VIVID DETAILS OF FLOOD HAVOC

Scores Dead; 7,500 Made Homeless at Peru, Ind.

PROTECT AGAINST LOOTERS

ORDERS GIVEN TO SHOOT DOWN GANGS OF THIEVES.

The Number of Persons Drowned in Peru Is Variously Estimated From 50 to 150—Property Loss Is $2,500,000—Circus Menagerie Destroyed, 500 Valuable Animals Being Drowned—Vigilance Committee Organizes to Put Down Gangs of Looters.

Peru, Ind., March 26.—Vivid details of the disastrous flood which visited Peru, drowning scores of its inhabitants and rendering homeless more than half its population, were obtained late today when rescuers succeeded in propelling boats through the inundated streets. The facts established were:

Number of persons drowned estimated from 50 up to as high as 150, it being impossible to learn exactly because many bodies are hidden in houses still wholly submerged.

Number of persons homeless, 7,500.

Two hundred and twenty-five injured or sick survivors rescued and removed to a temporary hospital at Plymouth, Ind.

Property loss, $2,500,000.

Only two of the dead identified—Mrs. Rose Whittle and Mrs. Elsie Smith, tenants of what was known as Walnut Row, composed of 12 frame cottages, where 12 families were drowned.

MENAGERIE ANIMALS DROWNED

Winter quarters of a big circus menagerie destroyed, about 500 valuable animals being drowned, including lions, bears, camels, elephants, ponies, monkeys and a rare collection of birds.

Citizens, finding lawlessness in every block of the city above water, organized a vigilance committee, with orders to shoot looters.

Conditions tonight:

Several thousand persons still marooned in the courthouse, hospital, factory buildings and other structures because the various relief parties sent from South Bend and other cities had not sufficient boats to carry them to the nearest dry land, three miles away; snow falling heavily and suffering intense because of the lack of heating facilities; city in darkness except for a scant supply of lanterns. The city had no electric-light power and no drinking water supply. The only communication from Peru today was maintained over a feeble telephone line. Much food, clothing and blankets already have arrived on the scene, but more help is needed.

The difficulty of beginning anything like a list was explained by the fact that the rescue parties devoted the entire day to carrying away the survivors who had climbed to perilous positions on icy roofs. Ten men who had remained for two days on top of the tank at the waterworks became panic-stricken at the sight of the first rescue boat. Most of these men fell into the water in attempting to jump into the boat and several of them were carried away.

RESCUERS WORK DESPERATELY

How soon, if ever, the names of all the dead will be listed or the number known, was given little thought by the rescuers tonight.

"Our energies are being devoted entirely to saving those still living," said Lieutenant Governor O'Neill. "It is impossible for us even to try to learn the whereabouts of the bodies just now."

It was said that many of those taken to the hospital at Plymouth had become sick through drinking muddy water. To prevent this by supplying fresh water was one of the problems confronting the rescuers.

One of the rescue party who made the trip in the first boat that entered the city said:

"We learned from the survivors that the flood rushed in upon the city at about 10 o'clock Monday night. The river rose six feet in three hours. Warning had been given some of the residents, but many failed to heed it.

"The cry to be saved from those who saw the first boat, was heart-rending. Some of them threatened to jump into the water if we did not take them aboard. But it was impossible with the scant boat supply to take all away at once."

PANIC AT COLUMBUS

False Report of Reservoir Bursting Marked by Wild Scenes.

Columbus, O., March 26.—A wild panic was caused in this city late today when patrol wagons dashed through High street warning people to flee for their lives. The police had received a report that the great storage dam, which furnished the city with its water supply, had broken and was sweeping down upon the city billions of gallons of water.

In the downtown district and throughout the city the wildest scene of excitement was enacted. It was not for a long time afterward that the report was corrected and something like order restored.

Later every available automobile patrol wagon was ordered out and sent over the main section of the east side and throughout the business district reassuring the people, many thousands of whom had fled in the wild stampede.

RELIEF WORK UNDER WAY

Michigan Places Fund at Disposal of Ohio Flood Sufferers.

Detroit, March 26.—Relief work for the Ohio sufferers is well under way in Michigan. Governor Ferris has ordered all available national guard tents, cots and equipment sent to Dayton as soon as possible.

Mayor Marx, of this city, after trying in vain to communicate with Governor Cox this afternoon, asked the Associated Press to notify the Ohio Governor that a relief fund is at his disposal at the Home Savings Bank here, which he can draw on when he chooses. The fund now amounts to $1,000 and is growing rapidly.

Many Michigan cities are preparing carloads of food and clothing for the victims.

MEN WORKING DESPERATELY

Railroads Endeavor to Open Way to Flooded Districts.

Chicago, March 26.—Small armies of men were rushed on special trains from Chicago toward the flooded country in Ohio and Indiana today by railroad companies in a desperate effort to restore communication with the East by rail. Last night the first train load left for Ohio. This morning another train was dispatched. The men were ordered to begin "riprapping." This describes the work of ballasting embankments against which the high water is beating. Iron scraps, anchored logs and sand are piled among the rails to prevent them from being washed away.

MONEY FOR REFUGEES

Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce Subscribes $15,000 for Relief.

Pittsburgh, Pa., March 26.—Mayor W. A. Magee called a public meeting in the Chamber of Commerce today at which $15,000 was subscribed for the relief of the Ohio and Indiana flood sufferers in 10 minutes. Appeals for funds and provisions were sent out and newspapers have started stations to gather the supplies. The general superintendents of the Pennsylvania and Baltimore and Ohio Railroads were present and announced that as soon as their lines could be opened their roads would transport all relief supplies free.

VALLEY SWEPT CLEAN

Tiffin, O., Is a City of Desolation—Fifty Reported Dead.

Tiffin, O., March 26.—Death and intense suffering have marked the great flood which has swept clean the Sandusky Valley. Tiffin is a city of desolation. Half of the city is under water. Fire Chief Albert Harris, who has had charge of the rescue work, estimates the loss of life at fifty. The known dead are: Jacob Knecht and family of eight and George Klingshirn and family of four.

Dozens have been carried to death in the treacherous currents, and only the abating of the flood will tell the toll of lives the inundation of Tiffin cost.

APPEAL FOR FUNDS

Philadelphia Relief Committee to Send Aid to Flood District.

Philadelphia, March 26.—The Citizen's Permanent Relief Committee of this city today issued an appeal for funds for the sufferers from the floods. Drexel & Co., bankers, will act as treasurer of the funds.

"Funds collected," the appeal states, "will be distributed wherever the needs are the greatest." The relief committee is headed by Mayor Blankenburg.

Governor Tener sent messages of sympathy to the governors of Ohio and Indiana and tendered the aid of the state.

PARKERSBURG THREATENED

The Ohio River Is Rising at a Rapid Rate.

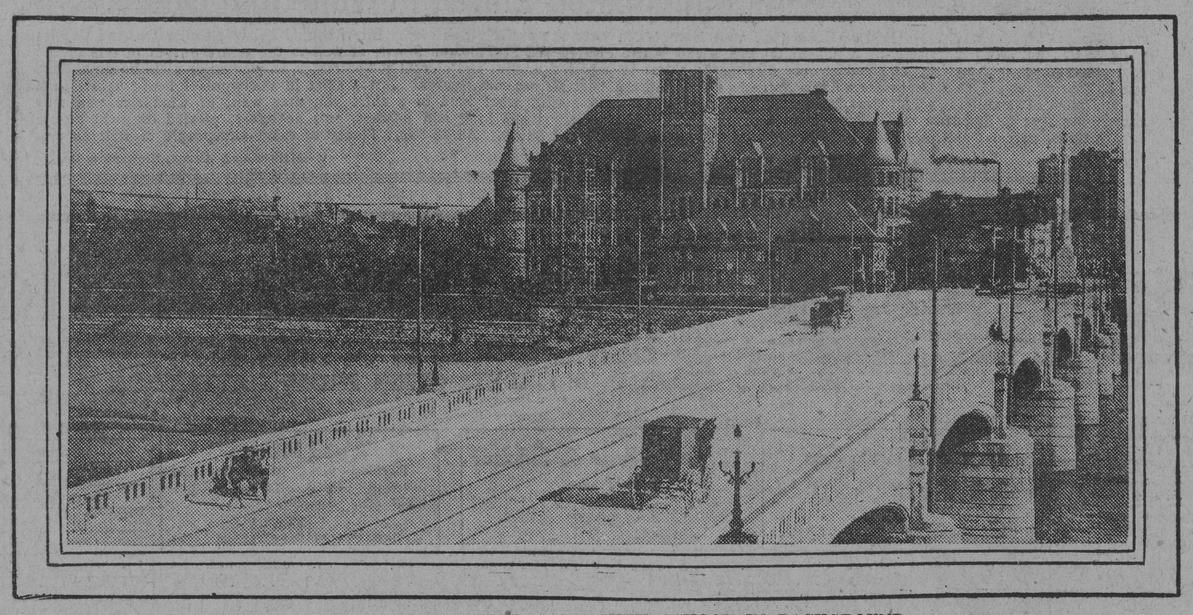
Special Dispatch to The American.

Parkersburg, W. Va., March 26.—With a stage of 33.5 feet and rising at the rate of a foot an hour here tonight, the Ohio River threatens Parkersburg with the worst flood since 1907. Weather Observer Howe forecasts a stage of 45 feet by noon Thursday, and as rain is still falling he cannot give a probable crest stage. The local railroads are preparing for 50 feet. The flood stage here is 36 feet.

This city is at present the western terminus of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, all through trains stopping here, not being able to go on west. The Ohio River Division north is expected to be out of commission by Thursday morning. The rise in the river has been unusually swift, and men and teams have worked all night to remove property from the business districts.

WATER RUSHING THROUGH THE STREETS OF DAYTON

AS MAIN STREET APPEARS INUNDATED BY THE GREAT FLOODS THAT HAVE WROUGHT HAVOC TO THE MIDDLE WEST.



MAIN STREET BRIDGE WITH STEEL HIGH SCHOOL IN BACKGROUND.

TRAIN PASSES MILES OF WATER

Eyewitnesses Tell of Devastation Wrought by Flood.

SOME AWE-INSPIRING SIGHTS

FARMHOUSES SUBMERGED AND BUILDINGS WASHED AWAY.

From the Windows of a Baltimore and Ohio Train, Itself Fording Floods for Miles, W. H. Chown, of England, Saw Men, Women and Children Fleeing From Their Homes as the Waters Undermined Foundations and Carried Off House After House.

Chicago, March 26.—Eye-witnesses of the flood districts of Ohio who reached Chicago today told stories of devastation wrought by the swollen streams throughout the deluged section. From windows of a Baltimore and Ohio train—itself fording floods for miles—W. H. Chown, of England, saw men, women and children fleeing from their homes as the waters undermined foundations and carried off house after house.

The train was 11 hours behind, due in Chicago last night. This side of Youngstown the train stopped five hours before its crew summoned courage to attempt the passage of a treacherous looking bridge, and finally, as it crawled slowly over, the passengers could feel the structure swaying and hear it crack under the train's weight.

"For miles and miles we saw nothing but water," said Chown. "Farmhouses, almost submerged, could be seen on every hand, and from their windows people, carrying what few articles they could, crawled into boats and rowed away.

"Every stream we crossed seemed to be a raging torrent, its waters racing at top speed far beyond its natural boundaries."

AWE-INSPIRING SIGHTS.

Absolute darkness seemed in the districts through which the train passed last night, according to Alfred Griffin, another Englishman, who was a passenger.

"The farther we got the worse seemed to become the conditions," he said. "There were no lights along the entire countryside. It was most gloomy and awe-inspiring. We could hear the swish of the waters through the darkness, and every now and then hear the cries of people in distress. It was a horrible experience."

The train, which was composed of parts of the 20-hour New York-Chicago special, the Eastern flyer and the fast mail train, came into Union Station at 10:45 A. M., many hours behind schedule.

Perry Hollister and Roy Taylor, of Ravenna, O., saw more of the flooded condition than the majority of those on the train.

"When we boarded the train at Ravenna, O., the rain was coming down in torrents," said Hollister. "It had been raining that way for hours, but that town had not suffered to any great extent. We proceeded to Toledo without encountering any difficulty. However, all along the line to Toledo we saw great expanses of water.

BUILDINGS WASHED AWAY.

"When we neared Toledo we began to see the real extent of the flood. On the outskirts of that city there was nothing but water. Barns had been swept from their foundations and were being washed about aimlessly.

"Many of the men had built crude rafts and they were poling these about through what I supposed were once streets. Some of them appealed to the engineer of our train to stop and take them aboard and he complied. The wind was raw and some of them were nearly frozen when we took them aboard.

"Toledo was struck badly. The lower part of the city was under water."

Mrs. Mary Martin, of Atlantic City, N. J., bewailed her misfortune in not reaching Chicago yesterday.

"My husband, Adolph Martin, was coming through Omaha when the tornado hit that place," she explained. "He was fortunate enough to be among those who were not injured. He telegraphed me to come on and meet him here. I started, of course, and I struck a flood. I should have been here yesterday."

WHEELING EXPECTS FLOOD

Many of the Small Towns Are Already Cut Off.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Wheeling, W. Va., March 26.—With heavy rains falling at all points on the Upper Ohio, and with all the lower river bank full, this section is threatened with the second flood within the past few months. The river here is rising at the rate of over 14 inches an hour, and already the low ground has been flooded. Many of the smaller towns are already cut off from the outside world.

By morning all the street-car and railroad lines will be out of commission, and all manufacturing plants will be idle. The damage already done by the rising waters is enormous.

A Polish miner, his wife and two children were swept to their death today at Barton, O., when the waters of Wheeling Creek carried away their home on the bank of the stream. Three other houses were carried away, but the inmates were rescued. Forecaster Pennywitt, of Pittsburgh, predicts 42 feet for Wheeling, but local rivermen say that the flood will far exceed that stage because of the rain that has been falling for the past 36 hours.

MAINE OFFERS SYMPATHY

Governor of State Sends Message to Ohio Executive.

Augusta, Me., March 26.—Governor Haines today telegraphed Governor Cox, of Ohio:

"Newspaper reports of loss of life and destruction of property in your state by flood and storm compel me to extend to you and to the people of your state my sympathy and the sympathy of the people of Maine in your great trouble."

Spring MILLINERY Number

This number gleams like a great shop window set in the heart of Paris—a window in which each notable designer has placed his most successful creations—a window in which you can see all that is newest, best and most correct.

NOW ON SALE

CURED CAPT. BURT'S ECZEMA FOR 50c

Had Spent $1,000 in Vain, Then a Jar of Resinol Cured Him.

Franklin Burt, of 81 Fulton St., New York, late captain in the U. S. Army, and a man whose standing makes his word absolutely beyond question, gives the following account of his cure by Resinol:

"I became afflicted with eczema twenty-five years ago. I did everything for it, but the itching and burning was so intense and continual that in 1893 I put myself in the care of a specialist. The result was of little or not any benefit.

Doctor Said "Get a Box of Resinol."

"About 1898 I called on the doctor to ask him if he yet knew of anything to cure me. He said, 'Get a box of Resinol Ointment.' I got it. The itching stopped as if by magic. By the time the jar of Resinol was all used the cure was perfected. I expended perhaps a thousand dollars, and endured real suffering for many years, and at last was relieved and cured in a month for the sum of fifty cents, the price of one jar of Resinol."

Better proof, even than such a letter, is to try Resinol yourself and see how quickly the itching stops and stubborn skin or scalp eruptions disappear. For free trial, write to Dept. 19-T, Resinol, Baltimore, Md. Every druggist sells Resinol Ointment (50c and $1) and Resinol Soap (25c).

PUT POSLAM AT WORK FOR YOU

As soon as you put Poslam to work for you, by applying gently to any diseased part of the skin, you will experience relief from itching, burning and inflammation, and will feel the skin surface soothed, cooled and comforted. After successive applications you may note rapid improvement until the trouble has disappeared.

Use Poslam first in preference to anything less dependable for any form of eczema, acne, tetter, salt rheum, piles, barbers' and all other forms of itch, and, as well, for clearing the skin of minor blemishes, such as pimples, rashes, red noses, inflamed skin, etc.

POSLAM SOAP keeps the skin secure against infection and disease, improves its color and texture, soothes tender skin, makes complexions clear.

All druggists sell Poslam (price, 50 cents) and Poslam Soap (price, 25 cents). For free samples, write to the Emergency Laboratories, 32 West 25th Street, New York City.

COMPLICATION OF WOMAN'S ILLS

Yields to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Athens, Texas.—"I had a complication of diseases, some of them of long standing. I wrote to you for advice and took Lydia E Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and some other things that you suggested. I must confess that I am much better in every way and have been relieved of some of the worst troubles. My neighbors say I look younger now than I did fifteen years ago." Mrs. SARAH R. WHATLEY, Athens, Texas, R. F. D. No. 3. Box 92.

We know of no other medicine which has been so successful in relieving the suffering of women, or received so many genuine testimonials, as has Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

In nearly every community you will find women who have been restored to health by this famous medicine. Almost every woman you meet knows of the great good it has been doing among suffering women for the past 30 years.

In the Pinkham Laboratory at Lynn, Mass., are files containing hundreds of thousands of letters from women seeking health, in which many openly state over their own signatures that they have regained their health by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, many of them state that it has saved them from surgical operations.

If you want special advice write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential) Lynn, Mass. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman and held in strict confidence.

FEDERAL AID TO SURVIVORS

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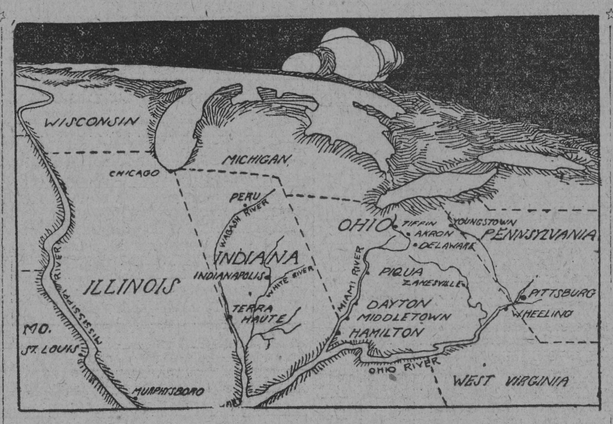
as Congress assembles. President Wilson also conferred by telephone with Mr. Underwood, the leader of the majority in the House, acquainting him with what had been done, and he, too, indorsed the President's action.

RED CROSS ACTIVITY.

Miss Mabel Boardman, of the American Red Cross, was active at the headquarters here, telegraphing orders to nurses at Cleveland and Cincinnati and calling upon other nearby chapters for physicians and nurses.

Life-saving crews were ordered from Louisville to Dayton and from Lorraine, O., to Delaware, O., and the Public Health Service distributed its agents over the afflicted districts.

Postmaster General Burleson directed the department's representatives to make every possible effort to install temporary mail service and restore the main routes between the East and West as rapidly as possible.



MAP OF THE OHIO AND SURROUNDING TERRITORY, SHOWING LOCATION OF PRINCIPAL TOWNS AFFECTED BY THE FLOODS.

Only the railroad routes close to Lake Erie, via Cleveland, have been able to get the mails through from the West, and there has been practically no local service in the territory bounding Cleveland, Toledo, Columbus, Indianapolis, Terre Haute and the Ohio River. All lines south of the Ohio are reported open.

Mails which regularly pass East and West through the flooded districts will be detoured until further notice. The Postmaster General made a futile effort today to learn the damage to the government's stamped envelope factory at Dayton. There is no danger of stamp shortage, as all adhesive stamps are furnished by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing here.

MILK FOR CHILDREN.

Brigadier General Henry G. Sharpe commissary general, was placed in charge of the relief work in Washington. After dispatching Majors Logan and Normoyle to Columbus, General Sharpe gave his attention to the making up of supplies, which, of course, included bed clothing and tent equipment, as well as emergency rations and medical supplies.

One of the first orders he issued after taking up this work was: "Put in plenty of canned milk for the children. They will be the greatest sufferers in such a time as this and we cannot let them starve." The evaporated milk used by the army on the authority of medical officers makes a perfectly wholesome baby food if properly handled. Every effort will be made to instruct those issuing it in its proper use when given to the children.

How to Make Better Cough Syrup than You Can Buy

A Family Supply, Saving $2 and Fully Guaranteed.

A full pint of cough syrup—as much as you could buy for $2.50—can easily be made at home. You will find nothing that takes hold of an obstinate cough more quickly, usually ending it inside of whooping cough, sore lungs, asthma, 24 hours. Excellent, too, for croup, hoarseness and other throat troubles.

Mix one pint of granulated sugar with ½ pint of warm water, and stir for 2 minutes. Put 2½ ounces of Pinex (fifty cents' worth) in a pint bottle, then add the Sugar Syrup. It keeps perfectly. Take a teaspoonful every one, two or three hours.

This is just laxative enough to help cure a cough. Also stimulates the appetite, which is usually upset by a cough. The taste is pleasant.

The effect of pine and sugar syrup on the inflamed membranes is well known. Pinex is the most valuable concentrated compound of Norway white pine extract, rich in guaiacol and all the natural healing pine elements. Other preparations will not work in this formula.

The Pinex and Sugar Syrup recipe is now used by thousands of housewives throughout the United States and Canada. The plan has been imitated, but the old successful formula has never been equaled.

A guaranty of absolute satisfaction, or money promptly refunded, goes with this recipe. Your druggist has Pinex, or will get it for you. If not, send to The Pinex Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

SALVATION ARMY TO HELP

Will Collect Money and Supplies for Sufferers.

New York, March 26.—Relief work in all parts of the tornado and flood stricken districts is being pushed vigorously by Salvation Army officers and soldiers on the spot, according to reports received at headquarters here. Commander Miss Booth, head of the army in America, who is in Chicago, telegraphed the army officials here tonight, authorizing an appeal for money and supplies, food, clothing, etc., which will be forwarded with all speed to the stricken districts and distributed by her officers who are experts in emergency work of this sort.

A FIERCE WIND HITS HIGHFIELD

SERIOUS DAMAGE IN PARTS OF WESTERN MARYLAND.

Roof of Lake View Hotel Sent Flying Through the Air—Footbridge Blown Away—A House at Cascade Moved From Its Foundation. E. J. Wade's Big Barn Demolished — Smithsburg and Other Towns Feel the Blow.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Waynesboro, Pa., March 26.—One of the fiercest wind and rain storms in many years passed over Waynesboro and the Blue Ridge Mountain section today. The rain fell in torrents, and considerable damage was done by wind at Highfield, Md. The roof of the Lakeview Hotel, owned by Mrs. Rasche, of Baltimore, at Lake Royer, was blown off and landed in a field 500 yards away. Several boards were torn from the building and wafted high in the air and were hurled against a chimney on the house occupied by Jacob Moore, a half mile away.

A house belonging to Mrs. T. A. Wastler, at Cascade, Md., was moved off its foundation. The footbridge that spans Lake Royer was blown away. The large barn of E. J. Wade, at Buena Vista Station, was blown over and demolished, and many trees in the orchard of Mrs. Nichols, at Cascade, were uprooted. The ice-house belonging to the Buena Vista Ice Company was badly damaged.

Cause of Eczema Now Explained

Is there an incurable form of Eczema? Some say there is, but the best skin specialists are now agreed that the only skin disease that resists a cure is not genuine Eczema, but an inherited disease; and even that, they believe, will generally yield to D. D. D. Prescription.

We ourselves will not absolutely promise you a cure. But we do know that the simple, cooling wash, D. D. D. Prescription, applied to the skin has cured a number of people in this town, and, as it seems, they are permanently cured. At any rate, this D. D. D. Prescription certainly does take the itch away. This you can prove to your own satisfaction in five minutes, for all you need to do is to rub a bit into the skin and the itch just goes away.

A 50c. bottle proves it. And the D. D. D. Laboratories of Chicago, knowing how some people hesitate after having tried many remedies, make this offer: Get a full-size bottle of D. D. D. Prescription from your druggist on the understanding that it's no pay if not satisfactory to you. And you are to judge.

Ask also about D. D. D. Soap.

EVEN IF YOU HAD A NECK AS LONG AS THIS FELLOW AND HAD SORE THROAT ALL THE WAY DOWN TONSILINE WOULD QUICKLY CURE IT.

A quick, safe, soothing, healing, antiseptic cure for Sore Throat, briefly describes TONSILINE. A small bottle of Tonsiline lasts longer than most any case of Sore Throat. TONSILINE cures Sore Mouth and Hoarseness and prevents Quinsy and Diphtheria. 25c. and 50c. Hospital Size $1.00. All Druggists.

a deed of trust on the day of his father's funeral which now turns out to be a deed of conveyance to his mother, and he wants that set aside. He sets up the plea that, inasmuch as he has never done a day's work in his life, and is incapable from lack of experience to making a living, it is necessary that he get possession of his inheritance forthwith.

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