

11 FLOOD-STRICKEN STATES SWEPT BY STORMS AS 300,000 HOMELESS SEARCH SHELTER

Cincinnati and Louisville Among Major Cities
Most Seriously Affected; Mississippi
Also Rising; Damage Heavy.

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on duty in the Indiana-Illinois area. At least a dozen small cities were abandoned. Eight were believed dead.

ILLINOIS—Floods of major proportions were feared at Cairo, confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. Fourteen hundred residents were advised to evacuate Shawneetown, already isolated. Two companies of National Guardsmen awaited emergency orders. Three hundred were reported marooned in Alexander County. Coal, cots and tents were asked at Rosiclare.

Sleetstorms Add to Suffering

MISSOURI—Sleetstorms and cold added to the suffering of refugees in the St. Francis River Valley. Cardwell, isolated, had less than a ton of coal, no fresh meat, and little other food for its 1000 population. Many clung desperately to their homes as flood waters continued to rise and levees were feared.

ARKANSAS—Nearly every city and town in two eastern counties near Jonesboro were isolated by St. Francis River waters; 250 slept on improvised platforms at Caraway as all buildings were reported flooded. More than 25,000 were homeless and more than 10 were feared dead.

TENNESSEE—Two were drowned as thousands of refugees fled swiftly rising streams in the northwestern corner of the state.

MISSISSIPPI—Freezing temperatures, unusual in this state, added to the suffering of flood refugees. Rivers were rising rapidly. Trouble was feared from the muddy Mississippi.

It was the second consecutive week of flood in the Ohio and Mississippi Valleys, following on the heels of torrential winter rains.

Streams Thaw, Freeze and Thaw

Rivers and streams thawed, froze, and thawed again. Indiana and Missouri were the first flood centers. Then as the rains moved eastward the Ohio rose along the entire length of its 1000-mile course, flooding at first six states, then eight and finally pouring its waters southward until 11 states were under water.

Weather forecasters today said they could not tell how high the streams would go.

Disaster workers said the worst is yet to come. Even when the floods subside there still will be the task of moving destitute families into debris-swept homes and towns and fighting epidemics.

The U. S. Army engineers said that on the basis of present conditions severe flood conditions in the Lower Mississippi were unlikely.

They said a peak stage of 55 feet at Cairo, Ill., was expected but no major flood effects in the Mississippi. The engineers estimated that the Ohio River waters would not raise the Mississippi more than 10 or 11 feet below the levee top at Memphis.

The engineers, however, were prepared to revise their estimates if rains continue in the Ohio and Upper Mississippi Valleys.

Lawrenceburg Homes Engulfed; Threat of Disease Is Battled

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Last night, lights blinked from Greendale, a residential section on high ground. Lights in Columbia Park, O., also were visible in Lawrenceburg.

Victor O'Shaughnessy, chairman, and other members of the Citizens Committee of Twenty, today estimated the damage in Lawrenceburg may pass \$1,500,000. Ninety per cent of the East Side homes have been knocked from their foundations, many swept away, committee members estimated. On the West Side, approximately 25 per cent of the houses are off their foundations, they said.

Flood Swept Away

According to committee members, 10,000 barrels of flour in the Lawrenceburg Roller Mills Co. were swept away. National Guardsmen and police today were guarding against looting of vacated homes and stores and had orders to shoot intruders.

There are many stories of heroism. Ebert Herbert was taken to the temporary hospital in an exhausted condition after rowing a boat to rescue seven adults and two children.

Bill Henson, 28, despite warnings from State Police that "it's suicide," rowed in darkness to his home after midnight last night to rescue five brothers. He found them standing on chairs on the second floor of their home. It required almost four hours for the trip.

Mother and Son Die

A. M. Perin, a truck driver, received a broken leg while driving his truck in rescue work.

Frank Eberhardt and Alva Lowe narrowly escaped death when water swept them from their truck as they were en route to rescue a family. They swam to a house, broke a window and climbed to the roof, from which they were rescued eight hours later.

There have been two deaths, a mother and son. George Cartee, died in the Old Quaker plant of pneumonia. His mother, Mrs. Artie-misa Cartee, 88, died today of the same disease.

More than 600 men, women and children spent last night in the cold, damp, upperfloor rooms of their homes, the Court House, school and business buildings. Hundreds more are sheltered in the three distillery plants here, now turned over to refugees.

Water, estimated at 10 to 35 feet deep in the business district, still is pouring over the three-mile levee, as it has been doing for the last 36 hours.

Rowboats and skiffs of all descriptions are plying the swirling waters covering the streets, rescuing scores of marooned persons, hauling food

Cold Weather Endangers Health Of 40,000 Homeless Hoosiers

Ohio River Still Is Rising In Downstate District.

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special train yesterday carried supplies to that city.

Shortly after establishing communication, State Police radioed that the power may fail and that if it did the food order placed today was to be duplicated daily until further notice. Later today telephone service was re-established.

A train bearing 100 rowboats from Holland, Mich., was reported on its way to the Indiana flood sections.

The National Guard sent 10 steel rowboats to Evansville for distribution.

Headquarters at Evansville

Relief supplies and workers were concentrated at Evansville and were dispatched from there by the American Red Cross which has taken over relief work in most of the bad centers.

Special concern was expressed by leaders for Aurora, where Red Cross officials said food was running low, the water was polluted and fuel was almost exhausted.

The Red Cross reported, however, that a convoy of trucks was en route for the town, and Aurora refugees prepared to meet the trucks in rowboats about two miles from the town.

The southern tip of Posey County was under water and heavy property damage to farms was reported. Winter wheat probably was ruined, farmers said. Low temperatures and seven inches of snow hampered work there.

Water Drops at Hazleton

Food workers at Hazleton, where all this week White River has inundated one-third of the town, cheered today when the gauge showed the water had dropped one inch over night.

They said it appeared certain now

that the extensive Brevort Levee system in Knox County would hold.

Princeton, nearby, still was without water, but reported that there appeared no threat of an epidemic. The waters there also were reported receding.

Virtually all roads in Southern Indiana were covered with water, and many of them were impassable. Red Cross officials issued a general appeal for all who have no official business on those roads to stay off. They are needed for the business of relief, they said.

Soldiers Driven Back

Soldiers ordered out for flood duty from Ft. Knox, Ky., were driven back by high waters and were unable to reach Indiana.

State Police at the Seymour and Jasper barracks were on 24-hour duty, and the State Police radio set up regular communications with Louisville and St. Louis.

Two Indianapolis doctors, one medical sergeant and five nurses left last night for the flood area. They are Dr. Norman R. Booher, 104 E. Maple Road; Dr. G. W. Lee, Methodist Hospital; Walter Zuhner, 1910 Winton St.; Mary Jane Murphy, 3717 E. Michigan St.; Martha Beavers, 1940 N. Capitol Ave.; Dorothy McCallan, 2606 E. New York St.; Sylvia Berg, 1548 N. Meridian St., and Marie Kaeliner, 3119 N. Capitol Ave.

National Guard units in Kokomo, Crawfordsville, Lebanon, Noblesville, Bloomington, Franklin and Columbus were ordered to stand by for immediate call.

A Coast Guard cutter sank at Mount Vernon last night, but no one was drowned, and another cutter was reported lost and later turned up at Henderson, Ky.

One man was reported killed and another seriously injured in National Guard reports.

The Indiana WPA mobilized all its forces for relief work.

State WPA headquarters served as general purchasing agent for food

supplies that were to be shipped in special express cars to Lawrenceburg.

Fuel supplies also were purchased by WPA officials for Lawrenceburg and other stricken Ohio River cities.

Ten carloads of coal were ordered from mines at Clinton. Five carloads were specified for general heating purposes, the remainder for power facilities. The order was filled with cars already loaded and diverted from regular customers.

Large quantities of Federal surplus commodities were dispatched by the WPA to Madison, Tell City, Cannington and Aurora.

The food shipment to Lawrenceburg included rations for 2000 persons for three days.

More than 2000 suits of underwear for men and women also were included in the shipment. Other articles included 750 denim jackets, 500 pairs of overalls, 200 wind breakers for men, 120 woolen caps, 600 pairs of work gloves, 996 pairs of women's hose and 996 pairs of men's socks.

Relief Supplies Low

Gen. Straub said he may fly this afternoon from Evansville to Ft. Knox, Ky., to urge Army officials to release a new quantity of cots and bedding and other clothing. Relief supplies are running low in the entire flood area.

In Jeffersonville last night some 4000 persons were given shelter in the Army quartermasters depot. National Guard officials were informed.

Lieut. G. B. Lantz, section commander, said the Coast Guard at Evansville had requested more boats.

A special Coast Guard train carrying 11 boats and crews left Chicago for Evansville at 1 a. m., it was reported.

Radio Operator H. A. Beaubier reported intercepting a message from an amateur station at Madison saying that water was root-top deep in several places there. The report said the water there was six inches higher than ever before in the city's history.

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WORK TO SAVE 200 FAMILIES IN NEW ALBANY

Relief Crews Already Have Removed Estimated 2000 to Safety.

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three full floors of a factory building here, don't have enough clothing to keep them warm.

It was reported this afternoon that five families were marooned in the second floor of a house in the high water area. Forty truck loads of WPA workers said to have left Nashville for this city yesterday, have not been heard from.

City Hall Is Isolated

One of the trucks of our convoy, which left Indianapolis last night for Tell City and Cannington but got stranded here, started out early today to try to reach Corydon. It has not been reported since.

City Hall is isolated by water. The fire-fighting apparatus was taken to the bridge approach. Mayor Hansel said the community is in dire need of coal.

I arrived here early in this morning after an eight-hour trip over treacherous ice-covered roads. Two of the trucks left the road and almost overturned. We were forced almost 70 miles off our course to reach this city.

New Albany is dazed. People wander about the streets. Many

stranded here are unable to reach their homes in Jeffersonville and Louisville, just across the river. They are worried about their families.

Virtual martial law also is in effect in Jeffersonville, where 10 feet of water is reported in downtown business buildings. There are no lights in the towns. Eight hundred refugees are stranded in Rose Hill. A total of 4000 have been forced to abandon their homes.

All Jeffersonville citizens' boats have been ordered by the City Health Board to report at City Hall for typhoid inoculation.

Lack Power and Water

Water is flowing over the Jeffersonville levee, but the wall has not broken. The K-I bridge there is impassable under water. No trains are running across the river.

The Jeffersonville power and water plants are down. Residents have been ordered by city health officers to boil all drinking water.

A tent city to house 1000 Jeffersonville refugees may be built today on high ground. National Guard officers here said. The U. S. Army quartermaster's depot here, from which supplies and relief workers are being dispatched, also houses many refugees.

Three hundred families in New

Albany have been evacuated. Many homes are filled with water six-feet deep. Two hundred more families are expected to be forced out any time.

Newspapers Suspend

Mrs. Marie Workman, Red Cross representative sent here from Washington, went to Jeffersonville last night by boat. She has been unable to return, and probably will be stranded until the river current slows.

Approximately 250 persons slept on the floor and on improved cots last night.

Both New Albany newspapers have suspended publication. Lanterns and candles are used for lights in many places.

The convoy of six trucks and two station wagons which came here last night from Indianapolis were 9000 pounds of grapefruit, beef, prunes, hospital supplies, lanterns, candies, vegetables and canned foods.

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