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ONCE SORF THE RETAIL PRICE SUN IS SHIME OF MEAT DOWN

People of Paris Awake Today New York Dealers Report That to Find Storm Clouds Had Rolled Away, With Waters Receding.

CREST OF THE FLOOD REACHED LAST NIGHT

The Waters, After Remaining Stationary Until 2 O'Clock, Slowly Fell -Drop of Two Inches.

Washington, Jan. 29 .- In answer to inquiries the state department has received a despatch from Ambassador Bacon in Paris, stating that all Americans in that city are safe. Many of them, however, had been compelled to vacate their houses because of flood conditions.

The American National Red Cross appropriated its contingent fund, \$5000, which was sent to Paris to aid the flood sufferers.

Paris, Jan. 29 .- The waters of the river Seine, after having reached an unprecedented height and caused great destruction, began to recede The crest of the flood was reached last night at midnight. The waters remained stationery until 2 o'clock, after which they slowly fell.

The river Seine is falling at the rate of three-fours of an inch an morning and promises to continue. The river Mark has dropped eighteen

inches for its maximum flood. Situation in Paris Not Improved.

Delay in telegraphic communicaon throughout France, Italy and likely to collapse. There have been fact that the water subsided during the forenoon, the situation within the surface water has further invaded the streets, while pressure from the choking torrents underground opened new crevices in some places and at other oints forced up the pavement into the St. Lazare station.

There was great danger in the switzerland continues. Despite the

Two bundred additional canvas boats with crews arrived at points on the water front this morning. Preparation is being made for a thorough leansing and disinfection of the city as soon as the water has subsided. During the night the storm clouds

sappeared, and the weather cleared, This morning the sun shone brightly The improvement from appearances. will not be merely temporary. mylous officials are convinced that the

end is in sight. Late last night a crowd attacked two stores in the Temple district, the owners of which were demanding high

prices for food. President Fallieres and Premier Briand drove in automobiles to the flooded suburb where distress is great-

est, speaking words of comfort to the homeless and encouraging the soldiers and others engaged in salvage and rescue work.

The Relief Fund.

Charitable organization are coperating with the authorities in succoring refugees. Several convents and a number of public buildings have and a number of public buildings have been equipped with military cots and bedding and transformed into hos-bedding and transformed into hos-bidding and h The Red Cross is performing

Nevertheless numerous pitiful in dren, who had refused to leave their kets where they wished. stances are cited of women and chilhomes in the submerged districts, shricking from their windows for

Many Refugees.

The number of refugees, arriving there from Calais and other afflicted side markets.

Practically all of the flooded suburban towns above and below Paris tonight are without light and several

assistance are pouring in upon the cattle for spring trade, so that in orgovernment from individuals and soder to have native beef at this sen-

King Victor Emmanuel and the italian cabinet have sent messages of condolence and Pope Pius has transmitted \$6,000 to Monsignor Amiette, the Archbishop of Paris, for use among the sufferers in his diocese. Emperor Nicholas and the King of Beigium also have sent \$2000 each for the poor of Paris. In addition public original cost to feed them thus far, the poor of Paris. In addition public original cost to feed them thus far, making them now stand between five subscriptions have been opened in his given the poor of Paris. It is contained and score to feed them thus far, was found lying across a gas store in the kitchen of her home, 624 Richmond sufferers. It is contained an page 5)

Trade Is None Too Brisk, Even at the Reduced Prices.

LOCAL MEAT DEALERS DISCUSS CONDITIONS

They Say the Whole Trouble, as to the Price of Meat, Is the High Price

New York, Jan. 29 .- Meat prices were down in the local retail markets today and dealers reported none too brisk demand at the reduced rates.

NO TRUST IN CENTRAL MARKET, AND LETTLE PROFIT IS MADE.

Even the restaurants were less liberal

In order to ascertain as far as possible the exact conditions as to price of beef and the alteged existence of a meat trust in Central market, and the attitude of the dealers in regard to the boycott now being inaugurated in the city, a representative of The Gazette-News spent a while in conversation with various dealers in the

market today.)
The meat dealers in the market deny absolutely the existence of a "trust" or similar combination and At 8 o'clock there was a drop of 2 point to the fact that owing to all of the dealers being under one roof competition is perhaps keener than in any other business lines. They point hour. The subsidence began this offered for sale the competition is se great that often one dealer will slip around and overbid another one, and in some cases, they say it has been known that one dealer has paid the weigher's fee in order to get the farmer's hog or steer. Every dealer seen this morning denied that the ly, but they admit that the high price they are now having to pay for hogs. Il cents or more per pound for dress. ed hogs, has compelled them to raise the price of pork.

No Fear of Boycott.

The dealers expressed themselve in no fear of the boycott, but they creat obstructing hummocks. It was did not understand why any particu peculty noticeable in the Place de lar line, like meat, should be singled Concorde, Rue Royale and Place out as the point of attack. They Opera. The greatest damage was pointed to the fact that flour, one of done at the Place de l'Opera and at the absolute necessities of life, was higher than it has been for years and "yet they are attempting to hammer rects, as some buildings r speared down the price of meats without sayfoxen instances where persons have by grocers." The meat dealers of the appeared in crevasses suddenly market all expressed themselves as the rescue of half-starved persons of Hoffman and Kent, gave the news- fective work with extinguishers. who had been imprisoned in their paper man the following which expresses the sentiment of the dealers:

> Ask to Be Investigated. "We would suggest that the merits by a competent committee, composed of a representative of the C. L. U., a representative of The Retail Mertion), and an attorney, two members town, of the board of alderman, and a banker making a committee of seven, or we would suggest that the C. L. U select seven names as members of an investigating committee, submit the names to the dealers, and if satisfac tory to the dealers, let this committee conduct an investigation along

any lines they choose. "All we ask is that the interests of the dealers be considered from points

consideration to all." Want Market Abolished.

As to the petitions that are being open their buildings and limit recording the three-quarter mile circulated asking the board of aldervegetables, etc., all of the meat dealwould gladly welcome the day when they could establish their own mar-

As to the comparison of prices charged in Central market with the prices charged in West Asheville or other places, the dealers claim this made of milk, cotton oil, and beef fut, is unjust, as the quality of meat that they are compelled to handle in Cenhere is enormous, Charenton alone tral market-which the trade demands-cannot be found at the out-

As to the argument that so much western beef is brought in here, the dealers say that they are compelled to handle it as there is a certain class of them without water. Their inhabi-lants are hastily leaving. there are very few farmers feeding King Victor Emmanuel and the ard, they have to buy the cattle in the



THEY'RE GOING TO DISSOLVE US

ed by Insurance.

Special to The Gazette-News.

Hendersonville, Jan. 29,-+Fire about pharmacy up through th second story. ing anything about products handled the fire catching in a second story and the telephone company employes. opened, and swept away in the sewer willing that the whole matter be in-flood. Many pitiful stories are told vestigated and Fred Kent, of the firm located in the same building, did ef-

stroyed, and the floor was burned, was ruddy, while the ceiling of the pharmacy affected at the parting, as the keepers, was damaged. of the question be fully investigated pany was not damaged. The entire oss is covered by insurance.

people in rushing in with hose and sentenced to co days, carned commuchants association (preferably a shoe extinguishers, the damage would tation for good behavior and were of coffee, which had been bought up took on a livelier aspect discharged a few weeks ago. The by a trust, refused to use coffee, The ome other line than the one in ques- ing is located in the center of the

TAX ON OLEOMARGARINE DUGHT TO BE REPEALED

of view that will give fairness and It Is Largely the Cause of Increased Cost of Living, Atlanta People Believe.

Atlanta, Jan. 29.—Declaring the tax Clark and Thomas Say Cotion Tax, of ten cents per pound on oleomarga-rine to be largely responsible for the increased cost of living, the Atservice in distributing food unbusiness-like that they all should lanta chamber of commerce health be crowded under one roof and they committee has adopted a resolution committee has adopted a resolution memoralizing congress to repeal The resolution sets forth that the tax is "class legislation, which deprived the federal government of \$2.-000,000 revenue while it shuts out of the market a wholesome product.

which otherwise would be in reach of the masses." The effect of this tax, it is claimed, has been to greatly increase the price

It is announced that in a letter to the chamber of commerce, Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief chemist of the federal government, states that the repeal of the tax on oleomargarine would in no way interfere with the enforcement of the pure food laws, rine a wholesome product.

Indications That Woman Was Mur-

Quick Action Prevented Much Damage He, Nolan and Williams, Finish Term The Aims and Purposes of the National Glavis Says Ballinger Requested Hi -Loss Is \$300 to \$400 Coverfor Contempt-All of Them

Model Prisoners.

Washington, Jan. 29 - Sheriff Jos-

veteran with a worn military cape monthly, prices on various food prod-thrown over his shoulders, stepped out ucts in their licality. Should the price that sort of thing has been too much of first time since elections for parliainto the raw morning air as the prism The contents of the room were de-door saving open. The old man's face will be issued commanding the mem-royed, and the floor was burned, was ruddy. The sheriff was plainty bers to refrain from eating that ar-The telephone com- one by one, said good-bye.

were released this morning at 8:07.

Nolan and Williams followed the sheriff out to waiting automobiles. But for the prompt work of the Gibson, May and Padgett, who were Germany sheriff, with Nolan and Williams, also result was that in only a short time carned commutation, amounting to to the prices were materially reduced. and Sheriff Shipp will be entertained men leave at to prices. by friends. The elock tonight for Chattanooga

THEY URGE REFUNDING **\$68,000,000** IN TAXES

1862 to 1867, Was Unconstitutional.

Washington, Jan. 29,-Representatives Clark of Florida and Thomas of North Carolina appeared before the iouse committee on war claims today ind appealed for favorable report upon bills providing for refund taxes amounting to \$68,060,000, levied upon cotton from 1862 to 1867, in-

They claimed that this best being direct tax and not apportioned among the states, was unconstitutional. Mr. Clark made an extended legal argument in favor of the refund of this money, some which was paid in north ern states, although it was paid by owners of cotton in the south

CANVASSING IN WASHINGTON IN BEHALF OF MORSE PARDON

Agents Securing Signatures to Mon-ster Petition to Be Presented to the President.

Washington, Jan. 29,-A number gents today began a house to house tions to a monster petition, to be pre-ented to President Tark, for the par-tion of Banker Morse, who has just exup a 15 years sentence in the

SHERIFF SHIPP'S TO SECURE PRICES ASKED TO HOLD UP AGAIN A FREE MAN OF FOOD PRODUCTS ON ALASKA CASES

Anti-Food Trust League Are

Explained.

As told an yesterday's Gazette-News, eph F. Shipp. Nick Notan and Lather F. W. Thomas has been appointed vis today continued his testimony be 10 o'clock this morning in the M. C. Williams, the three men sent-most in state director for North Carolina of fore the joint congressional committee Toms building caused a damage of 39 days in jail for contempt of the National Anti-food Trust league, inquiring into the Ballinger-Pinchot about \$200 to \$400. The fire originat- Supreme court of the United States for The national president of the league controversy. He declared, among ed from a flue which ran from Rose's connection with the lynching of the is Emil L. Scharf, while John Milton of the things, that Secretary Ballinger

negro Johnson in Chattanooga in of Washington is secretary-treasurer.

1906, finished their gentences and The league proposes to have mem-Sheriff Shipp, an old Confederate furnish to the national headquarters groupe of coal lands in Alaska. be regarded as too high, an order ticle of food until the prices are materfaily reduced.

the plan of the league is based as it would make too much of a scan-upon a precedent which obtained in dal at the beginning of President some years ago when the As to trusts the league directors say

ers, | Nolan and Williams will be they are not going to fight. In fact entertained today by members of a their plan is totally to ignore the fraternal order to which they belong trusts and in that way they hope to accomplish their object in reducing

ALL FOURTEEN SIGILIANS ARE DECLARED GUILTY

Salvatore Lima, the Black Hand Leader, Gets 16 Years Term in

Prison.

Toledo, Jan. 29.-All of the 14 cilians charged with "black hand" jury today.

Salvatore Lima, the leader, was senenced to 16 years' imprisonment. Salvatore Rizzo were granted new trials, and others sentenced to terms gan; of from two to ten years.

ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO BILLS ARE ABOUT COMPLETE opular Vote of Constitution to Be

Separate From That on Election of State Officers. Washington, Jan. 29.-The Arizona and New Mexico statehood bills are

now practically complete and Senator Beveridge spent half an hour today with the president going over drafts of claimants, had usually been liberal the measures. A new feature in both bills is the separation of the popular vote upon constitution from the elections of state thing.

tonight and Sunday; not much change

to Hold up on Certain People Until He Collected Campaign Money.

on one occasion instructed him not The league proposes to have mem-bers and directors in every city of Representative McLachian of Califor-

that sort of thing in the past. Witness gave further details of the work said he once thought of resigning from | irish nationalists. the service to give out the facts to The plan of the league is based press, but was advised not to do that

The proceedings in the inquiry afternoon when Louis R. Glavis, continuing his testimony against Secretary Ballinger, told of various interviews he had had with the secretary their claim with plausible arguments, of the interior at various times while he was in and out of the government free trade

Mr. Glavis declared that in one of decided anything, and it is difficult these interviews in October, 1908, Mr. to judge whether the country, as a Ballinger told him he was having a whole, is tending one way or hard time trying to collect campaign other, contributions and that two men incoived in the Cunningham claims, who had been liberal contributors in the past had declined to contribute and unionists for numerical superiorbecause they were angry at not being ity in the new parliament. granted patents for the Alaska coal Premier Asquith yesters

Glavis said that Mr. Ballinger askfull with another case.

One of the most interesting develand point out the significance of the conspiracy were found guilty by the testimony thus far given at the in-replaces Baron Torphichen who had servation association, of which Gif-Agostini Mariisi, Vincenzo Arigo and ford Pinchot recently was chosen president. The afternoon matter be

> ceedings had placed Secretary Ballinger in an adverse light. It was said that this service would

continue throughout the investiga-

Of Ballinger, Glavis said: They Were Mad,

"He said that H. C. Henry and C I Smith, two of the Cunningham contributors, but they were mad be-

THE WEATHER.

Forecast until 8 p. m., Sunday, for sheville and vicinity: Fair weather night and Sunday; not much change temperature.

Land Sunday of the sun

ALL ARE SILENT AS TO DUNCAN

Republican Congressmen and Adams All Unite in Saying They Have Nothing to Say.

THERE IS MUCH UNEASINESS **OVER STATE NOMINATIONS**

Settle Leaves National Capital With a Fresh Batch of Assurances

-Taft Investi-

The Gazette-News Bureau, 46 Post Building,

Washington, Jan. 29. National Committeeman E. C. Duncan's interview, given out yesterday, is discussed generally by politicians here, but Congressman Grant and the other republican congressmen are silent on the subject. So is State Chairman S. B. Adams, who is here about the western district attorneyship. There is much disappointment among republican politicions by reason of the president's failure to send any North Carolina nominations to the senate. W. E. Logan's friends have been predicting for two weeks that his name would go in almost any day, for the marshalship. tri t Attorney Harry Skinner's term of office expires Monday. It is believed here that the president is making an investigation of his own of the North Carolina political situation be-fore making the appointments. It is learned that Thomas Settle left here with the understanding that he is to receive an appointment in the gov-

ernment service. No position has as et been picked out for him. The fact is the marshalship apcointment has been hung up again. W. E. Logan will have to clear his before he can pass the senate. Frank Carter has muddled the waters

LIBERALS AHEAD **EXACTLY ONE VOTE**

Today Is the First Time the Party Has Been in Lead Since the Elections Began.

ment were begun, the returns showed bers to refrain from eating that ar- in connection with fraud cases and lead, independent of laborites and

They have an advantage of one over the unionists. The position of the parties last night was as follows:

Unionists 264; liberals 263; labor 40; nationalists 77. Now that the electoral struggle is on the point of closing the curious effect is seen of both conflicting parties claiming victory and both basing broadly speaking, on the question of not be, said that the elections have

four additional gains giving promise of a close fight between the liberals

Premier Asquith yesterday afternoon started unexpectedly south of France where he hopes for d him to hold up on the Alaska a period of quiet foring which he cases until after election. He agreed may review the sit. .. .n and develto do this because he had his hands op his plans. His absence is likely net councils announced for early in opments of the day was the distri- the coming week. Sixteen represenbutton at both the morning and af- tative Scottish peers who will set in ternoon sessions of a quantity of press the new parliament were elected at matter which purported to interpret Holywood Palace at Edinburgh, the only change being that Lord Sempill quiry. The morning matter came in the hardihood to support the small an envelope of the American Con- body of peers that voted for the budget.

"The important developments of the morning session today were" and then went on to recite that the proceedings had placed to the process to the proceedings had placed to the process to t

Worst of the Winter-Snow Drifting Badly-Trains Delayed and Wagon Roads Blocked.

their lands and would not give any-their lands and would not give any-thing.

Winchester, Va., Jan. 29.

Virginia is in the grip of the worst shing.