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## PACIFIC COAST DAMAGE HEAVY

Storm Caused Loss of At Least Eight Lives—Rivers Are Swelled by Unprecedented Rain.

## BAKERSFIELD STILL IN SERIOUS CONDITION

Towns Submerged—Railway Traffic Interrupted—General Conditions Are Getting Better.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 27.—Storms that drenched and pelted the Pacific coast from the Canadian to the Mexican line and caused a loss of at least eight lives were subsiding early today. At many points rivers were getting back into old courses and hundreds of persons who had been driven out by high water were preparing to return to their homes. The situation at Bakersfield, however, remained critical.

Property damage in the flood region has been heavy especially in the lower part of California. Railroad service in both California and Nevada has been crippled but conditions were improving today.

Rain fell yesterday in the southern part of the state was tremendous. At Pasadena, the total for 48 hours amounted to nearly five inches. The Ventura river is on a rampage. Bridges whose construction amounted to \$100,000 have been washed away. Several towns have been partially submerged. Hundreds of persons living in the low lands have been forced to move.

With the Kern river out of its banks and rain continuing the situation at Bakersfield still was regarded as critical today. Close watch is maintained on the levee there.

The sudden rise of the Kaweah river is threatening a inundation of 100,000 acres of grain near Hanford. The backbone of the storm has been broken north of the Tehachapi mountains.

The Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers have cleared themselves of an overplus of water that for a while caused fear for the safety of several towns. At Sacramento the river climbed almost to 28 feet, the highest since 1909.

Washouts have disrupted train service in various parts of the state. Through service between San Francisco and Los Angeles has been impossible for 48 hours. Heavy rainfalls and washouts have tied up traffic in parts of Nevada. A southern Pacific train is stalled between Wabuska and Hixson, several miles of track were swept away by high water on the Nevada, California and Oregon road. The ups on the Virginia and Truckee line have cut off Virginia City. Rotary plows cleared the Southern Pacific Ogden line tracks in the high Sierras and snowbound trains were released. In Oregon and Washington considerable damage has been caused by heavy winds.

Prospects Brighter  
Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 27.—With seven persons drowned, all forms of overland transportation handicapped, six train loads of passengers marooned and this section of the state damaged to the extent of more than a million dollars by storms, prospect of relief brightened with the appearance of the sun today.

The rainfall for the 24 hours ending at midnight was 2.96 inches making the total for the season 14.32 inches. More rain fell yesterday than for the 261 season to January 27.

At Santa Barbara, where the greatest damage was done a heavy rain was falling this morning.

## GOMPERS WILL EXPLAIN ACTION OF COUNCIL

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 27.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor will arrive in Indianapolis Thursday morning and speak before the convention of the United Mine Workers of America, according to an announcement made by President John D. White today.

President Gompers will explain the action of the executive council of the federation in connection with charges made in the convention yesterday by Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, that if the copper strike in Michigan is lost it will be due entirely to the inactivity of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor.

Sen. Cullom Weaker.  
Washington, Jan. 27.—While former Senator Shelby M. Cullom was weaker today, his physicians continued to marvel at the wonderful vitality which has sustained him day after day while they were predicting that his death was only a few hours off.

## WILSON OPPOSES TOLLS EXEMPTION

Assertion Made That President Does Not Favor the Provision Exempting American Coastwise Ships Passing Through Canal From Toll Charges.

Washington, Jan. 27.—That President Wilson is vigorously opposed to the exemption from toll charges of American coastwise ships passing through the Panama canal was asserted at the capitol today after the conference last night at the White House between the president and the senate foreign relations committee.

It was admitted by one of the senators who attended last night's conference that the president plainly outlined his position on the tolls question; that his views incline toward that taken by Great Britain relative to the provision exempting American coastwise ships from Panama canal tolls and that the president would make public his position in the near future.

Several senators expressed surprise in view of the president's positive attitude that he had not urged action at the extra session of congress.

What the president will recommend was not disclosed. However, two ways are open for at least temporary settlement of the issue that might meet the views of the president. One would be a repeal of the exemption provision of the act. The other would be passage of the pending Adamson resolution which would suspend for two years the operation of the exemption clause giving time to demonstrate whether the canal could be self-sustaining without American tolls.

It was said the president was not opposed to toll exemptions as such but that he was strongly of the opinion that they would constitute discrimination which would not square with provisions of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

## Rare Story of Faith In Too Tempted Employee

Chicago, Jan. 27.—The story of a man's faith in a too tempted employee who robbed him of \$10,000 was brought to light here today at an inquest over the body of W. E. Curry of Cleveland, who died suddenly last night, probably of self-administered poison.

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Hercules Runs Into Winthrop In Dense Fog—Several Women Faint.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 27.—During the heavy fog today the navy tug Hercules ran into the Norfolk-Berkeley ferry steamer Winthrop, and the ferryboat was seriously damaged, half of one of her cabins being carried away. Many people were on the Winthrop at the time and there was a panic. Several women fainted and others were bruised. One woman was sent to the hospital but was soon able to leave. The Hercules was but little damaged. She proceeded to the navy yard after the accident.

## GOODMAN WITNESS IN LEWISOLN INQUIRY

Chicago, Jan. 27.—In pursuing the grand jury inquiry into alleged relations between Sol Lewishohn, a personal bondman, and federal officers, Elwood Goodman, a former assistant United States district attorney, was called as a witness today. Goodman was questioned as to financial transactions, if any, between Lewishohn and Ben Davis, a former assistant United States district attorney. In papers turned over to District Attorney Wilkerson from the bankrupt Lewishohn estate there were several checks, it was said, made out to Davis and signed by Lewishohn.

Goodman testified that he investigated the matter of the checks two years ago at Wilkerson's request. He found that Davis, being seriously ill, obtained a loan given in the form of checks of Lewishohn, pledging therefor jewels provided by his sisters.

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## SPEER IS CHARGED WITH PACKING JURY

Attorney Gives It as His Opinion Judge Speer Never Selected Jury According to Law—Testimony Favorable to Accused Jurist Is Given.

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 27.—Hearing of witnesses was resumed today by the congressional committee investigating charges of official misconduct against Federal Judge Emory Speer. Thirty-three had been examined up to the time today's session convened. More than twenty still remained on the list of prospective witnesses prepared by the sub-committee of the house judiciary committee which is conducting the investigation.

George F. White, deputy marshal of Judge Speer's court, was the first witness today. White was heard during the sessions at Macon, Ga., but was recalled today to identify a statement given by him to E. Colton Lewis, special investigator for the department of justice. In this statement White declared that he had been almost constantly with Judge Speer for the past 20 years and had never known the jurist to take an bribe.

That in his opinion Judge Speer had never selected a jury according to law was the charge of Alex A. Lawrence, a local attorney, the first witness yesterday. Mr. Lawrence, a former member of the general assembly of Georgia, was employed as counsel by the defendants in the Greene-Gaynor case. "It would be an unusual thing to see Judge Speer draw a jury in open court," said Mr. Lawrence. "Only when counsel insist does he

draw juries in open court, and then not always."

Mr. Lawrence testified that he had heard something mysterious was "going on" in connection with the drawing of the grand jury that indicted Greene and Gaynor. "I made an investigation and ascertained that Judge Speer had given an order to T. E. Johnson, clerk of the court, carrying suggestions for the preparation of the jury lists," the witness testified.

In reply to questions from Chairman Webb, Mr. Lawrence stated that he had been fined \$100 by Judge Speer for contempt for charging the latter with "fixing up" the special Greene-Gaynor grand jury.

Testifying concerning a peonage case tried before Judge Speer, the witness said: "Word was brought to me the day before the trial that the defendant had better plead guilty. I understood Judge Speer sent this word and that he stood ready to be lenient with them if they would plead guilty, but that if they did not it would go hard with them. They paid no attention to the message, and as a result Judge Speer intimidated the defendants and two of their lawyers in court in the presence of the jury. Later they did decide, because of Judge Speer's attitude, to plead guilty, notwithstanding they were innocent. Fines of \$500 were assessed against each of them."

## NINE MEN ARE INJURED WHEN MINE CAGE FALLS

Terre Haute, Ind., Jan. 27.—Nine men were injured, several seriously today, when the engineer at Sanford mine No. 1, near here, lost control of the mine cage and it crashed to the bottom of the shaft, a distance of 200 feet. All were badly bruised about the body and arms; and Charles Sherwood, it is believed, sustained a broken back.

Heavy Fog.  
Norfolk, Va., Jan. 27.—Hampton Roads and Norfolk harbor were today enveloped for sometime in the thickest fog known here in many years. River traffic was paralyzed for a time.

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## HAITIEN REVOLUTION SPREADS OVER NORTH

Entire Population in Port de Paix and Gonaives Joins The Uprising.

Cape Haitien, Jan. 27.—The revolution in Haiti is spreading all over the north. At Port de Paix and Gonaives the entire population has risen.

Two prominent exiles General Carlos Zamor and General Beaufosse Lorché, both former ministers of war, returned today to Cape Haitien, controlled by rebels.

Blockade of Port.  
Washington, Jan. 27.—Blockade of Cape Haitien, former center of the latest revolution there, has been proclaimed by the government at Port Au Prince, state department reports today say. The diplomatic corps at Port Au Prince has designated a committee of safety to assume control in event of the possible abdication of President Oreste and the outbreak of disorder. The German cruiser Bremen has arrived there.

## OFFICERS ELECTED BY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Report of Librarian Showed 490 Volumes Added During Year.

At the annual meeting of the Pack Memorial Library association held this morning, the following officers were elected: President Donald Gillis, vice president S. P. Ravenel, secretary, Mrs. A. M. Field, treasurer, D. S. Watson; members of the executive committee: Charles French Toms, Mrs. E. B. Glenn.

The report of the librarian, Mrs. Grace Jones, showed the number of books added to the library in 1913 to have been 491. There were circulated 15,429 volumes of fiction, 3,722 of non fiction and 1,942 magazines.

## MURPHY LIEUTENANT IS UNDERGOING TRIAL

New York, Jan. 27.—Joseph Cassidy, one time democratic leader of Queens county and a political lieutenant of Charles F. Murphy, was called for trial today charged with having received a bribe paid by William Willett, Jr., for nomination to the Supreme court.

Willett, convicted last week of having given the bribe, is in jail awaiting sentence. The alleged bribe was paid prior to the election of 1911. A Brooklyn newspaper published the charges and Willett was defeated.

## PUBLICITY WORK FOR THE PARK ASSOCIATION

Secretary Powell Doing Good Work Among Florida People.

Some effective publicity work for the Appalachian Park association is being done in Florida by Secretary George S. Powell, who is now there, as well as some good advertising for summer tourists.

In an interview published in the Fort Meyers Daily Press, Mr. Powell describes the purposes of the park movement and, in addition to urging its advantages to the country at large, points out that its association with good roads will be the means of bringing Florida and the mountains closer together. Access to Florida will be made easier for automobiles in winter and Florida people will be enabled to get to the mountain resorts cheaply and pleasantly in summer. The interview points out that Florida has a particular incentive to further the formation of the National park.

## LIFTING OF MEXICAN EMBARGO DISCUSSED

Senator Believes President Inclines Toward Permitting Arms Export.

Washington, Jan. 27.—The question of lifting the embargo against exportation of arms to Mexico was discussed by the president and members of the senate foreign relations committee at their meeting last night. Several senators thought that by permitting the export of munitions the strife in Mexico might be brought to a more speedy conclusion. One senator said today he thought the president was inclining to that view.

## ONE DEAD; FIVE HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 27.—Miss Grace B. Swank, 28 years old, of this city, was instantly killed and five other persons were severely hurt when a large touring car in which they were riding got beyond the control of the driver and crashed into a tree early today.

## GRANDDAUGHTER OF ONE OF NAPOLEON'S GUARDS DEAD

Leavenworth, Kan., Jan. 27.—Mrs. Florence Helen Poole, granddaughter of one of Napoleon's guards at St. Helena died at her home here today. She was born on the island of St. Helena 59 years ago.

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All Classes of Subjects Join in Celebration of Birthday Anniversary of Emperor William.

## "DIVINE" DEPUTY IS HALE AND HEARTY

His Majesty Is Congratulated By Diplomats—Long List Of Honors and Decorations Conferred.

Berlin, Jan. 27.—Emperor William, hale and vigorous, celebrated his 55th birthday today. All classes of his subjects joined in observing the anniversary, celebrations being held by the university and technical school students, by the academies of arts and sciences, by army and navy officers, by civic organizations and by municipalities and veterans associations throughout the empire.

The day in Berlin was ushered in by the traditional sounding of a choral and by the "grand reveille" by massed military bands which marched from the castle to the Brandenburg gate, the whole length of crowded Unter Den Linden and return.

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