

SANDBAGS PROTECT RAILROAD

HAZLETON'S ONLY OUTLET

TRACKS THREATENED BY TORRENTS

ROADS ARE UNDER WATER



40,000 HOMELESS IN STATE; SLEET ADDS TO SUFFERING; STREAMS PASS 1913 STAGES

Troops and Boats Rushed to Stricken Downstate Communities; Several Cases of Illness Reported; Serum Also Sent.

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night and opinion was divided as to whether they had drowned or had reached safety at a high spot. Two other men were rescued at Washington.

The U. S. Weather Bureau reported at noon today that the Ohio River was 71 feet at Aurora, one foot above the 1913 level, and was 70.4 feet at Cincinnati, 7 short of the 1913 mark.

Fifty thousand gallons of gasoline escaped from broken Standard Oil Co. tanks at Aurora and rolled down the Ohio. Radio fire hazard warnings were sent to downstream points.

Machinery to get Federal and State funds for Indiana flood victims were set in motion.

The Legislature was prepared to vote between \$50,000 and \$100,000 for stricken families if the State Emergency Fund gets low and Clarence Manion, Indiana NEC director, requested Federal funds from Washington.

Governor Townsend announced today that the State was making every effort to alleviate suffering in the flooded areas.

"Everything will be done to relieve necessity and want. This is a catastrophe. If it becomes necessary, I will recommend that the Legislature pass an emergency appropriation."

He said that authority had come from the War Department to issue No. 2 supplies, or old blankets and coats, and that the War Department was expected today to release No. 1 or new equipment from the Jeffersonville Quartermaster's Depot.

Surplus Food Distributed
Surplus food supplies of beef, pork, peas and grapefruit are being shipped down to southern Indiana by the Governor's Committee on Unemployment Relief.

The Indiana Legislature was prepared to vote a \$50,000 or \$100,000 flood emergency fund if the present fund is depleted today, about 300 families are on duty in the extensive Brevoort Levee system, today reported to be holding. WPA workers still were sandbagging it.

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the 1913 stage, about 400 out of work because factories were flooded. The business section appeared safe from anything more than flooded basements.

51-Foot Stage Expected
Evansville was unable to anticipate its fate when McLin Colliery, Government expert, predicted the Ohio next week would reach 51 feet, never before experienced.

Judged on the basis of the 1913 flood, when the water reached 48.4 feet, it was assumed between 8000 and 10,000 homes would be flooded, some of them in the finest residential section, the waterworks would be endangered as would the generating plant of the Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Co., supplying a dozen counties in the area.

The new WPA plaza, which has held back the water from Evansville's business district so far, is designed only to care for a crest of 49 feet.

More than half of Aurora was under water this afternoon. Four high places in the city formed four islands in the rising flood waters.

Beds Are Needed
Red Cross officials reported a critical lack of bed clothing and beds, and said drinking water must be boiled. Two families exposed to two reported cases of scarlet fever were isolated. A pneumonia patient was expected to die.

Supplies, reported on their way by National Guard trucks, will have to be carried into the town. Red Cross officials said, because all roads leading to the town have been inundated.

Workers are searching for kerosene stoves to prepare food for the refugees. All gas and electricity supplies were shut off.

The Princeton-Hazleton-Vincennes area, for two days threatened by two weak spots in the extensive Brevoort Levee system, today reported to be holding. WPA workers still were sandbagging it.

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Record-Breaking Stages Reported From Portsmouth To Louisville, Causing Millions of Dollars Damages; Family Rescued at Dam.

By United Press

CINCINNATI, Jan. 22.—Three deaths attributed to the Ohio River flood were reported today as record-breaking water stages were reported from Portsmouth, O., to Louisville, causing inestimable millions of dollars damage.

One man died at Parkersburg, W. Va.; one at Huntington, W. Va., and one at Cincinnati.

The United Press estimated that 100,000 persons had been driven from their homes by high water along the river's 1000-mile course.

The river rose to 70.5 feet at Cincinnati, where the flood stage is 52 feet. More rain was in prospect, Meteorologist W. C. Devereaux said, but a sharp drop in temperature also was imminent.

The rescue of several persons from a house drifting down the river above Fernbank Dam, near here, was reported today. An employee at the dam said the family had been rescued by the crew of a private launch after the house had lodged against driftwood. Their names were not learned.

Dean Harvey, 39, Rockland, O., was drowned when he drove his automobile into the Little Kanawha River at Parkersburg, W. Va. He lost control of the car and plunged into 20 feet of water.

A report that a man was missing at Portsmouth was believed erroneous.

temporary lines in service. Service between Cincinnati and Indiana flood area towns was shut down. A temporary exchange in Lawrenceburg was the immediate objective of the phone companies.

Disaster relief workers estimated 18,000 were homeless in Kentucky, 36,000 in Indiana, 20,000 in Illinois. They said they believed their estimates conservative, that the figure may be doubled by next week.

The Ohio River rolled over tops of levees throughout its course. Dozens of its tributaries were swollen as much as several miles in width. Evacuation was almost complete at Shawneetown, Ill.

Rains Still Falling
Louisville rescue workers prepared for a peak flood level at least equalling the 46.7 feet of 1884, worst flood year in the city's history. Red Cross headquarters at Evansville received scores of reports from outlying districts in Indiana and Kentucky that flood conditions already are as hazardous as in the great flood of 1913.

The great sheets of water swirling over the southern third of Indiana, the northern third of Kentucky, and the lower fourth of Illinois must drain into the Mississippi River at Cairo, Ill. A giant seawall there was patrolled by a score of men searching for leaks, cracks, or other signs of weakening. At least 300 families in the lower sections of Cairo were warned to leave their homes.

CANNELTON—Food and coal supplies are running low with no roads open to ship more into town. Water covers the first floor of river-front buildings. Light current is shut off.

One baby reported born today shortly after flood waters cover the first floor of a river-front home. Mother is rushed to another home on the hills.

OWENSBORO, KY.—The Ohio River was at 48.7 feet at 9 a. m. and rising at rate of 1 foot each hour. The crest in 1913 was only 48.9. The river was expected to rise three feet above that mark. All railroad and highway connections severed. Surrounding countryside under water. Owensboro, on high ground, appeared safe. Raining and temperature dropping.

RESCUE TRAIN MAY NOT REACH LAWRENCEBURG

10,000 Reported Marooned; Distillery Near Collapse, Reporter Hears.

By HEZE CLARK
Times Staff Writer

ABOARD RESCUE TRAIN AT LAWRENCEBURG, EN ROUTE TO

LAWRENCEBURG, Jan. 22.—We have come half way from Indianapolis and no one, not even the railroad men, knows how much farther we'll be able to get.

Reports reaching here were that the Seagram's Distillery warehouse at Lawrenceburg, one of the largest in the world, is expected to collapse at any time. It was completely only recently. A creek has undermined the structure, it was reported.

More than 10,000 in Lawrenceburg and Aurora are reported marooned, with all communications cut off.

Water was reported running over the Lawrenceburg levee, built after the 1913 flood.

More than 5000 of the towns 6000 residents are reported to have fled to higher ground.

Food Supplies Loaded

Most guesses are that we will have to stop the train several miles from Lawrenceburg. We'll have to make the best of it from there.

The train consists of four baggage cars and a passenger coach. Railroad and relief men are trying to find a coal car to add here.

We took on 11,000 pounds of food supplies here and would have taken more if the Charles F. Johnston's Son Co. had more to take. The food consisted of milk, sugar, meats, corn flakes, pork and beans, potatoes, coffee and salt.

Phone Service Down

One of the passengers on this train is Arthur Rudolf, 334 Elm St., Lawrenceburg. Yesterday he went to work in Cincinnati. He has been trying since quitting time yesterday to get back.

When and if he gets to Lawrenceburg he will have ridden 288 miles to get from Cincinnati to his home, which is 19 miles away. He said his home, where his wife and two small children await him, was deeply covered by the 1913 flood.

There is no phone service into Lawrenceburg and telephone company officials were reported working desperately to set up emergency equipment.

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Rising Rivers Slop Over Into Pittsburgh Streets As Wheeling Is Menaced

Biggest Flood Since Last March Hits Smoky City's 'Golden Triangle'; 10,000 Persons on Wheeling Island Evacuate Homes.

By United Press

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 22.—Monotonous rainfalls pushed rivers out of their banks into Pittsburgh's "Golden Triangle" business district, bringing the biggest flood since last March and brought a serious flood threat to Wheeling, W. Va., today.

As the Allegheny, Monongahela and Ohio Rivers rose toward an expected crest of 33 feet, eight feet above flood stage, and sloped the first water into the "Golden Triangle," the Ohio River at Wheeling was rising rapidly, causing the first of 10,000 on Wheeling Island to evacuate their homes.

The first death due indirectly to the flood occurred early today when Walter Wlodawski, 23, died in Allegheny General Hospital of a fractured skull suffered as he assisted fellow workers move groceries from a firm in the Lawrenceville district.

With the Ohio reaching 37.9 feet at 9 a. m. at Wheeling and rising at the rate of six-tenths of a foot an hour, the river will be at the 45-foot level tomorrow morning.

Capt. J. R. Hill, supervisor of dams, would not predict that 45 feet would be the crest.

Island Resident Flee

Wheeling Island, supposedly the largest inhabited river island in the country, would be submerged at 46 feet. Island residents were rapidly evacuating their homes and trucks, loaded with their household goods, clogged the bridges to the mainland.

Water poured into homes in South Wheeling as well as Wheeling Island as the 35-foot flood stage was passed. A 45-foot level would place water in the second floor of many Wheeling Island homes. In the Wheeling business district, merchants prepared for high water, which pours into a Main St. at 40 feet. The water will block Market St. at 43 feet.

In eastern Ohio, steel mills closed down at Martin's Ferry and two glass plants suspended operations at Bellaire.

Wheeling reported 1.51 inches of rain in the last 24 hours and Pittsburgh, 1.8 inches. The rain had virtually leveled at Pittsburgh this morning, but in other places the

rainfall continued. Further north, at Kane, Pa., the rain had turned to snow, and Franklin, Pa., reported snow flurries.

At the point in Pittsburgh where the Allegheny and Monongahela form the Ohio River, the waters reached 30.1 at 9 a. m., and were rising at the rate of three-tenths of a foot an hour.

The first water to invade the Triangle here flowed into Duquesne Way from the Allegheny, and the Monongahela crept into Water St. Lowland sections of Pittsburgh area in the greatest danger were Sharpsburg and McKee's Rocks, both in the "bottoms." McKee's Rocks Bottoms were under water from rampaging Chartiers Creek and 75 men aided residents to evacuate their homes.

The Allegheny River had flooded Main St. in Sharpsburg and Elms was endangered by Pine Creek.

Officials Visit Area

Governor George H. Earle of Pennsylvania ordered Maj. Gen. Edward G. Shannon, commander of the National Guard; Dr. Edith McBride-Dexter, health secretary, and Maj. Lynn G. Adams, superintendent of State Police, to go to the Pittsburgh area immediately to "look over the situation" and prepare for any emergency.

Johnstown, Pa., merchants in the central part of the city prepared to move merchandise to higher floors as Stony Creek rose to 11.6 feet. Heavy rains pelted that area and

U. S. PREDICTS 50-FOOT CREST AT LOUISVILLE

River Now at 46.7 for First Time Since 1884 Flood.

By United Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 22.—For the first time since the record-breaking flood of 1884, the Ohio River reached a stage of 46.7 feet at Louisville today.

U. S. Meteorologist J. L. Kendall said the river would rise to 50 feet today. He said he could not estimate how much higher it would go.

About one-third of the city's streets were under water, a flood area of 350 blocks. Broadway, the main thoroughfare, was closed to traffic in several places. Only two street car lines were operating.

Rail Station Closed
The Louisville Gas & Electric Co. warned that power for the city's homes probably would be turned off tonight. Gas service was expected to be continued longer.

The Central Railroad Station was closed when water covered the tracks and seeped into the first story of the terminal.

Three telephone exchanges ceased to operate. Radio appeals for residents to refrain from flood hysteria were issued at 15-minute intervals.

Warehouses were used to house refugees, of which there were an estimated 6000.

the crest was not expected to be reached for several hours. Several families located along Quemaoning Creek near Boswell, Pa., evacuated their homes.

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OFFICIAL WEATHER

United States Weather Bureau

INDIANAPOLIS FORECAST — Cloudy with snow or sleet probable tonight and tomorrow morning; colder tonight with lowest temperature 5 to 10 degrees.

Sunrise.....7:02 | Sunset.....4:52

TEMPERATURE
—Jan. 22, 1937
7 a. m.....29 | 1 p. m.....—6

BAROMETER
7 a. m.....30.03 | 1 p. m.....30.07

Precipitation 24 hrs. ending at 7 a. m. .68
Total precipitation since Jan. 1.....7.03
Excess since Jan. 1.....4.69

MIDWEST FORECAST

Indiana—Cloudy, snow or sleet probable tonight and Saturday morning except extreme northwest portion. Colder tonight and extreme southeast Saturday.

Illinois—Cloudy, snow or sleet south, colder extreme east and extreme south tonight; Saturday fair preceded by snow along Ohio River. Continued cold.

Lower Michigan—Mostly cloudy, snow during tonight and snow, partial Saturday morning; colder tonight except along Lake Michigan, colder extreme southeast Saturday.

Ohio—Snow in north and rain or sleet changing to snow in south portion tonight probably ending Saturday morning; colder tonight and much colder in east portion tonight; colder in east and central portions Saturday.

Kentucky—Rain changing to sleet or snow tonight, probably ending Saturday morning; colder in west and much colder in east portion tonight; colder in east and central portions Saturday.

WEATHER IN OTHER CITIES AT 7 A. M.

Station Weather Bar. Temp.

Annapolis.....Clear 30.26—34

Bismarck, N. D.....Clear 29.88—44

Boston.....Rain 29.88—10

Chicago.....Cloudy 29.98—30

Cincinnati.....Cloudy 29.98—30

Cleveland, O.....Cloudy 29.98—30

Denver.....Clear 30.22—8

Dodge City, Kan.....Clear 30.22—6

Helena, Mont.....Snow 30.30—2

Jacksonville, Fla.....Rain 30.28—36

Little Rock, Ark.....Cloudy 30.24—8

Los Angeles.....Clear 30.14—34

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