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Although the river crest had fallen Friday night, the skies still held a menace for the flooded area and the surrounding territory. Local thundershowers were predicted for the state by J. P. Slaughter, government weather observer. No heavy rains such as swept the city early Friday were in sight, however. The forecast for Sunday also was gloomy, with more showers likely.

No further damage was anticipated as the rains up the North Canadian watershed west of Oklahoma City were not heavy. Residents along the river, however, were warned to be on the alert.

At midnight, the river had fallen one foot from its peak point at Third street and Pennsylvania avenue. The peak was about 14 feet.

Saturday, if tents are obtained in time from the war department, a tent city will spring up, to be populated by at least 2,500 of the 3,200 homeless flood victims. The tent city may be established in Fair park.

All relief work was placed in charge of the American Red Cross early in the day, and half a dozen downtown buildings were opened to care for the refugees.

Removal of families living along the Canadian river and in the Lightning creek area was started at 2 a. m. Friday, by police, firemen and scores of volunteers.

The first concentration point was established in the McDaniel building, 601 North Broadway, where more than 500 families living in the community camp established several months ago by the city were taken.

A second headquarters soon was opened at 1100 North Broadway. The home of Post No. 35, American Legion, Tenth street and Robinson, was established as a refuge for unmarried men. Homeless Negro families were being cared for at 522 North Broadway. Shelter also was available at 2613 South Robinson avenue.

Fed by Salvation Army
Preparation of meals for more than 3,000 was entrusted to the Salvation Army, which served from emergency kitchens in the McDaniel building.

More than 200 were fed and given clothing at the Exchange Avenue Baptist church, where Rev. Hale V. Davis was in charge of relief work. R. J. Benzel, head of the local Red Cross, announced that aid would come from the National Red Cross in St. Louis Saturday. He also said the St. Louis office was sending four field workers.

The war department was asked to furnish 650 tents, to be sent from Fort Sill or San Antonio, for setting up a tent city at the Fair Grounds for the homeless. The requisition was made by the Red Cross, acting through the governor, of Patrick J. Hurley, secretary of war, as provided by law for such emergencies.

The storm claimed the lives of five persons. No funeral arrangements had been made Friday night.

Body Found in Debris
The body of Mrs. Norah Norris, 50 years old, was brought in by an unidentified man who reported he found it caught in some debris near the intersection of Twenty-fifth street and Santa Fe avenues. It is believed the woman was caught in the flood waters as she attempted to leave her home at 1 Southwest Twenty-seventh street and was unable to swim the high current created near this point.

Mrs. Norris had made arrangements to leave the city Friday with her 8-year-old son for a visit with friends in Joplin. J. A. Herring, Oklahoma Travel bureau, with whom she was to travel, learned of the woman's death when he called to pick her up to start the trip. The boy was safe with relatives Friday night.

The body of Ella Christine Morgan, 13 years old, 10 Southeast Twenty-third street, was found in the back yard of the residence of Mrs. L. Nievar, 131 Southeast Twenty-first street, by Francis Smit. Body of

SUMMARY

The flood situation Friday night, at a glance.

Five persons known dead, seven reported missing, 21 in hospitals, and 9 others treated for injuries.

Property damage estimated at \$1,500,000, one-third of which was in the oil fields. Total of 656 homes destroyed.

Threat of further danger past unless more rain falls. River receding rapidly and no new crest coming downstream from the west.

Relief fund of \$30,000 needed immediately. First contributions received. (Details on page three).

Emergency relief setup functioning through city charity agencies.

Tent city to care for 3,200 homeless expected to go up today, probably at Fair park.

Farms east of city as far as Harrah inundated. Homes evacuated but no lives reported lost. Harrah plant of Oklahoma Gas and Electric Co., inundated.

Flood crest believed past at Shawnee. No lives lost but property damage heavy.

Most roads out of city passable, with normal traffic being resumed Friday night. Damage to county roads heavy. Damage to city streets comparatively small. (Details page three).

Washouts disrupt traffic on steam rail lines during day, but repairs were being rushed to completion at night. Bus traffic to east halted during day.

Total rainfall during storm 6.92 inches, falling between 11:10 p. m. Thursday and noon Friday.

River stage at height of flood 14 feet, highest since April, 1927.

Buster Glenn Morgan, 5 years old, her brother, was found also at the Nievar residence by B. V. Manigold and Victor Clement. The boy was caught in a tree.

Their mother, Mrs. Monty Morgan, was listed among the missing.

Firemen, under the direction of Captain Gordon Chapman, discovered the body of Ellen Webster, 11 years old, while wading in a small creek near Broadway and South Forty-fourth street, about 100 yards from the tourist camp in which she was stopping. Her mother, Mrs. J. B. Webster, was drowned when the tourist camp was flooded.

Mrs. T. W. Tarkington, about 45

MANY DEAD IN MEXICO QUAKE

Large Area Hit by Severe Temblors; Toll May Be Much Greater.

MEXICO CITY, June 3.—(AP)—At least 23 persons were killed and many others injured Friday by a series of earthquakes felt throughout a large section of Mexico.

In the city of Guadalajara, capital of the state of Jalisco and second largest city in Mexico, 22 quakes were recorded during the day.

In the vicinity of Guadalajara 16 persons were known to be dead and 50 injured. The populace was in terror all day.

The state of Colima reported seven known dead and at least 25 injured. It was feared the casualties would be much higher. One quake there lasted seven minutes and damage was heavy.

Mexico City suffered considerable damage, several small buildings being toppled over. In downtown streets numerous cracks were caused.

Son Born to May McAvoy
HOLLYWOOD, June 3.—(AP)—A seven-pound boy was born Friday to May McAvoy, former motion picture actress. Her husband is Maurice Cleary, a broker.

Death Toll, 5; 7 Missing; 21 In Hospitals

THE DEAD
MRS. NORAH NORRIS, 50 years old, 1 Southwest Twenty-seventh street, found near Twenty-fifth street and Santa Fe avenue.

ELLA CHRISTINE MORGAN, 13 years old, 10 Southeast Twenty-third street, found at Santa Fe avenue and Twenty-first street.

BUSTER GLENN MORGAN, 5 years old, brother of Ella Christine.

MRS. JAMES B. WEBSTER, 40 years old, en route to Massachusetts, Melrose tourist camp.

ELLEN WEBSTER, 11 years old, her daughter.
All dead are at Capitol Hill funeral home.

THE MISSING
ROBERT WEBSTER, 5 years old, son of J. B. Webster.

T. W. TARKINGTON, about 45 years old, 1½ miles northeast of Taylor school.

SON OF T. W. TARKINGTON, 14 years old.
MRS. MONTY MORGAN, mother of the two children drowned at 10 Southeast Twenty-third street.

HUGHES, (first name unknown), and his two children reported missing to the national guard.

IN HOSPITALS
Samaritan Hospital

H. V. HAWSE, 22 years old.
MRS. H. V. HAWSE, 17 years old, his wife, both hitch-hiking to Los Angeles from Peoria, stopping in Melrose camp.

LORETTA YOWELL, 75 years old, 19 Southwest Twenty-seventh street.

MRS. ERMA SICKLER, 20 years old, Melrose camp.

BEVERLY JEAN, 20 months old.
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3,200 Flood Refugees To Be Given

years old, who lives on a farm one and a half miles northeast of Taylor school on East Twenty-third street, was rescued by deputy sheriffs Friday morning, from a tree to which she was clinging in Crutcho creek. The woman's husband, T. W. Tarkington, and a 14-year-old son were reported missing.

They are believed to have fallen in the swift flowing creek while the three were attempting to leave their home for higher ground. The woman swam a quarter of a mile before grabbing the tree. She was delirious when rescued, and after temporary treatment at a farmhouse was brought to Wesley hospital.

Her husband and son were not found by deputies, who in boats and on foot made a search of all territory three miles northward toward Spencer.

Mrs. Parkington, only occasionally conscious at the hospital, told attendants she did not see her husband and son after they slipped into the water. George Kerr, deputy sheriff, said an investigation convinced him the two had drowned.

Robert Webster, 5 years old, was the only unaccounted for member of his family early Friday night. His father, J. B. Webster, and brother, James, 9 years old, were recovering from exposure in Samaritan hospital, and the bodies of his mother and 11-year-old sister, Ellen, had been recovered in the current near Melrose tourist camp, where the family was stopping on its way to Massachusetts.

Others in Hospitals

Patients brought to University hospital because of the flood had other ailments than exposure. J. D. and Neale Morrison, brothers, 15 and 10 years old, respectively, had mumps, and Tony Meeks, 3 years old, was suffering from a bronchial infection. James Warren, 15 years old, had been under medical care only a short time previously because of an injured arm.

Mrs. Daisy Stovall, 2318 South Santa Fe avenue, and Mrs. Lucille Blevins, Community camp, suffered doubly because of ill health and exposure, according to attendants at Wesley hospital. Mrs. Margaret Johnson, Community camp, was brought directly to the hospital on the cot on which she had been sleeping when the river rose in her home.

Missing Group Located

Among the rush of telephone calls coming into the national guard headquarters Friday afternoon, was one stating a man named Hughes and his two children had been lost. Police could find no record of them.

Among those first believed missing and later located were Mrs. Vesta Vasser and her four children, Mr. and Mrs. Nona Roman and a child, and Glen Howard, of Nash, all reported missing from 13 Southwest Twenty-eighth street.

The national guard was called out before daylight by Charles F. Barrett, adjutant general. The guardsmen manned army trucks which hauled stricken families to safety.

All but about a dozen of the guardsmen were dismissed in the afternoon by General Barrett, but the men were told to hold themselves in readiness for any emergency.

Although there was a most generous response to the appeals for food and clothing and money, Benzel said Friday night that many additional supplies were needed.

Clothing Is Needed

Clothing should be brought to the headquarters at 601 North Broadway. Shoes and underclothing for children are needed most. At least 1,000 persons were in need of additional clothing late in the afternoon.

Large quantities of canned goods will be required Saturday. Vegetables and milk also will be needed.

Virtually every club and civic organization contributed in some way to the relief. Free stoves and free service were furnished at the emergency dormitories by the Oklahoma Natural Gas Corp. Members of the Junior League cared for residents of Walnut Grove and furnished additional workers for the general headquarters. Many women's clubs provided volunteers.

Small babies were taken to the Sunbeam home. About 1,000 free meals were served by the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. offered its dormitory for women and children.

City May Offer Aid

The Community Fund turned over its general offices to the Red Cross, but took charge of them after several hours, when Red Cross headquarters were moved to the McDaniel building.

While the city government did not take an active part in the relief program after a meeting of civic leaders and charitable workers, called by Albert McRill, city manager, had decided to entrust the task to the Red

COLONY PLAN TO FORESTALL AN EPIDEMIC

Downtown Buildings Are Overcrowded; More Clothing Needed.

Oklahoma City's 3,000 homeless flood refugees will be established in army tents Saturday to prevent an epidemic through crowding hundreds of them into downtown buildings, Red Cross officials announce Friday night.

Establishing of a temporary tent city had been agreed upon, although a site had not been selected. Temporary shelter and food had been furnished all, but additional clothing was needed, especially for children.

Whether the community camp, washed out by the flood waters, would be re-established at the same location was to be determined at a meeting in the city hall Saturday.

Emergency workers had the flood relief situation well in hand Friday night, with shelter, food and clothing provided for about 3,000 homeless persons, and a liberal response reported in the efforts to raise a permanent relief fund of \$30,000.

Dinner was served the flood refugees from central kitchens established in the McDaniel building, 601 North Broadway, and several hundred persons spent the night there. An even larger number was cared for at 1100 North Broadway, in the large building recently vacated by the Kinnebrew Motor Co.

Relief was provided for more than 100 Negroes in a vacant building at 522 North Broadway, according to R. J. Benzel, head of the city chapter of the American Red Cross.

The Red Cross organization was given full charge at a conference of city officials, civic leaders and charitable organizations in the city hall Friday morning.

St. Louis headquarters of the organization dispatched four national

organizers at once and they will assist in the rehabilitation work here for several days.

Hundreds of citizens brought clothing and shoes to the McDaniel building headquarters during the day. Garments for more than 1,000 refugees were bought by the Salvation Army. Despite the generosity of the public, it was estimated that clothing needs of at least 1,000 persons had not been met.

Underclothing and shoes for children were needed more than other articles, Benzel said.

Relief headquarters first was established in the Community Fund offices in the Builders' Exchange building, but in the afternoon routine was restored there and the relief scene was shifted to the McDaniel building.

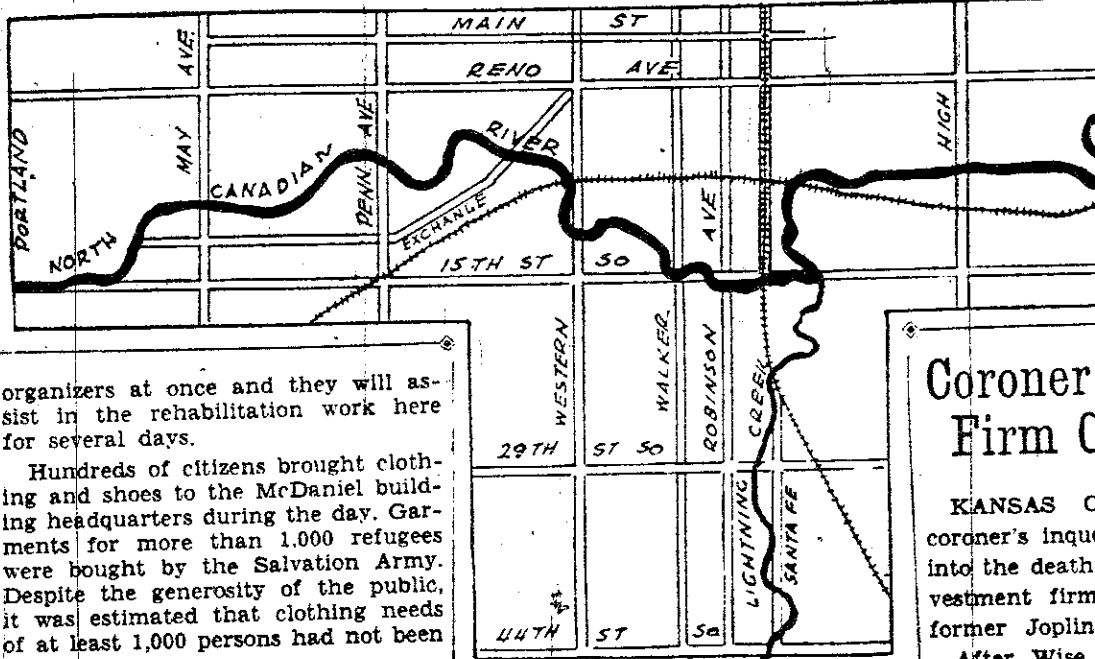
In charge there were Benzel, C. C. Day of the Community Fund; Maj. Ernest Holz, head of the Salvation Army, and Dr. Walter H. Miles, city health director. Otis Smith, head of the central relief committee, a permanent organization for the homeless and jobless, transferred his office force to the headquarters. Clerks in several city departments were assigned to assist in furnishing clothing to the flood sufferers.

Governor Murray ordered \$1,000 appropriated from the state relief fund for a benefit of those made homeless in Oklahoma City.

Stanley Rogers, sheriff, was keeping a squad of deputies stationed on East Twenty-third street in the vicinity of the Taylor Home for boys. They were using boats to rescue those who were unable to get to a place of a refuge.

Albert McRill, city manager, announced that as many as 200 men

Map Shows City Territory Swept by Flood



Map shows the immediate watershed of the North Canadian river and Lightning creek through the city district. Most of the flood damage centered along the creek from Forty-fourth street, south, to the convergence with the river.

might be employed by the city to assist in the rehabilitation work, especially in the rebuilding of small homes badly damaged in the river lowlands and in portions of South Oklahoma City.

The city council held a special meeting in the afternoon with the relief question being presented by Charles W. Offutt, ward two councilman. Offutt was told that the Red Cross and other organizations had the situation in hand temporarily and that there was no immediate necessity for the city to act until the extent of the damage was determined.

Temporary relief was provided by the Capitol Hill Commerce club at 2613 South Robinson avenue, according to Mack Hutchins, secretary. Transportation to the main headquarters in the city was offered, and blankets and cots were handy for those suffering from exposure.

reau gauge went up 3.1 inches and between 1:15 and 3:15 a. m., 4.04 inches were recorded. The latter broke a record for two-hour rainfall that had stood for 28 years, since June, 1904.

With only three days gone and more rains predicted, this June, with its total of 7.04 inches precipitation, already was the fifth wettest on record. The normal June rainfall is 3.67 inches.

In the Lightning creek area, where the property damage was estimated at \$250,000 by Capitol Hill civic officials, 31 medium priced homes were completely destroyed. A survey showed more than 125 additional homes had been badly damaged by water. Included in these were numerous new, expensive homes.

Path of the water through the area varied from one-half block wide at Sixtieth street to five blocks wide as it neared the river and in the vicinity of Twenty-first street. The water also backed up to a depth of more than four feet on South Central avenue.

Passage across the Exchange avenue viaduct to Packingtown was possible late Friday night, by detouring north of the Public market on West Reno avenue.

Sloshing bales of cotton around like corks, flood waters after sweeping through the lowlands of the city moved in for a rest surrounding the Traders compress at Reno and East avenues. Having reached nearly to the roof in some places, the water was still three feet deep on the floor Friday night. There were 8,582 bales of cotton on the floor, but no estimate had been made of the damage to it.

Three hundred wells in north end of the Oklahoma City oil field were shutdown because of the flood, the water covering derrick floors in many areas. More than 200 tank batteries, some of them containing considerable oil were damaged, with at least 50 batteries toppled over and floating around in the flood.

All oil and gas pipe lines were shut down, and gates on all gathering lines sealed. Motor boats were being used to salvage properties and patrol the devastated area. It will be at least a week after water recedes before

that 100 oil storage tanks holding from 1,000 to 1,500 barrels of oil were seriously damaged and that many of them would have to be torn down and rebuilt.

Heavy rains preceding the overflow started here shortly after 11 p. m. Thursday and by 2 a. m. Friday Lightning creek was a raging torrent and the Canadian was at flood stage.

The rains continued through the night with such force that virtually all storm sewers were overtaxed. City officials said that the rainfall which fell in the city alone was sufficient to cause a disastrous overflow.

Police spread the alarm shortly after 2 o'clock throughout the threatened district and immediately began hauling refugees out of the lowlands.

The waters continued to rise long after the community camp and other threatened residential centers had been cleared. Water damaged stocks in basements of stores on Main street and Grand avenue.

Business was tied up in Packingtown and other outlying sections by the storm. Low places on the east side near Fair park were flooded. Hundreds of automobiles were stranded in the streets.

Reports were quickly circulated that the municipal dam was threatened, but Tom G. Banks, water superintendent, reported that there was absolutely no danger to the waterworks system.

Slight damage was reported at the south sewage disposal plant, which was temporarily out of commission.

Donald Gordon, park superintendent, said all plantings in city parks were damaged or destroyed. Much of the grading work of the last few months was a total loss.

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TWO ADULTS, 20 CHILDREN IN STATE BITTEN BY DOG

BEGGS, June 3. — (AP)—Twenty children and two adults were bitten here Friday by a dog, veterinarians said was suffering from rabies. A supply of serum was ordered from the state health department at Oklahoma City.

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