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PARIS FLOOD SUBSIDING

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 Stafilas 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 continued in the House. They include that in 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-Pineho 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 Stroal'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.
- 1900—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 54th 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.

Oake 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 Bazen and died five minutes later.

FARMERS JOINING BOYCOTT

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.

New York, Special.—The United Master Butchers of America, in a statement given out here, deny 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 Cut 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, and of recent years a citizen of this city, died at Portland, Oregon, last week. He was a well known railroad man. He was formerly a member of the Panama canal commission.

TAR HEEL CHRONICLES

News Notes Gathered From All Parts of the Old North State.

Handled Much Cattle.

Asheville, Special.—Since August 1st, 1909, the Southern railway has handled 350 cars of cattle from western North Carolina, a total of about 75 more than during 1908. Most of these cattle came from points along the Murphy division of the Southern, which is the greatest cattle raising section of North Carolina. Allowing 30 cattle to the car, it means a total of 11,400 cattle were shipped out. Estimating that they averaged \$35 per head—a very low estimate—it shows that these cattle brought \$399,000. Many of these cattle were shipped to southwest Virginia, where they will be "finished off" and sold in the spring months at fancy prices. This does not include the cattle that are driven to Asheville and sold to local dealers, which would probably amount to more than \$200,000; making a grand total yearly of over \$600,000. Advertisements from the cattle countries is to the effect that more attention is being paid to cattle raising now, and that many farmers are carrying over large number for fall beef. Fancy cattle on hoof are bringing 6 cents per pound on the local market—a new high record.

To Prevent N. C. Bond Suit.

Washington, Special.—Contemplating the modification of the Eleventh amendment of the Constitution so as to prohibit one State from instituting suit against another except in the matter of boundary disputes, Senator Overman, of North Carolina, has introduced a resolution to amend the Constitution. Mr. Overman's resolution is aimed at individual holders of outlawed bonds of his State who have endeavored to make collection on them by transferring them to other States.

No Meat For 30 Days.

Asheville, Special.—Petitions are being freely signed by labor union men and others pledging themselves to abstain from eating meats for 30 days unless prices are materially reduced. Petitions are also being circulated asking the board of aldermen to remove the three-quarter of a mile limit against the sale of meats and vegetables in the city except in the city market, declaring that the law enables dealers to maintain a trust. They also ask for a reduction of the special taxes on dealers outside of the three-quarter mile limit and on farmers and peddlers.

Dodged Pasteur Treatment.

Durham, Special.—Bernice Mangum, descendant of a celebrated United States Senator, died here of hydrophobia. Young Mangum, with four other boys, was bitten two months ago by a dog. All of them took the Pasteur treatment, Mangum after one injection, running away. The other boys recovered. Mangum died on his eleventh birthday.

Dynamite Explodes in County Court House.

Asheville, Special.—By the accidental discharge of a stick of dynamite in the county court house at Bryson City, Omar Conley was instantly killed, Barret Banks lost both eyes and was otherwise seriously injured, and Lee Francis, registrar of deeds of Swain county, was fatally injured. Conley and Banks were thawing dynamite on the radiator of the registrar's office in preparation for a fishing trip.

For Reunion of the Blue and Gray.

Raleigh, Special.—State Auditor Dixon was at Southern Pines last week arranging for a great reunion there late in April of the National Association of the Blue and the Gray, of which he is the commander.

To Ask An Appropriation.

Raleigh, Special.—Over 100 delegates were in attendance upon the Good Roads Conference. Much interest was manifested. A resolution was adopted calling on the next legislature to provide an ample appropriation for aiding counties in constructing good roads in this State.

Exchange of Courts.

Raleigh, Special.—Governor Kitchin authorizes exchange of courts; Judge J. L. Webb to hold Rutherford court February 7, McDowell February 21, Henderson court March 7, and Judge Council to hold Catawba court February 7, Alexander February 21, Caldwell February 28.

Stack Appointed Solicitor.

Raleigh, Special.—A. M. Stack, of Monroe, succeeds L. D. Robinson, of Wadesboro, as solicitor for the Eighth Judicial District. The commission was issued by Governor Kitchin.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

The American Playgoers honored the memory of Clyde Fitch.

Three midshipmen were dismissed from the Naval Academy on charges of intoxication.

White ducks shipped from China to a Long Island fancier turned black during the voyage.

Government troops defeated a party of revolutionists in a small skirmish at La Libertad.

Charles K. Hamilton made two sensational flights in a Curtis aeroplane at San Diego, Cal.

President Madrid ordered the arrest of several leaders in Managua, who opposed his regime.

President Taft sought to compel the Senate to redeem some of the Chicago platform pledges.

Germany is sending commissions of experts to all parts of the world in an effort to develop trade.

The new comet discovered by Professor Innes in Johannesburg was visible in New York for a few minutes.

Albert T. Patrick, in a new move to win freedom from Sing Sing, accused judges and officials of conspiracy and bribery.

Washington, D. C., officials are accused by a Berlin newspaper of employing poker tactics in connection with the German tariff agreement.

Floods, reported throughout France, were especially severe in Paris, where they threatened the subway and the foundations of the Eiffel Tower.

Members of the Pittsburg Presbytery stopped the prosecution of William C. Lilley, the former treasurer, who admits a \$20,000 shortage in his accounts.

New York District Attorney Whitman announced that the Grand Jury investigating high food prices will inquire what interests control the cold-storage warehouses.

Want Tax Repealed.

Atlanta, Ga., Special.—Declaring the tax 10 cents per pound on oleomargarine to be largely responsible for the increased cost of living, the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce health committee have adopted a resolution memorializing Congress to repeal the tax. The resolution sets forth that the tax is "class legislation, which deprives the Federal Government of \$2,000,000 revenue, while it shuts out of the market a wholesome product."

First Volunteer Dead.

Worcester, Mass., Special.—Simon Chandler, said to have been the first man to enlist in a regularly organized military company in response to Lincoln's call for volunteers in the civil war, is dead at his home in this city.

Greenville Chosen.

Greenville, Special.—Greenville has been selected as the meeting place for three divisions of classes of Masonry, and the gatherings will be on February 8 and 9.

Briefly Told.

At Waynesville Thad Browning shot and killed Allen Green, a constable.

To fill the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. W. A. Syme, Prof. Luther B. Lockhart, of Orange county, has been appointed State Oil Chemist of the Department of Agriculture.

This year will see enacted at Raleigh a municipal building and auditorium costing \$125,000.

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