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## Blanchard River Overflows Banks Causing Most Remarkable Flood in History of Findlay

### CENTRAL PORTION OF CITY INUNDATED

Hundreds Were Made Homeless by the High Waters and Loss Will Reach Thousands of Dollars.

### MAIN STREET WAS COVERED

All Afternoon and Flood Kept Rising at Rate of One Foot an Hour—Receding This Morning.

#### WATERS ARE NOW RECEDED

The waters of the Blanchard river are now rapidly lowering and since 7 o'clock have dropped twenty inches. It is assured from the present rate the water is falling that North Main street will be dry by noon. Rough estimates of loss last night placed it between \$50,000 and \$100,000.

The greater part of the residence and business section of Findlay was swept yesterday by the most remarkable flood in its history. All day long and into the night a violent treant of rain, washing water came whirling down the Blanchard river. Early in the day it poured in all directions over the banks and inundated everything within the radius of a mile. Hundreds of people were made homeless and the property loss will reach into the thousands.

The manner in which the flood kept steadily gaining in volume every hour of the day was a surprise that could not be explained. The river fell by a hundred little ditch creeks and streams, coming down like a ocean, the source of the enormous quantity of water was a mystery. It can only be reasoned by the steady rainfall of the preceding twenty-four hours. For fully five hours after the rain had stopped there was no perceptible change in the river. Then it began to rise at a rate of six inches in the morning markers near the bridge registered a gain of two inches an hour. At 6 o'clock it gained to within stone sounding shore-line, an increase of twelve inches. Even then it was not known if the water would get within ten feet of the floor of the Main street bridge.

At about 11 o'clock in the morning the flood situation became really dangerous. The water gained in height so rapidly almost beyond control. In the one hour interval between 11 and 12 o'clock

the water took up the bridge, the streets became inundated. The water was still gaining and it was known that the water found its way into the street which was the floor of the cellar of this house. Men were soon gathered on all sides to help to rescue and take

out what they could. The water did its greatest damage in the territory bounded by Blanchard street and the W. & W. depot, West Hardin street, and the L. E. & W. railway, when the latter tracks were covered by the water, until the D. W. tracks were reached. Findlay is surrounded like

like a huge bowl and the water

was too much for the city to stand.

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For a long time the water was exceedingly dangerous because of the river bed.

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## CITY INUNDATED

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destroying the furniture and the fine interior of the place. Mr. Mignot is estimated at about \$2,000. On the west side of Main street the damage of any consequence was the Novel's Ark. The basement which was filled with novelties and toys was filled with water before there was a chance to get the bulk of the stuff out. Most of the goods were destroyed and Mr. Baile's loss will likely reach at least \$1,000.

Many of the residents of East Front and East Main Cross streets, who neglected to leave their houses when there was time yesterday, suffered intensely from the flood in the early evening. They were compelled to take refuge in the second stories of their homes, and were without fuel supply and in many cases without food. There was an inadequate number of boats to reach many of the houses and the occupants were compelled to get along the best they could. Another bad feature in caring for the flood unfortunate was the fact that many telephone wires and connections were washed out and for a long time it was impossible to get any satisfactory service out of either of the systems.

Nearly all the families on West Main Cross, Front, Sandusky and East street north of Sandusky, had to move out, the water in some of the houses reaching to the second floor of the houses. Among the unfortunate were William Fenberry, Dan Martin, Mrs. Martin, Ralph Barnes, Christ Farlin, Bud Gulliver, Orls Long, Messrs. Loughbaugh, Ronson and Sebastian on Front street; Len Turley, Mr. Longbrake, Chas. Asham, Forney Latchew, Mrs. Kibler, Jim Long, Dr. Marvin, Chas. Steen, Otto Marvin, Mrs. Hasler, Mr. Walker, John Weil and Harry Davis on Main Cross street; Messrs. Seifried, Alspach, Judd, Miller and Devair, on East street and Frank Tabor, John Moomey and John Ritter, on Sandusky street. Boats were in service all night to move the people to their homes.

### NORTH SIDE CONDITION

#### LATE LAST NIGHT

The water at the water works has washed out about forty feet of the sewer dam and has washed the engine house with the engine into the reservoir. It has reached the pump station but by hard work, the men have been able to keep it pumped out so that the machinery has not been damaged.

The whole north side is a solid mass of water the water reaching to the steps of nearly every house on the east side of Main street. The glass

house was flooded, but not enough to stop work.

The flood reached the C. H. & D. north and all the cellars on the north side are full of water. On the T. & O. C. tracks the current has washed off the bed and five engines and three locomotives were knocked over near the basket factory.

The rolling mill is flooded badly and the water runs through the mill at will.

All the families on East Front and Main-Cross streets, on the other side of East street, have been taken out and the water has reached the second-story of many of the dwellings in that neighborhood. The damage in that section of the town will be great and there will be much loss.

On Clinton street and all through that section of the city, north of the river, people have had to be taken from their homes in boats. Nearly all the residents have taken up their carpets and have removed their goods to the upstairs.

On Main street from Center street to Main-Cross street, no business houses have all been flooded and nor one of them have had less than a foot of water on the floors. The loss in this section will be very great. Among those who will sustain much loss are Joe's grocery, Sherman Bell's confectionery store, Steiner's cigar factory, Lamas & Snow, who will lose much on account of the water reaching the counters and raining match confectiory.

The Dairy Lunch, in the basement of the Adams block, has also received its share of the flood. Tables, counters and chairs are floating over the room and the expensive furniture has all been damaged.

Up to Goodlock all the streets on the east side of Main were covered with water from the C. H. & D. north to Hancock street and up as far as Len Colton to the south. People who were not satisfied with boats had to stay in their houses and those who were unfortunate enough to be up town, had to stay there all night.

All the hotels and boarding houses were crowded and many were turned away.

### TWO MEN DROWNED IN OTTAWA FLOOD

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