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VIVID STORIES OF FLOOD HAVOC

Travelers Relate Experiences After Arrival in New York.

PITEOUS APPEALS FOR WATER

RAILROAD OFFICIAL GIVES WINE TO MAROONED PEOPLE.

Stories of Death, Destruction and Destitution Are Related by Long-delayed Travelers Coming From the Flooded Districts in Ohio and Indiana—Micha Elman, the Violinist, Who Was Marooned at Indianapolis, Says He Will Compose Descriptive Melody.

Bureau of The Baltimore American,
Room 1005 World Building,
New York, March 29.

W. N. Cott, the first survivor of the horrors of flood and fire in Ohio to reach New York, came from Cleveland on the long overdue Wolverine train yesterday afternoon. He was so weak from exposure and the strain of two days of terror in a small rowboat that he had to be helped into a taxicab by two of the Grand Central redcaps. Then he went to the Hotel Brotell.

"I was visiting friends in the suburbs of Linworth, 15 miles from Columbus," said Mr. Cott, who is assistant treasurer of the Hocking Valley Railway, "and we had no warning of the flood until it was upon us. Forced to fly from the house where we were staying, we equipped a small rowboat with food and water, also with several bottles of precious wine, and started through the flooded streets of the village.

"The village was all under water; houses and barns were being ripped from their foundations by the yellow tide that came sweeping down from the break in the levee. It was a spectacle I never will forget.

"After we passed the village we rowed through the lowland districts, where people were packed on top of their homes waiting for rescue. All whom we saw begged piteously for something to drink. They had saved a little food, but they had no water and did not dare drink the polluted flood water. In some instances, we did not dare get near enough to the houses to hand out the bottles of wine, but in such cases we jockeyed the boat so that a bottle would drop down with the current and could be caught.

RESCUED MANY.

"We rescued many persons and took them to high points of land. At one time we had 10 women and children in our little boat and it threatened to be swamped every minute. For 36 hours we worked without sleep and in danger all the time. Then we rowed into Columbus and there I caught the first train out of the stricken city yesterday. How I got to Cleveland I don't know; I changed cars a dozen times."

A passenger of the Beaver Limited, which was due at 7:30 o'clock, but which did not reach the Grand Central until 4 o'clock, was Peter Noren, of Brooklyn. He boarded the train at New London, O., after running through water up to his knees before he reached the station. Near Lima, O., he said he saw a wagon filled with a dozen refugees suddenly overtaken by water, the wagon immediately foundering.

The wagon and the men, women and children came to the surface, but before aid could reach them all hands were drowned. Half a dozen women passengers on the train collapsed at the sight.

F. W. Tillotson, of Greenwich, Ct., also was on this train, coming from Cleveland. At Albany he saw from the car window an almost submerged locomotive, with the engineer clinging to the funnel and screaming for aid. Men in boats put out to his rescue, but the train was miles away before his fate could be learned.

A. J. Martin said he saw persons traveling in boats through the streets of Albany.

The Atlantic Express, which was due at 7:03 o'clock, arrived at 2:30 yesterday. O. F. Mervitz, of the North British Assurance Company, said he left Chicago Wednesday, and at noon, he said, the train raced through water high over the wheel tops near Sandusky.

LIKE A NIAGARA.

"As we reached the outskirts of the town we could see huge piles of lumber floating past us. On the surface of the water were a number of bodies and we also saw some demolished houses. The rushing water reminded me of Niagara Falls.

"It seemed strange to me that in the towns we passed through only a few people were to be seen.

"The water was rushing over the breakers of the Great Lakes unchecked and in some instances the breakers were demoralized. Our most thrilling experience came when we reached Biddle Falls, or creek. The tracks were covered with water from four to five feet deep, and it was impossible to keep the fires burning. We crept along slowly, and it seemed that we would never get through.

"It is impossible to estimate the loss of life or the property damage."

AN ACTRESS' STORY.

Miss Lee White, an actress, arrived on the Beaver Limited from Chicago. The train on which she traveled passed through towns almost wiped out by the storm, and while they were passing near Vermilion, O., scores of crazed persons sought to get the train to stop and take them aboard. But it merely sped on, leaving them to their fate and misery.

"As we were passing through Vermilion," she said, "we saw what appeared to be a lake about us. In a boat, seeking to get near our train, was an old gray-haired man. Suddenly he veered from us and we saw him making for an old hovel, where a mother and her baby were clinging to the roof. He succeeded in saving them, placing them safely in the boat. That was the last we saw, for just then, either a mist settled down upon them or the boat turned over, drowning them all. I fainted and knew nothing more."

A VIOLINIST'S EXPERIENCE.

Nervously pacing his room in the Hotel Knickerbocker, and talking a mile a minute in a shrill high-pitched voice, Micha Elman, the violinist, who came in yesterday on the Lake Shore Limited, told his flood experiences.

"I had given a concert in Indianapolis on Monday night,' he said, "and we were stopping at the Claypool Hotel. The first intimation of trouble was on Tuesday morning when my father goes to the bathroom to get some water and there is no water. We could not wash; we could not shave. There was no electric light, either, and the elevators had stopped. Our rooms were on the ninth floor, and we had to use our feet in going up and down.

"There are about 200 rooms at the hotel, and there were over 600 people. Everybody had to double up, and they even placed beds and cots in the concert hall on the ninth floor. Rudolph Ganz and I and Mr. Kahn, my accompanist, gave an informal concert there on Wednesday night, and it was like playing in a hospital ward.

"Everybody of course was nervous but tried to cheer one another up. On Thursday morning, word spread that the first train would leave Indianapolis. Most of the guests were afraid of their lives and wouldn't take a chance, but disease was beginning to break out in the town, and I said I didn't care what happened, it couldn't be any worse than to be stuck in Indianapolis. We took that first train. I had to carry my Stradivarius and my Amati, because there were no porters.

ALL FELT SHAKY.

"It took us ten hours to make the two-hour trip to Goshen, and we saw many dead bodies floating in the swollen river. Terrible! We also saw submerged houses, many, very many, poking their roofs out of the yellow, swirling water that ran like a mill race, and other houses that leaned like drunkards up against bridges.

"We all felt shaky, of course, whenever our train passed over a bridge. At Goshen we caught a train for Toledo, where we had the good luck to make a close connection with the Lake Shore Limited. We were without food all day except for a 'hot dog' at one little way station. There was a man there who kept cutting open rolls as fast as he could and slapping in a piece of sausage. Those tasted good!

"It was a wonderful experience and I would not have missed it for anything—but I would not care to go through it again. Yes, I intend to compose a piece describing my feelings—and also my cold feet."

HAVOC OF THE OHIO FLOODS AS SHOWN BY THE FIRST PHOTOGRAPHS

A SCENE ON THE OUTSIRTS OF DAYTON.

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BUSINESS DISTRICT OF MARIETTA INUNDATED, SHOWING SURVIVORS USING ROWBOATS.

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HOW THE HOUSES WERE SUBMERGED IN DAYTON. THIS PHOTOGRAPH GIVES A GOOD IDEA OF THE DEATH AND FORCE OF THE TORRENT.

GATHERING SUPPLIES FOR SURVIVORS.

TROOPS GOING ON DUTY IN UNAFFECTED STREETS.

ICE TRUST GETTING BUSY

Reaching Out and Grabbing Independent Dealers.

Bureau of The Baltimore American,
Room 1005 World Building,
New York, March 29.

The Ice Trust is planning to open up its annual ice-boosting campaign. The trust is reaching out and grabbing independent dealers—those who have ice cut and stored in houses upstate and in Maine. Despite reports, ice, now at $3 a ton, will undoubtedly reach $5 per ton and in some quarters $8 and $10 a ton. This is considered a fair estimate of the ice prices for the summer.

Independent dealers have boosted their prices from 30 cents to 40 cents a hundred. This price will apply to all territory served by the Ice Trust, including New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Atlantic City and intermediate points.

In all there are 37 ice docks controlled by New York city where the wholesalers may land their products. Of these docks 20 are used by the Knickerbocker Ice Company and its subsidiaries and the other 17 by wholesalers, so that 11 concerns have the exclusive use of all the city ice docks. From these docks the numerous retailers buy their ice of the wholesale dealers. It is not thought there will be any 50 cent ice cakes this summer in the territory covered by the Ice Trust.

WILL FEED THE VETERANS

Eight Hundred Thousand Meals for Men of Blue and Gray.

Gettysburg, Pa., March 29.—Eight hundred thousand meals will be furnished by the federal government to the Union and Confederate veterans of the Civil War, while they are in camp on the battlefield of Gettysburg next July, when the semicentennial of the historic battle will be celebrated by all the states that participated in the struggle.

The preparations for the establishment of the great camp, where will be quartered the survivors of the battle, are well under way. They are in charge of Capt. H. F. Dalton, of the Quartermaster's Department of the United States Army. This camp is to care for 40,000 veterans and will open at supper on June 29 and close after breakfast on July 6.

Allowance will be made for 20 meals for each veteran. This will require 800 cooks and as many helpers and 125 bakers, the baking to be done in field bakeries and the preparing of meals in field kitchens. The feeding of this army of veterans will require 40,000 mess kits, comprising one plate, cup, knife, fork and spoon for each man. In the camp will be more than 9,500 tents, which will be pitched in fields not far from the scene of Pickett's charge. The camp will be exclusively for veterans.

Pennsylvania will allot space in the camp by states, the commissioner for each state being in charge of the space assigned to him.

FLOOD MENACES KENTUCKY TOWNS

Nearly 15,000 Persons Are Fleeing From Homes.

FOREWARNING SAVES LIVES

RISING YELLOW TIDE SWEEPING DOWN OHIO VALLEY.

With More Than 3,500 Homes Altogether or Partly Submerged, Flood Conditions in the Vicinity of Cincinnati on the Kentucky Side of the River Are Assuming Graver Proportions Hourly—Newport and Covington Virtually Surrounded by Water—The Relief Measures Are Adequate.

Cincinnati, O., March 29.—With nearly 15,000 persons in the towns on the Kentucky side of the Ohio River driven from their homes by the rising yellow tide that is sweeping down the Ohio Valley, and with more than 3,500 homes altogether or partly submerged, the flood situation in this vicinity is assuming graver proportions hourly. Here the waterfront buildings are all partly under water and much damage has been done.

An increase in the river stage at this point will mean the complete isolation of the city from the Kentucky side and the stoppage of train service in this direction. Late today the government gauge showed 67 feet, and according to the Weather Bureau the indications were that before many hours there would be 68 feet in the river here. So far only one life has been lost as a direct result of the high waters here. Miss Anna Smith, the first victim, was drowned in an attempt to reach Newport in a skiff that capsized in midstream. Her three men companions were rescued while swimming to shore. Newport and Covington, opposite, virtually are surrounded by water. Conditions there are worse than elsewhere, and nearly 10,000 persons have been driven from their homes. Relief measures, however, are adequate. Manufacturing plants in the lowlands have ceased operations.

HEALTH CONDITIONS BAD.

In these conditions the only fear is that health conditions would be seriously affected because of the clogging of the sewerage system and the stagnation of back water. As yet the waterworks have continued in operation. The electric-light plants already have had to cease operations, but the gas plants are not interrupted.

In the Kentucky towns of Dayton, Ludlow, Bellevue and Bromley identical conditions exist, but in their cases all communication with Cincinnati, Newport and Covington has been suspended. These towns will be isolated until the water has fallen sufficiently to permit the operation of street cars on the South Side of the river.

In these towns there are a total of 2,000 persons being cared for by relief committees and more than 500 homes have disappeared under the flood waters. Property damage will be immense, especially as this is the second time within three months that the Ohio Valley has suffered from high water.

Street car officials here announced that when the river has reached 68 feet the power plants which operate the car lines to the Kentucky shore will be out of commission and communication with Cincinnati will be cut off. So far only two of the five big bridges across the Ohio at this point have been seriously affected by the high water. The other three are so high that it will require more than 72 feet of water to prevent their use.

RAILROADS TIED UP.

Railway service into and out of Cincinnati virtually is at a standstill. The Louisville and Nashville trains are leaving the city for the West on time, but arriving trains are much delayed. The Cincinnati, Lebanon and Northern reports that it now is operating trains to Dayton, O., but not beyond that point.

FRIEDMANN HAS COMPETITOR

Dr. Von Ruck Has Vaccine to Prevent the White Plague.

Special Dispatch to The American.

Washington, March 29.—The Von Ruck method of vaccination as a preventative of tuberculosis will be thoroughly investigated by the government. Secretary of the Navy Daniels, who has been impressed with the possibilities of the method, has instructed Surgeon General Stokes, of the Navy, to make extensive experiments and report the results.

About seven adults and children have been treated by Dr. Von Ruck and Dr. C. A. Julian, of Thomasville, N. C. The reports of the latter show marvelous results in the way of improvement and cures, and the 34 children in the Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina have been inoculated with the vaccine.

Many physicians who are skeptical of Dr. Friedmann's "turtle serum" remedy are satisfied that Dr. Von Ruck has discovered a preventative for the white plague.

CUT HIS WAY THROUGH

General Ojeda, Who Was Attacked by the State Troops.

Naco, Ariz., March 29.—General Pedro Ojeda and his hundred federal soldiers, who were attacked by 1,000 state troops yesterday, arrived at Naco Sonora, today, having cut their way through the constitutional lines.

Ojeda left several days ago with the intention of relieving the federal garrisons at Cananea. The surrender of Cananea frustrated this plan and left Ojeda to make his way back to his headquarters as best he might.

In yesterday's fighting the federals lost five killed and three wounded, while the state forces lost three killed and 12 wounded. The wounded were taken to Douglas.

THE IDENTIFIED VICTIMS OF THE WIDESPREAD DISASTER

Revised lists of the known dead in the cities and towns in flooded Ohio contain the following names:

ADA.

Charles Morse.
Nolen McElroy.

AKRON.

John Knaary.
R. McAlvain.
Milton Sell.
Edward Newman.

BELLEFONTAINE.

Carl Burden, 15.

BARBERTON.

John Neuman.

BRIGHTON.

George Dike, of Toledo.
William Shanklin, Massillon.
Fred Burr, of Massillon.

BRINKHAVEN.

Mrs. Goddard.
E. W. Goddard and two children.

CHILLICOTHE.

C. S. Baxter.
Baxter, boy; 9.
Eight missing.

COLUMBUS.

Mert Briggs, of Briggsdale.
Albert B. Gore.
William C. Griffith.
Mrs. T. B. Wright.
Mrs. Roy Donald.
C. Houston.
Mary Mueller.
Emma Copper.
Arnold Weisengardner.
John Stottler and wife.
Mrs. Delia McNerney.
Alma Deiss.
Hilda Deiss.
Mrs. Hannah Wheetpe.
Mrs. O. Greelee.
Josephine Underwood.
Albert Underwood.
Gladys Ford.
Underwood, baby.
Howard Preston.
Kenneth Hoffmann.
Miss Belt.
Mrs. Emma Louise Cooper.
Edward Damselle.
Katherine Snivey.
Cary Rednegge.
Miss Mary Dorn.
Mrs. Nora Dye.
Kenneth Lynch.
Iris Lynch.
Myron Lynch.
Luther Wolfe (baby).
Gus Groeber.
Mrs. C. E. Ford.
Walter Howard.
Mrs. Nannie Panner.
Mrs. Takum.
Mrs. Sarah Soville.
Mrs. Samuel Holbaugh.
Mary Griffin.
John Deiss.
William Guy, brother, wife and baby.
Eleven unidentified women.
One unidentified man.
Two-month-old baby.
Three-year-old baby girl.

COSHOCTON.

Mrs. Edward Hawley and infant.
John Steve.

DAYTON.

George Mosgenthaler.
J. N. Haverstick.
L. C. Haupt, wife and three children.
Mrs. Collins and child.
Lillie Eichman, 31.
Mrs. Schmidt and daughter.
Mrs. Bond.
Anton Shartle.
Mrs. Carrie Schuntz.
Mrs. Thompson.
George Snyder, 77.
George Richardson.
Smiley Cupp, Jr.
Jessie Wallace.
Ethel Fiderman.
Bessie Moseley, negress.
John McConnell, negro.
Mrs. Abel.
Mrs. Blitz.
Mrs. Youtz.
Frank Scott, negro.
John Blitz.
Mrs. Lillian Tingley.
Mrs. Schunk.
John F. Garber.
Arthur Slat.
Goetschall.
Ollie Seattle.
Patrolman Willet.
Carl Beuer.
Mrs. Tree.
Two unidentified men, 20 years old.
Unidentified young woman, 20 years old.
Miss Bohn.
Mrs. Lucy Abel.
Christian Herberle.
Mrs. George Snyder.
Mrs. Clemerson.
B. E. Harkrader.
Alexander Ford.
Mrs. Bowen.
Mrs. Hawke and daughter.
Inez Mason, four years old.
B. F. Quinlan.
Mrs. Birdie Bruell.
Mrs. Olive Knee.

DELAWARE.

Frank Volk.
Frank Melching.
Jessie Melching.
Nellie Melching.
Louis Melching.
William Hessey.
Esther Jones.
Charles Tibbals.
Clyde Tibbalis.
Fifteen missing.

FINDLAY.

—— McGown, police captain.
Frank Henderson.
Four missing.

FREMONT.

Frank Saller.

PORT CLINTON.

Isaac Floebro.
Hall Aller.
Henry H. Hill.
Five missing.

FUNK.

—— Riddell, drowned.
Frank Riddle.

LOWELVILLE.

James Bunn.

MASSILLON.

Unidentified family of five.

MANSFIELD.

Howard Wise, child.
Fred Wuenzli, 52 years old.

MILLERSBURG.

Harry Workman, wife and child.

NEWPORT.

Frank Waud, 20.

PIQUA.

Mrs. Florence Yount.
James Holton.
Mrs. James Holton.
Roy Hollis and child.
Alfred Short and family.
George Heidle.
Mrs. Heidle.
Two Heidle children.
James Divers.
S. E. Collins.
John Rihel.
Harold Croner.
Mrs. Croner.
Croner child.
J. Stillard.
Lowell Brown.
George Jeller.
Grace Conover.
Lillian Banks.
Alfred Becker.
Joseph Houster.
Miss Houster.
Selma Houster.
Laura Houster.
Luther McCarty.
Five missing.

PINEHURST.

Barney Deville, drowned in home.

SMITHVILLE.

Frank Erbe, fell in cellar, drowned.

STRUTHERS.

Stanley Persing, boy; drowned in river.

TOLEDO.

William S. Gilman, watchman; drowned in Miami River.

TROY.

Reuben Jones.
Mrs. Aaron Merk.
George Van Tyle, wife and three children.
Mrs. Martha Pierson, 70.
Henry Van Tyle, 75.
George Hall.
J. C. Jamison, attorney.
Aaron Stoy.
Mrs. Stoy.
George Glass.
Harry Hall.
Mrs. Blaine While.
Mrs. Lydia Bolden.
Mrs. Anna Stewart.
Bausch Shearer.
Mrs. Dorothy Sconer.

TIFFIN.

Jacob Knecht and family of eight.
George Klingshirn and family of four.
William Axline.
Mrs. William Axline.
M. Lingschern.
John Canty.
M. J. Breckley, wife and child.
Missing:
Waller Koepvell, mayor.
Claude Meyers, chief of police.

WARREN.

Frank Wilkinson.
Howard Flood.

WEST LIBERTY.

James Howard, brakeman, Columbus.

YOUNGSTOWN.

Stanley Corsing.
M. Gunn.

ZANESVILLE.

John Carr, wife and child.
Mrs. Stephen Sloane, 55.

HAMILTON.

George Rump.
Louis Donges.
Rose Kellar.
Earl Bess.
Elsie Ross.
Mrs. Lena Stillmacher.
Joseph H. West.
Mrs. Julia Morris.
Dave Jarrett.
Benjamin Spradley and mother.
John Demuth.
John Whitehall.
—— Quinn (girl of five years).
Mrs. Zeek and three grandchildren.
Benjamin Bell, wife and daughter.
William Brevard and wife.
Herman Tieman.
Mrs. Birdie Johnson.
Verna Isserman.
Fred Theobald.
—— Linfield.
—— Lendwell.
Mrs. Lena Kelch.
Six unidentified bodies in morgues.
Fred Koehler and wife.
Cliff Bower.
Mrs. Lena Groh.
Joseph Grebske (six-week-old baby).

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