

FRENCH FLOODS BECOME SERIOUS

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PARIS IS NOW IN DANGER

Electric Lights are Out and In Some Sections of the City the People Have Abandoned Their Homes.

PARIS, Jan. 24.—Rain intermingled with snow began falling again and the floods last night exceeded all records and are fast assuming the proportions of a national disaster.

The rise in the waters continued during all of Monday. At Paris, the Seine, had reached 7.40 at noon Monday. The normal height of the river at this season is 2.48.

A dispatch from Chalons Sur Marne says a huge volume of water is sweeping downstream toward Paris.

"The Weather Bureau," he said, "forecasts a further rise of 30 centimeters tonight. I do not know what to do in the face of this situation."

A serious accident occurred last night. One of the water mains serving five of the most populous arrondissements burst and these districts are without water.

One of the great engines which pump the sewerage in the eastern section of Paris broke down on account of the flood, and as a result the sewers threaten to overflow the streets.

There is a big hole outside of the Foreign office, and the main gas pipe in the adjoining street has broken, giving rise to considerable apprehension.

The situation in the outskirts of Paris is even worse than within the city proper. At Alfortville the dam burst, overwhelming 200 houses, the people being forced to fly, leaving their belongings behind.

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THE FIGHTING HAS COMMENCED

Nicaraguans are Clashing Now in a Battle Line Which Extends for Fifteen Miles in Length.

IT STARTED ON SUNDAY

American and British Gunners are Taking Part, on Both Sides of the Battle of the Revolution.

BLUEFIELDS, Jan. 24.—Wireless from Colon, Jan. 24.—The fighting here from the start this morning asserting the delayed battle between Estrada and Madriz at Acayapa has begun. The fight was taken up all along the line early today.

The American gunners under Gabriel Conrad of Louisiana are posted midway of Acayapa and Lar Libertade. It is here the most desperate fighting will occur.

In a flank movement yesterday 1,000 Madriz troops attempted to work around behind the Estrada line in an effort to break connections with the base of supplies at Rama.

One of the few casualties reported was the sweeping away of a man who was trying to drag out some floating logs from the river.

GERMANY WANTS TO BE FAVORED

Conference Held Between Officials and Business Men Regarding the Tariff With America.

BUSINESS MEN UNEASY

Commercial World of Germany Desires That Everything Be Done to Protect Its Interests.

BERLIN, Jan. 24.—In the hope of avoiding a tariff war between the United States and Germany when the present agreement expires February 7, an important conference took place today, in the office of the minister of the interior, with government officials, leading merchants and manufacturers attending.

A general air of uneasiness pervades German business circles over the prospects of a tariff war. Merchants and manufacturers are imploring the government to go as far as is consistent to gain admission to President Taft's list of favored nations, thereby winning the minimum tariff rate.

Farmer Wins \$550 Damage Suit. MEXICO, Mo., Jan. 24.—Frank Jennings, who sued Bell J. Appleman for \$15,000 damages on a charge of assault, was awarded \$550 in a verdict returned by a jury.

Dog Fight Led to Murder. SIOUX CITY, Jan. 24.—A dog fight led to murder here today. Jack Sears, a teamster forced Thomas Mohan's dog into a fight.

Switchman Crushed by Cars. PRINCETON, Ind., Jan. 24.—Charles W. Brown, a switchman in the Big Four yards at Mount Carmel, while making a coupling, was caught between two cars and seriously injured.

BANKER'S SON INHALED GAS

Found Dying in Hotel Room and Passed Away After Being Removed to The Hospital.

RUBBER TUBE IN MOUTH

P. R. Wallace, Said to be Son of President of Southern Bank, Took His Life in St. Louis Hostelery.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 24.—When Eugene Stanton, clerk at the St. Louis hotel, fourth and Locust streets, detected gas escaping from a room on the third floor at 7:20 yesterday morning, he broke in the door and found P. R. Wallace, who had registered for Little Rock, Ark., in bed, covered with the quilts and with a rubber tube leading from an open gas jet to his mouth.

Wallace registered at the hotel at 5 o'clock Saturday evening and appeared to be in the best of spirits. He retired early and was not seen again until Stanton entered his room.

He had sixty-five cents in his pockets and a pass-book on the German National bank, of Little Rock. On a flyleaf in the book was written: "In case of accident notify my father, W. P. Wallace, Rutledge, Ga."

The police were informed the elder Wallace is president of a bank in the Georgia town. He was notified. The Wagoner Undertaking company, 3621 Olive street, was notified yesterday to take charge of the body, by officers of a Masonic lodge at Rutledge, to which Wallace belonged. The body will be shipped to Rutledge for burial this evening.

A dispatch from Little Rock states that Wallace's name does not appear in the city directory.

ALL THE CREW WERE RESCUED

Schooner Struck on the Reef and Was Wrecked, But the Men Were All Saved.

EDGARTOWN, Mass., Jan. 24.—The six-masted schooner Murtle B. Crowlie lies a wreck on the reefs off Martha's Vineyard Island. The Crowlie was bound from Baltimore for Boston with coal.

To the bravery of the skipper, Levi Jackson, of the Edgartown fishing smack Priscilla, is due the rescue of the fifteen persons aboard the Crowlie—Capt. Haskell, Mrs. Haskell and the crew of thirteen. The skipper's wife, like the others, was lashed for ten hours to the rigging of the battered schooner.

The schooner went on the rocks at 5:30 Sunday morning, the man at the wheel making out Edgartown Light as that on Block Island. At 10 a. m. the Crowlie broke in two beneath the crew. Efforts were made to get out to the Crowlie in the forenoon, but they were unsuccessful because of the great sea.

THE WEATHER FOR THIS WEEK

Bureau Makes a Forecast of a Cold Spell to Arrive Here Tuesday or Wednesday.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Cold weather will not visit the eastern half of the United States during the next three days, according to the Weather Bureau. It was prophesied last night that the disturbance now approaching the Pacific coast will advance to the Rockies by Tuesday morning; Tuesday and Wednesday will make its way across the plains and central valley states, and reach the Atlantic seaboard about Thursday.

It will be preceded by rising temperature and rain in the southern and snow or rain in the northern states. Colder weather will reach the plains and central states about Wednesday, and the Atlantic states Thursday or Friday.

ROBBERS TRIED HAZING TRICK

Railroad Man Tied to the Track and Left There Helpless While Train Was Approaching Him.

HE HAD GREAT LUNGS

Yelled so Loud That He Was Heard by an Old Negro Who Saved Him Just in Time.

VICKSBURG, Miss., Jan. 24.—Tied to a railroad track by robbers with his own ropes, lying there for some time before a train was due, at last seeing the engine headlight getting closer and closer, George Burdette, tugged at his fastenings and yelled at the top of his voice until an aged negro rescued him a moment before the train swept past.

Burdette is a car tacker on the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley railroad. While attending to his duties here early today he was held up by two white men who threatened to kill him because he refused to tell the combination of the depot safe. They then overpowered him and tied him to the track. Burdette is suffering a nervous breakdown as the result of his experience.

One arrest was made today, but the man was released when Burdette said he was not one of the robbers.

Girl is Burned to Death. TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 24.—Virginia Neff, six, was burned to death when her kimonos caught fire. Her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. William Neff, were badly burned in trying to save her life.

Big Loan Still Pending. PARIS, Jan. 24.—It is stated by a high authority here that no settlement has yet been reached regarding the Hankow-Szechuen railroad loan of \$30,000,000.

STENSLAND HAS LEFT THE PRISON

Going to Chicago and Intends to Get a Job as a Farm Hand After he Catches His Breath.

HERING TO A FACTORY

Stensland Will be Guarded While in Chicago for Fear That Some One Will Try and Kill Him.

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—The united Polish societies of Illinois have lost in their efforts to keep Paul O. Stensland, former president and Henry W. Hering, former cashier, of the wrecked Milwaukee Avenue state bank, the failure of which caused four persons to end their lives, in prison.

They left the Joliet penitentiary today. Both men will come to Chicago. After two days with his relatives Stensland will leave for Wheaton, Ill., where he will work on a farm. Hering will work in a factory.

Stensland has been asked to be guarded while in Chicago, fearing an effort to kill him will be made by some of the men who were ruined by the failure of his bank. Feeling is strong over the release of the two bank wreckers.

TOM TAGGART WILL NOT LOSE AN EYE

Physician Believes that the Accident Will Not Cause Him to go Blind.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 24.—Thomas Taggart, democratic national committeeman who was accidentally shot while hunting Friday will not lose the sight of his right eye, according to his physician's statement, following an X-ray examination. The shot lodged within a thirty-second part of an inch of the vital part of the eye but it is believed it can be removed successfully.

WOMAN FOUND IN BATH TUB

Mrs. Samuel Allender is Supposed to Have Had Fainting Spell Which Resulted in the Drowning.

ALONE IN THE HOUSE

Body Was Found Dead in the Tub by Daughter-in-Law When She Came Home to Dinner.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 24.—Mrs. Samuel Allender, Sr., wife of the chief special agent of the Frisco system, was accidentally drowned in her bath tub after what is believed to have been a fainting spell, yesterday morning at her home, 5057 Morgan street, between 10 o'clock and noon. She was about 50 years of age, and was preparing a Sunday meal, to which her only child, Samuel Allender, Jr., and his wife, had been invited. She was alone in the house, her husband having gone to his office in the Frisco building earlier in the day.

Her body was discovered in the bath tub by her daughter-in-law when she and her husband reached the house for the expected dinner. The daughter-in-law ran to the home of J. T. Orr of 5063 Morgan street, a neighbor and friend of the family. When Orr and Mrs. Allender returned, Mr. Allender, Jr., was attempting to carry the body to a bedroom.

Mr. Allender, Sr., was telephoned for and the shock proved so great he was confined to his room all day. In his hurry to alight from the taxicab taking him home, he sprained his arm, which he had broken a month before as the result of slipping on the ice.

When Mr. and Mrs. Allender, Jr., arrived, they found no one in the house. Both thought it strange, especially as part of the dinner was already on the stove. Both immediately started a search of the house.

Between 10 and 10:30 Mrs. Allender, Sr., telephoned Dr. Robert M. Funkhouser, the family physician, and asked his advice, saying she was suffering a slight attack of rheumatism. At that time she was in a pleasant frame of mind, according to Dr. Funkhouser, former city coroner. Dr. Funkhouser said he thought Mrs. Allender had either fainted or suffered a stroke of apoplexy while bathing, as there were no marks to indicate a fall.

She was a native of Fredericksburg, Va., and married Mr. Allender about twenty-eight years ago in Baltimore, Md. Her husband for several years was a city detective, side partner of Chief of Detectives James H. Smith, until 1899, when he left the force to become a railroad special agent. Chief Smith was among the first to call at the house to offer condolence and assistance. The funeral arrangements had not been made last night.

THE MAN THAT KEOKUK WANTS

Agrees to Clean a Town of Unlicensed Dogs in Thirty Days Without Any Charge.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 24.—Harry Hart, an officer of the Spokane Humane society, who caught 2,920 stray dogs in 1909, or 4,800 since beginning the work here, four years ago, and a total of more than 15,000 in various parts of the United States and Canada since 1903, is striving for a world's record. His greatest ambition is to become the acknowledged champion dog catcher and with that end in view he will undertake to clear any town of less than 50,000 of unlicensed dogs within thirty days, free of charge to the municipality. Hart is a native of England, where he learned the art of catching dogs, and has worked in the province of Nova Scotia and practically every state in the union. He has had numerous narrow escapes, the most exciting, he says, being at Kallispel, Mont., where the owners of dogs placed in pound threatened to lynch him and his partner if they did not leave the town within twenty-four hours. Hart expects to return next spring and will also visit other towns between Spokane and the head of the great lakes.

Scandal Expected at Prison. AUSTIN, Tex., Jan. 24.—The auditors of the Legislative Committee who are investigating the books of the State Penitentiary will make their report February 10. It is stated by Senator Claude Hudspeth, one of the members of the committee, that the report will show a shortage and will be of a startling nature.

TRA IN ROBBERS MAY BE CAPTURED

One Man Arrested Who Has Been Identified by Both the Fireman and Engineer of the Train.

HE HAD TRIED TO ESCAPE

Suspect Was in Restaurant When Officers Approached and Attempted to Give Them the Slip.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 24.—According to advices from Jefferson City, one and possibly two of the train robbers who held up and robbed a Missouri Pacific train Friday night, are under arrest here.

Fireman Slocum and Engineer Loose identified one of the men held and said they thought the other was another bandit who did not enter the engine cab. Both said one of the men under arrest was one of the two who entered the train at Eureka and later climbed over the tank of the engine, compelling them to run the engine ahead and finally to cut off the baggage and mail cars. Fireman Slocum, while on his regular run, saw two men on a freight train. He was positive that one was the man who entered the cab and threatened to shoot him. He went on to Jefferson City and notified the police.

Slocum remained there and had the police search for the men when the freight arrived. The two men were seen in a railroad restaurant and tried to escape when officers appeared.

Bryan at Lima, Peru. LIMA, Peru, Jan. 24.—William Jennings Bryan has been made the special guest of the municipality, and has been invited to attend a special reception in his honor on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Bryan, who has been slightly ill, has recovered.

LIBEL CASE IS BEING HEARD

Panama Canal Charge Being Investigated in New York Court, the Case Starting Today.

AGAINST A NEWSPAPER

Claim is Made That Ex-President Roosevelt, Two Tafts and Others Were Libeled by Paper.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The trial for libel of the Press Publishing Co., publishers of the New York World for the publication and circulation of newspaper articles which it is alleged reflected on the manner in which the Panama canal was acquired by the government, began today, before Federal Judge Hough.

It is claimed that President Roosevelt, Douglas Robinson, his brother-in-law, Howard Taft, Charles P. Taft, and William Nelson Cromwell were libeled.

Delany Nicoll appeared for the World and Attorney Wise and Stewart McNamara of the department of justice, represented the government.

Five Assassins. TOKIO, Jan. 24.—According to positive information received by the police today, five assassins, bent upon the murder of Prince Yamachata, and others have entered Korea. A big squad of special detectives has been detailed to run down the assassins.

Centralia Dentist Dies. CENTRALIA, Ill., Jan. 24.—Dr. A. H. Rainey, aged 55, died here of heart failure. He had been president of the Provident Association for many years and was well known throughout Southern Illinois. He had been engaged in dentistry here for twenty years.

Not in Chicago. Putting good money into a wife is often worse than into a gold mine; it is so much harder to saddle her off onto some one else.—Life.

EZRA KENDALL DIED SUNDAY

Well Known Humorist Stricken With Hemorrhage of the Brain While Eating His Breakfast.

RETIRE FROM THE STAGE

Was Taken Sick Last Month and Was Taking Treatment at a Sanitarium in Indiana.

MARTINSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 24.—Ezra Kendall, widely known as a humorist, actor and lecturer, died at 8:45 o'clock Sunday morning, at the Martinsville sanitarium, of hemorrhage of the brain. Kendall's fatal illness dates from December 10 last year, when he was stricken while playing in The Vinegar Buyer at Low Angeles.

Mr. Kendall, who for more than thirty-five years had been before the public, who attained note principally through his humorous sketches, had only recently purchased a 400-acre farm near Cleveland, Ohio, and at the time of his fatal illness was preparing to erect a summer home there.

Mr. Kendall was taken ill with inflammation of the liver in the west, and grew worse so rapidly that he was obliged to cancel his theatrical engagements.

With his wife, and under the care of two trained nurses, Mr. Kendall hastened to his mother's home in Cleveland. Mr. Kendall left Cleveland shortly afterward, and in the company of one of his younger sons, Ferris, and a trained nurse, came to Martinsville, arriving here at midnight.

Mrs. Kendall, worn out by the long trip overland, remained in Cleveland. Mr. Kendall rallied quickly at the mineral baths. He rested easily Saturday night and in the morning appeared much improved. While being given food, he asked for his son. A moment later he was stricken.

The body was shipped to Cleveland for burial. Mr. Kendall's mother resides in Cleveland, and while Mr. and Mrs. Kendall were filling theatrical engagements she cared for their children, two daughters and four sons. Prior to going to Cleveland, the Kendalls resided in Mount Vernon, N. Y.

EARTHQUAKE FELT ON THE ISLANDS

St. Vincent and Martinique Both Report Tremors of Earth on Sunday Afternoon.

KINGSTOWN, ST. VINCENT, British West Indies, Jan. 24.—Two sharp earthquake shocks were felt throughout the island at 2:50 o'clock Sunday afternoon. In Kingstown the protracted shocks caused a panic, but no damage was done.

Felt in Martinique. FORT DE FRANCE, MARTINIQUE, Jan. 24.—Earth shocks were felt here Sunday afternoon, a few minutes before 3 o'clock. The movement was undulatory and lasted half a minute. So far as known, there was no damage.

THE WEATHER.

For Keokuk and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; rising temperature.

For Iowa and Missouri: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; rising temperature.

For Illinois: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday; rising temperature.

Weather Conditions. There has been light snow in the north and rain in the south, east of the Mississippi, Saturday's storm moving out into the Atlantic, and a large field of high pressure following covers the central valleys, with colder weather in the upper Mississippi valley.

A marked depression is moving from the British northwest into Montana, the temperature is rising from the Pacific coast to the Rockies, and there have been rains on the Pacific slope.

These conditions indicate warmer, partly cloudy weather for this section tonight and Tuesday. Local Observations. KEOKUK, Iowa, Jan. 24.—Bar. Ther. Wind. Weather. 23.7 p. m. 30.04 29 N Clear. 24.7 a. m. 30.20 16 N Clear. River: Frozen. Jan. 23.—Mean temperature, 32 degrees; maximum, 37; minimum, 27. FRED Z. GOSEWITSCH, Observer.