

FOOD SCARCE  
CITY APPEALS  
TO THE WORLD

50,000 Are Homeless

Paris Asks for Aid—Buildings Are Collapsing, the Seine is Rising—Rain and Snow, and Intensely Cold in City.

A REIGN OF HORROR

Paris, Jan. 28.—Paris is in the throes of a reign of terror. The flood calamity gains in horror hourly. Buildings are collapsing; the Seine is rising, the scenes of the siege are being duplicated, and despair has swept the terror-stricken millions. Thirty thousand troops were rushed from the provinces today to aid the worn-out heroes who have been battling against the implacable river. From the starving provinces half a million peasants have flocked to the metropolis, adding to the seriousness of the situation. There is not food enough to supply one-third of those within the city limits, and stricken Paris has been compelled to ask aid from the world.

Americans can form an idea of the damage done by the fact that the total is greater today than the loss in the San Francisco fire.

At dawn the river, higher than ever before in history, was rising; snow and rain were falling and the cold was intense. The tributaries of the river were higher; there was no sign that the hoped for crisis would come today.

In the provinces hundreds of lives have been lost; in the city, scores. More than 250,000 persons are homeless in France; 50,000 in Paris have been unable to find temporary refuge.

As a result of the walls of the Quai de Orsay collapsing this morning a wall of water was turned loose in one of the most populous quarters of the city, sweeping all before it with the force of a broken dam. In darkness, the pest-stricken inhabitants fled as best they could. A boat patrol, quickly established, saved many, but several are believed to have been drowned.

All night long a thousand men battled to save the Louvre and its priceless art treasures while the water rose relentlessly.

Before dawn it had become apparent that only a recession of the vice could save the famous galleries from heavy damage.

The sharp explosion of bursting sewers or collapsing subways shook the whole quarters and spread panic today. The collapse of the D'Orsay railroad station walls early this morning was followed within a short time by the caving in of the Bercy subway station. Several persons are missing.

Every inch of high ground in the city proper and the suburbs is now the site of a camp of refugees. Mont Marte—rising to a height of 400 feet, the highest point in the city, and Belleville, 220 feet at its greatest altitude, are the centers of the refuge camps on the north of the river. On the south, Montagne St. Genevieve's streets are closed with tents and every house harbors the destitute.

The cirelet of hills without the city—St. Cloud, Meudon, Villejuif, Mont-Valerien—are packed with shivering masses who clamor for food and fuel, and beseech the soldiers and police for relief.

Not one of the 25 bridges across the Seine today could be declared immune from the danger of being blown up to prevent the formation of dams that would add to the horrors. At each army engineers and sappers stood guard, with mines planted, ready to blow up arches and flotsam at once.

Even the historic Notre Dame cathedral, which has withstood the floods of centuries, today was a source of anxiety. The water was almost overlapping the quays beside it at dawn. Never had the ancient cathedral looked down on Paris in such a plight. The inundations of 1612, of 1208, of 1856, and of 1876—horrors all—have been outdone.

It would take a Victor Hugo to describe the mighty sight of men against the steady encroachments of the water. Police and soldiers, exhausted by incessant struggling, today were reinforced by organized bodies of citizens. At a score of points thousands of men labored to throw up dykes.

Sacks of sand, bales, earth filled with waggons, cars of all kinds, are utilized. Under the direction of the army engineers these walls are erected and reinforced and again strengthened as the river continues to rise. Warehouses have been commandeered for material; whole neighborhood blocks have been razed.

MAIL CARRIER  
IS HELD UP

Relieved Him of Watch and Seventeen Dollars.

Mount Airy, Jan. 27.—The star route mail carrier from Dobson to this city was held up this afternoon about 5 o'clock by three unknown negroes and robbed of all his personal effects, consisting of a watch and \$17.

The hold-up occurred just outside of the city limits in a dense wood and nearly frightened the mail carrier to death. When at the forks of a road the three negroes explained to the carrier that he would have to change his usual route on account of a bridge being unsafe and this necessitated his taking the road that lead through the woods. The negroes held a gun in his face, dragging him from his buggy and relieving him of his watch and money. He came to this city and reported the robbery to the sheriff, who, with a posse of men, went to hunt the robbers. The postmaster has wired the Postoffice Department and it may take a hand in apprehending the criminals. It was a bold crime and, while the mail was unmolested, it is a serious offense.

HEAR THE  
ITALIAN BOYS

Appear at the School Auditorium Tonight.

Tonight at the school auditorium appears the Italian Boys, which is the closing number in the Lyceum course for this season. This well-known company appeared here last season and proved to be one of the most attractive numbers in the course and for this reason they were secured again this season. Tickets are now on sale at Brown's Drug Store. The prices are, reserved seats, 75c, general admission 50c, children 25c.

The doors will open at 7:45 and the performance will commence promptly at 8:30.

The performance this evening bids fair to be the best of the series and it is to be hoped a large number will avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing first-class music.

ONE OF THAW'S ALIENISTS  
CHARGED WITH LARCENY.

Pittsburg, Jan. 27.—Dr. C. C. Wiley, one of Pittsburg's prominent physicians and an alienist for Harry K. Thaw during his first trial, is under \$1,000 bond to answer the charge of larceny by failure to appear in court. Dr. Wiley was arrested by a constable on January 18, but the fact of his arrest was not generally known until today, when he was summoned for a hearing before Magistrate Kirby tomorrow morning.

In her complaint to the magistrate Miss Peder asserts she entrusted Dr. Wiley with \$1,400 worth of jewelry two years ago, and had been unable to get them back. She finally appealed to the detective bureau and the arrest followed. Miss Peder disappeared from her home immediately after the doctor's arrest and the story only came out at police headquarters upon her return today.

LOSERS HAND.

Young Man Meets With Accident at Aurora.

Frank Colettain, a young man 15 years of age, while out hunting yesterday afternoon on the farm of Mr. Charles Archbell, in some way discharged the gun he was carrying and the contents entered his right hand, shattering it so the physicians had to amputate it. The doctors apprehend nothing serious from the wound unless blood poisoning sets in.

And from the heavens and the branching rivers more water comes to wash them away or eat through them and gain the city's streets. Scarlet fever has made its appearance, following the first signs of typhoid. It is an uphill fight by the health authorities. Not only is the water brackish and in many cases unfit to drink, even after boiling, but the cemeteries are flooded. Mausoleums have been burst open by the flood, graves have been laid bare. And there is no place to bury the dead. Pere achaise, the most famous cemetery, is a lake, except in its highest parts. The morgues are filled with bodies that cannot be buried.

Every public building that is not in danger of collapse today is in use as a hospital or a place of refuge. Thousands are crowded into them. Fifty thousand others, marooned in flooded homes, on house-tops, or in the open, envy them.

The authorities collectively and individually are making a heroic struggle but the situation is too serious to be coped with effectively. The calamity threatens to overwhelm France.

HE DISCUSSES  
HIGH COST  
OF LIVING

Sec'y Wilson Speaks

Declares That the Fundamental Difficulty Is That People Are Leaving Farms—Cost of Living Higher Than in Other Countries.

THE FARMER OVERLOOKED

Philadelphia, Jan. 27.—"It costs more to get the common necessities of life in the United States today than in any other country in the world." This startling statement was made tonight by James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, in an address delivered before the Manufacturers' Club of this city. Secretary Wilson discussed "The Present Food Crisis," in a way that was original and forceful.

"Some people," he said, "tell us that if we repeal the present tariff law to let in foreign products free of duty, the present difficulty will cease. I do not believe it. Eggs are 35 cents a dozen in Canadian cities and 60 cents a dozen in some American cities. The duty is 3 cents a dozen. What difference would it make whether you took off that 3 cents or not?"

The Secretary further stated that he believed the American people are suffering at present not so much from high living, as from the cost of living, his statement being:

"It has been said that the American is the best fed, best clothed, best educated and best housed man upon earth. We shall have to add now that he is the most expensively fed."

Secretary Wilson pointed out that the fundamental difficulty was that the people are leaving the farms to such an extent that there are not enough remaining to produce the food of the increasing population. The boys and girls of the farm, he asserted, are being lured away to the cities, to the factories and to the mines, and to too great an extent the agricultural resources of the country are being neglected. He said he was convinced that the combination of retailers, wholesalers and the like were responsible in great measure for the keeping up of prices, and that that same influence would be sufficient to control the prices of products brought from other countries, even though the tariff were removed.

Secretary Wilson, after declaring that the record made by the manufacturers of the United States is a good one, said "the education of the farmer, however, has been overlooked. The young farmer has been educated away from the farm and from the production of food for the people."

WINS PRIZE.

Mrs. James R. Wynn won the prize at the Galety theater last evening. This is the second time Mrs. Wynn has been successful at the Galety.

MATINEE TOMORROW.

There will be a matinee given at the Gem theater tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. The nurses are allowed to be admitted with the children. Attractive program arranged.

Home Building & Loan Association Hold Their Annual Meeting

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Home Building and Loan Association was held at the banking house of the Savings and Trust Company, yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The stockholders present were F. C. Kugler, W. E. Swindell, J. L. Mayo, B. W. Taylor, John G. Bragaw, Jr., E. K. Willis, F. H. Bryan, B. G. Moss, E. E. Mixon, F. J. Berry and John B. Sparrow. The secretary, Mr. John B. Sparrow, made a detailed statement of the condition of the association at the close of business January 2, 1910, and of the receipts and disbursements for the year 1909. The report was duly approved and ordered made a part of the record. The stockholders then proceeded to the election of nine directors for the ensuing year. The following gentlemen were declared duly elected: F. C. Kugler, W. E. Swindell, F. H. Bryan, B. G. Moss, F. J. Berry, E. K. Willis, John G. Bragaw, Jr., E. E. Mixon and John B. Sparrow. Immediately after the meeting of the stockholders the new board of directors met and proceeded to name the officers of the association for the coming year. The following are the officers:

LONG LOOKED  
FOR MERGER

The Anaconda Mining Co., Has Increased Capital Stock.

New York, Jan. 26.—Preliminary steps were taken today to effect the long-looked-for merger of the principal copper producers of the country into one gigantic corporation. In Wall street another billion dollar company was frequently mentioned, but the more conservative believed final capitalization would be slower to \$500,000,000.

The Anaconda Copper Mining Company officially announced late this afternoon that at a meeting of the board of directors yesterday it had been decided to call a special meeting of the stockholders in Anaconda, Mont., on March 25, to pass on a proposal to increase the capital stock from \$30,000,000 to \$150,000,000; "for the purpose of acquiring the property of other companies located in the Butte district."

The amalgamated Copper Company owns 55 per cent of the Anaconda stock. Following the merger of the Butte properties, which include the Amalgamated Copper Company and its various holdings, namely the Anaconda, Butte & Boston, Washington, Trenton and other subsidiaries, and the North Butte coalition, it is expected that the new Anaconda with its increased capital of \$150,000,000 will merge with the Guggenheim, Huggin and other copper interests, thus effecting a corporation which will not only control the copper output of the United States but will influence the copper market of the world.

Concerning the plan to merge the various copper properties in the Butte district, the Amalgamated Copper Company, in a statement issued this afternoon, says:

"The reasons for proposed increase in stock involve consideration of difficult and complicated legal questions as well as those relating to the economical and efficient management of business operations of the different companies."

"Some of the operating features which have been considered in favor of the proposed transaction are economies which will result from working all the mines in accordance with a general system of development, thus relieving owners from necessity of maintaining numerous expensive surface and underground plants necessary under present conditions of separate ownership."

"The Anaconda Company, because of its size and its location, is regarded as the local company to become the purchaser of properties of the other companies, and the step taken to call a special meeting was the first toward submitting the matter to stockholders of different companies for their consideration."

MRS. STONEWALL JACKSON  
WAS IN SENATE GALLERY.

Washington, Jan. 26.—Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, of Charlotte, widow of the famous general, was a visitor at the Senate gallery today and, at President Taft's request, occupied the President's reserved seat in the executive gallery. When her identity became known, she was forced to hold an impromptu reception, senators leaving the floor and going to the gallery to pay their respects to her. Mrs. Jackson was a guest at dinner at the White House last night.

CONGRESS TIRED  
AND MEMBERS  
LOOK FOR END

Pinchott Case Dull

The Prosecution Not Zealous Nor the Defense Spirited—Members of Congress Will be Glad When Investigation Ends.

TO ELIMINATE CANNON

Washington, Jan. 27.—Deadly dull starts the Ballinger investigation. The incident that wrappd the capital in a flame three weeks ago has simmered to a spark.

Interpreted by the letter and spirit of the first day, there is neither any particular zeal in prosecution nor any special apprehension in defense. Pinchot has been lionized by his friends, applauded by two national conventions, flattered by the appointment of his disciple to succeed him and abundantly salved as to his own wounds by the presidency of the National Conservative Association. Everybody is glad of these things, but everybody thinks they are enough to satisfy any man and any man's friends.

And for the rest, Congress will be glad to be through with the Ballinger investigation, because Congress is pervasively anxious to go home. The picture of personal interest and of almost dramatic pathos in Congress is that of old Joe Cannon fighting, defiant, yet hopeless, against his inevitable fate. Yesterday Fowler, of New Jersey, a Republican of the speaker's own household of faith, introduced a bill to reorganize the committee on rules by leaving off the speaker entirely, adding four Republicans and one Democrat instead of two Democrats and two Republicans, with the speaker, as it is now. This would make the committee consist of six members of the dominant party to three of the minority party. Bad enough for the minority, apparently, but it would be at least the rule of an elected majority against the present autocratic rule of a czar.

Fowler is not popular and his bill will hardly pass but some similar bill of the same purpose will undoubtedly go through at an early date. One inexorable requirement of the bill will be to eliminate Joe Cannon and Joe Cannonism from the future of the House. The demand is universal. Even from the far New England States comes the word to New England representatives that if Cannon should be perpetuated they will surely be eliminated.

One of the very strongest and most popular of New England congressmen said today that his reelection absolutely depended upon the eradication of Cannon and what he stood for. This same congressman declared that every element of the Republican party had agreed upon the necessity of sitting down hard and finally upon its Uncle Joe.

Even the President recognizes it as an absolute party necessity and is giving the power of his influence to make it sure. Within a month, said our New England friend, Mr. Cannon will be compelled by irresistible forces to bow his head in acceptance and walk out of the situation of his own accord.

There has never been such a widespread revolution against an individual in our public life since Aaron Burr presided over the American senate after he had shot Alexander Hamilton to death.

But at this writing the game old slayer of Illinois is undaunted and defiant. The cigar points still to the ceiling, his jaw is firm, and he is preparing, it is said, when the bill for the changed rules comes up, to step down from the chair to the floor and make the rafters ring with an impassioned defiance and defense. Night after night the speaker jollies at banquets and jests at assemblies, and, like Charles the First, fronts his fate with a dauntless courage that half redeems his fame.

But it is all in vain. His end is at hand. His career is ended.

SPEAKING AT OLD FORD.

Professor Allen J. Barwick, of the Department of Education, Raleigh, and Professor R. J. Peel, County Superintendent of Martin county, will speak at Old Ford Wednesday night, February 2.

All persons are invited to be present and hear these speakers. The speaking will take place in the Carolee.

CONDITION NO BETTER.

The condition of Mrs. Mary Bogart is thought to be no better today. Her condition is said to be critical.

Large Crowd Attend  
Farmers Institute at  
Court House Yesterday

Never in the history of Beaufort county was there a more enthusiastic meeting than the Farmers' Institute held in the courthouse yesterday. It was largely attended by farmers from all sections of the county and the benefits they derived cannot be told. It is more than gratifying to the management of the Daily News to know, as intimated by those attending the Institute, that it was through the liberal space given in this paper that induced so large a number to be present. As one farmer said this morning, "The Daily News certainly left no stone unturned to conspicuously advertise this Farmers' meeting, and the number present on yesterday convinces me that the people read the Daily News. Beaufort county should rally to your paper, for it is the best medium of news yet afforded our people." Such expressions as the above goes to show that the efforts of the management to publish a paper abreast of the times is being appreciated.

The Institute was advertised to begin at 10 o'clock, and long before this hour quite a large number of representative farmers were on hand. These Institutes are being held in this eastern section of North Carolina and wherever they have been held the result has been more than satisfactory.

Mr. T. B. Parker, director of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, Raleigh, so well known to the farmers of Beaufort county, was the first speaker. He spoke on soil improvement and commercial fertilizers. It is needless to state that he proved himself more than equal to the occasion. Mr. Parker is thoroughly enthused and whenever he appears before a body of farmers he never fails to drop ideas and thoughts that if followed will be resultant of good and be beneficial. From the beginning to the end of his admirable talk he held the closest attention of his hearers. Mr. Parker holds a warm place in the hearts of the farmers of this section and a warm welcome will ever be his whenever he desires to return.

Mr. Parker was followed by Mr. W. N. Hutt and Mr. Everett. Both of these gentlemen gave those present something to think about and ponder over.

The morning and afternoon sessions of the Institute were all that was advertised. The meeting is destined to accomplish much good, and every one present feels that his calling, provided he takes advantage of the ideas advanced, is to be greatly enhanced.

MRS. SWEET  
AND FAMILY

Carried the City by Storm Last Night.

Mrs. Sweet and family at the Gem theater last night were highly enjoyed by all present. At both performances the theater was crowded. Mrs. Sweet and her family were the recipients of the highest compliments. Their sayings and doing were laughable from start to finish. The benefit was given for the benefit of the Episcopal Church and was under the supervision and direction of Mrs. J. B. Moore. Her entertainments always carry with them interest and amusement. In addition to Mrs. Sweet the pictures were first class and highly appreciated.

JACK ODEN'S  
9TH BIRTHDAY

Delightful Afternoon Spent by the Young Set.

Master Jack Oden, the bright and interesting son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Oden, celebrated his ninth natal yesterday, entertaining about ninety of his playmates and friends from 3:30 to 6 p. m. Master Jack is one of the city's most popular young entertainers and on yesterday he proved himself par excellence in this role.

Many games of amusement were indulged in. One of the features of the occasion was numbers placed in ground pea hulls, one tied with blue ribbon and the other with pink. The boys were give the hulls tied in blue and the misses those fastened in pink. When opened the corresponding numbers found were to be the partners around the festive board of the little host. It is needless to state this feature was highly enjoyed. Delicious and tempting refreshments were served. No afternoon among the juvenile set was more pleasantly spent. May Master Jack have many happy and joyous returns.

Mrs. James Staton, of Williamston, was here this morning on her way home from Bath, where she attended the Convocation of Edenton.

Members of the Institute were all that was advertised. The meeting is destined to accomplish much good, and every one present feels that his calling, provided he takes advantage of the ideas advanced, is to be greatly enhanced.

The corn judging was an interesting feature of the Institute. Mr. Parker stated that the exhibit would have done credit to any State in the United States.

It was regretted that the Women's Institute was not a success, this was due to the fact that Mrs. Sue V. Hollowell, of Goldsboro, who was expected to lead the discussion, was not able to be present on account of illness. She is suffering with an attack of the grippe. Mrs. Hollowell was to speak on the influence of the woman in the home, the importance of home sanitation and the purpose and value of the Women's Institute. It is to be hoped that at no distant date Mrs. Hollowell will be able to pay a visit to this city and afford our people the pleasure of hearing the wholesome advice she wishes to offer.

Last evening at the Chamber of Commerce, there was a good crowd present to hear Mr. T. B. Parker and Mr. W. N. Hutt. The speakers of the evening were presented by the president of the Chamber, Colonel H. Churchill Bragaw, in words of appropriateness. Mr. Hutt occupied most of the time directing the major portion of his address on the cultivation of the pecan. Said this was one of the most profitable industries in the South today and was becoming more so each year. He advised his hearers to pay more attention to this and he guaranteed the result would be to them more than satisfactory.

Mr. Parker followed Mr. Hutt. He prefaced his remarks by congratulating the citizens on the success of the Farmers' Institute, stated that it showed the people were becoming more alive all the while and that this section was destined to be the banner one. Spoke of the many advantages to be derived from the holding of an Agricultural Fair. Gave those present many ideas that if carried out will help no little to the successful consummation of the proposed scheme.

Both meetings were in every way successful and the outcome is destined to pan out good.

ADVOCATES USE  
OF THE CONVICTS

Mayor Sterling Gives Views on Paving the Streets.

Mayor Sterling in a conversation with the News representative advocates the use of convicts in the building of the improved streets. In view of the fact that the city pays about one-half of the entire tax collected by the county we see no reason why the suggestion is not a proper one, and as the convicts are to be brought to Washington soon as done with the work in Richland township it would save the expense of moving them again if the improvement will be prepared to begin work without delay. After the work now contemplated is completed the News is of opinion the County Commissioners would cooperate with them and render any assistance looking toward the improvement of our town and county.

BENEFIT A SUCCESS.

The benefit performance given at the Galety theater last evening for the benefit of the Washington Hose Company was a great success. The theater was packed and those present were more than pleased with the performance. The music of the orchestra was appreciated.

A VAST DIFFERENCE.

"Why's a bachelor a bachelor?" "It depends; but it is seldom for the same reason an old maid is an old man."

New Advertisements in Today's News

- Washington Drug Co
- Washington Light and Water Co.—Welfare Lights
- Garfield Clemons—Barbecue
- C. D. Parker—Insurance
- Mions
- Crystal Ice Co.
- W. J. Rhodes—News Stand
- Gem Theater
- Galety Theater
- Capudina
- Vick's Remedies
- Jas. B. Clark Co.—The Overstocked Sale
- Chempack Steamship Co.