

## STATE'S FLOOD TOLL MOUNTS; ROADS BLOCKED

Families Rescued by Boats in Kokomo, Frankfort; Two Are Dead.

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will go to several feet higher, he said. At Seymour it stood at 17.6, 3.6 feet over flood stage. At Petersburg and Hazleton the river has not been below flood stage since rains early last week and will continue to rise as waters from the later rains reach them.

Robert Breeden, 52, was struck by lightning and killed during the storm on his Owen County farm. Hiram Ricketts, 36, West Lebanon, was drowned when he tried to leave his car stalled by high waters near Covington. His wife later was rescued.

### 50 Families Evacuated

The largest number of persons forced from their homes was in Kokomo where, at 3 a. m. Sunday, police warned residents in an entire section of the flood danger and then helped rescue them. About 50 families were evacuated.

Several families in Frankfort were rescued by boats when the water trapped them in their homes. More than five feet of water was reported in the Portland business district, where several church services were suspended.

In Crawfordsville Sugar Creek reached the highest level since 1927, it was reported. A property loss of about \$10,000, railroad men said, was caused Saturday night when the freight train was derailed about three miles from Bloomington when the undermined roadway collapsed.

No one was injured and the engine was not damaged. Several cars containing freight bound from Louisville to Chicago were badly damaged, and a large length of track was ripped up.

The railroad men said Jack's Defeat, a creek, had roared out of its banks and covered the entire vicinity with water. This same creek flows through Ellettsville, seven miles northwest of Bloomington, and caused residents to vacate their homes for a short period.

### Cloudburst Drenches Area

Pioneer residents of Ellettsville said the flood was the worst in the town's history. Heavy rains Friday night and early Saturday were augmented by a virtual cloudburst at 1 a. m. and Jack's Defeat spread through the business and residential sections.

The water reached its peak in about two hours and went down as suddenly as it came up. At its peak it was several inches deep in a new filling station on the new highway, which all had supposed was safe from any flood waters.

Water was several inches high in the People's State Bank and Denny Hudson's grocery store. Merchants and householders in Ellettsville yesterday were busy washing red mud out of buildings.

Piles of corn stalks and weeds, branches and boxes accumulated around homes and stores. Several persons today told of standing on chairs in their homes to stay out of the water, and one family was rescued by boat from the roof of the porch.

Among the families rescued in boats, manned by Ted Williams and Charles Price, were those of Delbert Gillespie and his next door neighbor, Herman Elliott.

When the water began rising in the Gillespie home, the family, including five children ranging from 2 to 10, went to the second floor. They were taken off a porch roof by one of the boats. Marks on the wall indicated the water had been four or five feet high at the peak.

In the Elliott home, on somewhat higher land, Mrs. Elliott stood on a chair, holding 2-year-old Caroline Jean in her arms, as the water rose. Four-year-old Lillian Mae stood on another chair, her feet in water. They were helped through a window into a boat by Mr. Elliott.

At Bloomington, the Jordan River, ordinarily a few inches deep, carried flood water through the Indiana University campus but no damage was reported to school property.

The same stream, however, flooded the Monon Railroad roundhouse at the southern end of the city. Roundhouse pits had to be pumped out.

Many basements in the city were flooded and several streets were closed to traffic.

At Brazil, lightning struck the home of Ralph McQueen. The bolt followed the radio aerial, jumped to the kitchen sink, and went out through the drain pipe, tearing up a section of floor.

### Brazil Man Burned as Lightning Hits Home

BRAZIL, March 13 (U. P.).—Balls of fire hurtled through Attorney Ralph McQueen's country home near here yesterday, in spite of nine lightning rods on the roof.

Considerable damage was done and Mr. McQueen's hands were burned in putting out two fires set by the balls of fire.

The lightning entered through the radio aerial, which was burned in two. Other damage consisted of torn plumbing, a hole in the kitchen floor, a ruined sink drain and burned curtains and coffee sacks which were in an adjoining smoke house where rafters were broken.

N. Y. NEWSPAPERMAN DIES NEW YORK, March 13 (U. P.).—Funeral services for George Buchanan Fife, veteran New York newspaperman, will be held tomorrow. He died of bronchial pneumonia yesterday at Flushing Hospital. He was 69.

## Cleaning Up Becomes One of Biggest Jobs in Wake of High Water



White River, rising today, flooded Ravenswood and householders prepared to leave their homes.



Flood waters yesterday inundated farm lands near Spencer.

## Czechs Annoy Germany; Madrid Reported Quiet

Praha Hears of Serious Franco Moves Up Munitions Clashes; Ultimatum Is Rumored. For Offensive Against Loyalist Centers.

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neses-Italian "anti-Comintern" alliance.

In Berlin, while Herr Hitler conferred with ex-Premier Tiso, who had flown from Bratislava, the press, in terms reminiscent of the Sudetenland crisis, called the situation unbearable. The French ambassador, Robert Coulondre, returned hurriedly to Berlin and conferred with Sir Neville Henderson, the British Ambassador, at the British Embassy. Well-informed Nazis said they believed that a demand in the nature of an ultimatum to Praha could be expected within 24 hours.

Newspapers said the Government was deeply concerned because Czechoslovakia had returned to the methods of former President Eduard Benes—that is, to the methods pursued before the Munich Conference.

The newspaper, Zelt, organ of Konrad Henlein, Sudeten German leader, charged that it had received reports from Praha that a putsch intended to restore Dr. Benes to power was planned for this week. It was alleged that the Czech Legion of World War Veterans and a section of the Czech General Army Staff were involved. Dr. Benes is at the University of Chicago now.

### Praha Is Fearful

In Praha, grave developments were feared and rumors circulated that the Cabinet might be reorganized to eliminate Army influence, with Gen. Jan Syrovky, War Minister, and Gen. Alois Elias, Communications Minister, being ousted. There were frequent reports of clashes involving Germans as well as Czechs and Slovaks.

Clashes between German and Czech youths at Brno in which 22 were reported wounded, fighting between German pensioners and Czechs at Tluma, shooting of Czech gendarmes into a group of Germans and Gleschudel and the death of 18 Hlinka Guards in various clashes in Slovakia Friday were the most serious.

In Bratislava, capital of Slovakia, a tense armed truce prevailed. Czech troops were kept in barracks after clashes threatened to get out of hand. Vigilantes of the Hlinka Guards, and of German Nazi groups, were given arms but most of them later were withdrawn.

### Nazi Radio Utilized

In Vienna, the Nazi radio became the mouthpiece of the Slovaks. One pro-Nazi Slovak leader, Jan Murgas, a commander of the Hlinka Guards, broadcast a message for the Slovaks to "stand firm." The situation will soon be settled as the Slovak Nationalist leaders distrust the Czechs and the Czechs distrust the Slovaks.

Unconfirmed reports circulated that the Slovak leaders would proclaim an independent Slovakia in a broadcast from the Vienna station within the next 18 hours.

Reports of German troop movements at the border were denied and Chancellor Hitler canceled a proposed trip to Vienna Wednesday to review a military parade celebrating the first anniversary of the Anschluss or union of Austria with Germany.

At London, a British spokesman said that it is "questionable" whether there is any four-power guarantee for the frontiers of Czechoslovakia. He said that if there is any such guarantee it would not apply in event of voluntary secession of Slovakia from Czechoslovakia. It was agreed at Munich that Great Britain, France, Germany and Italy would guarantee the future frontiers of the Czech republic, but they did not do so in case of territorial demands by Poland and Hungary.

### FRECK MISHAP SNAPS LEG

HOLDENVILLE, Okla., March 13 (U. P.).—L. J. Morgan suffered a broken leg in a freak accident near here. The 35-year-old Atwood, Okla., service station employee drove a tractor past a wire lying on the ground. The wire caught his trousers leg, pulling him from the machine.

### LESLIE RITES TODAY

TERRE HAUTE, March 13 (U. P.).—Funeral services for William Leslie, night foreman at the Blackhawk Mine south of here, who was killed Saturday while at work. Mr. Leslie lived at Farmersburg.

## Willis Files Appeal for Recount With U.S. Senate

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Senator VanNuy's own charges against the Two Per Cent Club, and the Democratic organization in the State and his subsequent donations to the same committee.

"I do not pretend that the evidence that we have collected thus far proves our case beyond any question of dispute," Mr. Willis concludes.

"Nevertheless, I am convinced—and those who have examined this evidence that we have collected, are convinced—that we have sufficient evidence to justify us in petitioning the Senate to conduct a recount of the votes cast in the election and an inquiry."

"In fact, we are convinced that an inquiry is essential if the purity of the election system in Indiana is to be restored. We are convinced—and I believe that thousands of Indiana citizens are convinced—that there never will be a fair election held in Indiana until the methods by which this particular victory has been won are completely exposed and the perpetrators of such methods are punished."

"This matter that I am bringing to your attention through the constitutional right of petition for a redress of grievances, and with the complete support of the Indiana Republican State Central Committee, is far broader in its scope and importance than the question as to whether I was or was not elected to the United States Senate."

Forty-six pages of the petition deal with the election in Indianapolis and Marion County. It is suggested that business houses made contributions to the Marion County Democratic Committee, in proportion as they shared in the relief business.

"For instance," the petition sets out, "one C. E. Kramer, did business with governmental relief offices amounting to \$10,258.85 and his contribution to the Marion County Democratic Committee was \$142.83; J. W. and Mary Finneran sold \$35,143.85 worth of relief supplies to Governmental agencies and their contribution was \$371.10."

Donations in Odd Figures "There were hundreds of similar cases where the donations to the Democratic County Committee were in odd figures, even to the point of including a few cents."

"Although investigators never were able to substantiate definitely the fact that those persons who sold relief supplies were contributing to the County Committee on a percentage basis, they could not but notice that the contributions to the Democratic County Committee in Marion County bore this peculiar relation to the quantities of business transacted with various units of Government."

A differential in food costs is set out in the petition, showing that relief purchases in Marion County were higher item for item, than the same products sold to the general public.

Names and amounts of Democratic County Committee members are listed.

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Charles Record, Ellettsville, cleans up his garage.

## Kokomo Ex-Mayor, Ten Others Ordered Seized

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member, the indictment charged further. Tarkington's name also was used in the claim, it stated.

Mr. Nolan said that ex-Mayor Holt, former City Attorney Broo and former City Engineer Morrow had approved the claims as ex-officio members of the Kokomo Board of Public Works and Safety.

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## MANY INDIANA ROADS SHUT OFF BY HIGH WATER

Highway Commission Says They May Be Closed Another Day.

The State Highway Commission today reported the following roads closed and predicted they will be closed at least through tomorrow because of high water:

Greenfield District Road 1 south of Road 28 and north of Red Key. Road 21 at Marion and Jonesboro.

Vincennes District Road 58 west of Elmore. Road 157 south of Coal City. Road 66 north and south of Derby and east of Cannelton. Road 168 north of Tobinsport. Road 445 south of Rockport.

Crawfordsville District Road 28 west of Road 52. Road 42 at Poland and at the Putnam-Morgan County line. Road 43 south of Lafayette. Road 55 northwest of Crawfordsville and west of Fontaine-Montgomery County line where a bridge over Coal Creek is out. Road 39 two miles north of Frankfort, where a bridge is out. Road 59 north of Clay City. Road 63 at Cayuga. Road 246 east of Lewis.

La Porte District Road 17 north of Logansport. Road 43 north of Lafayette and at Medaryville.

Ft. Wayne District Road 116 east of Bluffton. Road 118 west of Berne. Road 221 at the junction with 124. Road 224 east of Markle.

MAYOR OBLIGES WITH SIX-MONTH SENTENCE HUNTINGTON, March 13 (U. P.).—Ernest T. Lane, unemployed tailor, asked for, and received, a six-month sentence in the State Prison Farm. Lane was brought before Mayor Foster E. Cushman Saturday charged with public intoxication. Because of his strained economic circumstances, he asked the Mayor to sentence him for six months. The Mayor obliged.

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