

# Intensive Flood Cleanup Under Way In Wake, Falling Water

## REET WEST FROM MARKET BOATS LOADED WITH CORPSES AT LOUISVILLE

# Weeks of Oil Headed Off

### Water Now Five Below Crest In Retreat Toward Banks; Army of Merchants, Residents And Workers Invades Affected Districts.

Chugging suction pumps and swishing brooms played a canopony yesterday and last night as Parkersburgers literally chased back toward the banks the big, bad and troublesome Ohio river, which for close to a week has laid siege to the city.

# DEFENDERS OF LEVEES WATCH RISING RIVERS

### Cairo, Illinois, Practically Deserted, Watches Ohio Inch Up Against Seawall.

CAIRO, Ill., Jan. 28.—(AP)—From Cairo to New Madrid, Mo., grim, toll-way levee defenders anxiously watched the rising Ohio and Mississippi rivers tonight as they moved toward a "seawall" at Cairo, practically deserted and under strict routine that likened it to a city in military zone. A city in military zone to the Ohio inch up against the seawall, a city in military zone to the Ohio inch up against the seawall, a city in military zone to the Ohio inch up against the seawall.

Between the two cities, huddled in concentration camps spread throughout the southeastern Missouri, thousands of refugees were quartered in churches, schools, barns, anything with a roof to avoid the elements.

Doctors fighting the spread of influenza and other ailments among "flood babies" made hard preparations to care for the thousands of crowded camps after the Red Cross estimated that many expectant mothers would be among the "flood babies" who would be taken to the crowded camps after the Red Cross estimated that many expectant mothers would be among the "flood babies" who would be taken to the crowded camps.

Two of the babies are thriving gloriously in pastboard houses behind the levee, said Nurse Katharine Keane, working in East Cairo, Missouri, where she is in charge of the emergency hospital.

Five hundred persons are living in the school building, she said. "I've seen vacant buildings such as churches, barns and other structures with roofs are occupied by families in conditions as appalling as the front line—between the river and the concentration camps. The water has risen to within 2 1/2 miles setback levee which borders the vast spillway from Hite Point to New Madrid, Mo. It is being raised two to four feet.

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# Mississippi Valley Braces For Flood

(By The Associated Press)  
MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 28.—(AP)—The Mississippi valley braces for the pending battle against drastic measures to be taken to avert a flood, hospital of conquering the river.

A part of the great struggle at Memphis has been won, with evacuation of residents from lowlands ceased. The evacuation of residents from lowlands ceased. The evacuation of residents from lowlands ceased.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 28.—(AP)—The Ohio River has retreated a foot in the Pittsburgh area, but the water is still rising in the Ohio river to the level of the "Point." The emergency area, a measure of hope came with announcement that the river might crest here five feet below the normal flow of 15 feet.



Fifth street was inundated from the Ohio river east as far as Market street. This scene shows how City Hall was entirely surrounded by water on the northwest corner of Fifth and Market.



KEN MURRAY SAYS

Washington, D. C.—Well, I've been spending several days here in the wake of our government and I simply can't help but marvel at the charges that have been made in this city during the past few years. The Republicans are so scarce I was almost prompted to ask my good friend, J. Edgar Hoover, to have one of his G-men point one out.

However, several diplomats were pointed out to me when I remarked that they were a strange looking bunch, my guide answered "You'd be, too, if you had to go around all the time with your tongue in your cheek."

One of the most important thoroughfares in the New Orleans area is the New Orleans Canal. And strange to say it's just as far from the White House as the Grand Canyon. Naturally it's a tough town for a comedian to play.

With Congress in session there's too much opposition.

# Additional WPA Workers Assigned To Flood Cleanup

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Jan. 28.—(AP)—State WPA Administrator Charles M. McGowan assigned an additional 600 workers to help clean up and debris left by the receding flood.

With mops, brooms and how the workers' northern committee began sweeping streets and cleaning houses. McGowan said that in the West Virginia area, approximately 1,500 other cleaning up mud and debris left by the receding flood.

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# ARMY SAYS MISSISSIPPI LEVEES CAN HOLD FLOOD

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(AP)—Two hundred thousand persons, perhaps more, if the Mississippi levees do not hold—may go on federal relief in the wake of the present flood.

A flexible plan to meet an exact relief load of 50,000 cases of destitution already has been outlined. An average of four persons is expected to be involved in each case.

The ultimate extent of relief will depend on the Mississippi levees and relief remained a deal upon the question. "Will the Mississippi levees stand the strain?"

Report Levees Adequate  
General Main Craig, chief of the staff of the army, reported to President Roosevelt that army engineers expect the dykes to take care of all expected water.

The war department went ahead, however, with precautionary preparations to evacuate 50,000 persons, if necessary, from Mississippi lowlands.

Emphasizing that there will be no evacuation unless and until other officers issue warnings about specific areas, General Craig said: "While it is not probable that large scale evacuations will become necessary, the war department is completing preparations for any such evacuation."

Think Mississippi O. K.  
"It things hold at Cairo—and we think they will now—and other rivers emptying farther downstream are not flooding abnormally, we still believe that everything will be all right on the Mississippi. Otherwise there will be plenty of trouble."

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# Local Newspapers Now Publishing In Own Plant

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We are very sorry our carrier service was forced to be temporarily discontinued as a result of the flood emergency. High water inundated our press and threw our plant completely out of operation. Using the limited facilities of job printing plants in the city, we were unable to print a sufficient number of papers to supply carrier delivery. Equipment used was kept in operation 24 hours a day to furnish Parkersburgers with detailed information about the flood.

Beginning this morning, delivery to subscribers will be continued as usual.

Regular carrier service will be resumed today. Carriers will report at the regular stations this morning at the customary time.

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