

ONCE MORE THE SUN IS SHINING

People of Paris Awake Today 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.

The American National Red Cross today 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 today.

The river Seine is falling at the rate of three-fourths of an inch an hour. The subsidence began this morning and promises to continue.

Situation in Paris Not Improved. Delay in telegraphic communication throughout France, Italy and Italy to collapse.

There was great danger in the streets, as some buildings appeared to be tottering.

Two hundred additional canvas boats with crews arrived at points on the water front this morning.

President Fallieres and Premier Briand drove in automobiles to the flooded suburbs where distress is greatest.

The Relief Fund. Charitable organization are cooperating with the authorities in throwing open their buildings and succoring refugees.

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 trade which will not have anything else.

The Cost of Feeding Cattle. Mr. Kent showed The Gazette-News a man a tabulated statement showing that the cattle they were carrying had already cost them 75 per cent. of their original cost to feed them thus far.

King Victor Emmanuel and the Italian cabinet have sent messages of confidence and Pope Pius has transmitted 10,000 to Monsignor Amleto, the Archbishop of Paris.

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RETAIL PRICE OF MEAT DOWN

New York Dealers Report That 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 of Grain and Feed.

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 LITTLE PROFIT IS MADE

In order to ascertain as far as possible the exact conditions as to price of beef and the alleged 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 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.

No Fear of Boycott. The dealers expressed themselves in no fear of the boycott, but they did not understand why any particular line, like meat, should be singled out as the point of attack.

Ask to Be Investigated. "We would suggest that the merits of the question be fully investigated by a competent committee, composed of a representative of the C. L. U., a representative of the Retail Merchants' association (preferably a shoe man, dry goods man, druggist, or some other line than the one in question), and an attorney, two members 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."

Want Market Abolished. As to the petitions that are being circulated asking the board of aldermen to abolish the three-quarter mile limit regarding the sale of meats, vegetables, etc., all of the meat dealers this morning expressed the desire that the city abolish Central market.

Indications That Woman Was Murdered. Cincinnati, Jan. 29.—Her clothes saturated with oil, pieces of hair curtain tied tightly about her neck, another piece binding her feet, the dead and scorched body of Mrs. Van Zandt, was found lying across a gas stove in the kitchen of her home, 424 Richmond street, today.

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New York Herald and The Gazette-News.

THEY'RE GOING TO DISSOLVE US

HENDERSONVILLE HAS SMALL FIRE

Quick Action Prevented Much Damage—Loss Is \$300 to \$400 Covered by Insurance.

Special to The Gazette-News. Hendersonville, Jan. 29.—Fire about 10 o'clock this morning in the M. C. Toms building caused a damage of about \$300 to \$400.

The contents of the room were destroyed, and the floor was burned, while the ceiling of the pharmacy was damaged.

TAX ON OLEOMARGARINE OUGHT TO BE REPEALED

It Is Largely the Cause of Increased Cost of Living, Atlanta People Believe.

Atlanta, Jan. 29.—Declaring the tax of ten cents per pound on oleomargarine to be largely responsible for the increased cost of living, the Atlanta chamber of commerce health committee has adopted a resolution memorializing congress to repeal the tax.

They Urge Refunding \$68,000,000 in Taxes. Clark and Thomas Say Cotton Tax, 1862 to 1867, Was Unconstitutional.

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

SHERIFF SHIPP'S AGAIN A FREE MAN

He, Nolan and Williams, Finish Term for Contempt—All of Them Model Prisoners.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Sheriff Joseph F. Shipp, Nick Nolan and Luther Williams, the three men sentenced to 90 days in jail for contempt of the Supreme court of the United States for connection with the lynching of the negro Johnson at Chattanooga in 1898, finished their sentences and were released this morning at 8:07 o'clock.

Sheriff Shipp, an old Confederate veteran with a worn military cap, thrown over his shoulder, stepped out into the raw morning air as the prison door swung open.

ALL FOURTEEN SICILIANS ARE DECLARED GUILTY

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

Toledo, Jan. 29.—All of the 14 Sicilians charged with "black hand" conspiracy were found guilty by the jury today.

Arizona and New Mexico Bills Are About Complete. Popular 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 the measures.

TO SECURE PRICES OF FOOD PRODUCTS

The Aims and Purposes of the National Anti-Food Trust League Are Explained.

As told in yesterday's Gazette-News, F. W. Thomas has been appointed state director for North Carolina of the National Anti-Food Trust League.

The plan of the league is based upon a precedent which obtained in Germany some years ago when the people, in order to reduce the price of coffee, which had been bought up by a trust, refused to use coffee.

ASKED TO HOLD UP ON ALASKA CASES

Glavis Says Ballinger Requested Him to Hold up on Certain People Until He Collected Campaign Money.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Louis R. Glavis today continued his testimony before the joint congressional committee inquiring into the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy.

Glavis declared that in one of these interviews, October, 1908, Mr. Ballinger told him he was having a hard time trying to collect campaign contributions and that two men involved in the Cunningham claims, who had been liberal contributors in the past had declined to contribute because they were angry at not being granted patents for the Alaska coal lands.

Forecast until 8 p. m. Sunday, for Asheville and vicinity: Fair weather tonight and Sunday; not much change in temperature.

LIBERALS AHEAD EXACTLY ONE VOTE

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

London, Jan. 29.—Today, for the first time since elections for parliament were begun, the returns showed the liberals, as a party, to be in the lead, independent of laborites and Irish nationalists.

The position of the parties last night was as follows: Unionists 264; Liberals 263; Labor 46; Nationalists 77.

SNOWSTORM IS RAGING IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA

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