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DANGERS OF EPIDEMIC AS FLOOD FALLS

Seine Has Fallen a Foot In 24 Hours and People Are Rejoicing

BRIDGES ARE OPEN

Grim Shadow of Pestilence Hangs Over the Stricken City Now That Waters Are Receding But Medical Authorities Are Exerting Every Effort to Prevent an Epidemic—Preventative Rather Than a Cure Is What the Sanitary Forces Are Seeking Now—Warned to Boil All Drinking Water and to Clean Up At Once.

(By Cable to The Times)

Paris, Jan. 31.—The flooded waters of the Seine began to fall more quickly today as a result of a sharp frost that set in this morning. The day is bright and clear and the whole city is rejoicing over its deliverance from the flood terror, though the grim shadow of pestilence hangs over the city and is causing the authorities as much alarm as did the flood itself, if not more.

In the twenty-four hours ending at 9 o'clock today the Seine had fallen a foot. Three more bridges were opened to traffic today and it is believed that within a few hours others can be used.

Fully three hundred thousand persons—men, women and children—lined the river today despite the protests of the gendarmes, who feared any sudden excitement would result in a panic and subsequent loss of life. Every announcement of a further fall of the waters was cheered tumultuously. All classes, rich and poor, aristocrat, bourgeoisie and plebeian and pauper mingled in the happy throngs.

All the efforts of the authorities are now being directed to prevent an epidemic that may sweep the city from end to end unless adequate steps are taken at once. The preventative rather than the cure is what medical directors are seeking. Several cases of typhoid fever are reported but they are not more frequent than usual after such weather as the city has been suffering. The leading medical authorities, headed by Prof. Roux, president of the Pasteur institute, met today and drafted a complete set of regulations to be followed in this emergency. A special meeting of the council of the Seine was called for this afternoon to ask the police to enforce these regulations effectively.

The residents of Paris are warned to boil all water for drinking purposes and under no conditions to eat raw vegetables. The use of slacked lime as a disinfectant is emphatically ordered and owners of cellars and other flooded places are directed to clean and dry them at once.

Disorder breaks out frequently, but the authorities repress it with an iron hand. Nine men have been shot down, but looting goes on whenever a district is left unprotected for any length of time.

ST. PAUL MINE WILL BE REOPENED

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Quincy, Ill., Jan. 31.—President of the state mining board, Richard Newsom, of Peoria accompanied by several inspectors, reached here today prepared to officially re-open the St. Paul mine and begin the recovery of the 189 bodies known to be sealed within.

President Newsom has decided that as the mine has been sealed since November, 22 it is time to re-open and make a strenuous effort to recover and is possible to identify the bodies. He is of the opinion that the international fires which have been raging in the vaults are extinguished and that an effort made at this time will meet with success. In a statement today he said that in his opinion there was over eight feet of water in the lower level of the mine and that would have to be pumped out in order to reach the place where the bodies are located.

out of the basement it flowed down the street and into several basements and cellars. The residents whose cellars were thus flooded with more water, immediately collected a crowd of friends and besieged the men at the pumps.

The engines were attacked and the posse was slashed with knives. The police finally drove the residents away, but occasional trouble was reported from that district today.

The authorities today have \$1,500,000 pledged or in hand for relief measures and organized relief of the suffering and destitute was well under way early this forenoon. The homeless are taken to the nearest of the great refugee camps, where they are fed and clothed.

Those homes which have escaped the ravages of the floods are freely thrown open to the unfortunate and civil employes, soldiers, sailors and private citizens are vying with each other in kindly rivalry today to alleviate want and provide comfort for the stricken thousands.

The merciful parliaments today are taking a much more hopeful view of the general situation and concur in Premier Bryan's official announcement that the worst has passed.

Business men, however, particularly financiers and big manufacturers, say that the immediate trade outlook is almost disastrous.

The period of grace granted for negotiable paper undoubtedly has saved many institutions from ruin. The financial system of the whole country has been thrown into confusion and it will take weeks to straighten them out so trade will work back to normal conditions.

THINK HIM DROWNED

Fisherman Has Been Missing Since Big Storm

White Fisherman of Wilmington Went Out to "Rocks" and Has Since Not Been Heard From—Mr. Joseph Sternberger Dead—Mass Meeting to Interest People in Y. M. C. A.

(Special to The Times.)

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 31.—William McCabe, a white fisherman of this city, has been missing for more than a month and the members of his family have given him up as lost. He left Wilmington in his sharpie December 2, telling his wife he was going to the "Rocks," some miles below Wilmington, and out to sea to fish. Since that time not a word has been heard from the man. His family are fearful that his boat was swept out to sea in the rough weather which prevailed during the latter part of December and that McCabe was drowned. His wife thought for some time past that her husband had probably gone to Charleston, S. C., to dispose of a load of fish, therefore she did not feel uneasy until recently, when inquiries made at Charleston resulted in the information that McCabe and his boat had not been reported at that port. Custom house officials here have been requested to notify all ships along the coast to search for the missing man. Little hope is entertained that he will ever be heard from again, as it is feared he has met a watery grave in the Atlantic.

Mr. Joseph Sternberger, one of Wilmington's aged and most highly esteemed Jewish citizens, died yesterday morning at the residence of his son in this city. Mr. Sternberger was seventy-seven years of age and had been a resident of Wilmington since 1865. He served in the Civil War as a member of one of the New York regiments and was honorably discharged in 1863 because of wounds he sustained in several battles. He was engaged in the retail drygood business here for many years, during which he amassed quite a competence. He retired from business several years ago because of ill health and since that time had lived quietly with his children here. The deceased was a charter member of the congregation of the Temple of Israel. The funeral was held here this afternoon, conducted by Rabbi S. Mendelssohn, of the Temple, and the interment was made in Oakdale cemetery.

A mass meeting participated in by citizens generally was held this afternoon in the Academy of Music to interest the people in the work being carried on by the local Young Men's Christian Association. The meeting was presided over by Right Reverend Robert Strange, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, who also delivered an address. The principal address of the meeting was made by Mr. Norman C. Schlechter, Y. M. C. A. international secretary of the south. His address was a powerful appeal for the continuance and support of the Y. M. C. A. work. Appeals for financial assistance for the association were then made and most

BOYCOTTING THE MEAT TRUST.



Rich Women of New York who are taking part in the boycotting of meat, because of the high cost of living.

From left to right, upper, Miss Helen P. Stokes, Mrs. Anita Comfort Brooks and Mrs. Frederick Nathan. Lower, Miss Mary Drier. Mrs. Brooks was the instigator of the movement in her circle.

REVIVE NEW BERN FAIR.

Chamber of Commerce Discusses Matter at Yearly Meeting.

(Special to The Times.)

New Bern, N. C., Jan. 31.—The Chamber of Commerce at its yearly meeting elected Mr. E. K. Bishop, president; L. H. Cutler, Jr., vice president; Clyde Eby, second vice president; T. A. Uzzell, treasurer, and W. G. Boyd, secretary. The chamber now has about 150 active members and has done much for the city during the year just closed. The matter of reviving the New Bern fair, which has been out of business for about ten years, was taken up and a committee appointed to investigate. The matter of celebrating New Bern's 200 anniversary was taken up also and as the city and county have already subscribed \$250 each and are at work on the proposition, there will be every effort made to have a great celebration.

A STEAMER SUNK NEAR WILMINGTON

(Special to The Times)

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 31.—Waite outward bound from Wilmington to Charleston, S. C., about fifteen miles below the city, the steamer Southport in a collision with the United States government tug Mercer was sunk and now lies at the bottom of the river with only the cabin above water. It is rather a strange thing that the Southport had only changed ownership two hours before the marine disaster, having been sold by Captain John W. Harper, of this city, the former owner to parties at Charleston, represented by Mr. J. J. DuTart. The latter has been here for the past few days and negotiations for the transfer of the Southport were completed here late yesterday afternoon, the representatives of the new owners making immediate preparations to have the handsome steamer sail for the new home at Charleston.

The collision is said to have been due to a misunderstanding of signals. The government tug Mercer was inward bound to the city and as stated above, the Southport was passing outward. The masters of both boats saw too late to avoid it, that a collision was inevitable and both gave the signal "back bells," this prompt action probably avoiding fatal results to the collision. The Mercer struck the Southport just forward the pilot house and is believed to have stove a hole in the Southport as the latter boat sank in a few minutes. The Southport's crew were rescued by the Mercer and were brought to the city.

The value of the Southport is about \$20,000. It is rather peculiar that the marine disaster should have occurred in such a short time after the new owners had taken possession. It is probable that an investigation will be ordered to determine the responsibility for the collision. The new owners of the Southport are making arrangements to raise the steamer and will have the necessary repairs done here. It will probably be some time before the Southport can resume the interrupted journey to Charleston.

THOMASVILLE NEWS

Fire Damages Light and Power Company's Plant

Fire Department Did Good Work and Flames Were Soon Extinguished, But Slight Damage Being Done—New Brick Manufacturing Plant for Thomasville—Manufacturers Return From New York Furniture Exposition.

(Special to The Times.)

Thomasville, N. C., Jan. 31.—Another new enterprise for Thomasville, Messrs. H. V. Ragan, president, E. Kennedy, secretary and treasurer and J. C. Goode, superintendent, have organized a brick manufacturing plant and have leased five acres of clay from Mr. S. Swain in the eastern part of the town, near the Southern railroad. Machinery has been ordered and when installed and put into operation the capacity of the plant will be 20,000 brick per day. This new enterprise will be the means of erecting brick buildings at less cost as the plant being here on the ground the cost of transportation will be saved. Manufacturing plants of this nature always seek growing towns to locate and a more progressive town than Thomasville will be hard to find in this state.

Wednesday afternoon about five o'clock the fire alarm was sounded and the plant of the Thomasville Light & Power Company was found to be on fire near the smokestack. All the available means was used on the fire and in a short time the flames were checked, not, however, till almost the entire roof of the boiler room was destroyed. The loss entailed is estimated at about \$500, but for the prompt and efficient work in the beginning the entire plant would have been destroyed.

The Thomasville Light & Power Company has contracted with the Southern Power Company to distribute power in Thomasville and maintain the sub-station. The Southern

DISASTROUS FIRE AT GREENVILLE

(Special to The Times.)

Greenville, N. C., Jan. 31.—Fire starting about one o'clock this afternoon completely destroyed a tobacco prize house owned by R. O. Jefferson and occupied as a storage and leaf building by W. T. Skinner & Company. Much loose tobacco and a few hogsheads were also burned, and two dwelling houses occupied by colored people near by were badly damaged. The amount of the loss is not obtainable at present, but it is thought to be covered by insurance. The cause of the fire is believed to be sparks from a passing engine on the Norfolk & Southern railroad, which ignited grass adjacent to the building.

Trustees of University. The annual meeting of the trustees of the State University has been called for Wednesday, February 9, at 1 p. m. in the governor's office.

Power Company is now building a 4,000 horse-power sub-station which the Thomasville Light & Power Company will have charge of. The plant at this place will be equipped with automatic regulators which will keep the voltage constant, no matter how much the power load may vary. When the sub-station here is completed the town will have the best plant going and will have unlimited light and power service.

Messrs. J. T. Cramer, F. S. Lambeth and J. R. Myers returned Saturday morning from New York City, where they have been attending the Furniture Exposition. They report having secured a good business for their respective business and that they experienced some mighty cold weather up there.

Friday night fully a four inch snow fell, but on account of the wet ground and the bright sunshine next day, it soon melted, making the streets and roads very muddy and sloppy.

BIG LUMBER DEAL PUT THROUGH TODAY

(Special to The Times.)

Asheville, N. C., Jan. 31.—A big lumber deal was consummated here today when the Norwood Lumber Company, a West Virginia corporation, purchased from Charles J. Harris and W. H. Woodbury, of Western North Carolina, thirteen thousand acres of land extending from the top of Clingman Dome on the Tennessee line to the railroad in Swain county, North Carolina, for one hundred and ninety-five thousand dollars and an additional two thousand acres adjoining from Allen Howell and the Thomas estate for twenty-five thousand dollars. The fifteen thousand acres is part of the great Whittier boundary, of seventy thousand acres which Woodbury and Harris bought two years ago. These two men sold the thirteen thousand acres for what they paid for the entire boundary, and retain more than fifty thousand acres. Norwood Lumber Company will at once begin operations. The purchase money was paid over today.

NO AMERICANS SUFFERING.

Ambassador Bacon in Paris Says Crisis of the Flood is Past.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, Jan. 31.—The state department received a dispatch today from Ambassador Bacon at Paris, saying that he can learn of no Americans who are in trouble beyond suffering ordinary inconvenience from the flood. The ambassador says he expects to be able to transmit today or tomorrow from one-half million for French Red Cross Society. This money is presumably American contributions sent direct to the American embassy, in addition to \$5,000 sent by the American Red Cross last Saturday.

Ambassador Bacon declares that the crisis of the flood is past. Before the flood began to recede many dykes were burst and thickly settled highlands in the suburbs of Paris were flooded. It is impossible to estimate the losses, he adds, but it is believed that hundreds of millions of dollars have been lost in crop and other damage, and in communities other than Paris.

The ambassador has visited several of the French Red Cross sta-

tions, where individual sufferers are being relieved. Food and clothing are being supplied to all who hold identification tickets from department officials. Mr. Bacon expresses great consideration in the organization of the French Red Cross, which is doing effective work. The organization has the complete confidence of the government, he says. The stations are in charge of women who have passed examinations and have had years of preparation for this sort of work.

MEAT STILL HIGH.

No Lower Prices in Washington. Dealers Stand Firm.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, Jan. 31.—In utter disregard of local public sentiment which daily becomes more insistent in its demand for lower prices, dealers here continue to hold meat at the exorbitant figures which are the basis of the nation's wide protest.

Local dealers seem to be following the same tactics as those outlined for its agents in Boston by Swift & Co., whose confidential circular to managers admonished the latter to sell beef, sheep, and lambs "for every cent it's possible to obtain."

Supreme Court Takes a Recess.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 31.—The United States supreme court barely had a quorum this morning, Justice White, Brewer and Moody being absent through illness. Justice Moody has been ill in Massachusetts for several months. The court today took a recess until February 21.

A LARGE VERDICT

A Moore County Jury Gives A Verdict Against S. A. L.

Jury Renders a Verdict in Favor of N. Duval for \$30,000 in a Suit Against the Seaboard Air Line for Personal Injuries—One of the Biggest Verdicts Ever Given in the State.

Messrs. Douglas & Lyon have returned from Carthage, where they appeared in the case of E. N. Duval, of Portsmouth, Va., against the Seaboard Air Line for damages sustained by Duval in a wreck which occurred near Colon last March. Young Duval was terribly injured, having received permanent injuries to his spine.

The case was hotly contested all the way through and occupied several days in its trial. About 8 o'clock Saturday night the jury rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$30,000.

The plaintiff was represented by Messrs. Douglas & Lyon, while attorney U. S. Spence, of Carthage, attorney Walter Neal, of Laurinburg, and E. T. Cansler, of Charlotte, appeared for the railroad.

In the case of Coore against the Seaboard for loss of a leg, the jury rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$5,000. The same attorneys appeared in this case as in the Duval case, except Mr. Cansler.

KILLED WHOLE FAMILY.

Miner, Brooding Over Illness of Baby, Kills Family.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Marquette, Mich., Jan. 31.—Brooding over the illness of his two-month-old baby boy, Artie Hytonen, a miner of Ishpeming wiped out a family of three persons. Sending his wife out for a walk he murdered the child by stabbing it in the heart with a pocket knife. Then when his wife returned he enticed her into the barn and blew her and himself to pieces with two sticks of dynamite. Hytonen and his wife were natives of Finland.

PRICE OF BIBLES GOES UP.

New Tariff Affects the Price—Are Already Much Higher.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Chicago, Jan. 31.—The price of Bibles will go up on March 14 according to the manager of a large Bible publishing house with branches in Cincinnati, Kansas City and San Francisco.

The cause for the advance is the enforcement of the new tariff on imported leather and papers.

Bibles are now 20 per cent higher than they have ever been before.

Warrant For Arrest Young Halstead.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, Jan. 31.—A warrant for the arrest of Griffin Halstead, of Washington broker, who recently failed, was issued yesterday on complaint of one of his customers who lost money in a stock transaction. Mr. Halstead is the son of the late Murat Halstead, of Cincinnati.

L. R. GLAVIS CONTINUES TESTIMONY

Pinchot and Lawyer Present at All Hearings But Have Taken No Part

GLAVIS ON STAND

Glavis Will Be Questioned Further by Members of Committee When They Have Had an Opportunity to Govern His Testimony—Number of Important Letters and Documents Yet to be Considered—Committee to Decide Today Whether They Will Go on With Land Office Matters or Switch to Forestry Service Which is Also Included.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, Jan. 31.—The Ballinger-Pinchot investigating committee resumes its sessions this afternoon. Although L. R. Glavis has completed his direct testimony it is probable he will be questioned further by members of the committee when they have had an opportunity to go over his evidence. There are also a number of important letters and documents not contained in the Wickersham report to be considered, and those have been asked for by counsel for Glavis. In some instances there will necessarily be an explanation by Glavis.

The committee will decide this afternoon whether it will go on with the general land office investigation or switch to the forestry service, which is also included in the inquiry.

Up to the present time the testimony reached has been almost entirely pertaining to the land office affairs and to coal claims, while the forestry service has only been mentioned in passing. Former Chief Forester Pinchot and his counsel have been present at all of the hearings, but have taken no part in the proceedings. It is now up to the committee to determine whether it will continue the line of investigation begun by the testimony of Glavis, or enter its attention to the bureau formerly presided over by Mr. Pinchot. Some of the documents waited in the case and several witnesses who will be asked to testify are in Seattle and Portland. In order to await the arrival of these an adjournment of the committee will probably be taken today until next Friday.

TWO BURNED TO DEATH.

Old Lady Burned While Trying to Save Her Grandchild.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Jan. 31.—Two persons were burned to death and six others were severely injured, two probably fatally, when the home of John Sweeney at Minooka was destroyed by fire early this morning.

The dead:

Mrs. Patrick Joyce.

Mary Sweeney, Mrs. Joyce's grandchild.

The injured:

Sweeney and wife, Martin Joyce, Peter Joyce, John Joyce, Mamie Joyce.

Mrs. Joyce died as a result of her efforts to save her grandchild, Mary. The child was sleeping in a small room at the rear of the house and the aged woman attempted to make her way there through the flames and smoke and was overcome.

PEABODY BOARD HOLDS MEETING

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, Jan. 31.—With J. Pierpont Morgan, Richard Olney, former secretary of state, Hoke Smith former governor of Georgia and other distinguished persons in attendance, the fifty-fifth meeting of the board of trustees of the Peabody Education Fund will be held here this afternoon. It is expected one session will be sufficient to complete all business now before the board.

The Peabody fund is devoted to the advancement of education in the South. It was founded by George Peabody in 1837. The original gift was \$3,000,000 and has not gone beyond this amount owing to large amounts given to various institutions. The founder provided that the principal might be distributed at the end of 30 years and the question of this distribution is now practically the only one before the board of trustees.