TERROR STRICKEN PEOPLE FLEE FROM RAGING TORRENTS

MANY MAROONED IN TREE TOPS

Nineteen Dead And Many Missing At Delaware, O.

RIVER RUNS OVER BANKS

PREACHER RESCUES TWO BABIES AND SEVERAL ADULTS.

With the Exception of Crippled Telegraph Service, the Town Is Cut Off From the Outside World. Between 300 and 400 Families Made Homeless When River Sweeps Houses Before It—Accurate Estimates of the Damage Impossible—Swift Current Hampers Rescuers.

Delaware, O., March 25.—With 19 persons reported dead—swept away in the flooded Olentangy River—many others missing and unaccounted for, and between 300 and 400 families homeless, this town of about 10,000 inhabitants tonight, with the exception of a crippled telegraph service, is cut off from surrounding territory. The flooded condition of the town makes rescue and relief work difficult.

Mayor B. V. Leas, who was reported drowned, and who saved himself by catching hold of the roof of a shed in a lumber yard, estimates the number of dead anywhere between 25 and 75.

Scores of persons are marooned in trees, on housetops and other points above the water line as their would-be rescuers are shouting words of encouragement to them while making futile efforts at rescue, owing to the swift current. Swiftly floating debris adds to the hazardous task of rescue by boats.

WALL OF RUSHING WATER.

A wall of water seven feet high is rushing through the main section of the city, and as the five bridges connecting the east and main sections have been washed away, accurate estimates as to the number of dead and damage done is impossible.

East Delaware reports the following drowned:

K. M. Melching, Mrs. Melching and seven Melching children, Mrs. Silas Smith, three Smith children, Mrs. Sam Jones, Miss Ethel Jones, three unknown women, unknown man.

As darkness gathered this evening weeping women and children lined the east banks of the river waving handkerchiefs to their loved ones marooned in houses and trees in the swirling river.

In one tree, where six people were clinging to the branches, repeated efforts to throw them a rope failed.

Four persons were thrown into the river when the Big Four Bridge gave way at 11:30 A. M. Three were rescued and Ralph Reigs, a printer, who caught on a tree after being carried 200 yards down stream is still marooned there. Just as the bridge was swept out a man, clinging to the roof of a house which was being swept down stream, waved his shirt at the people on the shore and then was lost to view as the house crumpled when it struck the bridge.

COLLEGE BUILDINGS FLOODED.

Several buildings of Ohio Wesleyan University are inundated.

One baby, not yet identified, was rescued as it floated down stream. Another baby was seen in midstream, but could not be recovered.

Silas Smith, whose wife and children were drowned, grasped the roof of a house as it floated down stream and drifted safely into a lumber yard.

By climbing into a tree, Rev. Eugene Bush, pastor of Grace Church, rescued two babies and several adults. Taking a rope with him, the minister fastened himself to the tree and threw the loose end to a man, who, with several women and children, was being carried down stream on a house. All were hauled ashore.

The Olentangay River at this point normally is nothing more than a creek, but now in many places is a half mile wide.

Red Cross Workers to Scene.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Washington, March 25.—Agents of the American Red Cross in St. Louis and Cincinnati were today ordered to Dayton, O., to assist in the relief work following the floods there. Several attempts to get into communication with the municipal authorities of Dayton have been made by the society, but so far it has been unsuccessful. Arrangements have been completed to render additional assistance should the town require it.

GET A TEN-CENT BOX OF CASCARETS

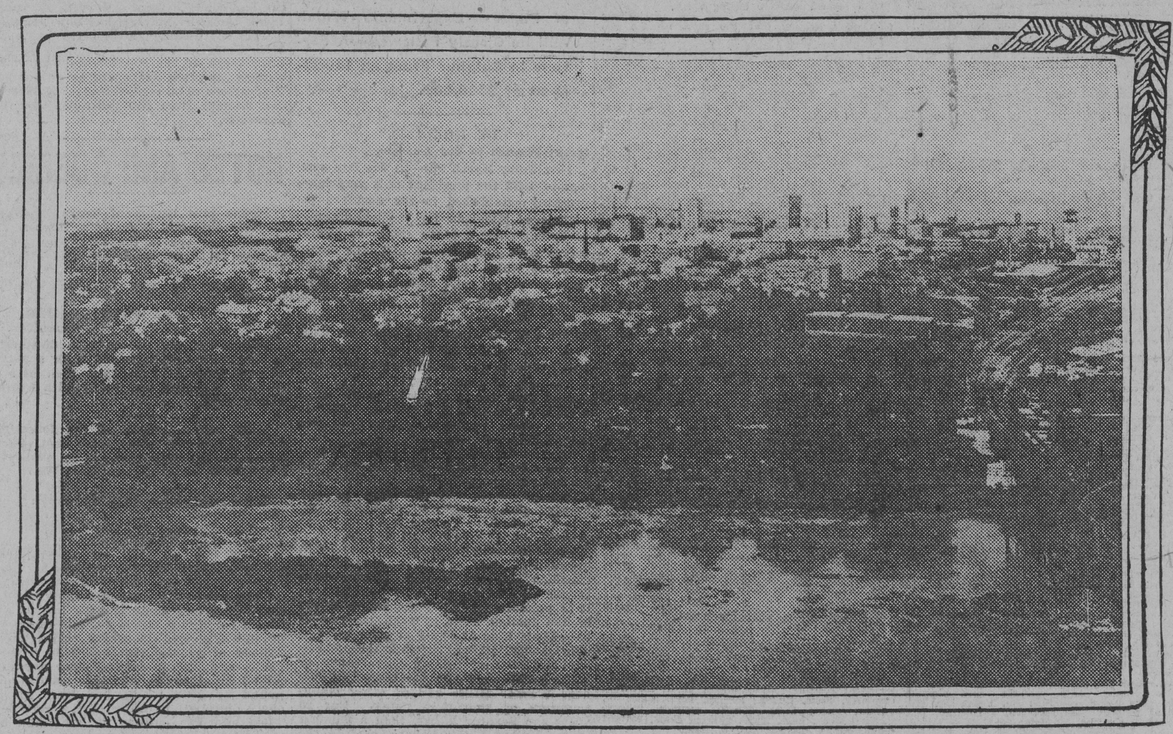
Insures You For Months Against Sick Headache, Biliousness, Constipation or a Bad Stomach.

Put aside—just once—the Salts, Cathartic Pills, Castor Oils or purgative waters which merely force a passageway through the bowels, but do not thoroughly cleanse, freshen and purify these drainage or alimentary organs, and have no effect whatever upon the liver and stomach.

Keep your inside organs pure and fresh with Cascarets, which thoroughly cleanse the stomach, remove the undigested, sour and fermenting food and foul gases, take the excess bile from the liver and carry out of the system all the constipated waste matter and poisons in the intestines and bowels.

A Cascaret tonight will make you feel great by morning. They work while you sleep—never gripe, sicken and cost only 10 cents a box from your druggist. Millions of men and women take a Cascaret now and then and never have Headache, Biliousness, coated tongue, Indigestion, Sour Stomach or Constipated Bowels. Cascarets belong in every household. Children just love to take them.

CITIES IN THE MIDDLE WEST DAMAGED BY FLOODS YESTERDAY



PANORAMA VIEW OF DAYTON, OHIO, SHOWING MIAMI RIVER IN THE FOREGROUND.

—Photographs by I. & M. Ottenheimer.

MAIN STREET IN DAYTON.

VIEW IN INDIANAPOLIS.

PANORAMA OF YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO.

THOUSANDS DIE IN DAYTON DELUGE

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thousand persons had lost their lives and that the city had been engulfed by water to an enormous depth.

RUMORS LACK CONFIRMATION.

Another rumor, equally lacking confirmation, was that the bodies of people could be seen being washed about the streets and on the outskirts of Dayton. Every effort is being made to confirm these rumors and they are given under reservation.

From every city and town in Ohio with which communication is still possible a tale of death and disaster is reported.

Among the towns which suffered the heaviest are Delaware, where 19 persons were drowned when the Olentangy River flooded the town.

The residential portion of the town is in ruins. Residents are marooned on housetops and in trees, and because of the small number of boats at hand rescue work is slow. It is estimated that 2,000 persons are homeless, and many are in a critical condition from lack of food and exposure.

The town of Findlay is floodswept and much ruin has resulted in the business and residential sections. All schools and manufacturing plants have been forced to close.

$1,000,000 LOSS AT AKRON.

Akron reported a million-dollar loss of property and several drowned and killed.

At Troy, O., the Erie Canal and the Miami River have broken their banks and flooded the city. Several persons were drowned and the inhabitants were forced to flee from their homes. A girl telephone operator, the last to leave the exchange building in Dayton, was in communication with Governor Cox at Columbus for a moment this afternoon and reported that the Leonard Building, one of the city's skyscrapers, had just collapsed, carrying many persons to death. Just as the girl told the Governor that the exchange had been deserted and was in imminent danger of collapse the connection was broken.

From seven to 14 feet of water covers the streets as the result of overflow of the Miami, Stillwater and Mad River and Wolf Creek. The last report from Dayton said that the levees restraining these rivers were in imminent danger of giving way and adding tremendously to the loss of life and damage. It is feared tonight that they have gone and encompassed the destruction of the city.

COLUMBUS IN DARKNESS.

Columbus, the capital, is in total darkness tonight. A terrific windstorm, accompanied by torrential rains all day and night, have put the city in the menace of the floods. Telephone and telegraph communication in and out of Columbus is spasmodic. The Governor has been trying to get in communication with Dayton during the afternoon and night, but at a late hour had been unable to do so. Several rescue trains have been sent to Dayton, but are unable to get near the city owing to the heavy damage to the railroad from the high waters. In places the tracks are buried under water so high that fire under the locomotive boilers has been extinguished.

Several companies of the state militia have been called out and trains are attempting to land them somewhere near Dayton, but the task tonight is impossible. The Dayton bridge over the great Miami River has been dynamited as the vast amount of debris rushing down the river clogged there and formed a dam increasing the overflow.

Thousands of refugees fled the deluged city during the day, while thousands more were hovering on the outskirts of the city at dark. Hundreds of persons are marooned in trees and on house tops. Boats are being used in the work of rescue, but this is attended with great danger.

APPEALS FOR AID.

Governor Cox today appealed to the National Red Cross Association for aid in caring for the thousands of sufferers in Ohio who have been rendered homeless by the flood and wind.

The state capital and memorial hall together with several public buildings in Columbus have been thrown open to care for the homeless from the surrounding country.

Buffalo reported that the Buffalo River was rising rapidly and two of the big railroad bridges were in danger of being washed away before morning. The storm has severely crippled railroad service and telegraph communication, while the gas and electric lights have been put out of commission in parts of the city.

Hornell reported the worst flood and damage by fire in its history. Many families are homeless in that region tonight.

STORM IN VERMONT.

Montpelier, Vt., reports a storm raging in that locality and rivers are flooded to the danger point, and if the heavy rains which have prevailed for the past 18 hours continue, much damage will be done. A general alarm has been sent out warning all inhabitants of the valleys for miles around this section of the impending danger.

At Indianapolis the water and gas supply was shut off this afternoon when the flood reached the pumping stations, and the gas plants and the city is in darkness tonight. All transportation with the outside world has been cut off and telegraph and telephone communications has been crippled. Heavy winds have caused several serious fires in the best residential districts.

Throughout Indiana thousands of families have been driven from their homes by the floods, which are raging along all of the rivers and streams of the state. Nearly every factory and mill in the state has been forced to close down. Food and clothing is being distributed by city officials in many places.

A general storm warning was sent out tonight for all points along the Atlantic Coast, between Cape Hatteras and Eastport, Me.

A heavy wind and rain storm is raging through a major portion of Connecticut and considerable damage is already reported.

DIED SAVING OTHERS

Twelve Known Dead From Flood at Hamilton.

Hamilton, O., March 25.—Twelve persons are known to have been drowned, while it is believed over a score more are dead as the result of the flood of the Miami River that swept Hamilton from one end to the other today and is rushing through the streets tonight to a depth of from three to six feet.

The known dead are: Robert Shank, an attorney; N. C. McRoberts, aged six; O'Dell, Herman Tieman, Dr. Leon Iutzi. Three unidentified women and two unidentified men.

J. R. Espey, a prominent merchant, saw a man and woman fall from a boat as it swept past his house and neither appeared on the surface again.

Dr. Iutzi and Robert Shank lost their lives while trying to save others.

Tonight the residents are gathered in the principal buildings of the town. Communication with the outside world is limited to a single telephone wire that reaches only to Cincinnati.

The town is in total darkness owing to the fact that the light plant was put out of working order early in the day and this limits the rescue work to a minimum.

Three companies of militia from Cincinnati arrived in South Hamilton tonight, but owing to the swiftness of the currents in the streets have not been able to detrain.

THE GIRLS WHO SENT THE NEWS

Cincinnati, O., March 25.—It remained for two girls to be the real factors in giving to the world the news of the first day of the flood. Both are operators, but in different lines.

One, a telephone operator in the main exchange at Dayton, flashed the last tidings that came out of the stricken city by the telephone early today, as well as having delivered the news to Governor Cox, which enabled the executive to grasp the situation and start the rescue work.

The other is the telegraph operator at Phoneton, eight miles north of Dayton, who served as a relay operator for the girl at Dayton.

Both stood to their posts as long as the wires held, and the young woman at Phoneton, Mrs. Rena White Eakin, worked all during the day and night.

250 DEAD IN PERU

Confirmation of Terrible Loss of Life in Indiana.

Fort Wayne, Ind., March 25.—The dispatcher for the Wabash Railroad stated at 12 o'clock midnight that he had received confirmation of a terrible loss of life at Peru. According to his information 250 are dead in South Peru. Coffins are being prepared for shipment by every undertaker in Fort Wayne and a carload of provisions will be sent out as soon as a train can be arranged for.

Logansport, Ind., March 25—11:50 P. M.—The mayor at Peru over the long-distance telephone says:

"Tell Governor Ralston that from 200 to 400 killed on South Side. We want provisions, clothing and coffins."

OHIO TROOPS CALLED OUT

Governor Orders Entire National Guard to Flood District.

Columbus, O., March 25.—Governor Cox late tonight issued an order directing Brigadier General John C. Speaks to call out the entire Ohio National Guard tomorrow morning for duty in the floodsweept district which comprises practically the whole state.

The troops will entrain in their respective cities early tomorrow and after that will be subject to the further orders of General Speaks and Adjutant General Wood, who will assign them to locations according to the gravity of the situation.

SCRANTON STORMSWEPT

Great Damage to Crops in Vicinity of Pennsylvania City.

Scranton, Pa., March 25.—A fierce storm that acted like a Western tornado swept over Scranton and vicinity this afternoon. The Round Woods section of the city suffered most. The Clemon's silk mill was unroofed, and a 150-foot section of the roof was deposited on the adjacent engine-room, partially demolishing the structure. There were 150 girls at work, but outside of bruises and scratches they were uninjured. The tower of No. 32 school building was blown down and several nearby residences were damaged.

Trees and fences were blown down in all parts of the city and in the adjoining country. The storm came from the west, and its approach was preceded by an inky black sky, which, coupled with thoughts of the havoc of Sunday's storm in Nebraska, caused general consternation. A heavy downpour, accompanied by thunder and lightning, followed the tornado.

At Shamokin low lands were flooded, crops seriously damaged and wire communication crippled.

HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE

Twenty-three Bodies Are Reported Swept Away in River.

Columbus, O., March 25.—Governor Cox tonight received a long-distance message from Phoneton, six miles northeast of Dayton, saying that 23 bodies had been swept through the Great Miami River. This report tends to verify the heavy loss of life at Sidney, Shelby county, which was reported partly wiped out by the flood, as the bodies floating past Troy are believed to have been from Sidney.

A telephone message from Dayton to Governor Cox said that 30,000 people in that city were homeless, and that four suburbs, including Edgmont, North Dayton, Riverdale and Dayton View, were inundated.

The message said that no estimate of loss of life was possible, but only a miracle could prevent it going to large figures.

MARYLAND OFFERS AID

Gov. Goldsborough's Message to the Executive of Nebraska.

The following telegram was sent today by Mr. Goldsborough to Governor Morehead, of Nebraska:

"Maryland extends sympathy to those afflicted by the Omaha disaster. Please command us, if we can be of service.

"PHILIPS LEE GOLDSBOROUGH."

Believing that the other cities besides Omaha which were visited by the terrific storms in the Middle West might need money to relieve their suffering, Mayor Preston last night addressed telegrams to 17 municipalities, expressing the people of Baltimore's sympathy and offering to give immediate aid. Late Monday night the Mayor sent a telegram of sympathy to Mayor Dahlman, of Omaha.

The 17 additional towns that heard from Baltimore yesterday are as follows:

Prairietown, Ind.; Galesburg, Ill.; Yutan, Neb.; Ashland, Neb.; Greenwood, Neb.; Council Bluffs, Perth, Ind.; Craig, Neb.; Sioux City, Iowa; Ackley, Iowa; Carroll, Iowa; Woodbine, Iowa; Neola, Iowa, and Menlo, Iowa.

MR. BARSE'S NEW MOVE

Washington Hotel Man Acquires Lease of Nassau Hostelry.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Washington, D. C., March 25.—Announcement is made by the Shoreham Hotel Company that Willard H. Barse, who has been the manager of the New Shoreham Hotel since it opened, in December last, has, with F. Barnett, of New York, recently acquired a long lease of the Nassau Hotel, at Long Beach, L. I., New York, one of the best-known hotels on the Atlantic Coast.

Mr. Barse has been in the hotel business practically all his life, and 14 years of this time was spent in the Waldorf-Astoria, of New York, probably the best-known hotel in the world.

Mr. Barse came to Washington last summer to be manager of the Shoreham and until the hotel opened he was actively engaged in supervising the remodeling and furnishing of the house and has been its manager ever since it opened.

During the few months the new hotel has been running it has housed the most noted of the nation's characters in this administration, among whom have been the President and his family and his relatives, and also the Vice President and Mrs. Marshall, who will make this their home during their stay in Washington. In addition other notables of the administration, including many of the senators and representatives, are making this hotel their home, all of which has done much to make the Shoreham the center of social activity.

To maintain the present high standard of the Shoreham Hotel the company has secured Robert S. Downs, of Baltimore, to assume the active management, and Mr. Barse will also continue his interest in the hotel indefinitely.

HER MARRIAGE ANNULLED

Mrs. Thomas M. Carroll Figured in Two Elopements.

Bureau of The Baltimore American,
Room 1005 World Building,
New York, March 25.

The marriage of Thomas M. Carroll, proprietor of the Hotel Hermitage, to Elizabeth C. Carroll, with whom he eloped, was annulled today by Justice Bijur.

Mrs. Carroll has figured in two elopements. As Miss Elizabeth Pultney, she married Robert Gyles in 1901, and a decree annulling the marriage was granted in 1908.

Carroll's complaint charged that when they were married in 1908, the final decree of the marriage between his wife and Gyles had not been signed.

Mrs. Carroll was on a visit in the South when he consulted his attorneys, who learned Mrs. Carroll was not really his wife.

While Mrs. Carroll was represented at the hearing and urged her attorney to fight, there was nothing for her to fight, as the record showed she married Carroll when she had no right to do so.

Attractive to Women.

Alaska has granted the ballot to women along with exemption from jury duty. Now if new gold fields can be discovered the bid for the feminine immigration ought to prove irresistible.—New York World.

FIRES RACING ABOVE FLOODS

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the agility of a cat, was soon across. But Mrs. Meyers, when over the boiling torrent, swayed as thought faint and slipped. By a lucky chance her senses came back to her so that she could grasp one of the wires. Hand-over-hand she was able to slowly pull herself to the nearest pole, where she rested before again making the trial. This time she did not falter, but when she was picked up by the rescuers at the farthest pole toward safety she was limp from nervous and physical exhaustion.

Then came two more women, and under the advice of the people standing on safe ground they kept looking up and were not subjected to the faultness of the first woman passenger. Then came a young man and his wife. The wife he sent first and when she reached safety she refused to get into the ambulance without her baby.

Another five minutes and her husband had been brought out to safe ground. He had his baby in a pillow slip and the youngest celebrated his arrival to safe ground by a lusty yell. Others followed to safety.

SECTION INUNDATED.

The worst of the flooded district includes all of north and west Dayton, all of the downtown section, the South Side as far as Oakwood and all of the residence suburbs of Glendale. The district has a normal population of more than 50,000.

Rescued at the hospitals say an estimate of 5,000 dead might be as accurate as an estimate of 100.

At the edges of the inundated districts the water ran from eight to 10 feet deep. Judging by this that would be 20 or 30 feet down town. While those marooned in the offices and hotels are in no immediate danger of drowning there is no way food and drinking water can reach them until the flood recedes.

HOUSES SWEPT AWAY.

Those in the residences, however, are in constant danger both by flood and fire. First the frailer buildings swept into the stream, many showing the faces of women and children peering from the windows. These were followed by more substantial brick buildings, until it became evident that no house in the flood zone was safe.

The houses, as a rule, lasted but a few blocks before disintegrating.

The body of one gray-haired woman floated down the stream only a few feet from the watchers at South Park street. The body caught on a guard rope, but swept clear and was gone before it could be recovered.

The flood came soon after daylight this morning after the residents had spent last night in terror.

The main levee on the Big Miami broke at Webster street at about 8 o'clock. An hour later the water was through in a dozen places and a wall of water 10 feet deep swept through the main street just above the juncture of the Big Miami and the Mad River, and where the water of Stillwater River poured into the Miami the flood reached its height and rolled into the business section, a wall 20 feet high.

LOOTING SOON BEGINS.

The Dayton News was soon under 20 feet of water. The flood rose to the second floor of the Algonquin Hotel, and all along Main street occupants were driven to the third floors. What has happened to them since no one on the outside can tell.

House looting began early in the night and while the local militia are on duty they are wholly incapable of handling the situation.

Incidents without number are narrated of persons in the flooded districts waving handkerchiefs and otherwise signaling for aid, being swept away before the eyes of the watchers on the margin of the waters. Many of the rescue boats were swept by the current against what had been fire plugs, trees and houses. They were crushed. How many died in this way no one knows tonight. Canoes and rowboats shared the same fate. What life exists in the district which the water covers is in constant danger and helpless until the flood subsides.

THE DELUGE IN NEW YORK STATE

Row Boats Plying the Streets of South Buffalo.

BIG FACTORIES INUNDATED

FIREMEN RESCUED WOMEN FROM THE FLOODED HOMES.

Greatest Floods in Many Years in Western New York and Northern Pennsylvania—Mighty Torrents Sweeping Through the Genesee Valley—The Flood Area in New York State Extends as Far East as Corning—Several Large Railroad Bridges in Danger of Collapsing.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Buffalo, N. Y., March 25.—The tremendous downpour of rain throughout Western New York during the past two days has developed one of the worst floods in 50 years. Tonight the entire area of South Buffalo is under water, street car service is suspended and rowboats are plying down the streets.

A score of big manufacturing plants along Buffalo River have been inundated, and the loss there will reach thousands of dollars. The Buffalo River and Cazenovia Creek both went over their banks with a rush at 10 o'clock this morning, and the dwellers in the South Park section of the city had no chance to escape. Hundreds of homes were soon flooded. Firemen were sent out in boats to rescue those who desired to leave.

Tonight it is still raining, and it is feared that at least two of the big railroad bridges will be swept away before morning. Hundreds of workers are marooned in distant parts of the city and are unable to reach their homes.

RIVERS ON A RAMPAGE.

Throughout Western New York and Northern Pennsylvania the situation is most serious. A message from Hornell, Steuben county, tonight says that the Canisteo River is on a rampage and that the valley is flooded for a distance of 30 miles.

In Hornell street cars are out of commission, railroad tracks are washed away and many homes have been wrecked and damaged. It is also reported that the Shawmut railroad station there has been swept away, but the report cannot be confirmed. It is feared that there has been loss of life in the lowlands above Shawmut, but the wires are all down.

In the Genesee River Valley the situation is even more serious. Mount Morris, Dansville and other villages are inundated.

To the south of the city traffic at a standstill. The Buffalo and Southwestern tracks between this city and Jamestown have been swept away in many places and the loss is many thousands of dollars.

SALAMANCA UNDER WATER.

The village of Salamanca is inundated and a heavy loss has been sustained there. Scores of homes have been damaged by the flood.

At Bradford, Pa., a large section of the city is under water and the damage has been enormous. City officials have big squads of men at work anchoring buildings to prevent them from being swept away. The flood area seems to extend as far east as Corning, N. Y., about 125 miles east of this city. A telephone message from Hornell late tonight states that water is sweeping through the windows of many homes with great force, and that there is great apprehension.

The total loss throughout Western New York is well over $1,000,000, and with the rain continuing even more serious results may be expected before morning.

COMMANDER BLUE PROMOTED

Succeeds Capt. Andrews as Chief of Bureau of Navigation.

Washington, March 25.—Secretary Daniels, of the Navy Department, tonight announced the resignation of Capt. Philip Andrews as chief of the Bureau of Navigation and the appointment of Commander Victor Blue to succeed him. Commander Andrews, who as bureau chief held the rank of rear admiral, goes back to the line and probably will be given command of one of the larger ships of the navy.

Commander Blue, who is a native of South Carolina, has had a conspicuous career in the navy. During the Spanish War he was promoted for heroism as a result of daring reconnoitering tours around Santiago to locate the enemy's fleet. Later he was commended for conspicuous gallantry while commanding the gunboat Alvarado. During the past two years he has been assigned to duty in connection with the general board.

A statement from the Navy Department tonight announced that hereafter the Navigation Bureau chief would not have the assignment of officers senior to him in rank and that the Secretary himself would assign to duty captains and rear admirals.

FOR GRADUATED INCOME TAX

Democratic Majority of House Committee Favors It.

Washington, March 25.—A consensus of sentiment for a graduated form of income tax as part of a single tariff revision measure to be put through Congress at the extra session developed at a meeting of the full majority of the House Ways and Means Committee today. Chairman Underwood and his Democratic colleagues labored all day on the 28 pages of paragraphs constituting the income tax feature of the new tariff plan without coming to any formal agreement.

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