

FLOOD KILLS 2, SWEEPS VALLEY BARE IN N. Y.

Toll Mounts as Reports Come Trickling in From Isolated Towns.

REPORT MANY MISSING

Boy Campers Rescued After Clinging to Island Trees All Night.

By United Press
MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Aug. 27.—Two men are known to have lost their lives and seventeen others are believed dead as the result of the cloudburst which swept the narrow Rondout valley from Grahamsville to Rosendale, a distance of about twenty-five miles.

The flood carried away five main highway bridges and a score of smaller spans, virtually marooning the villages of Eureka, Montels, Lackawack and Napanoch.

The known dead are Abe Blatt of Lackawack, torn from the arms of rescuers by a torrent after he had carried his invalid wife to safety, and Charles Lavery, 50, of Paterson, who lost his grip on a rope and was swept from sight in the torrent.

Sav Summer Residents

Between one thousand and two thousand summer residents of the valley were saved from drowning by the efforts of a corps of volunteers, headed by Harold Ross, chief of police and Corporal J. B. Norton of the State police, aided by the Ellenville fire department.

At Napanoch Country Club, two miles above Napanoch, more than 300 guests were led to safety just a moment before the 25-foot wall of water demolished virtually every building on the place.

Communications between Ellenville and Kingstown were disrupted at 4 p. m. Sunday when the 150-foot steel highway bridge from the Rondout at Napanoch was swept away. Traffic over the Ellenville and Kingstown branch of the O. & W. was interrupted by the flood which undermined the track at Wawarsing, and other points.

Lines Down 24 Hours

Since there has been no telephone communication between Grahamsville ad outside points for virtually twenty-four hours it is impossible to learn the extent of damage or the number of casualties at the seat of the disaster.

Reports filtering through various channels placed the dead as high as twenty.

The waters were receding so rapidly today that authorities here believed all marooned parties would be rescued before night.

25 Boys Saved

By United Press
ROSENDALE, N. Y., Aug. 27.—Twenty-five boys, who had been stranded for more than twelve hours as Rondout Creek overflowed after a cloudburst, were saved early today when tow lines were tossed them and they made their way to the main land.

The boys took to trees. Some went into boats but clung close to the trees as the current of the stream had reached such proportions that boating was almost impossible. For hours attempts were made to save them.

Thomas Krisic, living just across from the island where the boys had their encampment, had enlisted several persons to aid in the attempt to rescue the group.

It became so dark that Krisic had to abandon his attempts until the first traces of dawn appeared.

Then he started work again and finally was able, through a heavy weight on one end of the rope, to get the cable stretched. The boys, headed by Father Riley, finally were able to make their way in boats across the swirling waters to safety and most of them took refuge in Krisic's home.

VETERAN REUNIONS SET

Eighth Army Regiments to Meet Separately.

Separate reunions of fifty regiments of the 8th Army corps of the Spanish-American War will be held this week in connection with the encampment of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. It was announced Sunday night. Headquarters have been established in room 430 at the Claypool.

The organization will hold a dinner at 6 p. m. Wednesday in the Florentine room of the Claypool. The body was organized at the national convention of the Spanish War Veterans in Detroit, Mich., in 1927.

Churches Pick Paoli

PLAINVILLE, Ind., Aug. 27.—The centennial session of the United Brethren Church of southern Indiana will be held in Paoli, next year, it was decided at the ninety-ninth annual session which is being held here.

Notre Dame to Open Sept. 16

By Times Special
SOUTH BEND, Ind., Aug. 27.—Formal opening of the fall and winter term of the University of Notre Dame has been set for Sunday, Sept. 16, when the new president, the Rev. Charles L. O'Donnell, will be installed.

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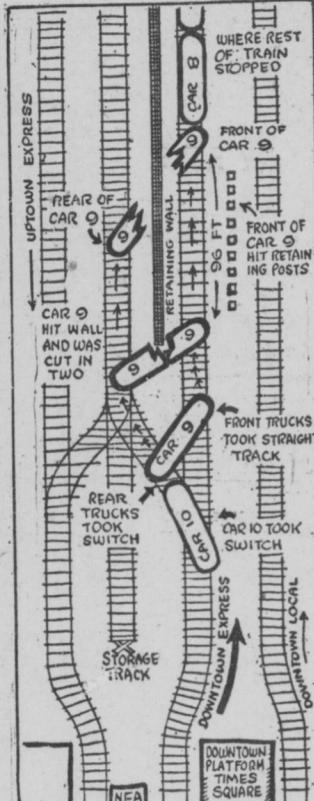
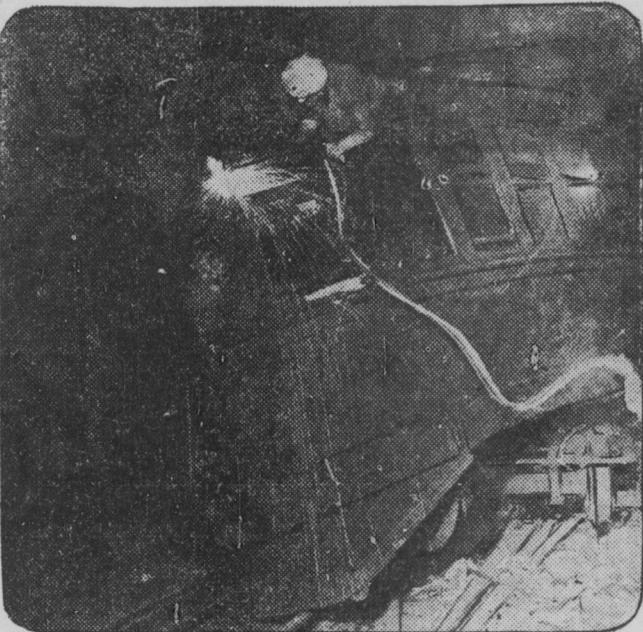
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Negroes in Critical Condition at Hospital.

Edward Denny, Negro, 915 Melkel St., and Charles Wiggins, Negro, were taken to city hospital critically injured this morning after the car Denny was driving sideswiped a telephone pole at State Rd. 52 and W. Riverside Dr.

FARM WOMAN SUSPECTED OF NINE MURDERS

Confesses Putting Poison in Medicine for Two of Victims.

By United Press
UNION, Mo., Aug. 27.—Indicted for two murders, confessing three, and suspected of nine, Mrs. Bertha Gifford, 50-year-old farmer's wife, was held in Franklin County jail here today for trial at the November term of Circuit Court.

"I ain't saying anything," she replied to repeated efforts of Chief of Police Andrew McDonnell of Webster Groves, to force an additional confession from her Sunday.

McDonnell obtained Saturday her signed confession that she put arsenic in the medicine of two boys and a man "to ease their pain."

Investigation revealed eleven separate purchases of poison between Sept. 15, 1911, and May 16, 1927.

The deaths which Mrs. Gifford admitted were those of Edward I. Brinley, May 16, 1927; Elmer Schamel, Sept. 22, 1925, and Lloyd Schamel, Aug. 11, 1925. All died at her home in Catawissa, which came to be known as "the house of mystery."

Six additional deaths at the Gifford home under investigation by officials of three counties today are:

Mrs. Emilie Gifford, her mother-in-law, Jan. 24, 1912; James Gifford, May 8, 1913; Sherman Pounds, Feb. 20, 1917; James Ogle, Nov. 20, 1917; Beaulah Pounds, Dec. 27, 1922, and Mrs. Gifford's first husband, whose name was Graham, who died at Morse Hill, Jefferson County, in 1913.

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