

PARIS FLOOD IS ALARMING

Famous Notre Dame Church Basement is Flooded and the Structure is in Danger of Being Undermined.

PEOPLE ARE STILL GAY

Despite the Almost Tragical Aspect, the Citizens are Making a Regular Holiday Out of the Affair.

PARIS, Jan. 25.—The rain today is alternating with violent snow storms. The Seine continues to rise at half an inch an hour. The chief endeavor of the authorities now is to keep the turbulent swollen Seine from being obstructed, in which event probably the entire city would be flooded.

Hundreds of policemen and soldiers, armed with pikes are stationed on the bridges, keeping the wreckage from lodging against the bridge piers and floors.

The basement of the home of Ambassador Bacon, formerly occupied by Ambassador White was flooded today. If the rise continues many hours it will be necessary for the ambassador to vacate his home. Water has invaded the lower Champs de Elysee, where many of the finest homes in Paris, including that of President Fallieres are situated. Already the residents in this section are removing their furniture in anticipation of a continued rise.

Several hundred refugees were in danger today by a fire that destroyed the chemical works at Ivry, a suburb of Paris. They were refuged on a point of land and found themselves surrounded on three sides by the flood and by the burning building on the other side. Rescuers in boats and rafts took off the imprisoned people.

Paris has been so absorbed in her own danger that but little attention has been paid to the critical conditions throughout the country. It is estimated that one-third of the country is submerged and that much damage has been done in the rural sections, requiring years for recovery. Cities and towns along nearly every river in France are suffering great loss. One effect of this, it is feared, will be the inauguration of unprecedented high food prices. The cost of meat has already been raised 20 per cent, vegetables 25 per cent and eggs and butter 20 per cent. The railroads are crippled and few trains are moving and provisions are rapidly becoming scarce. The government may take arbitrary action.

The basement of the Notre Dame church, one of the most famous edifices in Europe, was flooded today. The foundation of the famous cathedral is believed to be in great danger.

Stung by jibes of the press which has accused him of niggardliness, President Fallieres today personally subscribed \$4,000 for the relief of the sufferers.

Despite the almost tragical aspect of the situation, the people generally manifest more curiosity than alarm. They throng the banks of the Seine, crowd the different danger points and appear in almost holiday moods at the novel spectacle presented.

At 2 o'clock this morning the water which was rushing through the tunnel under the D'Orsay station burst through the roadway and flooded the streets, including the Rue de Lille, the Rue de Poitiers and the Rue de Bellechasse, on which there are many aristocratic residences. The sidewalks are likely to cave in at any time. Those who occupied the houses were hastily awakened and hurried to places of safety.

M. Millerand, minister of public works, after a tour of inspection said that if the rise continues nothing could prevent a deplorable disaster and the flooding of the most populous quarters in Paris. The measures that had been taken, he said, appeared to him to be adequate for the present; but only for the present.

Paris is threatened with an immediate and complete tie-up. The stoppage of transports has raised the prices of food, which is becoming scarce, and the supply of water in seven arrondissements has been crippled. The authorities assert that drinking water is assured, but there is no water for the industrial services which are practically suspended.

The question of transportation is becoming more and more difficult and most of the remaining lines of the subway were forced to close down last night for lack of electric current.

The Red Cross society is organizing aid for the sufferers. Subscriptions have been opened and the theatres are arranging benefits.

NO STATE LAW FOR EXHUMATION

Missouri Statutes Contain no Provisions Permitting a Judge to Make Such an Order in Grand Jury Case.

PROF. VAUGHN'S DEATH

Coroner of the County Seems to Have Power to Dig up a Body if There is Suspicion of Foul Play.

KIRKSVILLE, Mo., Jan. 25.—The state of Missouri is short of a law which will permit the issuance of a court order for the exhumation of a body in a poison investigation, according to Judge Nat M. Shelton, of the circuit court, who is understood to have made this ruling before the grand jury now investigating the mysterious death of Prof. John T. Vaughn, of the state normal school here.

Judge Shelton was requested to advise the grand jury immediately after Chief of Police Koch, of Quincy had appeared for the second time. He was closeted with the grand jury for more than half an hour, and when he reappeared it was with the air of a man who has successfully elucidated a problem of law.

It was learned from persons close to the investigators that the judge told the grand jury that he could not issue an order for exhumation at the request of the jury, nor was there any law which would permit the jury itself to order the exhumation.

It is understood that a discussion of the law followed, in which it was brought out that the coroner of Monroe county, in which the body of Professor Vaughn is buried, has discretionary power with regard to exhumation. With this hope, the grand jury was forced to be content.

Chief Koch, of Quincy, testified as to events occurring in Quincy connected with the investigation. He was in the jury room almost two hours, and emerged mopping his brow. Mrs. John R. Kirk, wife of President Kirk, of the normal school, both of whom were intimate friends of the Vaughn family, was then called before the jury. After the noon adjournment Chief Koch was again called before the jury, showing the importance in which his testimony was held.

The grand jury convened again this morning at 10 o'clock.

ARRESTED JAPS FOR KILLING BIRDS

Sandwich Islanders Were Destroying the Birds in Order to Get Their Feathers.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Twenty-three Japanese have been arrested on the Hawaiian Islands under the regulations preventing the destruction of birds of plumage. They will be turned over to the United States marshal at Honolulu for trial.

The arrests were made by Capt. William E. Jacobs, commanding the revenue cutter Thetis, which, at the request of the Interior Department, had been sent to the Hawaiian Islands to prevent the destruction of birds of plumage. Two hundred and fifty-nine thousand pairs of wings were seized.

One of the last acts of President Roosevelt was to issue a number of proclamations setting aside from public use islands in various parts of the United States and its possessions which were known to abound with birds of plumage, with the intention of preserving the feathery tribes.

SHERIFF SAVED PRISONER FROM MOB

Running Fight with Crowd Bent on Lynching a Man Accused of Assault.

STARKVILLE, Miss., Jan. 25.—After a running fight today with a mob bent on lynching Nathan Greenleaf, Deputy Sheriff Sherman escaped with his prisoner and landed him safely in jail.

He is now guarded by a number of deputies. It is feared another attempt to lynch him may be made. Greenleaf is alleged to have attacked Ella Ferguson, eight years old.

Murderess is Released.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Jan. 25.—Mrs. Nellie Turner, charged with killing her child last summer by throwing it in a vault in Union park, has been released from a local sanitarium for the insane and permitted to return to her home in Ottumwa. She will be tried here January 31.

THE TWENTIETH CENTURY LIMITED

Block Was Open and the Flyer Crashed Into a Freight Train Killing the Engineer and Fireman.

ALL CARS LEFT TRACK

Passengers Escaped With Severe Shakeup and the Train Did Not Tumble Over From Crash.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Jan. 25.—The Twentieth Century limited of the New York Central was wrecked a few miles west of St. Johnsville early this morning. The engineer and fireman were killed. The block was open and the flyer ran through it, crashing into a freight train.

The engine of the limited was thrown from the track. So far as can be learned no passengers were seriously hurt.

Wrecking trains have been dispatched to the scene. Every coach in the train left the rails but although the train was going at a high rate of speed, the cars remained upright and the passengers escaped with a severe shaking up and minor bruises.

Engineer Scanlon was still alive when found and his only thought was for the safety of his passengers. Mangled and bleeding he said "What happened, was anyone killed?" Immediately after he lapsed into unconsciousness and within a few minutes was dead. A little later the body of fireman Handeville was recovered.

THREE KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

The Car Became Unmanageable and Plunged Down a Forty-Foot Embankment.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 25.—Three persons were killed and three badly injured when a motor car owned and driven by John Mahoney, a contractor, of Kansas City, Kan., became unmanageable at Cliff drive and Agnes avenue, and plunged over an embankment down forty feet into what is known as "Cliff Drive canyon."

The dead: JOHN MAHONEY, MRS. JOHN MAHONEY, THOMAS MCGUIRE.

The injured: John O'Connor, Nellie Mahoney and A. Mahoney, seven years old.

Mr. Mahoney was driving his car around a curve on Cliff drive, one of the most popular automobile boulevards of the city, when he momentarily lost control. The car skidded and before any of the six inmates could alight, the big machine went over the embankment and turned end-over-end, as it struck projecting stones and other obstacles below.

The machine was demolished and the victims badly mutilated. It feared the injured will die.

HAVE 37 DEAD FROM THE WRECK

Known Dead Reach That Number, But All of the Bodies Have Not Been Found.

SUBBURY, Ont., Jan. 25.—The recovery of four bodies and the identification of two others resulted from work at the scene of the train wreck at Spanish River. The bodies recovered were Miss Mulroy, of Cache Bay, Ont.; Henrik Hansen, who held a ticket from Bering; Mrs. Joseph Kelly, of Leavenworth, Wash., and her ten-year-old daughter.

The bodies recovered and identified were Mrs. Newman, of Iverhuron, and Mrs. Loma Thelmin, of Little Current. The known dead now total thirty-seven. The loss of life in the colonist car can only be estimated. Ten is considered a conservative estimate. The injured total twenty-four, three in a serious condition.

WRIGHT BROTHERS TRIP TO POLE

We Will All Believe Them if They Come Back And Say That They Were on Top of World.

TRY WITH AEROPLANE

Quizzed Peary About Such a Trip and Peary Believes That They Contemplate Such a Journey.

DAYTON, Ohio, Jan. 25.—Commander Robert E. Peary believes Wilbur and Orville Wright are considering an aeroplane flight to the north pole. The brothers cornered the discoverer who delivered a lecture here last night and pled him with questions about the possibilities about such a flight.

He declared he thought it possible and explained conditions minutely. He gathered that they sincerely harbor the notion of trying it.

THE CAESAREAN OPERATION AGAIN

Remarkable Coincidence of Mother and Daughter, Both Undergoing the Same Experience.

[Gate City Special Service.]

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 25.—Surgeons in Sacred Heart hospital in Spokane successfully performed what is known as a Caesarean section in the accouchment of Mrs. C. W. McKane, 5 East Montgomery avenue, delivering a healthy and well-proportioned girl baby, weighing seven pounds. Mother and infant are living. A remarkable coincidence in connection with this case is that Mrs. McKane was brought into the world in a similar manner, her mother, Mrs. J. Beedle, having submitted to a Caesarean section at St. Paul, twenty years ago. Mrs. McKane weighs between seventy and eighty pounds and can be put in the middle class, while her husband is of average stature and proportions. She is possessed of a remarkable constitution and reserve vitality, which surgeons and attending nurses at the hospital say stood her in good stead during the operation and in rallying from the effects of the anaesthetic. Operations of this nature are fraught with danger, and result fatally more than otherwise. There is a legend that Julius Caesar was born this way and it is from that the operation derives its name.

PRICE OF MEAT GOING DOWN

Quotations of Some of the Better Grades Show a Decrease Over a Week Ago.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 25.—Wide-spread agitation over the high cost of living, coupled with the government's activity against the Chicago packers, caused a general tumble in the speculative markets of the country and when housewives heard of it they smiled broadly. Prices for wheat, corn, provisions and cotton, as well as stocks, fell to lower levels under a simultaneous movement on the part of speculators to unload.

Wholesale prices for dressed beef—that is, the choicest cuts—are actually lower, compared with quotations of a week ago. Retail prices are expected to drop correspondingly.

Swift & Co. quoted No. 1 ribs 17 1/2 cents, or 1 cent a pound lower, while No. 1 loins, which furnish the juicy porterhouse steak, were also quoted 1 cent lower, at 22 cents. On the other hand, some cheaper cuts were quoted from one-half cent to 1 cent per pound higher, showing a larger demand for the lower grades.

Brakeman Robber of \$62.

BOONE, Jan. 25.—Frank Richmond, a Northwestern brakeman, was held up and robbed of \$62 by highwaymen, who escaped.

MADRIZ IS NOW ON THE RUN

President of Nicaragua Getting the Worst of the Battle and Estrada is Pushing Forward.

MANY SOLDIERS KILLED

Provisional Army Lost, 300 Killed or Wounded in the First Clash of This Final Encounter.

BLUEFIELDS, Jan. 25.—Madriz, under the cover of fire from machine guns, has withdrawn his troops, which have been engaged near Acayapa and now the whole provisional army is advancing with all possible speed to strike a telling blow before reinforcements can be brought to Madriz from Managua.

The retreat of the Madriz forces began last night, after a day of general fighting, in which the machine guns used on both sides caused heavy loss. Three hundred were killed or wounded in Estrada's army and it is believed that the administration forces suffered a greater loss.

One gun and two English gunners, were captured by the provisional army. Americans were in control of Estrada's rapid fire guns.

OLD SHOEMAKER'S BOX OF WEALTH

Found Dead After Neglecting to Call a Doctor on Account of the Expense.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 25.—His head pillowed on a cash box containing \$15,000 worth of negotiable securities, mostly government bonds and money orders, Oscar Schoen, a retired shoemaker, seventy years old, was found dead in a squalid room.

The old man's hand clutched a half-emptied phial of morphine tablets, while at his side lay a loaded revolver. One of the cartridges had been snapped, but had failed to explode. Coroner Harry Czarlinsky stated that death was due to morphine poisoning, whether taken as an overdose or with suicidal intent he was unable to state.

Although Schoen had occupied the room for more than two years little was known about him by the landlord. He was last seen alive Thursday morning by the janitor, whom he told that he was feeling sick and that were it not for the expense he would visit a doctor. Schoen's will was found in an old pocketbook. By its provisions all his property is bequeathed to relatives by the name of Goetz, living in Kemptsville, Ill. Charles A. Schoen, a brother, at Darlington, Ind., was named as executor.

TAKING MURDERER BACK TO TRIAL

Confessed Criminal Turned Over to the Authorities at the Navy Yards.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Jan. 25.—James H. Hall, confessed murderer of Anna Schumacher of Rochester, N. Y., was today turned over by the U. S. authorities at the navy yards to the sheriff who left at once for Rochester with his prisoner. Hall was apparently unconcerned as he left the prison ship Southern for the train and merely asked how long the ride would be. Sheriff Gillette and his prisoner will reach Rochester shortly before midnight.

Saloons Win a Victory.

DAVENPORT, Jan. 25.—The district court decided that the Ned Lee mission is not a school within the meaning of the statute relating to the mule and saloons can be conducted within three hundred feet of the building. Three saloons against which injunctions have been asked for are affected. The federation claimed that if a kindergarten was conducted at the mission the place was a school house. The court decided that the mission was not a church.

HOW TO BE GAY THOUGH WEALTHY

Millionaire Pearsons Says That he is Having More Fun Than Any of the Country's Rich Men.

BY GIVING IT ALL AWAY

Has Already Passed Out Four Millions and Intends to Give Away Every Cent He Owns.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 25.—After having given more than \$4,000,000 to struggling colleges, Dr. D. K. Pearsons announced last night that he intends to give away every cent he possesses. Dr. Pearsons is reputed to be worth many millions.

"I am having more fun than any other millionaire alive," he said. "Let other rich men have their automobiles and yachts. I have discovered, after endowing forty-seven colleges in twenty-four states, that giving is the most exquisite of all mundane delights. On my ninetieth birthday, April 14, I am going to have a squaring up with all the small colleges I have promised money to. Beginning then I am going on a new rampage of giving. I intend to die penniless. If any other millionaires want to have a lot of fun, let them follow my example. I am going to live ten years longer, and expect to do nothing but give away money."

"I have given to twelve colleges in the south. It is fine to think the south knows it is being made better by a blamed old abolitionist like me. Bera college in Kentucky is my pet. The nation needs those Kentucky mountaineers. It was they who fought the battle of King's mountain and helped Jackson whip the British at New Orleans.

"Another pet of mine is Gullford college, of North Carolina. There is where Speaker Cannon was educated. It is a Quaker institution, and I like it. I think lots of the little colleges out west, and will keep my eye that way also.

"I don't say these things boastfully, but merely to suggest to some other millionaires an easy way of having a good time."

Killed in Wreck.

MOBILE, Ala., Jan. 25.—Robert L. Ewing, nephew of Robert Ewing, democratic national committeeman from Louisiana, was killed in a wreck in the train yards here today. Ewing was a freight brakeman, although his family is wealthy. Two other trainmen were fatally hurt.

THE WEATHER.

For Keokuk and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday; warmer tonight; colder west portion Wednesday afternoon.

For Illinois: Increasing cloudiness and warmer tonight; Wednesday threatening and warmer, with probably rain north portion.

For Missouri: Partly cloudy and probably unsettled tonight and Wednesday; warmer east portion; colder northwest portion Wednesday afternoon.

Weather Conditions

The depression over Montana has deepened, and the area of low pressure has extended southward over the entire mountain region, causing warmer, unsettled weather from the Rockies to the Mississippi valley, and snow is now falling in Utah.

The field of high pressure continues over the Central valleys, and an area of moderately low pressure is central near New York city, which has been attended by light rain or snow in portions of the lake region and Atlantic states, and cooler weather in the central valleys.

An area of high pressure is entering California, where rains are followed by clearing weather. These conditions indicate unsettled and partly cloudy weather for this section tonight and Wednesday, the temperature remaining above the freezing point tonight.

Local Observations.

KEOKUK, Iowa, Jan. 25.—Bar. Ther. Wind. Weather. 24.7 p. m. . . . 30.18 28 E Pt Cloudy 25.7 a. m. . . . 29.99 31 SE Pt Cloudy River: Frozen. Jan. 24.—Mean temperature, 22 degrees; maximum, 29; minimum, 15. FRED Z. GOSEWISCH, Observer.

TRUST BUSTING ON LARGE SCALE

President Taft is Mapping Out a Campaign Against Them Which Will be Bigger Than Any Before.

INVESTIGATION STARTED

More Men to be Added to the Legal Force and the War Will Start After Supreme Court Gives Decision.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—With the beef trust already under fire and the Standard Oil and American Tobacco Company cases in the hands of the supreme court, it was made known by callers at the white house that the administration is planning a crusade of trust busting such as this country has never seen since the passage of the Sherman antitrust law, about twenty years ago.

President Taft, it was made known, is waiting only for the decision of the supreme court in the Standard Oil and tobacco cases before he begins his campaign against the trusts. He is firmly convinced, it was declared, that the highest tribunal will decide against the oil trust and the tobacco trust, and after that he intends, it was said, to begin the prosecution of every illegal combination which he can find.

Already, it was made known, the department of justice has started investigation of many corporations which it believed were operating in restraint of trade. It could not be learned just what corporations the department is probing, but it was stated that any suspected of controlling prices or unjust discrimination and illegally maintaining a monopoly of any product are subject to inquiry.

If necessary, it was said, the administration will greatly augment the force of special counsel and investigators of the department of justice. It will procure all the talent the president thinks the campaign he is about to launch will demand.

President Taft, it was asserted, was tired of having reports go out that he has changed his mind in regard to the prosecution of a trust-busting campaign. He told visitors recently, it was said, that far from having changed his mind, he was more firmly convinced than ever that he must proceed and must keep to the pledges he has made publicly in respect to the enforcement of law and the breaking down of monopolies and illegal combinations.

The president has been waiting for the decisions of the supreme court in the oil and tobacco cases, not because he feared that they will be adverse, but because he believed, it was said, that they will be favorable to the government. It will then be a plain matter of duty with the administration to begin further prosecutions.

The future action to be taken by the department against the beef packers was the subject of a conference last night between Attorney General Wickersham and Wade H. Ellis, his assistant, under whose supervision the investigations of the operations of the National Packing company of Chicago and the packing firms who control it, have been under way for the last six months.

The basis for the discussion was the report made by United States District Attorney Sims at Chicago, who had immediate charge of the work of the agents of the department in obtaining information needed in the proposed prosecutions. One of the results of the deliberations last night was, it is understood, to determine whether it will be necessary for Mr. Ellis to proceed to Chicago to assist in the proceedings there.

MARK TWAIN IS NOW IMPROVING

Climate at Bermuda Agrees with Him and His Health is Getting Better.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain) is rapidly improving in health in his Bermuda retreat, passengers who arrived on the steamer Bermudian, from the island, reported.

To Study Commission Plan.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Jan. 25.—A party of twelve Indiana editors arrived in Des Moines to investigate the working of the Des Moines plan of government. Rine Leed, of Richmond, Ind., son of the president of the tin trust, is a member of the delegation.

Just A Word, Please:

The circulation of next Sunday's Gate City will exceed the combined circulation of all other Keokuk newspapers, both in the city and adjacent territory. A word to the wise is sufficient