowlands have been flooded.

Sections of the city resembled miniature lakes.

Sewers in some sections were unable to carry the water, and water backed into many cellars.

Water backed up from the sewers into the basement of the Methodist hospital, North Capitol Avenue and Sixteenth street, and it was necessary to move patients to upper floors.

This is the first time in five years that the basement has been flooded, according to hospital officials.

All patients in the basement were moved to the surface, it was said. Patients took the matter calmly.

Water began backing into the base-  
ment at 3 o'clock this morning and could not be stopped.

The basement is really a first floor, according to hospital officials, there being exceptions in light and ventilation.

The city experienced a near cloud burst just after 3 a. m.

HEAVIEST DOWPOUR  
IN LAST FIVE YEARS.

In thirty-seven minutes 2.3 inches of rain fell, according to the weather bureau reports.

The only other time we have ever had such a rainfall, since we began to record the rainfall by minutes, was in 1918, when 2.18 inches of rain fell in forty minutes," said J. H. Armstrong, weather observer.

The White river gauge at Thirteenth street early today showed the river had risen 1.6 feet since yesterday, when it was 13.4 feet.

The rainfall in the upper part of the White river watershed in the last twenty-four hours is 1 to 1½ inches the basin, bureau reports. In Indianapolis the rainfall was much heavier.

There has been 22½ inches rainfall here in the last twenty-four hours.

RIVER TO REACH  
14-FOOT STAGE.

"The flood stage in White river here is set at eighteen feet," said Mr. Armstrong.

Last year we had a stage of 17 feet and there was little damage. It is probable that the river will rise to seventeen or eighteen feet late today and begin receding sometime during the night.

In the flood of 1918 the stage was 29½ feet.

The only little creeks will overflow and will be rapidly filled. White river will overflow in low places, but no serious damage is expected in the city."

Street car service in several sections of the city was seriously crippled by flood conditions.

The Brightwood line was put out of commission when the water washed over the tracks at Valley avenue.

It was not until 6:30 o'clock that street cars were able to reach the extreme northeast part of the city.

Hundreds of Brightwood men, who are employed in the Big Four shops in Beech Grove were unable to reach Union station to catch the special trains that take them to their work.

INTERURBAN HELPS  
BROOKSIDE CROWDS.

The Brookside car line also was tied up for a period, but an interurban car plowed through the mud, bringing many persons downtown.

James T. Tamm, superintendent of the Indianapolis Street Railway Company, said that many motors were knocked out by the storm.

Riverside car could not get through reaching Indians avenue and Montezuma street because the tracks were inundated.

Indiansapolis cars had to wait for water to pass away under the Kentucky avenue elevation before they could get through.

The bridge over Pogue's Run at Jefferson avenue was put out of commission when water washed planking out of its center.

Homes in "Happy Hollow," a district in the lowlands of Big Eagle creek, near Kentucky avenue, were drenched, and a half dozen houses were surrounded by water, ten residents being forced to leave.

At Troy Avenue and Harding street the back water of White river broke over the river banks and rushed in a torrent across a concrete roadway.

Lowlands in the neighborhood of Riverside park resembled a lake.

At Ray street back water of White river was a big lake and hundreds of wild ducks were reported to be swimming about.

At Pike and Ralston avenue the water was two feet deep in the street.

At Hillside avenue and Twenty-fifth street the water reached the level with the floor of the front porches of many houses.

Big Eagle creek was falling until 4 o'clock this morning, when it began to rise, and within an hour was seven inches above its low mark of the morning. A further considerable rise would flood several districts in the southwest part of the city.

Lieut. Fletcher was in charge of a large squad along the banks of White, Big Eagle creek and Little Eagle creeks.

Elevator service in several hotels and office buildings in the business section was crippled by a flood in substations of the Indianapolis Light and Heat company.

At station No. 4 on South Illinois street, service was cut off completely for several hours.

A. O. Moly, street commissioner, said he put his entire street repair department to work opening up sewers, which proved entirely inadequate to carry off the water.

An inspection of doodges was made and Moly said they were in good shape.

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cede rapidly and White river will overflow in low places, but no serious damage is expected in the city.—J. H. Armstrong, Weather Observer.up sewers were received almost continu-  
ously at the street commissioner's office. He said all sewers would be opened by night.While citizens were sending their calls to the police station, the police had troubles of their own—water backed up into the cellar of head-  
quarters.HIGH WATER CLAIMS  
LIFE IN MADISON

Special to The Times.

MADISON, Ind., April 20.—High water in this district has claimed one life.

Everett Danner, 14, tried to ford the rushing waters of Herbert's creek ten miles north of here late yesterday.

The horse he was riding stumbled.

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STORM KILLS 40  
IN MISSISSIPPIWomen and Children among  
Victims at Meridian.

MERIDIAN, Miss., April 20.—Reports from the southern and eastern outskirts of the city, where a cyclone struck shortly before noon, say ten to twenty-five persons were killed and an equal number injured, and property damage amounts to several thousand dollars.

Up to 1:30 P. M. seven bodies have been brought into the city, five women and two children, only two of whom have been identified.

Bay Springs, Miss., was practically wiped off the map by a tornado this morning.

Between seven and fifteen were killed, and in the principal business houses workers.

Help has been asked from Hazelhurst, Jackson and Crystal Springs.

Many were trapped in their homes.

PRIMARIES BRING  
USUAL WAGE CRYCity Hall Janitors and As-  
phalt Workers Ask Raise.

Demands for increases in pay were made by negro janitors at the city hall and employees of the city asphalt plant today.

City hall officials referred to the demands as "campaign demands," as petitions for increases in wage frequently precede primaries and elections.

Seventy-five asphalt workers ask increases ranging from 10 to 15 cents an hour.

A committee of asphalt workers visited the city council last night, and said there would be a strike today unless their demands were granted.

Indicates strike will be forced if demands are not met.

It is not known whether the men will return to work tomorrow.

The wage scale of these employees is now from 40 to 60 cents an hour.

The street department employees 133 men at a cost in salaries of \$2,724.98 a month.

Janitors and other workers at the city hall presented their demands to Mayor Jewett.

There are fourteen negro janitors, ele-  
mentary and firemen.

They are now paid \$20 to \$25 a week and ask \$5 a week raise.

Publishers Take Up  
Print Paper Problem

NEW YORK, April 20.—The print paper situation will be among the important problems which will confront members of the American Newspaper Publishers' association when they open their three-day annual convention in the Waldorf-Astoria here tomorrow morning.

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No Need to Pump,  
Water'd Run Back

"My basement is flooded—please send the fire department to pump out."

More than 300 such appeals were re-  
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