

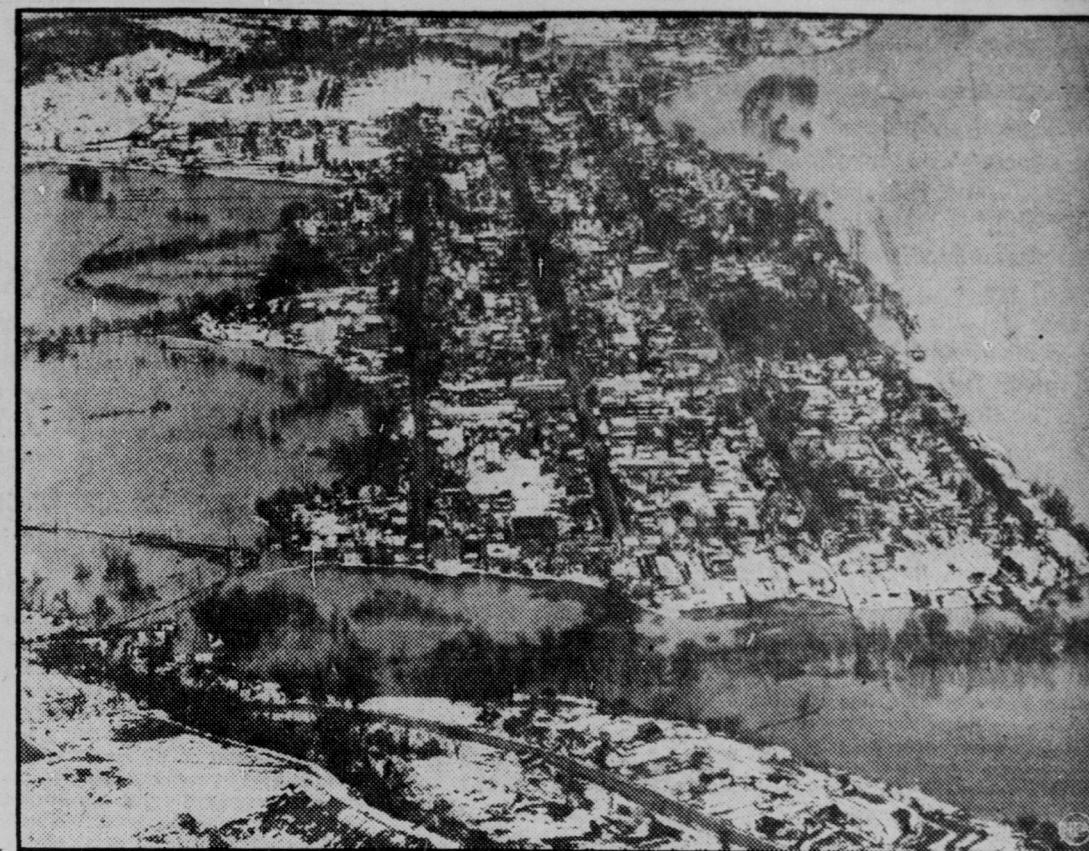
River Cities Cringe as Disease and Disaster Lurk in Angry Waters of Ohio



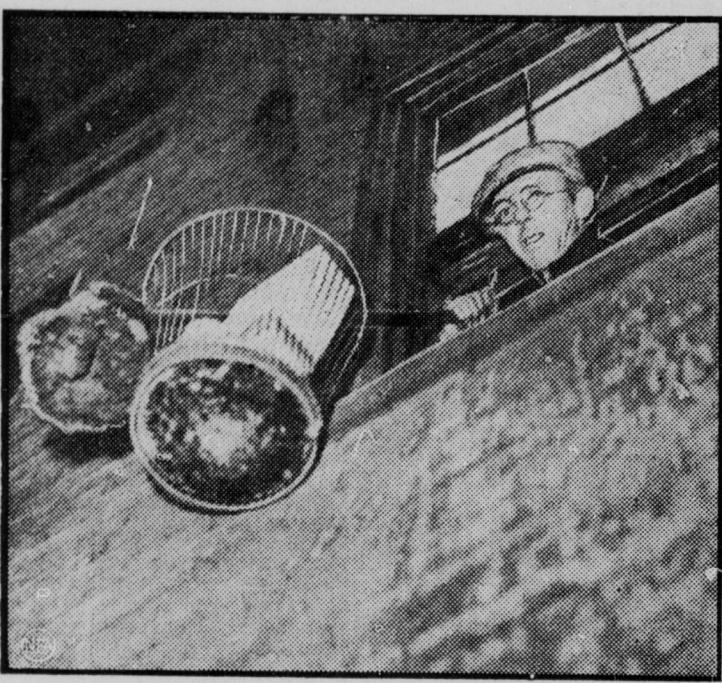
Menaced by the turbulent Ohio River, running far out of its banks, Huntington, W. Va., thriving city of 50,000, is shown above. Situated in the "bend" where the river turns west and then north, the city directly in the path of the raging waters pouring relentlessly over lowlands and engulfing towns upstream, rushed safety preparations.



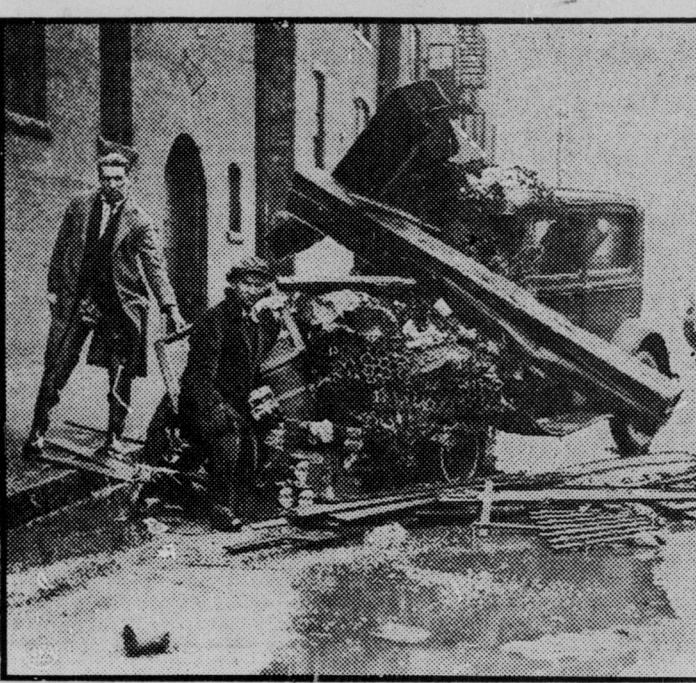
Those telephone poles bare the deception of this apparently peaceful scene of a ferry steaming across a mirror-like lake. The boat really is floating over a highway—Route 52, at Portsmouth, O.—inundated when the swollen Ohio surged over its banks in the southern part of the state. Note telephone poles half submerged.



A city beleaguered by the raging Ohio River, Gallipolis, O., is shown here hemmed in by the waters that rose steadily in its streets. On all sides the lowlands were submerged and hundreds fled to the safety of the snow-covered higher ground shown in the rear. Food supplies were rushed in before a halt was called on all vehicular traffic.



A long-handled mop and wastebasket make a passable dumb-waiter when you're marooned in the upper floor of your home by floods. This Pittsburgh resident devised the system which enabled him to get supplies. Note mud marks on the wall.



When you see figures of "\$20,000,000 damage from flood," this sort of thing is meant. This Pittsburgher parked his car, and when he returned to it, this is what he found. Tangled chicken-wire, a railroad tie, and mud covered the wreckage.



Just waiting. This Pittsburgher has piled most of his possessions in the little skiff, and is marking time, waiting for the water to fall enough so that he can get back to his submerged home. Note that the water-level is barely below the bridge floor.



Trying to sweep away the muddy tracks of Old Man River, these Pittsburgh restaurant employees were helped by the fact that they could sweep the debris right out through the front window. The huge pane had been smashed out by pressure of the flood-waters.

CONGRESS MAY VOTE FLOOD AID

Drive Is Expected Monday for Funds Supplementing Red Cross Work.

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tion to contribute \$3,000,000 to the Red Cross, and that in the view of relief leaders this sum promised to be sufficient, at least for the immediate future.

Sticks to Historic Policy
Senator Guffey had talked at the White House with Rear Admiral Cary T. Grayson, Red Cross national chairman, and was informed of the organization's historic policy, never broken, of gathering its funds only by voluntary subscriptions and refusing to accept grants voted by Congress.

This policy is based on the Red Cross platform of absolute separation between its relief work and partisan politics. Its officers fear that if congressional appropriations are accepted members of the House and Senate will feel themselves privileged to demand special favors.

But several members of the House declare the floods have left such a great task of providing food and shelter immediately, and later rehabilitating families, that the \$3,000,000 asked for the Red Cross will only begin to meet the needs.

They have been thinking in hundreds of millions and in billions for so long that the Red Cross' three million seems a small sum.

Other Measures Proposed

Rep. Henry Ellenbogen (D., Pa.) has introduced a bill for a \$50,000 appropriation to be spent at the President's direction. Rep. Joseph Gray (D., Pa.) asked ten times that much, or half a billion dollars, for relief and rehabilitation. Rep. Matthew Dunn (D., Pa.) made it a full billion, with provisions for loans at not more than 1 per cent interest. Reps. Jennings Randolph and George W. Johnson (D., W. Va.) advocated transfer of smaller sums to the Red Cross, for use particularly in their state. Rep. Theodore L. Moritz (D., Pa.) put in a bill for a modest \$5,000,000, but confined its use to his home, Allegheny County.

The outcome of Monday's meeting is expected to be a general bill, offering relief in all flooded areas, and with administration placed in the hands of some government agency.

Whether it will become a law is believed to rest with the developing needs of the next few days, the public response to the Red Cross appeal, and the ability of that organization to meet the situation.

Hopkins Accepts Challenge

One outcome, it was pointed out in one quarter, will be a chance for the public to compare the efficiency of the Red Cross, working on a thoroughly non-political basis, with the operations of Federal relief, now attacked with charges of politics in various areas.

Harry Hopkins' Works Progress Administration itself has accepted the flood challenge in a way that may bring it as much public appreciation as is forming for the flood efforts of President Roosevelt's "fathers," the CCC boys.

A million dollars is available in Pennsylvania, for instance, for WPA projects in repair of streets and highways and other public property. Edward N. Jones, Pennsylvania WPA administrator, has been in-

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