1 Sunday 2:30 P.M. Jan. 24

Dear Lucetia - Hubby - May Dog:-

Be thankful you are not here. You just can't imagine what this is like. The radio is running all the time giving Red Cross Bulletins and appeals for help.

At about 12:30 they announced the dam was breaking and gave Dugdside folks about 1½ hrs. to get out. The Burgess whistle is to blow when it goes out. I have not heard it yet. Those folks have been warned for 3 or 4 days to vacate but most have not.

This flood business is getting me. I've taken bromides etc. and still can't do anything but cook a very little and wash dishes.

Joe laid off and is at home. L.C. got home yesterday and should have gotten out to day but he felt so bad they let him off so we are all at home.

Harry is in the city yards. I don't know how he will get home. They made water to their boilers up there.

Nothing like this was ever seen here. Yesterday P.M. Harry was called to the city yards. He wanted me to take him so we started. The water was across the brick road from Connie Offermans up to Claremont. We could not get through there. Barker Ave was closed so a man told us we could get through without water by going through alleys in Inglesidi. We got through and went up town. At 7th. & Ohio the water was just pouring over the tracks. The bridge was under 8 in water. Today Harry called and said they are unloading Coast Guard Boats up on 7th ave. and floating them where we were yesterday.

To-day Franklin St. is cut off. Water over running boards at 8th. Ave & Franklin.

The river at this time is 49.7 ft. The 1913 stage was 48.4 ft. The river is still rising.

We have been placed under martial law. There are guards every where.

They are putting refugees in the church basement this afternoon. Cecil Wilhair garage is a Red Cross station. They fly a Red Cross flag on a pole.

All people are asked to stay off the streets unless engaged in rescue work.

Are requested not to use the telephone unless necessary.

All schools are closed indefinately.

Fire laid in quite a supply of food as no one can get out here now except by boat. No street cars have run since Thursday. Never we had such a heavy rain and snow. Has been raining now since last night and the slush is about 6 in deep. You can't walk at all.

They announced last night over the radio that Sis & Polly Anne had been gotten out yesterday. They brought out Emma Hauschild with a bunch of folks late yesterday evening. There stuff was in water up to their bodies.

They haven't been able to get any news from John Hauschild & family. They have 6 or 8 large

down there.
I just heard that more coast guardsboats are coming this afternoon
Dress Plaza is caving in. 15 ft of side walk near Petersheim's has caved in also big holes in the street. Riverside is blocked off by Hancock trucks across the street.
This morning water was up on the lawn at the Hotel McCurdy. They have sand bags all around the hotel.
Sears Roebuck has been open since yesterday A.M. and a little while ago called their other employees to come and relieve those on duty.
A & P stores are open to-day.
McLinn Collom the weather man died at his desk this morning. He has had no rest. He was an old man and could not stand the strain. This was a mistake. He was 56.
They will bury Will Brandis to-morrow, at least they intended to but they can't get up town now. He is at Alexanders. Terrible that no one can

3) go to his funeral.

There are 6 5 miles at Shelby McDowells in the water almost to their necks. They broadcast a white asking for a barge. They have a motor boat. George Neals stocks the is there also. They have been so in need of help for several days. The L & N runs a yard engine and car down to the Henderson Bridge at intervals to pick up people. They will go down at 5 this evening.

Highway 41 near the Henderson Budge was closed yesterday evening. Water at Riverside Ky. Ave is 2 ft. deep in the streets.

Mrs. Martin called Luella and said the water is up in their yard. Luella invited her & Mr. Martin to come out here but don't know whether they can get here or not.

They were carrying people out of houses out by the Whoopee Club several days ago.

The paper said it was possible to go to Madisonville by boat from here.

The river rises a foot in about 20 hrs and shows no signs of slowing up.

All union carpenters are called with saw and hammer to the Schultze Lumber Co to make boats.

The State Guards have been on duty several days. The American Legion and this afternoon they called the Veterans of Foreign Wars for same kind of work.

Sears & Roebuck are sending a car load of boats from Chicago also gave $2000 for flood relief.

Sunset Park is full of stock unloaded there until they can be taken some where. They look some cows by here this afternoon.

I told Mary Ruth & John they will never forget this. We heard Mother talk of the 1884 flood. Then we saw the 1913 one but never anything like this. The only way we can get out of Howell is over the railroad tracks and then can't get but a piece up Franklin St so we are marooned on an island. If we only can keep well what a blessing that will be.

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3:30 P.M. Just announced the river now is 49-8 ft.

They just announce that the river stage will be 53 or 54 ft. That will cut off our water & lights. They can stand 51 ft. but no more. That may get around our houses. That surely gives one an odd feeling.

They are sending 150 firemen from Indianapolis to help as the city men are worn out.

There is a 2 wk. food supply. Drs. & nurses will come from the northern part of state of necessary.

The heating plant at the Coliseum is out of commission and the Red Cross needs 50 electric heaters there as their offices are there.

They are reading the governor proclamation proclaiming martial law and are giving rules.

250 soldiers are being sent here.

Just heard a call Sis Adcock sent Walter to come out at once and bring the box she left. Louis Sirkle's daughter begged him to come out at once. Here are military regulations.

All sight seers must stay at home.
People who have left their homes cannot go back.
All unnecessary motor traffic suspended.
All filling stations ordered to fill pleasure cars.
All schools closed.
Gasoline allowed for necessary cars only.
There were 3 army trucks in front of the church a short while ago. The basement is all lit up.
Are calling over radio now for rubber boots.
This afternoon they stopped all trains in and out of here. 51 went down to the bridge and found it too dangerous so came back and staid here.
All 2nd. truck yard crews were sent home and everything annulled.
I don't know when you will get this letter but will send it when I can. Joe does not think he will work any more probably this month.
We finally turned off the radio. I am so nervous I can hardly be quiet. Just one dishes call after the other.

5) I'm not afraid. Even if the water should get around us we would not be in any danger. I don't think surely it will reach here. Of course no one ever dreamed it would get so high. Was 50 ft at 6:30 and 51 ft is expected by morning.

a/ they said if the crest reached 54 ft about 4/5 of the city would be under water.

1st Street from Main to Fulton was closed to-day. a/ the national guard men go from house to house and order people out and they go. Any act of disobedience will be cause for arrest and military trial.

Bosse High School is surrounded by water. and Saint Cecile and that lovely residence section is all under water.

Washington at Ky. Ave is all in the water.

Monday A.M. - Just called the Post Office. No mail can get out or in so will write to this from time to time and will mail when I can.

The Purity Milk Co. just asked for an L & N engine to come to Mead Johnson for milk for Howell.

We haven't heard from you since a week ago Friday. Feel sure you have written but the mail cannot reach us.

The church is full of refugees. They have cots and are cooking in the basement. The Red Cross is furnishing food bought at Neales. A.W.P.A man is doing the janitor work. Mr. Hooker said he sure cleaned up things.

Louis Sirkle was begging for help this A.M. to get his stock away but they seem to think there is no chance.

We are so surrounded by soldiers & guards you can't go anywhere any more. Luella just called and said they were taking a boat past her house with Smitharts wrecker. I'll bet his garage is in the water.

4:00 P.M. Some more flood news. The prediction now is for a stage of 54

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or probably 55 ft by Thursday when they think the crest will be reached.

Sis was broadcasting at noon again for Walter to come out and bring Bobbie.

Earl Smith got his surveying instruments out this morning and he figured out if the water gets where they think it will it will be on a level with Bernards yard on Broadway. He is moving his family out. They are putting their car up in Bernards yard.

I have my bath tub full of water also some jars full. Every one has done the same as they radioed that the water might be shut off any time. I also have lamps filled with oil in case our lights fail.

The soldiers are not very sociable. Leonard Smith told me he heard they cleared out the pool rooms this A.M. Told the men there if they did not want to work to go home and stay there.

Water is running in the windows at Wetzels.

They thought their furniture was safe but I am afraid not.
It is just about to come across the railroad crossing at North Howell.
Everyone is carrying baskets and sacks of groceries. I never saw anything like it.
The Rosencrans from Englewood also Andrew Gartner and family are all next door at Mullens.
Elder Miller's father and mother are coming out here this afternoon. The water is running into their house to-day.
Received your card this A.M. We surely did not have summer weather Thursday. First rain then sleet and then a deep snow. We have often read of such experiences as these but you surely cannot appreciate them until it strikes you:
4:00 P.M. Just calling-river is now 51.4 ft crest predicted at 54 + 55 ft.
Just warning all people near Ecorse Roads to move immediately.
5:00 P.M. Are asking all able bodied men to

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~~50.8 ft. rate of~~ go to approach to Evansville Henderson bridge to try to save approach.

Water works will blow 2 blasts when the water service gives out. in 10 min. 2 more blasts and 10 min more 2 more blasts then will be cut off

We just keep our radio set and they broadcast constantly.

9:00 P.M. Getting worse. Every one has been ordered from the district in the West Side from St. Joseph up to Pigeon Creek. The railroad is holding the water back but cannot last longer. Folks are ordered to go up on Reitz Hill and go into any of the houses there.

Large cave in near Crescent Mines.

Another broadcast ordering people out of the region north of the Bucyrus. Every one ordered on Franklin St. Hill.

A following message said L+N officials said the track would hold till morning and they would work all night in an effort to save it.

Everyone is ordered off the street from 8 P.M till 6 A.M.
Had a telegram from Regina this evening wanting us to come there
Edwin Angemeir called Luella and offered us shelter if in danger.
Steinkamps - De Jarnatt's and others along Broadway moved out to-day. The water is to reach there some time to-morrow. Can you picture that?

River at 6:10 this P.M. 51-6 ft

7:00 A.M. Tuesday. River at 6:00 A.M. 52 ft and rising .1 ft every 2 hrs. We still have water and lights. Are threatening to cut off all 2 + 4 party telephones to relieve congestion. Our phone has been out of order since yesterday.
2:00 P.M. Late flood bulletins.
Water shut off about 10 o'clock. Our gas was shut off an hour this morning. Has come back again but we don't know how long. We have our old range connected in the basement so we can build a fire if necessary. They tell us from now on we can get

8) water from 7 till 7:30 A.M and the same time in the evening: This will come from the Stringtown Hill reservoir. I went out and moved the old toilet for use and Johns Joyce offered me a thunder mug which I will get tonight as we have none. I saw them bring Maggie Ward + Mary Joyce over to Joyces this morning. I guess they are drowned out.

Mr. Hosier tells me Mrs. Logan and Pearl's family are moving into the church for safety. If the water gets there it will get us also.

This morning the water was coming through the railroad at 7 crossings and is now beginning to come down Broadway. Has come down as far as Stinson Ave. Joe says by to-morrow we cannot cross Broadway.

They also asked the residents of South Howell to move out this A.M. as the railroad could not hold the water back much longer.

Bena Gotham moved out this morning.

Luella called Hudsons and asked about Lina + Willie. Wanted them to come out here but they went to Mary's.

Lula Miller's folks hall go to Jim Thompsons.
I don't think I will ever quit hearing George
Van Horn calling - (From Red Cross Headquarters)
It goes on all day and night
I don't see how Van Horn still lives. He broad
casts almost constantly.
Mr. Gerringer the street car supt. has
collapsed and been taken to the hospital.
So many gasoline tanks blow up and there
is such danger of fire. As soon as one blows
up they rush the Pinkerton Squad there
to guard. One has just blown up on Pfeiffer
Road.
I went to the church with clothes and sox
this morning. It sure looks pitiful. The
entire north wall in the gym has cots
side by side. On some guards were sleeping.
The League Room is full of cots as are the
Ladies Parlor etc. Long tables in the basement
where they feed. There are several people with
babies. I offered to wash for them but have
no water now.
Just another order from the Military. Par. 1 Gen. Order no 6.
Beer and Liquor can be sold where food is sold

9) but all Licqror Package stores are closed. All restaurants and hotels must stay open. If they do not they will be taken over by the military.

Rupert had to move from his store yesterday. The army took over all A&P supplies Sat.

7:00 P.M. Tuesday. Our gas was cut off at 6:00 P.M. Our water cut off this morning so you see what a fix we are in.

Mr. Neal had to move out of his store this evening as the side wall is settling considerably.

River at 6:00 P.M. 52.4 ft. Is rising slower.

North Stinson is cut off now and Broadway to morrow at Stinson will be impassable.

I am going down to help get breakfast at the church in the morning. We can only serve each one with 1 cup of coffee 1 roll and ½ orange. Don't you wish you might eat breakfast with them. I went to Cinderellas and bought 3½ doz rolls so they will get 2 rolls to morrow.

I hope we never have to live through such a time again and still how thankful we are we are dry.

They just announced Y M C A has no heat or water.

Vendome Hotel has no heat. I wonder if you get your papers. We never get a Courier this A.M. as the water has gotten the Courier.

They are trying now to locate Joe Lutz. Have not heard from Walter or Bobbie and the folks are terribly worried. Walter and Bobbie took his + baby to the railroad in a boat. They could not land on account of current. Finally drifted down to trestle and his climbed the trestle. Walter climbed up with Polly Ann and they walked to Ft S. River. Bobbie had to take the boat home. Several folks have said they heard Walter was in Henderson. Do not know for sure and Bobby's name has never been mentioned.

8:00 P.M. Emma Bernard just came hunting a bed pan. She does not think her mother will get well. Her heart is in a very bad condition. Papa W. is in Nashville and cannot get home.

Smoky Bill and Grandma Shaw are in E. St. Louis. I believe if Joe wasn't here I would lose my mind by myself.

Emma says Tommy heard from Henderson this evening that Walter + Bobbie & Joe Lutz are safe in Henderson.

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11:00 A.M - Helped cook breakfast at the church.
The water is on Broadway from Stinson to Ewing.
Have 2 boats tied in front of Acils. Moved
Red Cross from Acils to Clarks Garage last
night.
Water is up Broadway at to Irvington Ave.
all along Dewees.
Cannot cross Irvington. Has also crossed
Hollywood and is running over into Morgan's
yard.
Luella and Margaret are washing for refugees
this A.M.
We are to bring our jugs to the church at a
certain hour announced over the radio to get
our drinking water.
I think Harry will move your range into
their kitchen to day to cook on as we have
no idea when we will have gas.
Are moving live stock out of some part of
Mars township this A.M.
Just saw some men go into the feed store
by Neale's in a skiff. Can you picture
it. I looked good as I hope never to see
that again.

3:30 P.M. River at 10 a.m. was 52.7 ft. & the crest is expected Friday.
I'm afraid when this is all over we will almost collapse. We have no drinking water in fact no water of any kind - no gas and no telephone.



4:00 P.M. Rode a telegram from Lou McKinney wanting us all to come there.
Mrs. Martin came to Lucille's by boat this afternoon. She says no human can describe what Evansville looks like.
They are pumping water at the well at Hopkins and hauling it away in trucks. Any one can get 1 gal. water at a time by taking a jug to the church or Cecil Williams garage. We are surely thankful for the pump. Sure is fine to be without water. They tell us it may be 3 wks before the city water is turned on. I am sure and sure feeling a kindred feeling with shanty boat men and hobos about being clean. I washed out our water jug this morning then washed hose in the water and saved it to scrub with. That is economy I think.

11) Every one is smoky looking and has dirty hands!

Water this evening has reached those Yeamans chicken house this evening. Morgans moved to Hicks this morning.

Schaefers funeral home had to move out to day.

Charles Howell is Paradise.

Henry Kressel got drunk to day and the report was he had hit his wife with an ax. They sent for Father B. but he never went. He had been there before and could do nothing. Police were called but we only have military guards so called the fire Dept. They went and brought him back on the fire truck to the love house. She was not hurt.

The report of Walter Adcock last night was untrue but the heard from Walter this A.M. He and Bobby never got away from the house until last night. Don't see how they survived. They were in Henderson and were trying to get to Evansville.

8:00 PM John + I went for a walk. The water was up on the walk at Bernards corner and about 20 ft up Stinson Ave

Is all up Short Ewing. by tomorrow it will be covered. is coming through that sewer at Crew's corner all in front of their house.
Two boats were tied to John Steinkamps porch banister. You just don't know what you are missing.
Thursday 2:30 P.M. Wish you could see here. There is a boat tied to the lamp post in front of Bernards' house. The water is up Stinson to where the front steps to the church are. Is up in Clark's house to their front step. Several feet deep in his basement. Laurence Heggy's garage is all in the water and is hip deep in his basement. Logan's is all surrounded by water. Joe Heggy's are surrounded. Early this am while it was quiet we could hear the water coming across the railroad down by Connie Schukraft's. The water is across all the way to the foot of the viaduct. Went to North Howell and the water is just rushing across the tracks into Ingleside from ~~bet~~ this side of 7 crossings up to Claremont Ave. Some of the houses just have the roofs out of the water.

(12) Water on Broadway is as far up as the ~~the~~ your service station. N. Irving is all covered and by evening Dearborn from Grayson house to the house house will most likely be covered. You could only go up the middle of the street this A.M.

At 3:00 A.M. the electric current was turned off at Smith and Butterfield's as the water had almost filled the basement. Lots of the places up town have no heat. light or water.

Three men nearby pumped themselves to death at this pump line last night and took the water to the church where you could get 1 gal. of water for each one in your family. When every drop for cooking or washing dishes must be boiled also all milk. We are going to use condensed milk.

The county house closed down and they even locked the oil house. No one over there but the foreman. There was a stranded train over there with 2 dining car crews stranded there. They kept a yard engine

there with a fire up to keep the cars warm. These cooks have hardly any clothes and they have to parade around in their white coats which are getting slightly dirty.

Saw Bobby this A.M. They saved all their stocks. Said they had gone back & forth to Henderson.

River at 10 A.M 53.1 ft. Rising slowly.

There is a large boat for 16 passengers makes trips from the street car corner over to the railroad crossing. Food is brought to us by boat.

The strain is lessening some what since those frantic calls for help stopped coming over the air. Monday night they broadcasted for help for a man - his wife and mother in law in a house down on the Uniontown road. Water was in the house and they could not survive till morning. Afterward they announced their rescue.

If it wasn't so awful it would really be funny how we have to live.

Wetzels house is in water nearly to the top of the windows.

13) They raised their things up as high as they could but everything they have is in their house.

I evacuated my kitchen this A.M. and moved into the basement. It was too much trouble to come up and down stairs. Some folks have built little brick ovens in the yard and are heating water there.

Some of these young girls are sure having a time. The Clark twins and such. They just follow those guards around. The uniform seems to catch their eye. I'm afraid some of them will get in trouble if not careful. The last bunch of guards are from Bloomington. Some are college fellows. Some don't look so hot.

I don't believe we will ever get our church clean again. Cigarette smoke in the basement, just thick. They working all the time.

Well I went for another walk about 4:00 and here are some things I saw.

I'm afraid the water will get up Stinson

almost to Dearborn. They were catching Mr Hames pigs and put them in Bernards barn. The water is up to-day to about half of W. Brandis' lot. Walked up Hollywood and the water has crossed and is right against Sparks' lot. all those houses from there to the lower corner are in the water. Is across the alley and in Tiemans garage and I'm afraid by to-morrow it might be in Luella's chicken house. No one on earth ever experienced anything like this and here we sit still high and dry. Those places on the other side of town are just ruined. Blanche Gartner is here using the telephone talking to Nora Gartner. To hear her we have no idea what tragedy this all is. They left their cows to drown and got their mules out. He is going to try to go down to morrow in a large boat and investigate She said some of those summer cabins are washed over against the railroad track. Alexandus cabin is still there.

14) Schukraft have a little thing in their back yard like this  a little. Harvey is chief fireman. Buck That is where they heat water.

Friday 12. M. Well we are still here although the water is just about 100 ft. from us in the street. We are told it will not raise much more. There is a large boat from the Culver Military Academy tied in front of the church.

Water this morning is in Luellas chicken yard and they are moving their canned fruit as it is in Tiemans basement and they expect some in theirs. Selah.

The man on the radio said the other day that word means to meditate or think of that. so if I write Selah you will know what I mean.

We have no water and sure are dirty. There are only about 7 or 8 drive wells in town for all this many people. They are coming with buckets and cans for

water here at Richards'. Even Springers & Overts etc. Sears & Roebuck sent a pressure pump down and they are connecting it up now. They have a large tank on Hookers front walk by their porch. this has a faucet and we can get our water there.

They are putting a fire station in Joyce's garage. I guess the water has run them out up there. They have cleaned the garage out so I guess they will move the truck there but I dont see any need of a fire engine when we have no water.

Last night we heard hogs squeal. Located them in the large boat down by the church. They fished them out of the back water here some where and as they do not know the owner are butchering them at the church this A.M. between the church and parsonage. Selah

15) All those people there and no water they could not use the toilets or had to dig in the backs there some where and set one of those W P a toilet over the hole.
There is nothing else to do. We are under military rule and they can take anything you have if needed. I still say if there were not so much heart ache and tragedy connected with it things would be real funny.
Luella has Mr + Mrs. Martin + Frank there Mrs. Martin will try to go to Harry's if she can get away.
Virgie tells me they had to move out of the fire house and that Springers have so much water in their basement their fire is out.
Mrs. Ira Dale has pneumonia and the water is in their basement so they can't have a fire
5:00 P.M. River at 10:00 AM. 53.4 ft.
Jan 18 Clark's basement is full to the top. All Ewing Ave. Houses and yards are in deep water

Crews house is surrounded and it extends on Dearborn from close to the alley at the parsonage up till the corner at Cumberland.

Mrs. Lee Withers told me it is coming into their driveway.

Broadway is caved from the alley back of Bernards up to the corner at Mrs. Sumpters. There is just a small strip of land left on North Stinson. When East Broadway is caved down as far as the Mack Hotel. The little strip from the Hotel to Mrs. Sumpters is all that is left. When we want to go to the post office we have to go up Emerson to Cumberland and over to Broadway.

I have to help at the church to morrow from 8:00 a.m. on until after dinner.

River at 6:00 P.M. 53.6 ft. rising very slow.

8:00 P.M. Just came from Luellas. They have to move their chickens in the morning. Water is beginning to come in their basement this evening.

16) Water in the gutter all along the north side and front of her house and coming through the sewer along side of Jandeteurs. Water covers 4½ miles of tracks now at Maumee Saturday 2:00 P.M.

Well we are still out of the water. Luella is all surrounded to-day. I went back there but could not get in as you had to have new shoes and I had mine. Water all along the side of Jandeteurs. On south Glendale three houses are in water down where Wheelers used to be.

Water this morning is on a level with the car corner and crossing the street there. Wetzels is in water to their front roof. Arlington in front of Gardens is all full of water. Lawrence Heggy's cars still get out their front door but the rest of their yard is covered. Well are wonderful things has happened. There are all those married dining car men with dines and Pullmans stranded here and they will now work for the refugees as we won't have to do that in the church any more. I don't believe we

church ever will smell clean again.
The folks will still sleep there but the guards will sleep down on the cars. Those cooks were glad to do that as they had nothing to do but sit. They were running cars in there this A.M so they will have electricity.
Luella said she had a letter from you but I have not seen it. Few men got her letter. I guess it is lost in the back water.
3:30 Went back to Luellas and by walking on my heels got across the water and into her house. Brought your letter home and read it.
The only reason we would wish you here now is to see this water as there are no words to discribe the situation.
Your message just came. Luella called Hudsons and some one there told her. Willie was now in their house and Lena at Mary's. I called Mr. Upton this A.M and he said there was 2 in. of water in their store.

17) The Franklin Drug Co has over a foot of water.
The fire plug at Broadway & Stinson is almost covered to-day, the water is so deep. They are bringing baled hay out of the feed store on Broadway in a large boat. They put it in Bernards and a truck got it from there.
I think water must be on the floor of the house on the corner across from Bernards.
No church services in the city to-morrow by order of the military.
Sunday. 11:30 A.M. The river reached a crest of 53.7 ft yesterday. Is stationary to-day but the back water is still rising. The hill over on North Stinson is almost covered and I rather think the water is across in some places.
Just received a call from Luella for Harry's rubber boots as her south basement wall is caving in.
The water is up to her front porch steps this morning and they only have a small

spot of dry yard on the south side. Selah.
All those other houses along there are in water.
All the next block of Glendale from Leahy's
down to Blakeleys is in water.
Joe just came for his saw and hatchet.
He says Luellas house is in a terrible shape.
Mr. Martin is there and he is bracing it
to keep it from caving in more. They have
to have their lights cut out now and the
fire out of the furnace.
I can't get over there as the water is too
deep. Joe just had an over shoes so Ray
Brown carried him across the water.
There is just about a block on Stimson day
now. From Dearborn to just past McDonells.
Water down Dearborn in front of Lennies. All
those folks have water in their basements.
We sure appreciate our home as our
basement as dry as can be.
I don't know what this will be like
when the water goes down and we are

18) relieved from this terrible strain. Water got in Galvis garage so they moved Red Cross headquarters down on those cars in the yards. I heard Dan McCullough say once that folks who were in the Miami hurricane were never the same again and I believe a flood works the same way and still we have had nothing compared to what other folks have had to endure.

I intended to visit you the last of Feb. but not now. We'll do well to get enough saved up to go a week next summer.

3:30 P.M. Well we are now taking in refugees. The first to arrive is Billie Reid. Luella and family are moving over here. They have no heat - light or water - and water running into their basement. Mr. Martin and Frank carried Luellas day bed over and I put it in the front room where the davenport was. Luella & M. R will sleep there and L-C on the studio couch. We are moving our dining table to the basement so we can all eat.

Our drive way is almost a street. Cars have been going through here to-day.
Anna Seiler called to know how we are.
Water on Wabash Ave + Illinois St.

Mr + Mrs. Martin will stay at Ozarks till tomorrow when they will try to get to St. Louis in a round about way.

Andrew Gartner was here last night. He and family and Mrs Rosencrans + son are all at Mullens. He got down to his place yesterday. Has cows and calves were drowned. John Kendricks lost 9 mules.

Monday 9:00 A M Feb 1.

Well the refugees slept here last night. The water in our street here has gone down some and has almost stopped running into their basement. Furnace about half in the water.

Water has been coming in the church basement mens toilet for several days so had to move all the people over to the Catholic basement. A crew of W P A men worked night and day to keep that water shoveled up.

19) The Logans & Pearl & family moved upstairs in the boys class room and last night had to move out and guess where they went. The whole outfit moved into Fairbetters. Selah.

I just saw Sister Laura & Fils carry some of their junk up there. They have been eating there several days. Queen things do happen during floods!

The sun is shining fine here to day and the river is stationary since yesterday. I guess it will be a couple weeks before L.C. & Joe can work.

I'll mail my letter now. I want you to save it as sometime I would like to read it again.

With love and hoping you havent worried about us I am

Your Sis

Ida.

They told us they knew what 1913 water would do but could tell no further. We know now where 53.7 ft will go. At our place we could stand about 55 ft.

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Luella has called over and over out to your house up town but no one answers. We have a map here showing what part of the city is under water but that seems not to be.

Mr Hudson told Luella that Lena is at Mary's and Willie was over in their house. I think they put most of their things upstairs but the water as far as I know never got into the house.

They have only one yard engine working each trick. Even Carlos is not entirely off. There is nothing to do and they can't get any where.

Hi Sweetie

We are doing nicely and think we will be home by the end of the week. Last week was the longest week that I have ever lived. Will try and get your money started. Cards children have called several times. They are anxious about us.

Will write more later, I just can't think.

Lovingly,

Luella.