

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 Bradford, Rankin, East Pittsburgh and Turtle Creek estimated their flood damage at \$1,000,000.

600 Families Fleed

Six hundred families were driven from their homes in Dravensburg, 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 uninjured, 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 three miles east of here 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 RECESSES

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 Wellsville, 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

By United Press 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. E. 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 Severe. Other speakers will be Maj. R. E. Clegg of the United States Bureau of Standards, Washington; Park Lamp Laboratories, General Electric Company, and the Edmund & Jones firm, who will describe devices that are said to eliminate the need for 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 Connors, 60, Arrested After Cutting Scrape, Dies at Hospital.

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

Connors 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, 45, of 422½ E. Washington St., across the throat and then attempted to end his life, police said.

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

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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. McCord, chairman, are the following outstanding facts:

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

Operating expenses decreased \$33,001.

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 \$300,000 in dividend and \$130,000 for redemption of bonds, the outstanding total of which is \$18,395,500.

The surplus in 1922, which was \$66,395, 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.

Leroy 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 1831 Craft St.

Mrs. Bertha Magenheimer, Waverley, 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., in which three persons were seriously injured.

Charles Brown, 6, 33 N. Miley 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 was the driver, was arrested.

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

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

Armington predicted temperatures 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 Warfleight addition in the north end of the city was threatened Sunday. Street Commissioner Martin Hyland ordered a gang of workmen to strengthen the dyke 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, 316 N. La Salle St., slipped off Raymond St., near White River and turned partly over in the water. No one was injured.

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

William Ballard, colored, 59, of 2123 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.