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SNOWSTORM IS ADDING TO PEOPLE'S MISERY Prices Soar to Famine Figures

Paris, Jan. 26.—The floods throughout France have reached the dimension of a great national calamity.

The official estimate of the losses is \$200,000,000, or one-fifth as much as the war indemnity paid by France to Germany.

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Paris is beginning to feel the pinch of hunger. The supply of meat and vegetables is falling.

Prices are soaring to famine figures. Premier Briand and Minister Cochery, after consultation today, estimate that the flood losses would exceed two hundred million dollars.

30,000 others have found safety by their own efforts. In many towns along the rivers the houses are collapsing and the wreckage is whirled off in the stream.

The rescue work at Alfortville was hampered last night by lack of light. But the rescuers had more to contend with than turbulent waters.

Cases of Drowning. There were many cases of drowning and death to the aged and sick as a result of shock and exposure.

23,000 Still on House-tops. Charenton, France, Jan. 26.—The flood situation here is appalling. Ivey and Alfortville are especially affected.

The victims of the flood number more than 100,000 and the monetary loss is incalculable. Thousands of poor are hopelessly ruined.

Paris is practically cut off south and west, and if the present conditions continue, the question of food supplies will become menacing.

The entire population of Ivory-Sur-Seine and adjacent places, which are completely covered with water.

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REPUBLICAN PARTY IS DEMORALIZED

—ELIHU ROOT. Washington, Jan. 26.—Senator Elihu Root, at a dinner here last night, declared the republican party in the Empire state is in a demoralized condition.

THE INQUIRY IS NOW UNDER WAY

Glavis, Former Agent of the Land Office, the First Witness and May Pave the Way for Mr. Pinchot.

Washington, Jan. 26.—The investigation of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy began this afternoon when L. R. Glavis, the agent of the general land office, who lost his position by executive order, because of charges he brought against Secretary Ballinger, was the first witness.

Senator Nelson of Minnesota, who was elected chairman of the joint committee, reported that he had conferred with Messrs. Pinchot, Price and Shaw and that they had agreed to appear before the committee.

Washington, Jan. 26.—Attacking the Mann "white slave" bill as unconstitutional, Representative Adams of Georgia, opposed the measure in the house today.

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PATTERSON SAYS SOUTH HOLDS KEY

Governor of Tennessee Says People in Cities Who Are Hungry Should Come This Way.

New York, Jan. 26.—Governor Patterson of Tennessee, here on a visit, declares the south holds the key to lower food prices.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 26.—Governor Hadley believes the "cost of living problem" can only be solved by every family keeping a cow and chickens.

Prices Go Down. One of the big milk concerns in Brooklyn has announced that on February 1 it will cut the price from nine to eight cents a quart.

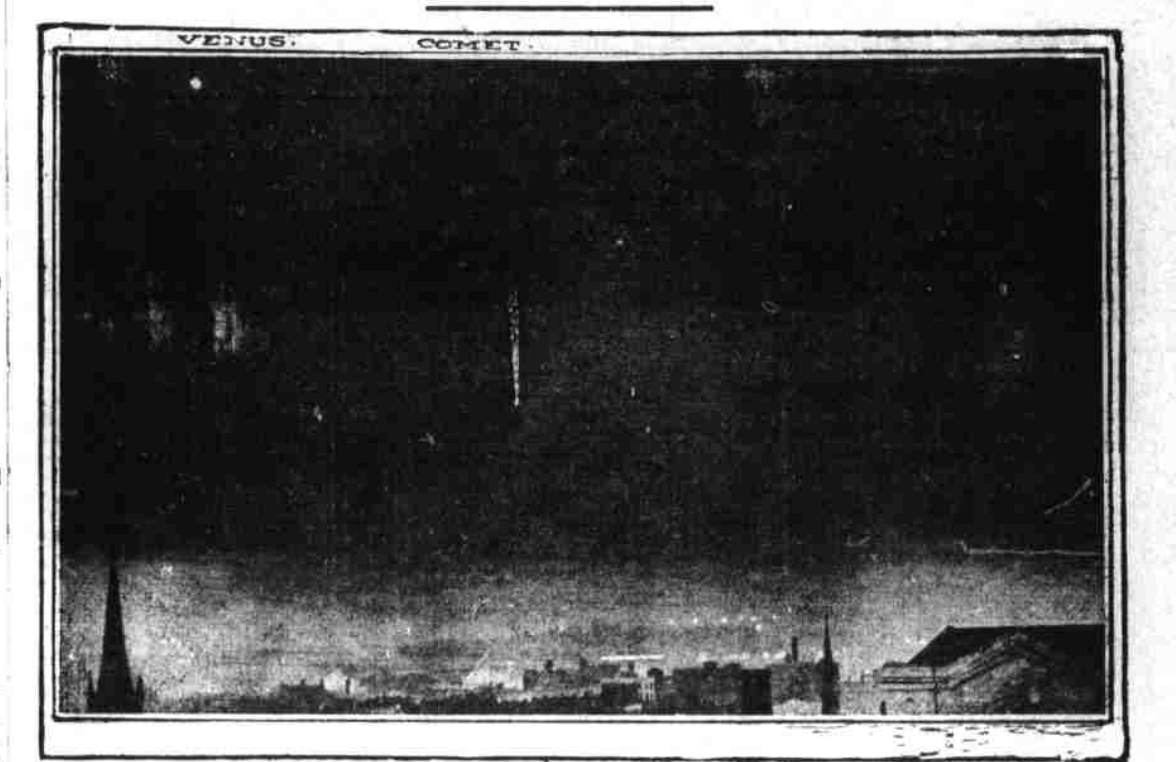
Secret of Reduction. "The secret of the retail reduction on eggs," said one big wholesaler, "is that grocers and butchers have been selling storage eggs as strictly fresh for 60 cents a dozen.

Whether the fall was caused by the hullabaloo about the cost of living and the impending investigation into prices and reasons or whether it was simply because well-behaved cows may be expected to do the right thing by the market now that the back of winter is about to be broken made no difference to the district attorney and his staff.

Washington, Jan. 26.—Explaining that he desired to obtain a comparative statement of food products prices on the farm and in retail markets, Senator McComber presented a resolution today directing the senate committee on agricultural to make such an investigation.

Hot Springs, Ark., Jan. 26.—Lena Adams, ten years old, was the victim of attempted criminal assault by an unidentified negro while the child was returning from school.

"Vanish, Comet!" Said Moon; And the New Comet Vanishes



Last night was a ideal winter night—cool and crisp, but warm in contrast to the recent severe weather. The atmosphere was so clear that one had a sense of seeing for thousands of miles into the blue vault, but the blindest flocks of cloud hung here and there.

As the shades of evening came on the new comet, announced as the discovery of Prof. Inness at Johannesburg, last week, slowly revealed itself hanging just over Pisgah and Jewell and to the northward of Venus.

SupPLY OF COTTON GIVEN IN REPORT. Amount for Four Months Period, Ending December 31st, 10,791,454 Running Bales.

Washington, Jan. 26.—According to the census report today the total supply of cotton for the four months period, ending December 31st, was 10,791,454 running bales.

HE WILL SETTLE FIGHT QUESTION. Governor of Utah Will Make Statement With Reference to Proposed Jeffries-Johnson Fight.

Salt Lake City, Jan. 26.—Whether the Jeffries-Johnson fight will be held here will be settled before the end of the present week, Governor Sperry will issue a statement which will finally end the matter.

HAYWOOD COUNTY WANTS HIGHWAY. Asserts That Asheville-Knoxville Route Is Shorter Via Waynesville.

The Gazette-News Bureau, The Bon Air, Waynesville, Jan. 26. Renewed efforts are to be made by the county commissioners of Haywood county, co-operating with the commissioners of Transylvania and other counties, towards building the Asheville-Knoxville highway.

HE ACCUSES TAFT, ALSO ROOSEVELT. Charged by Delegate Wickersham That They Maintain an Alaskan Lobby in Washington—Wickersham Says Officer Threatened Him.

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"PANAMA LABEL" SUIT DISMISSED. Judge Hough Rules That the Federal Courts Have no Jurisdiction in the Case.

New York, Jan. 26.—Judge Hough today granted a motion to dismiss the Panama label suit against the publishers of the New York World in the Panama canal case on the ground that the federal courts had no jurisdiction.

Mr. Nye said that he should introduce two amendments, "together outside of the legal question of whether this is a libel or not. We shall plead justification, and secondly, executive libel."

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Episcopal Diocese of Georgia. American, Ga., Jan. 26.—Bishop F. Rice presided today at the initial session of the annual convention of the Episcopal diocese of Georgia.

Ronoke, Va., Jan. 26.—Howard Little, convicted of murdering Mrs. Hetty Justice and five members of the Mead's family, was removed to Richmond penitentiary today.

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