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## THE WORST IS OVER

### Great Danger From Waters in Paris is Passed.

### EXPLANATION OF THE FLOODS

#### Little Fear of Predicted Disaster to the Great City—Conditions Are Improving Everywhere.

Paris, By Cable.—Slowly, very slowly, the swollen waters of the Seine, which reached the high mark at 2 o'clock last Saturday morning, are subsiding and at midnight the fall measured about four and a half inches.

The danger of some great calamity, such as has been predicted now seems over, although the situation continues to be critical at many points within the city.

The effect of the removal of the water pressure has been to weaken foundations generally and this causes the greatest anxiety.

It is generally believed that the breaking of the dam at Gonnevilliers appreciably hastened the climax by releasing an immense amount of water, but the consequences below are appalling. Gonnevilliers and Colombes, having 30,000 inhabitants, are completely submerged, the water reached the tops of the houses in the lower sections while the flood is backing up into the very center of Asnières.

Certainly 40,000 have been driven from their homes by the flood in the valley of the Seine to the hospitals and other buildings which have been placed at the disposition of the refugees.

The local government authorities are displaying great devotion and zeal in the work of salvage and rescue. Nevertheless the conditions, especially in the country districts, are pitiful. The houses of farmers are submerged to their roofs, and in many cases the inhabitants have lost everything including their live stock.

A number of deplorable incidents have been reported. Several shopkeepers, who attempted to charge quadruple prices have been mobbed, while a grocery who was driven to the upper story of his house by an angry crowd fired a revolver, wounding a woman. Rowdies have attempted to pillage many of the houses and at several of the towns they have been driven off by the military.

The explanations of the floods given by French scientists are of especial interest. Etienne Stanislas Mounier, the eminent geologist, considers the phenomenon to be more of a geological than a meteorological nature. After explaining the action and reaction of the water in the strata below the surface, he declares that the soil of the entire basin of the Seine and the other big rivers of France had become imperceptibly filled to the point of complete saturation during the preceding three months of gentle rains with moderate temperatures which retarded evaporation. When the heavy rains came last week the ground was supersaturated and the water ran off as if from a cement floor.

#### Busy Week Anticipated.

Washington, Special.—Committees of both branches of Congress anticipate a busy week. Several important hearings will be held in the House. They include a relation to the postoffice deficit, interstate commerce bills, including the administration bill, which, by the way, will receive attention by the Senate committee as well; charges of extravagance made by Representative Hitchcock of Nebraska, against Secretary Ballinger, as well as the joint hearing in relation to the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy.

#### House to House Canvass.

Washington, Special.—Acting for some unknown person or persons a number of agents began a house to house canvass in this city seeking subscriptions to a monster petition to be presented to President Taft for the pardon of Banker Morse, who has begun to serve a 15-year sentence in the Atlanta penitentiary.

#### Investigating Pellagra.

Washington, Special.—J. D. Long, passed Assistant Surgeon in the public health service, has been directed to proceed to Columbia, S. C., and other places in that vicinity for the purpose of continuing the investigation into the cause, nature and method of transmission of pellagra.

#### Killed in Wreck.

London, By Cable.—As a result of two third-class cars and a Pullman crashing into the station at Strool's Nest, eight were killed and 30 injured last Saturday. The train was running 40 miles an hour when the accident happened.

## FLOODS IN EUROPE.

In Past Centuries.

1161—Thousands drowned in Sicily  
1173—Zuyder Zee enlarged by floods  
1219—Norland, Norway, lake burst, 36,000 perished.  
1228—Friesland, 100,000 drowned by sea.  
1446—Holland, seventy-two villages inundated, 100,000 drowned.  
1483—The "great waters" caused by the overflow of the Severn.  
1521—Holland, 100,000 lives lost.  
1530—Holland, dikes break, 400,000 drown.  
1570—Holland, 20,000 people perish in Friesland.  
1616—Greatest flood ever recorded in Paris.  
1646—Holland, 110,000 perish.  
1802—Great floods in Paris.  
1813—Austria-Hungary and Poland, 10,000 perish.  
1825—Jutland made an island by inundation of sea.  
1840—France, overflow of Saone and Rhone swept away many villages.  
1846—Disastrous inundation in the centre, west and southwest of France.  
1852—Floods in Europe from Belgium to Switzerland.  
1856—South of France, damage \$25,000,000.  
1866—Great floods in France.  
1875—Large part of Toulouse destroyed by the rising of the Garonne, 1,000 lives lost.  
1876—Great floods in France and Holland.  
1910—Second greatest flood in Paris; other inundations in the south of Europe.

### GEN. WM. F. DRAPER DEAD.

#### Former Ambassador to Italy and a War Veteran Passes Away.

Washington, D. C., Special.—Gen. Wm. F. Draper, former ambassador to Italy, died at his home here after a prolonged illness, aged 68 years.

Brig. Gen. Draper was born in Lowell, Mass., April 9, 1842, the son of George and Hannah Thwing Draper. He served in the Union army from 1861 to 1864, holding commissions from second lieutenant to lieutenant colonel, commanding, and also colonel and brigadier general by brevet. He was twice wounded.

In 188 he was a Presidential elector, and he served as a Republican member in the 53rd and 55th Congresses, declining a third nomination. In 1897 he was appointed ambassador to Italy, holding that post until 1900.

He served as commander of the Loyal Legion of Massachusetts, was a member of the Army and Navy Club of Washington, the Algonquin Club of Boston, the Cacia Club of Rome and others. Much of his life he lived in Massachusetts, of late years dividing his time between Washington and Hopedale, Mass.

### "DRY" HEADQUARTERS.

#### Prohibitionists Will Put Out a Presidential Ticket.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—"We have decided to make Atlanta the headquarters for the prohibition movement in the Southern States.

"Every State but Mississippi is in line, and we mean to fight to win."

"We are going to put a ticket in the field in Georgia as well as the other States for the next election. We are going to direct the campaign from Atlanta and in 1912 we are going to bring the National Prohibition convention here."

The above statements were given out following a conference of national and State prohibition leaders. Among those present were: Eugene Chafin, late prohibition presidential candidate, and Chairman R. Jones of Chicago, national chairman.

### Bishop Cyrus D. Foss Dead.

Philadelphia, Special.—Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, retired of the M. E. church, one of the best known clergymen, is dead.

### Minimum Rate is Given.

Washington, Special.—The president has issued a proclamation declaring that inasmuch as Denmark, The Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Belgium, Egypt, Persia and Portugal do not unduly discriminate in their tariff against goods imported from the United States, those countries are entitled to the minimum rate established by the Payne-Aldrich act.

### Acquit Members of Court.

Managua, Nicaragua, By Cable.—The court at Mesaya has acquitted General Medina, Prosecuting Attorney Salomon Selva and other members of the court-martial, of responsibility for the illegal conviction and execution of the Americans, Groce and Cannon.

### Cake Cause of a Killing.

Florence, S. C., Special.—In a quarrel over the price of a cake sold at auction at a school festival, near here Lofton Poston was fatally stabbed by Moses Bazzano and died five minutes later.

## WANT WAGE INCREASE.

### Also Ask For an Eight-Hour Work Day.

Indianapolis, Ind., Special.—Ten cents per ton increase on all mined coal is demanded for the bituminous coal miners in the report of the scale committee of the United Mine Workers of America submitted in its convention last Monday.

New wage contracts are to be made in the following districts: Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Western Pennsylvania, Central Pennsylvania, Iowa, Kansas, Arkansas, Missouri, Indian Territory, Texas, West Virginia, Tennessee, Colorado, Washington, Wyoming, Montana and British Columbia.

The total demands are: Coal to be weighed before screened and paid for on that basis. An absolute eight hour work day. Time and a half for overtime, holidays and Sundays. A two-year contract to go into effect, April 1, 1910.

### TREATY IS WORTHLESS.

#### Foreign Powers Not in Sympathy With White Slave Law.

Washington, Special.—The treaty ratified by the Senate March 1, 1905, providing for universal action of the powers toward the repression of the "white slave" traffic has been declared by Daniel J. Keefe, commissioner general of immigration, to be "practically worthless."

The failure of this convention to accomplish the good expected was explained in a report of the commissioner general, which was transmitted to the Senate by President Taft in response to a Senate resolution.

In summarizing an exhaustive report, Mr. Keefe says:

"Practically no co-operation at present can be expected of the signatories as regards the enforcement of our immigration laws, with which some of the powers are found to be out of sympathy. The prosecution of innocent women and girls for purposes of debauchery has seldom, if ever, come to the attention of the bureau, and if it is the purpose of the treaty to prevent such procurations, the treaty's usefulness ends there."

"Even with the passage of new legislation with stringent provisions, this bureau, which has been designated by the government in the repression of this traffic, will not be in position to properly enforce the same without specific financial provision being made which will permit of an unremitting warfare against the evil throughout the country as a whole and not in isolated portions alone, this welfare being restricted, of course to aliens."

### COTTON PRODUCTS.

#### Meeting to Form New Organization Will be Held in Atlanta.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—A meeting to organize the National Cotton Products Association has been called for Atlanta for February 10. The call says the purpose of the new association will be:

"To concentrate the heretofore scattered efforts of helping the government to improve agriculture by means of State press, colleges, railroads, experiment stations, industries and individuals, into one great cooperative movement through which alone we can hope to achieve the highest results and secure enduring prosperity."

### Royalty Aids Sufferers.

London, By Cable.—The King has sent 1,650 pounds and the Queen 1,000 pounds to the Mansion House Fund, for the relief of the sufferers by the flood in France. The Prince of Wales had subscribed 500 pounds to the cause. The Red Cross Society of this country has made an appeal for help; also President Taft cabled his offer of services in behalf of the United States.

Donations sent from the United States: Standard Oil Co., \$20,000; Speyer & Co., \$10,000 and Frank J. Gould, \$5,000.

### Bear Killed Two Cows.

Suffolk, Special.—A resident of Gates county, N. C., says that Isaac Powell and William Hare shot a bear beside the carcasses of two cows which it had slain and partially eaten. The bear had dug a deep hole in the earth in order to secure water while its feast lasted. This was the fifteenth bear these hunters have bagged during the season.

### Tired of Rules Committee.

Washington, Special.—A resolution abolishing the present Committee on Rules of the House, and providing for the creation of a new one to be composed of fifteen members, elected by the House, has been introduced by Representative Champ Clark, of Missouri, the minority leader.

The resolution provides that the committee shall be directed to revise, amend, simplify and codify the rules of procedure of the House and report their conclusions at the earliest day practicable.

## MEAT BOYCOTT IS FELT.

### Wholesale Meat Sale Off 20 Per Cent At Atlanta—Farmers Holding Meetings.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—"The sale of trust handled meat by the wholesale has fallen off fully 20 per cent since the Atlanta boycott was put into effect the first of the past week," said T. R. Sawtell, the well-known Atlanta wholesale and retail meat dealer Saturday night while discussing the present meat situation.

Beginning Tuesday of this week, 40 labor organizations of Richmond, Va., began a 60-day fight against the trust by agreeing to eat no meat, going it on vegetarian diet.

Other towns and sites in the South as well as the north and middle west are joining the ranks of "We Do Not Eat Meat."

Reports from New York say the entire city is placarded with eat no meat signs, and butchers are joining the crusade.

Meat prices were down in local retail markets.

#### Boycott Hits Dealers, Say the Master Butchers.

New York, Special.—The United Master Butchers of America, in a statement given out here, decried the meat boycott as "misdirected energy which is defeating its own end."

The statement urges the removal of tariff on all live stock. It says in part:

"It is not the packer who received the most severe blow from the boycott, but the retail butcher, the man who must earn his living and support his family through the sale of meat. Why not go to the root of the evil; why not seek the cause of the disease?"

"High meat prices are due mostly to the great scarcity of live cattle. The national government exacts a tariff on live stock, shutting out outside sources of supply. Therefore we demand, in the name of the great American consuming public, that the federal government take immediate steps to have the duty on all live stock removed."

#### Farmers Withhold Produce From Sale.

Nevada, Mo., Special.—Three hundred farmers at a meeting here adopted a resolution agreeing not to sell any cattle, hogs, poultry, eggs or butter for 60 days beginning February 1. Their action is a protest against the statements of the large packing house interests that the farmer and stockman is responsible for the high price of foodstuffs.

A letter will be sent to all the farmers' associations in the United States requesting them to withhold their products from the market.

#### Retail Prices of Meat Show Decline in Boston.

Boston, Special.—The agitation against the high cost of food has begun to show results in Boston, a general decline in the prices of meat being shown in the markets. Retail prices fell from 2 to 4 cents a pound on the higher grades of meat.

#### Prices Continue to Drop; Retailers Out Figures.

New York, Special.—The effects of the anti-meat campaign are still strongly reflected in local markets. Retailers are cutting prices on all kinds of provisions.

#### Sales Off in Baltimore; Meat Declines 25 Cents.

Baltimore, Special.—For the first time since the meat boycott started here the beef market showed a weak tendency, declining about 25 cents a hundred pounds. Pork sold for \$2 less than at this time last week. Many large dealers report that sales have fallen off 25 per cent.

#### Meat, Butter and Eggs Have Reduced in Rochester.

Rochester, N. Y., Special.—Wholesale meat dealers here have reduced prices 20 per cent. Butter has been reduced 1 to 2 cents per pound and eggs have dropped in price.

#### Will Turn Light on High Cost of Food.

Washington, Special.—Unless plans fail a congressional investigation of the causes for the increased cost of living will be made, despite the opposition.

#### No Boycott in Lynchburg.

Lynchburg, Special.—Although the widespread agitation against high prices of foodstuffs is apparently effective elsewhere, local dealers and brokers report no change in quotations to them. There has been no effort here to boycott meats, and the sales are up to the usual.

#### Meat Boycott Indorsed.

Norfolk, Special.—At a meeting held last Friday the civic department of the Woman's Club of Norfolk indorsed the present boycott on meats, and pledged its moral support in increasing the number of those who sign pledges to abstain from it for sixty days.

#### Jackson Smith Dead.

Knoxville, Tenn., Special.—Jackson Smith, a native of South Carolina, but of recent years a citizen of this city, died at Portland, last week.

Medford, Ore., Special.—Agitation for the creation of a proposed new state to be called Siskiyou, out of northern California and northern Oregon, has reached a stage that a convention has been called to be held at Eureka, Cal., March 15th.

Portland, Me., Special.—The railroad men of this city, who were on strike last week, are now back to work.

## DAMAGING EVIDENCE.

### Declares Secretary Asked Him to Withhold Action After Election.

Washington, Special.—The joint Senate and House committee met last Thursday and began the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation. L. R. Glavis, former chief of the field division of the general land office, was the first witness. He alleged that Ballinger overturned Roosevelt's conservation policies and favored the "interests," rather than the public and had an indirect part in the Alaska coal frauds, etc. Pinchot is charged with running the forest service to personal ends, vilifying the Interior Department, etc. The investigation is expected to be the biggest overhaul of the government since ventilation of the postoffice scandal seven years ago. The session will be held on Friday and Saturday.

The proceedings in the Ballinger-Pinchot inquiry took on a livelier aspect when Louis R. Glavis, continuing his testimony against Secretary Ballinger, told of various interviews he had had with the Secretary of the Interior at various times while he was in and out of the government service.

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

Glavis said that Mr. Ballinger asked him to hold up on the Alaska cases until after election. He agreed to do this because he had his hands full with another case.

### NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.

#### Ernest F. Cochran Lands the District Attorneyship.

Washington, D. C., Special.—Ernest F. Cochran has been confirmed by the Senate to be district attorney for South Carolina.

#### Postmasters Re-appointed for South Carolina are:

Rion at Winstonsboro; Eliza Appelt at Manning; Luther McLaurin at McColl; Robinson P. Searson at Allendale; Thomas E. Hubbard at Dillon; Isham A. Mayfield at Greer.

#### Other nominations to be United States marshals: Clarence G. Smithers, eastern district, Virginia; John F. Poor, southern district, Florida; Asbury B. Patrick, eastern district, Kentucky; Frederick W. Collins, southern district, Mississippi.

#### To be United States attorneys: Lunsford L. Lewis, eastern district, Virginia; Ernest F. Cochran, South Carolina; John M. Cheney, southern district, Florida.

### TO RECOVER BODIES.

#### Congress Appropriates \$100,000 For Widows and Orphans Cherry Mine.

Chicago, Special.—Following the appropriation of \$100,000 by the House for the widows and orphans of the Cherry mine disaster it has been announced that the sealed mine would be opened to recover 210 dead bodies buried since they fell. It is not believed that any of the bodies can be identified.

### Next October is the Time.

Washington, Special.—The appeals of the officials of the American Federation of Labor to the supreme court of the United States growing out of the suit of the Buck's Stove and Range company against them in the District of Columbia, has been ordered consolidated by the court and set for hearing on the first Tuesday in the term beginning next October.

### Ten Years For Selling Cocaine.

Jackson, Miss., Special.—If the bill before the Mississippi legislature passes the firm selling cocaine will get ten years in the penitentiary.

### Kept His Word; Suicided.

Monroe, La., Special.—Albert Skinner, a saloon keeper, took a double oath on the first day of the present year. He made a pledge that he would abstain from drinking, but promised that if he ever did get drunk he would blow out his brains. He broke his pledge when he went on a spree, but he kept his promise by committing suicide by shooting himself in the head with a pistol.

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## INSURANCE FRAUDS

### Agents Arrested in Louisville, Ky., for Swindling.

### LARGE NUMBER ARE INVOLVED

#### Physicians Said to Have Filled Out Certificates Without Seeing Persons Named in Them.

Louisville, Ky., Special.—John J. Keane, P. J. Needham and T. T. O'Leary, agents for a number of insurance companies in Indiana, Tennessee, Kentucky, and other States have been arrested on warrants charging them with conspiracy to defraud. The warrants were sworn out by S. C. Renecke, secretary and treasurer of the Indiana National Life Insurance company.

While the amount involved is not stated, it is said to reach \$200,000 in policies alleged to have been written on the lives of persons virtually certain to die within a few months.

The fraud consisted in the impersonation of sick and incurable persons by healthy ones employed for the purpose.

It is said that the affair involves in one way or another more than 56 persons and relates to fraudulently obtaining life insurance policies to the value of \$100,000.

It is also said that many persons are involved in the affair. One physician has, it is said, admitted that he acted as a participant in a conspiracy by filling out medical certificates asserting that men and women he had never seen were in good health and constituted good insurance risks. In many cases, however, it is believed the physicians were imposed upon.

The case was taken up upon the life insurance companies of Indiana and Tennessee who are said to be large losers by reason of "graveyard" swindlers. These companies which it is alleged have already paid \$10,000 on policy issued in the Rider case are excluded from business in this State, yet it is said, have been doing business in Indiana. The scheme is to a certain extent an old one. Merely choosing a man of athletic build for examination and substituting the medical report for that of a person of short life expectancy.

Rider it is learned, carried policies of his life aggregating \$16,000, but none of his relatives is named as beneficiary. Mrs. Mary Quill, a sister and Lewis Rider, a brother, made affidavits several days ago that they believed their brother came to his death by poisoning and that he was a victim of foul play. The family communicated with a life insurance company in Tennessee and the matter was taken up in Louisville, by a representative of that company and three Indiana companies. Upon these representations Acting Coroner Daseher ordered the body exhumed. After discovering the lesion in the lung, the stomach was removed and turned over to chemists for analysis.

When Keane, Needham and O'Leary were arraigned in police court their bail was reduced to \$5,000 each on motion of their attorneys. The case was then postponed until February 3.

#### Board of Trade Adjourns.

Washington, Special.—The national board of trade has ended its fortieth annual convention here. Resolutions were adopted endorsing radical amendments in the Sherman anti-trust law, opposing Federal inspection of grain, favoring eliminating the educational test from the immigration law and favoring an international court of arbitration.

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