

PITTSBURGH FLOOD WATERS RECEDE, EIGHT DEAD IS TOLL

Damage Estimated at \$5,000,000—Thousands Are Made Homeless.

By United Press. PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 31.—Devastating flood waters of the Monongahela, Allegheny, Ohio and the Youghiogheny Rivers today were slowly receding, leaving in their wake a path of ruin and human suffering.

The floods Sunday reached the highest stage recorded in eleven years. The Monongahela, Allegheny and Ohio rose to 29.2 feet. Then the swollen streams began to recede.

Business Basements Flooded. Thousands of families have been made homeless by the high waters and many persons living near the river fronts were forced to move to the upper floors of their dwellings. Basements of more than 1,000 business houses were flooded.

Property damage is estimated at \$5,000,000.

Railroad passenger service was disrupted and freight transportation paralyzed.

Telephone and telegram communication was hampered.

Officials of industrial plants at Braddock, Rankin, East Pittsburgh and Turtle Creek estimated their flood damage at \$1,000,000.

600 Families Flee.

Six hundred families were driven from their homes in Dravestown, 400 in McKeesport and several hundred fled their dwellings in Connellsville.

Flood waters were receding at the rate of four-tenths of a foot an hour at 9 a. m. today.

Eight persons lost their lives as result of the floods.

CAR IS OVERTURNED.

Slight Damage Is Reported From High Winds at Richmond.

By Times Special. RICHMOND, Ind., March 31.—Slight damage was reported here today from a high windstorm which struck the community Saturday and Sunday.

A Ford touring car was overturned on the Main St. bridge and the top torn to pieces. The car was driven by two unknown men, who crawled out unhurt, righted the car and drove away.

FARM LAND FLOODED.

Traction Service Between Peru and Wabash May Be Resumed Tuesday.

By Times Special. PERU, Ind., March 31.—At the junction of the Wabash and Mississippi Rivers, scores of miles east of here, farm land is flooded several miles in each direction.

The Wabash has ceased to rise after reaching a stage that lacked only a few inches of flooding a part of the residential section.

Tracks of the Indiana Service Corporation between Peru and Wabash are still flooded. Traction officials say service probably will be resumed Tuesday.

TRACTION SERVICE SUSPENDED.

Little and Wabash Rivers High at Huntington.

By Times Special. HUNTINGTON, Ind., March 31.—Service between Wabash and this city on the Indiana Service Corporation traction was suspended late Sunday because of high waters.

Little River reached a higher point than at any time during the last year and was rising at the rate of two feet an hour. The Wabash River was out of its banks at many places.

LOSS IS \$50,000.

Gale Sweeps Sullivan County—Buildings Are Demolished.

By United Press. SULLIVAN, Ind., March 31.—Property loss from gales which swept the county Saturday was estimated today at approximately \$50,000.

No one was seriously injured. Several residences and farm buildings were torn up and trees and orchards uprooted in several places.

WHITE RIVER RECEDES.

Peak of Fifteen Feet Two Inches Is Reached at Anderson.

By Times Special. ANDERSON, Ind., March 31.—After reaching a peak of fifteen feet two inches, White River began to recede today.

No serious damage was caused by the flood.

INTERURBAN SERVICE OFF.

Flood Waters of Ohio Drive Residents From Homes in Lowlands.

By United Press. EAST LIVERPOOL, Ohio, March 31.—The Ohio River, which inundated lowlands in five towns in the East Liverpool district, crippled operations in five pottery plants and suspended interurban street car service, reached a flood crest of 38.7 feet early today and then began to recede.

Many families in residential sections of East Liverpool and Wellsview, Ohio, Congo and Moscow, W. Va., and Smith's Ferry, Pa., were forced to vacate their homes when the rising waters covered the first floors of their dwellings.

Air Strike Next.

LONDON, March 31.—Now the aviators are planning to strike.

They want higher wages, and threaten to fly out Tuesday if they do not get them.

British air pilots employed by the new air combine which operates services to the continent demand a "retaining fee" of £2,500 a year, plus \$2 for every hour they fly.

The air combine wants to give them a retainer of from \$500 to \$1,000 a year, and a flying pay of two pence, or less than five cents an hour.

Auto Speaker

F. F. Chandler, Indiana section chairman of the Society of Automotive engineers, will give a condensed analysis of all types of steering gears and their adjustment, with complete illustrations at the society's meeting at 6:15 p. m. Thursday at the Severin.

Other speakers will be Maj. R. E. Carlson of the United States Bureau of Standards, Washington, D. C., and engineers from the New Park Lamp Laboratories, General Electric Company and the Edmund & Jones firm, who will describe devices that are said to eliminate danger of glaring headlights. Officials said that better facilities have been provided for complete demonstration of late engineering achievements and manners of adjustment than at any previous meeting. Automotive men have been invited to attend.

PRISONER'S DEATH INVESTIGATED BY COUNTY CORONER

William Conners, 60, Arrested After Cutting Scrape, Dies at Hospital.

Coroner Paul F. Robinson today is investigating the death of William Conners, 60, of 1838 N. Capitol Ave., at the city hospital Sunday.

Conners was admitted to the hospital March 21, from the Marion County Jail, where he was awaiting trial on charge of assault and battery with intent to kill.

His arrest followed a cutting scrape at his former residence in the Stewart block, Illinois and Ohio Sts., Feb. 22. He slashed Mrs. Dora Kemper White, 48, of 422 1/2 E. Washington St., across the throat and then attempted to charge his police said.

Mrs. White recovered. Conners was returned to the jail from the hospital after two weeks ago, but was sent back to the hospital when he became ill again.

Hospital attaches said death was due to complication of heart diseases. It was thought the old wounds might have been instrumental in causing death according to officials.

**COLD WAVE ENDS
DANGER OF FLOOD
IN INDIANAPOLIS**

White River Registers 2.3 Feet Below Overflow Mark at U. S. Gauge Point.

Cold weather ended danger of a flood in Indianapolis, J. H. Armstrong, Government meteorologist, said today.

White River was 15.7 feet deep at the Government gauge station at Tenth and Cable Sts. Flood stage was 18 feet this morning. Armstrong believed water would rise only a fraction of a foot during the day and then rapidly recede.

Lowlands were inundated in a number of places Sunday, but life and property were not seriously menaced.

Two feet of water stood around cottages and other buildings at Ravenswood.

Armstrong predicted temperature below freezing today, tonight and tomorrow, precluding the possibility of more rain.

Flood Moves Southward.

White River dropped five feet at Anderson Sunday, flood stage moving southward. At Ellison the stage was 22 feet, three feet above flood mark. It was three feet over flood level at Edwardsport.

Small creeks left their banks in Marion County. A number of roads were damaged.

The levee around Warfield addition in the north end of the city was threatened Sunday. Street Commissioner Martin Hyland ordered a gang of workmen to strengthen the dike with sand bags between Park Ave. and Broadway.

Autos In Water.

Police reported that automobiles driven by C. Long, 502 S. New Jersey St., and Dorrell Mitchell, 515 N. Le Sue St., slipped off of Raymond St. near White River and turned partly over in the water. No one was injured.

A sedan stalled in water over the old Gold Spring road, on the west bank of the river north of Thirtieth St. and was left standing. The driver escaped.

The boulevard in the north section of Riverside Park was flooded, as is usual whenever water is high. Police protected all dangerous points with red lights.

Miss Agnes Cruise, Red Cross director, announced the organization is ready to send aid to any point in distress.

BRITISH PLANE DOWN

Globe Flier Makes Forced Landing in Corfu Lake.

By United Press. ATHENS, March 31.—The British round-the-world flight plane was down today after a forced landing in Lake St. Mathew on the island of Corfu.

Major Stuart MacLaren, the flight commander, was understood to be rushing minor repairs to the big amphibian machine in the hopes of being able to proceed to Athens.

STREET RAILWAY REVENUE LOSS IS SET AT \$26,644

Commission Auditor Reports Upon Financial Condition.

A special report of the public service commission concerning financial operation of the Indianapolis Street Railway Company, which has petitioned the State body for a 7-cent fare, was filed today by Harry Boggs, chief accountant.

The report will be presented Thursday at the commission's hearing on the rate petition.

Shown in the audit report, made by Boggs and two assistants upon order of John W. McCardie, chairman, are the following outstanding facts:

Revenue of the company decreased \$26,644 in 1923.

Operating expenses decreased \$23,001.

Taxes were \$5,635 higher.

The net decrease in operating income was \$9,278.

Dividends of \$300,000 were paid in 1923 on \$5,000,000 preferred stock compared with a \$150,000 dividend in 1922.

After all expenses and obligations had been met, the company had a surplus of \$4,116. In 1922 it made a surplus of \$47,234.

The net income was \$426,104 from which was taken \$200,000 in dividend and \$130,000 for redemption of bonds, the outstanding total of which is \$13,395,500.

The surplus in 1922, which was \$56,262, was reduced to \$541,000 by Dec. 31, 1923.

Depreciation charged in 1923 was \$138,954.

The annual report of the company was filed by company officials today with the commission.

**THREE INJURED
AS CARS CRASH;
DRIVER IS HELD**

Charges of Failure to Stop at Preferential Street Are Made.

Marian H. Peters, 1124 Broadway, today is slated on a charge of failure to stop at a preferential street, and assault and battery, following an accident at Chester and E. Michigan Sts., in which three persons were seriously injured.

Leney Farmer Jr., 3, suffered a wrenched back; Mrs. Maude Farmer, 28, internal injuries, and Mrs. Jennie Anderson, 70, a broken collar bone. The car in which they were riding with Leroy Farmer was struck by an auto driven by Peters, police say.

All the injured live at 1631 Cruff St.

Mrs. Bertha Magenheimer, Waverly, Ind., was cut about the head by flying glass when an auto driven by Wilbert Magenheimer, her husband, collided with an auto driven by Glenn Martin, 3702 E. Washington St., at Delaware St. and Massachusetts Ave., according to police. Martin was arrested.

Truck Is Deserted.

Earl Crane, 641 Bright St., was charged with failure to stop after an accident. He was said by police to have been the driver of a truck that struck an auto driven by H. C. Plew, 1230 Speedway Ave., at Alabama and St. Joseph Sts. Police say the truck was deserted after it ran over a curb.

Charles Brown, 6, 33 N. Mileway Ave., is suffering severe head injuries and a badly bruised body at his home today.

Police say the boy ran into a truck in front of his home, John Smith, 1549 W. New York St., who, police say, was the driver, was arrested.

Leg Is Broken.

John Motley, colored, 718 N. West St., is in the city hospital suffering with a broken leg received when the bicycle he was riding was struck by a machine driven by Marcus Brown, colored, 1141 N. West St., at Board Ave. and North St., police say. Board was arrested.

Police are searching for the driver of the car who failed to stop after striking a taxicab driven by Elson Loy, 1528 Olive St., Sunday, at New York and Pennsylvania Sts. (The force of the impact turned the cab over. Loy, escaping injury, leaped on the running board of the other car and was knocked off by the driver, police say.)

William Ballard, colored, 50, of 2132 Fountain St., suffered a broken leg, when he was struck by a car driven by William Stone, 19, of 1846 Ashland Ave., at Roosevelt Ave. and Montana St., police say. Stone was arrested.

BUILDING TO BE RAZED

Old Home of Times to Make Way for New Banner Edifice.

The Banner Furniture Company is preparing to raze the three-story building formerly occupied by The Indianapolis Times, 25 S. Meridian St., and erect a seven-story building to be used as sales rooms. It will provide 50,000 additional feet of floor space.

The company also plans to remodel its present quarters after the new building is constructed. A warehouse will then be constructed in the rear of the two sales units.

T. P. A. to Entertain President

C. A. Tucker will head Post B of the Travelers' Protective Association for another year. He was re-elected Saturday night. Other officers: George R. Oexner, vice president, and C. M. Zinz, secretary and treasurer. The post will entertain C. V. Williams, national president, at dinner at the Severin April 12.

Lutheran Young People to Meet

E. T. Albertson, general secretary of the Indiana Council of Religious Education, will speak tonight at a rally of the Marion County Young People's Council at the First English Lutheran Church, Pennsylvania and Walnut Sts. Miss Edna Dittich is chairman of the program committee.

Pay Roll Was Saved



PITTSBURGH POLICE RECEIVED A TIP THAT A PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD PAY TRAIN, CARRYING \$400,000, WAS TO BE HELD UP NEAR THAT CITY. SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE EDWARD J. BROPHY AND DETECTIVES HURRIED TO THE SCENE. THEY MET THE BANDITS. A RUNNING GUN BATTLE ENSUED. BROPHY ORDERED THE DETECTIVES' CAR TO PULL IN FRONT OF THE ROBBERS'. THE MACHINES CRASHED AND OVERTURNED. BROPHY AND FIVE DETECTIVES AND ONE OF THE BANDITS WERE SERIOUSLY INJURED. TWO OTHER GUNMEN WERE CAPTURED IN A HAND-TO-HAND FIGHT, A MOMENT OF WHICH IS HERE PICTURED.

POLICE CLEAN-UP DURING WEEK-END BREAKS RECORDS

States Show 209 Men and 20 Women Arrested on Variety of Charges.

A record for week-end arrests was set this week-end, when 209 men and twenty women were slated at city prison.

Eighty men and six women were charged with vagrancy.

Twenty-seven men were slated with vagrancy when police raided a room at 314 1/2 Massachusetts Ave. Lieut. Eisenhut said he found no gambling.

Sixteen men and two women are charged with intoxication and fourteen men and two women with operating blind tigers. Two men are charged with transporting liquor and two others with operating vehicles while intoxicated. Twenty-six are slated on charges of speeding.

Jesse Miller and Ella William, 41, both of 117 Cincinnati St., were arrested after police said they found Edward Carber, address "city," with a broken nose, lying in the rear of the Cincinnati St. address. Miller told police he ordered Carber out of the house, and when he refused to leave, put him out, according to officers. Carber is under arrest at city hospital.

Fifteen are charged with failure to have city licenses. Three men and two women are held for trial in juvenile court on charges of neglecting and contributing to the neglect of children.

**COLUMBIA CLUB
CLOSES SATURDAY**

Dinner Dance Final Function in Home on Circle.

Columbia Club members will bid farewell to their clubhouse in Monument Place at a dinner dance Saturday evening. President A. E. Bradshaw announced today.

Effort is being made to have as many charter members as possible to attend.

The building will be turned over to the contractor next Monday for wrecking. A new, twelve-story club to cost more than \$1,000,000 will be built.

Meanwhile the club will continue operations at the Claypool, several rooms on the mezzanine floor having been leased. The first club breakfast will be served there next Sunday morning.

**MANY TO ATTEND
LEAGUE MEETING**

Civic Club of Haughville to Discuss High School.

Several hundred residents of Haughville are expected to attend a mass meeting of Haughville Civic League at 8 p. m. Friday night at School No. 62, Walnut St. and King Ave.

The establishment of the proposed west side high school in Haughville will be discussed. A petition bearing several hundred signatures of property owners favoring the location of the school there, has been presented to the school board.

The elevation of the Belt Railroad also will be considered. Fred Griffith will present a constitution for the organization. Charles C. Rothman, temporary president, will preside. Permanent officers will be elected.

Company Leases Factory

The Keynote Manufacturing Company, 328 N. West St., has obtained a twenty-year lease on property at Commerce Ave. and the Big Four Railroad, it was announced today by Charles M. Mayo, general manager.

The lease was obtained from George B. Sisson for a total rental of \$60,000. The new site will be occupied as soon as remodeling has been completed.

MINISTER, NOT ATTORNEY

Pastor Acts as Own Lawyer, Loses, Then Appeals Speeding Case.

By United Press. FT. WAYNE, Ind., March 31.—The Rev. Louis N. Roca, pastor of the Trinity Episcopal Church, today appeared to the Circuit Court from a sentence imposed in city court for speeding.

The minister acted as his own attorney and lost the case. He was fined \$10 and costs.

Church and Community House

Planned for Neighborhood.

Means of raising money for a church and community house to be erected at Thirty-Sixth St. and Emerson Ave., will be considered by the Wacela Community League in the schoolhouse at Thirty-fourth St. and Sherman Dr. at 8 p. m. Tuesday.

The League is composed of citizens of Washington, Warren, Center and Lawrence townships in the section around Thirty-Eighth St. and Emerson Ave.

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**WABASH DINNER
PROGRAM MADE**

College President and T. R. Marshall to Speak.

Indianapolis alumni and former students of Wabash College will officially open the college endowment and building fund campaign at dinner next Friday evening at the Spink-Arms, Austin J. Brown, chairman of the dinner committee, has announced. About 400 are expected to attend.

Dr. George L. Mackintosh, Wabash president, and former Vice President Thomas R. Marshall, honorary national campaign chairman, will be the principal speakers. Edgar H. Evans, national chairman, will preside. W. B. Dickinson, as campaign director, Russell T. Byers, as Indiana chairman; W. J. Greenwood, as Marion County chairman; Thaddeus R. Baker, Joseph J. Daniels, Ward H. Hackman, Harold Taylor, John V. Wilson, Herman C. Wolf and Eben H. Wolcott, Indianapolis members of the national executive committee, will be at the speakers' table.

The Wabash Glee Club will sing.

Burns Cost Woman Life

By Times Special. HUNTINGBURG, Ind., March 31.—Funeral services were held today for Mrs. David Grau, 60, fatally burned at her home here Saturday as her clothes caught fire from a kitchen stove as she was preparing dinner.

She is survived by her mother, a brother, the husband and five sons.

SUPREME COURT 91 TIMES BUSIER THAN DURING 1817

Five Cases Disposed of in First Year—454 Decisions in 1923.

The "wheels of justice" grind slowly at Supreme Court.

The task of the State highest tribunal is annually becoming more burdened it is pointed out at the office of Zach Dungan, clerk. To wit:

Take the case of Washington Hotel Realty Company vs. the Bedford Stone and Construction Company, Indianapolis, involving payment of \$25,000. Attorneys filed the case on appeal in 1918. The court handed down its decision just last week!

Problem of disposing of the large number of legal litigations, arising into the court from lower courts, is becoming vexatious in many ways.

Five Cases in 1817

In 1817 when the court convened for the first time, the Judges, James Scott, John Johnson and Jesse L. Holman, went on vacation most of the year. Five written opinions were handed down by the august body during the entire year.

But these modern times: The same court, composed of five judges sitting continuously from Oct. 1 to July 1, disposed of 454 cases in 1923, and then didn't get to the Washington Hotel Realty Company case at that.

Since creation of Supreme Court, there have been filed 24,406 cases, of which 24,118 have been decided.

All Courts Jammed

Appellate Court, organized in March, 1891, by an act of Legislature, is composed of six judges. Since its creation, the court has handled 11,847 cases, of which 11,551 have been checked out.

Getting prompt action from Supreme Court is a faint hope. Not that it is due to the slowness of the judges or any inexcusable delays, but because the number of applied legal controversies has increased sharply.

Attorneys, however, state the same condition exists in most higher courts. Federal as well as State. Prohibition laws and other new centralized functions of government are contributory factors, they say.

**NEW ENGLANDER
UNACCEPTABLE AS
ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Kenyon Popular in Far and Middle West—Would Take Post.

By United Press. WASHINGTON, March 31.—Demands from Senators that a progressive westerner be named Attorney General to succeed Harry M. Daugherty may delay filing of the post.

Suggestion of Judge A. P. Rugg of Massachusetts caused dissatisfaction in the Senate on the grounds Rugg is "another New Englander."

The President has been urged to invite Judge William S. Kenyon of Iowa to take the place. Kenyon, a thorough-going progressive, would make an exceedingly popular Attorney General so far as the Middle West and Far West are concerned. He would accept the post also, as he regards it an opportunity for real service. Justice Brandegee of the Supreme Court also has been suggested.

In addition, those mentioned prominently include Harlan Fiske Stone, dean of Columbia University School of Law, New York; Nathan Miller, former Governor of New York; Alexander J. Groesbeck, Governor of Michigan; Frederick Evan Crane of Brooklyn, judge of the Court of Appeals of New York.

It has been learned definitely that Secretary of State Hughes will not be the next Attorney General.

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