THE WEATHER
Partly cloudy and warmer tonight.

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CITY OF PARIS AT MERCY OF THE FLOOD

Resort to Dynamite

Historic Bridge Blown Up to Prevent Formation of Destructive Dam—No Relief From the Flooded Conditions.

A NIGHT OF TERROR

Paris, Jan. 25.—Dynamite was resorted to today by the authorities to save Paris from destruction by flood. The historic Pont De L'Alma, one of the most famous of the bridges spanning the Seine, was blown up to prevent the formation of a destructive dam.

At every other bridge engineers were on guard all night and today, ready to take similar steps at the first sign of a crisis.

There is no relief from the flood conditions. To add to the suffering the warm rain has changed to a heavy snow this morning and it is impossible for the engineers to watch the conditions as closely as they had before. Many lives are reported lost in the collapse of buildings in the outskirts.

It was only after a night of terror that the use of dynamite was decided upon. The sappers, risking their lives with the dare devitry of old campaigners, had struggled futilely all night at the Pone De L'Alma to chop away the chocked debris that gathered under the arch. So high was the water that the wreckage could not pass from under and it stacked up in effective barricades of barrels, beams, timbers, parts of houses and all the flotsam of flood against which the water pushed with almost immeasurable force.

Dawn broke without any sign of relief in the city. The water was rising steadily, and bears before noon almost overlapped the levels of the highest bridges and quays, and it was snowing heavily.

Scarcely a telephone or telegraph line from the city was working, and four of the six underground railroads were stopped, in some places the water being almost at the height of the cars.

At the Place Lu Havre this morning the sewers burst at three places almost simultaneously, throwing up great geysers and flooding the neighborhood for blocks. The St. Lazarre staion was partly isolated, and there were even then indications that within a short time it would be entirely cut off.

Other drains in half a dozen quarters burst. That of the Rue Leblanc collapsed with a loud detonation, throwing up a shower of debris. The low-lying suburbs are under water every one, and the supply of garden produce has been cut off by inundations. Flour is at a premium and today bread rose two cents a pound.

Paris is face to face with a famine and the dire days of the seige will be reproduced if there is no speedy relief. The Red Cross was called out today to aid the authorites.

Not content with spreading devastation over the outlying sections, the flood today laid seige to the heart of the city, invading the high ground to which thousands had fled for refuge. Business was brought almost to a standstill; every energy was bent on fighting the flood. Futility marked relief and precautionary labors.

There is a startling scarcity of drinking water. The mains are closed, and the government has issued a request that all water be boiled. Fear of pestilence grows hourly.

Thousands are homeless, camping in temporary shelter. Other thousands are absolutely destitute and idleness, caused by the stopping of factories, spread rapidly today.

In the outlying sections, the depredations of thugs today added to the horror of the situation. Bands of Apaches toured the worst sections by boat, rifling vacated houses, terrorizing the sufferers and spreading panic.

Every available fire engine in Paris is stationed at the worst points, vainly pumping in an effort to save the worst threatened houses.

Vast sections of the city are lakes, in which the inhabitants have taken refuge in the upper stories of their trembling, undermined homes, or are clinging to the roofs. There were innumerable rescues by boats today. When Rue LeBlanc sewer gave way, a mosquito flotilla was rushed to the scene and 200 persons were saved by boat in that section alone.

Water Still Rising.

Paris, Jan. 25.—At 2:00 o'clock this afternoon the entire quarter of the Ile De La Cite, one of the most ancient parts of Paris, was under water. And the flood was spreading rapidly. The Pont Des Arts was badly damaged by water and debris, which was flung at it like a monster battering ram. At the same hour the water in the Pont Royal had risen 22 centimetres and at other bridges almost as much. Dams were formed by wreckage gathered under the arches.

CLOSING NUMBER FRIDAY NIGHT

The Italian Boys Seat Sale Starts Thursday Morning.

The Italian Boys under Mr. Foland's personal supervision have become one of the strongest Lyceum attractions available. This attraction is the closing one in the present Lyceum course for Washington. They appear at the public school auditorium next Friday night. Mr. Foland is offering not only the usually high-class program of instrumental solos, duets and concerted numbers in conjunction with his impersonations and readings, but he has arranged and will present for the first time, the musical and literary fantasy, "A Night in Venice." This name within itself suggests beautiful costumes, delightful vocal and instrumental selections, blended with a story of an American's life in the city of art and music. The Washington Post says: "The Italian Boys did excellent work." The Waltham News says: "Mr. Foland made an excellent impression in his work and evoked hearty applause. Natural ability, coupled with training, has made him an entertainer worth listening to." Wherever the Italian Boys have been the press and public generally are high in their praise. This company, as our theater-goers remember, played here last year and they pleased our people so well the management decided to engage them again for this season. Quite a treat awaits the music lovers next Friday night. The sale of reserved seats starts at Brown's drug store Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. After those holding season tickets are served then the sale will be open to the general public. To those not holding season tickets the price will be 75c. The price of general admission will be 50c. and for children 25c.

ASSAULTS FARMER'S WIFE.

Unknown Negro Commits Heinous Crime in Richmond County.

Rockingham, Jan. 25.—A telephone message received here this afternoon saying that a negro whose name could not be learned entered the home of Z. T. Pearson, a highly respected farmer near Osborne, this county, late Saturday evening while Pearson was absent telling Mrs. Pearson he had come to assault her and that if she made an outcry he would kill her.

The negro was caught by Pearson as he was leaving the house and bound with ropes but during the night managed to escape. The whole community is wrought up and a large posse is scouring the country for him. Fuller particulars could not be ascertained. The occurrence took place on the farm of Capt. W. I. Everett of this town, about twenty miles from here and near the South Carolina line.

PRES. MCNEIL MEETS FIREMEN

To Organize a State Fire Insurance Co., the Scheme.

President J. D. McNeil, of the State and National Firemen's Associations, met the firemen of the city at the Chamber of Commerce rooms last evening and discussed with them the question of organizing a State Fireman's Fire Insurance Company. The local firemen were urged to take stock in this enterprise and from the outlook quite a number will do so. President McNeil is now making a tour of the State in the interest of this company and is meeting with great success. It is the intention of President McNeil to visit Washington again at an early day to discuss the matter further, at which time it is to be hoped more of the firemen and citizens will be present to hear what he has to say.

LOOK OUT FOR THEM.

Be sure and make the acquaintance of Mrs. Sweet and family who are coming to Washington this week. They are well known all over the United States and their proposed visit to Washington is anticipated with pleasure by all our people.

MISS RODMAN ENTERTAINS.

Miss Lida T. Rodman entertained the Bridge Club at her home, West Main street, yesterday afternoon from 3 to 6. The occasion was a most pleasant one. Miss Rodman is one of the city's most popular entertainers.

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE SEASON OPENS APRIL 14

Games Undetermined

Radical Changes Made in the Rules—The Umpires Are Given More Work—Passed Balls Will Be in Error Column.

COMMITTEE ON RULES

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 25.—The schedule committee of the National League, in session at the Fort Pitt Hotel in this city, has arranged schedules calling for both 154 and 168 games, but although the matter was wrestled with until an early hour this morning, neither one was adopted and there seemed little prospect of arriving at an early decision.

There will likely be two reports submitted to the National League, one for 154 games and the other for 168 games. The American League is firmly opposed to an increase in the number of dates and the long night session was caused by a desire to avoid conflicting dates between the two leagues.

The season will open on April 14. The committee on rules finished its work. There were no radical changes made but the umpires were given more work. For instance, they will now be expected to call any player, who is a superfluous item on the coachers lines without their attention being called to it by the opposing club. The scoring rules were not touched at all. The coacher's box at first base was limited to fifteen feet toward right field. Any player substituted for another must be told to the umpire by the captain making the change under penality of $5 fine and the umpire is fined $5 if he neglects to make the announcement.

The balk rule was not changed. Wild pitches and passed balls, however, must be recorded as errors in the error column and the summary will not contain wild pitches or passed balls.

The batting order of both teams must be given to the umpire at the home plate before play is called and the players on the list must begin the game. This is to prevent juggling of players.

A batter can change from one box to the other without being penalized, provided he does so before the pitcher is in position. This was the rule last season but is made more clear.

Hereafter when the ball hits the umpire on foul grounds it will not be called dead but the baserunner can take as many bases as he is able to make.

On a hit ball, thrown wild by a fielder into the stands the batter may take three bases.

If the substitutes sitting on the bench talk too loud or indecently the umpire can fine each $10 and remove them all from the bench. If the captain of the team penalized needs any of the disciplined players, he may call them one at a time.

If a player assists and then puts out a runner he shall be given an assist and also a put out. If a team requests that play begin earlier than scheduled to catch a train, the game must begin 3 1-2 hours before the time for the train's departure, and when a player hits the ball and runs to first he can turn to his left without being put out coming back, provided he does not make an attempt to run to second. If he tries for second, he can be put out returning to first.

PROGRAM FOR LAYMEN'S DAY

To Be Held Sunday Evening at the M. E. Church.

The following will be the program for the Laymen's meeting at the First Methodist Church next Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock:

1. Usual song service.
2. Ten minute address, "A Description of the Great Greensboro Convention." Sam. C. Carty.
3. Ten minute address, "What the Great Meeting Meant to Me." M. F. McKeel.
4. Hymn.
5. Ten minutes address, "The Inspirational Power of the Laymen's Meeting in Greensboro." C. G. Morris.
6. Remarks by the pastor, Rev. M. T. Plyler.
7. Benediction.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The stockholders of the Home Building and Loan Association will hold their annual meeting tomorrow.

A BEAUTIFUL WEDDING OCCURS

Miss Lou Milholland Married to Mr. Walter Johnson.

This afternoon at 3 o'clock the First Presbyterian Church was the scene of a beautiful wedding, the contracting parties being Miss Lou Nona Milholland, of this city, to Mr. Walter Reade Johnson, of Winston-Salem.

No marriage of the season carried with it more interest, and ever since the announcement was made the many friends of the popular bride have been looking forward to the plighting of her troth with pleasant anticipations.

The church was attractively decorated for the auspicious event; the altar and chancel being bedecked with evergreens, hot house plants, ferns and palms. A large concourse of people witnessed the ceremony, which was performed by the pastor, Rev. H. B. Searight, with solemnity and impressiveness.

Just before the bridal party entered, Mrs. Edward Mallison sang charmingly, "Your Dear Eyes." As the sweet notes of this song died away the massive organ under the deft touch of Miss Hannah Shaw, commenced the familiar strains of Lohengrin, and the bridal party entered the edifice in the following manner:

First entered the polite and attentive ushers, Messrs. A. M. Dumay, Edward L. Stewart, E. R. Mixon and Lyndon Shaw. Reaching the altar they crossed and awaited the coming of her soon to give her heart and hand to him whom she had chosen as life's partner.

Next entered the bridesmaids, Miss Mary Elizabeth Thomas, handsomely gowned in white rajah silk, with black picture hat, carrying white carnations, and Miss Louise Buckman donned in white melrose, trimmed with white satin, also wearing a black picture hat and carrying a bouquet of white carnations. The bridesmaids entered the respective aisles alone. They were followed by the groomsmen, Messrs. W. A. Mickle and Louis A. Oliver, of Winston-Salem.

Then came the flower girls, little Misses Madelaine Ellsworth and Josephine Bowen, wearing white dresses, trimmed in pink ribbon.

Just before the bride entered, sweet little Miss Lenora Blount, dressed in pure white, wended her way down the aisle bearing the ring in a silver basket.

All eyes now centered on the bride as she walked down the right aisle, leaning on the arm of her maid of honor, Miss Mary Shaw. She was comely attired in a handsome going-away gown of dark blue, with gloves and hat to match, carrying a beautiful bouquet of bridal roses. The maid of honor wore a gown of white messaline satin, with white picture hat and carried white carnations.

At the altar the groom met the bride, entering from the anteroom with his best man, Mr. Ray Johnson, of Winston-Salem.

During the impressive ceremony the soft strains of the "Flower Song" added to the beauty and solemnity of the scene.

To the familiar strains of Mendelshons, the bridal party left the church and took the 4 o'clock Atlantic Coast Line train for a tour of northern and southern cities. They will be at home in Winston-Salem in about ten days.

Last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Milholland a reception was tendered the bridal party. The color scheme was pink and white.

Miss Milholland, the bride, is one of Washington's most popular and deserving young ladies. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Milholland. She is a woman of fine intellect, and wields a powerful influence in her circle of friends. For some time she was the efficient stenographer at the firm of E. R. Mixon & Co., having graduated from the State Normal and Industrial School. She is a prize worth striving for.

The groom is a rising young member of the Winston-Salem bar, and is noted for his urbanity and magnetism. He has a bright future before him in his chosen profession.

Many presents, testing the high esteem in which the couple are held, were received.

The Daily News joins in extending best wishes.

700 BALES OF COTTON LOST.

Italy, Texas, Jan. 25.—Originating it is believed from sparks from a passenger locomotive fire late yesterday destroyed the Italy compress and 700 bales of cotton stored in the building. The loss is estimated at 90,000.

SEATS ON SALE TOMORROW.

The box sheet for the appearance of the Italian Boys at the public school auditorium Friday night will be open at Brown's drug store tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

NEGRO ATTACKED WHITE WOMEN IN NORFOLK

In Heart of Ghent

Miss Lucy Upshur Choked by a Black Brute Who Was Pursued and Finally Captured by Citizens.

THE NEGRO IS IDENTIFIED

Norfolk, Jan. 25.—Every effort is to be made, according to the authorities, to convict and send to the electric chair, there to expiate his crime, the mulatto, Percy C. Fobrey, who attacked Miss Lucy Upshur in Ghent Sunday night, and who also insulted the Misses [illegible] of Chapel street, earlier in the evening while they were walking along Church street unescorted. Justice Bruce Simmons, of the police court, has sent Fobrey on for examination in the corporation court.

Negro Grabbed Her Neck.

Miss Upshur, who resides in Chuckatuck, Va., and who is visiting in Norfolk, was attacked by the negro while she was walking along Pembroke avenue, near Beachwood place. The young woman was attacked from the rear, and in the struggle was thrown to the ground. There is now a small bruise about her neck.

Fobrey told Police Major Charles G. Kizer that he thought in attacking the young lady he was placing his hand upon another, one of his own race. Later in the day, however, he denied this statement and attempted to prove an alibi, but without effect.

Miss Upshur was unable to be in court yesterday at a private meeting to identify her assailant, but she described, in detail, how she was followed and grabbed around the neck by the brute. The young woman was injured save from the slight bruise on her neck.

Dr. Wall Caught Negro.

The screams of Miss Upshur attracted the attention of several men who were in the neighborhood. J. E. Wales saw the negro run and made after him. A block and a half away he caught up with Fobrey, who was then being held by Dr. Harry Wall. The two held onto their man until the police department was notified. At first Fobrey fought lustily, and later told his captors he was not the right man. On a second time his possible escape was apparent. However, Mr. Wales caught the mulatto again and held onto him until the prisoner was turned over to Patrolman Wilkerson. Quite a crowd collected before the patrol wagon arrived. Some one it is said, advocated in a mild way summary punishment, taking on the grounds. [illegible] Fobrey asked for protection. He was finally placed in the wagon without resistance.

The attack occurred shortly before 11 o'clock Saturday night. In court, Miss Upshur said she had just left her sister's home on Olney road, and was going to visit friends on Pembroke avenue. The man then, she said, attacked her from the rear and clutched his fingers around her neck. The screams of the young lady then frightened Fobrey and he took to his heels. Miss Upshur said the man did not speak to her. A high collar which Miss Upshur wore, perhaps saved her from being badly choked, and prevented her wind from being cut off. The young woman protected herself well against her assailant.

Dr. Wall testified in court that Fobrey appeared to be drinking when he caught him. The negro was not placed on the witness stand. Captain W. P. Ford, chief of detectives, has charge of the case. Commonwealth's Attorney Tilton was in court yesterday and took charge of the prosecution.

Identified Man.

While walking down Church street early Sunday evening Fobrey offered an insult to the Misses Lovett. They reported the matter to the police department and Patrolman Ward was at work on the case, having in his possession a full description of the man when the Ghent matter was reported.

The Misses Lovett yesterday saw Fobrey in the city jail. Before he had placed his hat on his head one of the young women exclaimed:

"He is the man. We would know him anywhere."

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Church will hold their annual meeting at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Baugham, corner of Second and Respess streets, next Tuesday evening. The committee in charge is arranging an attractive program. Refreshments will be served.

OLD LANDMARK PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Armecia Mitchell Died Yesterday Afternoon.

Another one of Beaufort county's oldest landmarks fell by the wayside yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, in the person of Mrs. Amecia B. Mitchell, relic of the late Napolean N. Mitchell. The deceased was born at Blount's Creek, this county, January 23, 1830, and at the time of her death she was 80 years and 2 days old.

Just before the holidays she went to Bunyan to visit her daughter, Mrs. D. H. Bennett, and while there contracted a cold which developed into pneumonia. Although vigorous for one of her age this dread disease soon inoculated her body. All that the skilled physician and loving hearts could do was done, but all to no avail, for God had called and she must answer. Mrs. Mitchell was a consistent member of the Methodist Church. She gloried in its teachings and tenets and was one of that denomination's most constant worshippers until the infirmities of age crept upon her. She died in the faith of her Lord. Her trust was unshaken. Truly a good woman has fallen. Her record is on high. She did what she could for the cause of Christ and those whom were near and dear. Several children survive Mrs. Mitchell to mourn their loss: Mr. J. M. Mitchell, New Bern; Mrs. L. H. Pickham, Portsmouth, Va.; Mrs. W. B. Gerard, Blount's Creek; Mr. John W. Mitchell, Pineville, and Mr. N. H. Mitchell, of this city.

The funeral took place this afternoon, conducted by Rev. M. T. Plyler, pastor of the Methodist Church. The burial was in Oakdale cemetery. Peace to her ashes.

MEETING THURSDAY NIGHT

T. R. Parker to Speak at Chamber of Commerce.

For the benefit of the merchants and other business men of Washington, giving them opportunity to learn what great good the State Department of Agriculture is trying to do to our community, Mr. T. R. Parker, director of the Agricultural Experiment Station, will be accompanied by a party of men who will arrive in Washington on Thursday morning, January 27th.

The Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce has the promise of the authorities of the Bonhomme in order that they will attend this meeting, therefore a good crowd may be expected.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson says that in the United States enough people [illegible] to populate [illegible] of Europe, but the yields are not nearly as great as ours. Therefore, the secretary of Agriculture wants to show our farmers how to get larger yields, so that we may be able to feed the hungry millions in Europe. Every farmer should be interested in this meeting.

The Farmer's Institute will hold morning and evening sessions for the farmers. At night at 7:30 in the evening a special session will be held at the Chamber of Commerce that the town people may be benefitted, and as many of our people are interested in farming, it gives them a grand concourse of hearing a talk on the most interesting subjects under the sun; these are agriculture, horticulture, and stock raising.

Don't be content with coming yourself, bring several with you.

SECRETARY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

HEADON COLLISION.

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 25.—In a head-on collision here early today between a light engine and southbound freight No. 85 on the Mobile & Ohio railroad, two miles from the city, one man was killed, another seriously injured and will die, and two others were injured.

The collision was in a deep fog.

The dead man is Robert L. Ewing, head brakeman of the through freight.

The injured are Louis Stringer, of Meridan, Miss., seriously, and will die; W. L. Finnegan, engineer, and Fireman Will Terrill, badly hurt.

Robert Ewing was 25 years of age, unmarried and son of John Ewing, of the New Orleans Daily States, and nephew of Col. Robert Ewing, national Democratic committeeman from Louisiana.

Engineer Stringer of the freight train had one leg cut off by a lever in the cab as clean as if a surgeon's knife had been used, and the stump left in the cab and partly burned before it was taken out.

BANKER LOSES HUGE SUM BY BEING POLITE

$28,000 in Bills Taken

The New Yorker Was too Polite to Two Women—Warner M. Van Norden is Now Considerably Poorer in Pocket.

TWO ARRESTS ARE MADE

New York, Jan. 25.—Warner M. Van Norden, president of the Van Norden Trust Company, is $28,000 poorer in pocket and correspondingly wiser in judgment as to when to be polite but cautious.

Wednesday night Mr. Van Norden went to the theater and later to the Waldorf to write some letters. In a wallet in the pocket of his dress coat was $28,000 in $1,000 bills, and $900 in four $100 bills and one $500 bill. His letters written, he stepped to the street, undecided whether to walk home or call a cab. As he stood hesitating, a well-dressed woman passed him and dropped her handbag. Mr. Van Norden stooped and raised it up. As he stooped a second woman stumbled on his feet, and, in regaining her balance, threw her arms about his neck. There was a moment of confusion, many apologies and then all three went their several ways.

When Mr. Van Norden [illegible] morning transferred his [illegible] from his dress coat to his [illegible] coat he noticed that it felt [illegible] and opened it. The [illegible] $1,000 bills were gone. He reported the robbery instantly and two arrests followed today. The prisoners are Jessie Roberts, alias Kitty Rockett, alleged to be number 8,716, and May, alias Marie Williams, number 9,210 in the Jerome gallery.

There have been many complaints of robberies in the streets in the neighborhood of the big hotels lately, but the attendant circumstances have been so humiliating that few of the victims have cared to appear in court, and the cases have never been pressed.

The William girl is only 20. The other is older.

"Did you speak to a man a little after 12 Thursday morning?" asked a detective of the younger woman.

"Yes," said the girl. "I was walking with a friend in front of the Waldorf when a gentleman passed where I thought I knew. He stopped and talked for a moment. We were talking, and of course, we separated. If I could recognize that guy she held out of me, I would strike."

"Some Robber [illegible] never [illegible] the street."

The [illegible] sold in $15,000 [illegible].

A PERTINENT QUERY.

Why not organize a Law and Order League in Washington? If the talk heard on the streets and the suspicions [illegible] taking around [illegible] anything, the law breakers [illegible] and offenders [illegible] of justice. Love of order and obedience to law should lead every law-abiding citizen to stand for law enforcement. Every man who stands for the good name and prosperity of our town should stand behind the officers of the law in their efforts to enforce the laws and, if the officials do not live up to their oath of office, the good citizens should give forth an uncertain sound. What say the men who stand for the preservation of moral and civic welfare? Why not serve notice on the law-breakers that the good people of this town will not stand for such?

CITIZEN.

TEXAS MAN BUYS 100,000 GALLONS OF BOOZE.

San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 25.—James B. Aiken, a real estate man of Fort Worth, who is in this city today is responsible for the statement that he had exchanged 100,000 acres of land in Brewster and Presidio counties for 100,000 gallons of whisky with Dayton, O., distillers. The land is valued at $1.10 an acre and the whisky also valued in the same sum.

New Advertisements in Today's News

- J. K. Hoyt—Ginghams, Etc.
- Gaiety Theater.
- Capudine.
- Jas. E. Clark Co.—Overstocked Sale.
- Laxative Bromo Quinine.
- Vick's Remedies.