

REHABILITATION IS SPEEDED AS OHIO EASES ITS GRIP ON SOME HOOSIER COMMUNITIES

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Adopted for Entire Indiana Area; Communications
Are Improved.

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9. Registering of all refugees in an attempt to find missing persons started by Red Cross.

10. Resumption of free flow of commerce over flood zone highways is immediate objective, Adj. Gen. Elmer Straub announces.

11. Dr. Verne K. Harvey, State Health Board director, and Adj. Gen. Straub discuss plans for coordinating more closely Health Department activities with those of the Indiana National Guard for rehabilitation work.

Evansville System

Maj. Gen. Robert H. Tyndall, National Guard commander in the flood zone, announced from his West Baden headquarters today that the plan worked out in Evansville by military and civilian groups would be followed in all Indiana flood towns. He inspected the Evansville area yesterday.

The "back-to-normal" plan in Evansville includes a system of permits and passes for employers who desire to resume business activity. Permits are issued only to those complying with strict health, sanitation and safety regulations, Gen. Tyndall said.

The permits are recommended by the Citizens Rehabilitation Committee, headed by Mayor William H. Dress, and approved by military authorities. Civilian committees also are operating in other stricken cities and the system will be easily adaptable, Gen. Tyndall said.

Refugee children will be excluded from the Indianapolis public schools until Monday, officials said today after receiving a letter from Dr. Harvey and Floyd I. McMurray, State Department of Public Instruction superintendent.

Daily Check Advocated

The state officials said such children might be in the incubation period of scarlet fever, diphtheria, mumps, measles, whooping cough and other contagious diseases, and that if they were admitted after Monday they should be examined daily by a nurse.

Indianapolis today paid tribute to Capt. William Arthur, local fireman who gave his life in an attempt to save others. He died in an Evansville hospital yesterday afternoon of exposure and exhaustion after days and nights of evacuation work in Evansville.

Capt. Arthur and his squad rescued many victims, often working shoulder-deep in icy water and many hours without rest and change to dry clothing.

He became ill Saturday and was taken to the hospital. Physicians attributed his death to gastric hemorrhage induced by physical strain, exposure and exhaustion.

Chief Pays Tribute

Capt. Arthur, who was 46, was stationed at Engine House No. 8. He was appointed to the department in 1914 and was appointed captain in May, 1924. Battalion Chief William Clume said: "He was one of the most valuable captains in the department."

His wife, Mrs. Suzanne Arthur, and mother, Mrs. Mary Arthur, went to Evansville yesterday morning from their home at 1913 Ruckle St.

Capt. Arthur's body was to be returned today and funeral arrangements completed. Twenty-six other Indianapolis firemen are on duty in the Evansville flood area.

Policemen Ordered Home

Three Indianapolis policemen have been ordered home from flood duty in Louisville by Lieut. L. M. Troutman, who remained in command of 19 other city policemen on duty there. Those who returned were Patrolmen Dalin Judd, Earl Halstead and James Hayes.

Judd and Halstead were said to be suffering from exposure. Hayes returned home after learning of the illness of his wife.

Another Indianapolis policeman, John Willis, 3134 Ruckle St., is recovering here from exposure. He returned Saturday. He was in a boat with Officers Judd and Halstead which overturned in the swift current of eight-foot-deep water. They swam 50 yards in boots and full equipment and waited five hours to be rescued.

A train from Louisville today brought 120 more refugees to Indianapolis. Most of them were taken to the Fair Grounds camp. Also on the train were 194 New York Guardsmen en route home from Louisville. Some of the Guardsmen reported Louisville was

under strict quarantine when they left.

After an inspection trip yesterday, Gen. Tyndall announced the New Albany situation "well in hand." He said rumors that several bodies were found in the flooded town were untrue.

Dr. Harvey said he would confer here today with CCC officials to arrange for their aid in rehabilitation work.

Two cases of diphtheria were reported from Seymour today, and one case of pneumonia was reported in Charlestown. Four Michigan State Health officers were expected to arrive here today for duty in the flood zone.

Health Districts Report

Daily reports from four State Health District offices in flood counties are to be received by Dr. Verne K. Harvey, public health director. Eighty-three health officers are in the field. These reports may be considered the most trustworthy information that can be obtained, Dr. Harvey said. Disease is at a minimum now, he said.

As flood relief contributions reached \$201,015.64, the Indiana headquarters of the American Red Cross today was registering all refugees in an attempt to locate missing persons.

More than 10,000 names of refugees, their temporary addresses and locations of former homes had been taken at headquarters here today.

The task of enrolling refugees was taken over by the Red Cross yesterday, relieving the Adjutant General's office of that work. Transfer of enrollment work from the National Guard was done at the request of Governor Townsend, who said the duties of the State Militia had become too heavy to continue that phase of activities.

Staff Enlarged

The Governor also asked that all public and private agencies co-operate with the Red Cross in the work. Transfer of registration work from the Adjutant General's office in the Statehouse to the Red Cross office in the Chamber of Commerce Building resulted in hiring 50 more clerks and typists. The staff will establish a cross file of about 20,000 names so refugees can locate missing relatives and prepare for rehabilitation of their homes.

Resumption of a free flow of commerce over the highways of the flood zone is the objective today of the Adjutant General's office. Military passes were being issued to a few wholesalers, Adj. Gen. Straub said, and by the end of the week it was expected that truck traffic would be practically normal.

Private citizens can get passes to go into the military zone to look after property if it is not under water and they can go to refugee centers to bring out relatives if they know where they are. No one is permitted to wander around in the inundated areas in search of persons or property.

Individuals not being given passes to take supplies to relatives or to visit them.

Communications Improved

An elaborate network of All Corps, State Police and National Guard radio stations has been set up throughout the stricken area, Adj. Gen. Straub announced.

State policemen now are to accompany commanding National Guard officers in cars of the State Police Department, which are equipped with radio receiving sets.

Air corps division radio stations are located in Indianapolis, Vincennes, Evansville and St. Meinrad. Naval militia stations are at Indianapolis, Evansville and Madison, and State Police stations are at Indianapolis, Mount Vernon, Evansville, Rockport, Jasper, West Baden, New Albany, Seymour, Versailles, Batesville, Lawrenceburg and Aurora.

Orders have been issued to all Guardsmen that persons arrested in the military zone be turned over to civil authorities. If civil operations have been suspended, however, troops have been ordered to hold those arrested for court-martial.

Maj. Gen. Tyndall today continued shifting Guardsmen in the military zone, and efforts were made to keep refugees from returning to their homes until the waters have subsided and adequate sanitary conditions established along the 250-mile flood front.

Daily Reports for Harvey

No serious disease outbreaks have been reported to Dr. Verne K. Harvey, State Health director, who now is receiving daily reports of health conditions from all flooded cities and refugee centers.

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Co-ordination Is Theme

Co-ordination of facilities for relief and reconstruction was the theme in today's activities of many agencies working for the flood sufferers.

All work of the Civilian Conservation Corps and Emergency Conservation Works in flood relief and rehabilitation in Indiana will be co-ordinated through Army headquarters at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Brig. Gen. William K. Naylor has been advised by the War Department.

The Army has been directing approximately 400 CCC enrollees, officers and technical personnel in the flood area. The Army and the CCC have furnished the Indiana National Guard and other relief agencies with 500 trucks and more than 94 carloads of supplies.

At a meeting of American Legion district commanders yesterday a finance committee was named to supervise disbursement of an emergency fund of nearly \$30,000. Named to the committee were Lewis Murphy, South Bend; William E. Sayer, State adjutant; John Ruckelshaus, state finance officer; Judge Wilfred Bradshaw, Twelfth District commander; Barney W. Breedlove, Indianapolis, and State Commander Charles Maston.

Many Posts Sent Aid

Money and supplies have come to Legion National Headquarters in Indianapolis from states as far away as South Dakota and Massachusetts.

Kurt W. Schmidt has been appointed manager of Legion clothing warehouses and Mrs. Max Norris, Twelfth District Auxiliary president, is in charge of the clothes distributing warehouse at 1007 N. Meridian St.

The Indiana department, Veterans of Foreign Wars, has turned its headquarters on E. Ohio St. into a refugee camp and clearing house for supplies.

The Red Cross is maintaining a supply depot and clearing house at 210 S. Meridian St., rapidly filled and as rapidly emptied with clothing donated by private citizens and purchased by the organization. More than 100,000 cans of food collected by Indianapolis school children also have been delivered to the warehouse.

F. W. Loeffler, assigned by Washington headquarters to the Red Cross to supervise distribution here, commented that Easterners had not forgotten last year's floods and are sending large quantities of supplies. Financial contributions to the Red Cross disaster fund included \$10,000 donated by the Shell Petroleum Corp. of St. Louis.

All telephones that have been under water will have to be replaced, officials of the Indiana Bell Telephone Co. said as they prepared plans to restore service in five southern Indiana cities. Approximately 3000 telephones are out of commission in Evansville.

Evansville Battles Rumors and Fears In Tireless Effort to Keep Up Courage

By ARCH STEINEL

This story doesn't write easily. It's supposed to relate the experiences of another Times man and myself in the Evansville flood area.

—But we had no experiences! Sure we were in a Coast Guard boat that helped rescue a man. But

we, State Health director, who now is receiving daily reports of health conditions from all flooded cities and refugee centers.

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REHABILITATION PLANS FORMED BY LOUISVILLE

City Will Rebuild Slowly as
Chicago Did After
Great Fire.

By United Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 1.—Flood-ravaged Louisville will be rebuilt much as was Chicago after the great fire, Mayor Neville Miller announced today.

Slums are to be cleared, traffic routes rearranged, auxiliary utility stations built, and a step taken toward reduction of crime and disease.

"We are going to do this slowly, carefully, systematically, and legally," the Mayor drawled. "If we rush into things too fast, before you know it some one will be building a monument to the flood instead of houses for poor people."

In 1934, he said, it was established that one-third of Louisville's dwelling places were substandard. Twenty-five per cent were crowded, one to three persons to a room, 30 per cent had only cold water, 10 per cent had no running water, 9 per cent had neither gas nor electricity, 32 per cent had no plumbing, 35 per cent had no bath facilities.

Plan Slum Clearance

Slum clearance will assist in crime and disease reduction, he said, since it was found that crime was four times as prevalent in substandard areas and tuberculosis three times as great.

"We want to rearrange traffic routes," the Mayor said, "so that never again will it happen that when a flood occurs we cannot get the people out of town. It will be determined also where auxiliary gas, electricity and water plants may be built so that future floods will not leave the city in its present state. Floods like this occur once every 50 years. We want to be ready for the next one sooner than that."