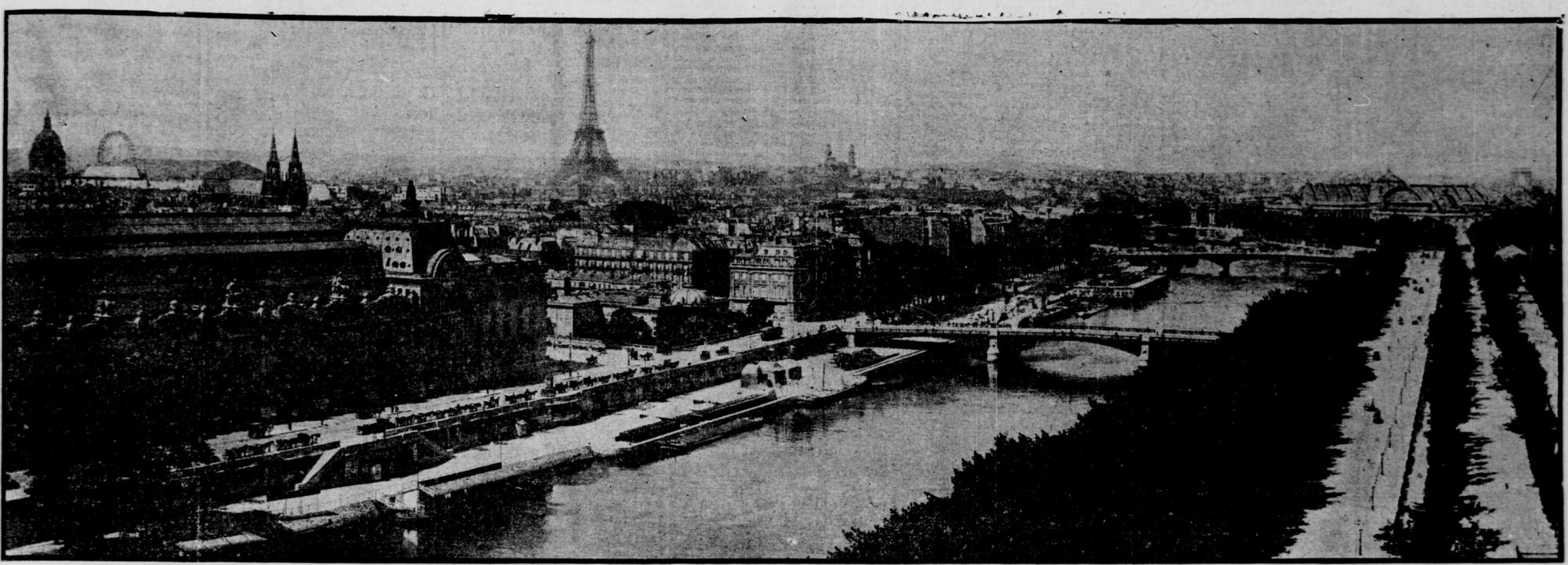




PANORAMA OF THE SEINE FROM THE LOUVRE TO THE PLACE DE LA CONCORDE

In this part of the river's extent the damage has been large. On the left bank, at the left of the photograph, are the new Gare d'Orleans and the Hotel Palais d'Orsay. Both have been abandoned. Next is the Chancellerie of the Legion of Honor; water has filled its lower floor. Then comes the Quai d'Orsay, and then the Chamber of Deputies. The bridges seen are Pont Solferino, Pont de la Concorde and Pont Alexandre III. On the right bank are seen the Gardens of the Tuileries and the Grand Palais.



LIBERALS ADVANCE MAJORITY IN COMMONS PROBABLY 120.

Hopes of the Unionists Gradually Dissipated by Returns.

BRITISH ELECTIONS TO DATE.

Unionists	258
Liberals	253
Laborites	40
Nationalists	76

The prospect now is that the coalition majority—Liberals, Laborites and Nationalists—will eventually approach 120.

London, Jan. 27.—The coalition majority was raised to 105 during the day and increased to 111 on the results declared by midnight. There was a net gain of two seats made during the day toward the nine required for putting the Unionists in a majority over the Liberals.

Lord Rosebery's younger son, Neil Primrose, pulled through with a narrow majority. Mr. Chamberlain's nephew was beaten in Cornwall by 2,500 votes, sharing the fate of Disraeli's nephew. Lord Durham's twin brother was defeated in the North after carrying the seat without a contest last time.

The Irish Solicitor General, J. Barry, greatly to the delight of the ministerialists and the disappointment of the Unionists, succeeded in saving the only remaining Liberal seat in Ireland by a comparatively good majority. Lawrence Guinness, another rebel against Mr. Redmond's authority, was chosen by Westmeath, North. He has made a name for himself as the inventor of "cattle driving." The independent Nationalists, who are opposed to an alliance with the Liberals on the budget, now number eight, a lively fighting squad.

ASQUITH IN LONDON.

Will Have an Audience with the King Next Week.

London, Jan. 27.—Mr. Asquith, the Premier, came to London to-day and conferred with the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the chief Liberal whip on the situation. Nothing is likely to be decided, however, until after Mr. Asquith's audience with the King.

LATHAM'S LONG FALL.

Drops 150 Feet with Aeroplane, but Is Uninjured.

Cairo, Egypt, Jan. 27.—Hubert Latham, the French aviator, fell a distance of 150 feet while making a flight at Heliopolis this afternoon.

INDICTED MEN FLEE.

Doering and Ahrenfeldt, Authorities Say, Are in Europe.

It was reported from Cranford, N. J., yesterday that Max O. Doering, of Charles Ahrenfeldt & Son, importers of Bohemian chinaware, of No. 52 Murray street, this city, had been missing for several weeks and that his home there was closed.

JORN FREES WIFE.

Gives Her Money That She May Wed Another.

Karl Jörn, a German tenor at the Metropolitan Opera House, has settled \$25,000 and a yearly income of \$1,000 on his wife in order that she may wed a young physician of Berlin, with whom she has fallen in love, according to a document which the singer made public yesterday. Frau Jörn went to Europe on Tuesday after a short stay in New York. No names are mentioned in the document, which is witnessed by the German Consul.

GRAFT IN CHICAGO.

Charge Contractor and Officials with \$254,000 Fraud.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—Paul Redleske, resigned Deputy Commissioner of Public Works; Michael H. McGovern, a wealthy contractor, who has had many big city contracts, and nine city officials and employees of McGovern were indicted by the grand jury to-day.

CHECK FOR ENGINEER'S WIDOW

Sent by New York Woman Passenger on Twentieth Century Limited.

[By Telegraph to the Tribune.]

Syracuse, Jan. 27.—Mrs. John Scanlon, widow of the engineer who met death in the wreck of the Twentieth Century Limited at St. Johnsville Tuesday morning, received a check for \$50 to-day from a woman passenger on the train. The giver requested that her name be withheld. She is a resident of New York City. With the check was a note as follows:

"From a grateful passenger who knows that this money cannot help your sorrow, but who knows of no other way of offering sympathy in your great affliction."

LONG SECRETLY WED FAMOUS CONTRALTO A DOCTOR'S BRIDE.

Mlle. Gerville-Reache Married to Pasteur Institute Head in November.

A marriage that has been kept a secret ever since November 11 came to light last night, when it was learned that upon that date Dr. George G. Rambaud, the director of New York Pasteur Institute, and Mlle. Jeanne Gerville-Reache, the French contralto of the Manhattan Opera company, were married in New Jersey at the home of friends.

LUNATIC IN CHURCH.

Spread Terror by Antics at Paulist Jubilee.

Several communicants of the Paulist Fathers' Church, at Columbus avenue and 60th street, were stricken with terror yesterday afternoon when an apparently insane man appeared in their midst and began to run up and down the aisles of the church as fast as his legs could carry him. In their fright they rushed into the street, where Father Daly was conversing with Detective Leonard, of the West 68th street station.

MME. DORIA ASKS RELEASE.

Singer Dissatisfied with Roles Assigned Her at Manhattan.

It was learned last night that Mme. Augusta Doria, the contralto of the Manhattan Opera Company, had requested Mr. Hammerstein to release her from her contract at the end of the present season. Mme. Doria, it is known, has been dissatisfied with the roles in which she has appeared this season.

MORE FRAUD FOUND MOSQUITO NETS THE MEDIUM.

New Orleans Investigation Points to Similar Operations Here, It Is Said.

So serious has been the evidence given before the federal grand jury at New Orleans regarding customs frauds in the importation of mosquito netting that the Department of Justice has sent a special agent, William Connor, to this city to aid the United States Attorney, Charlton F. Beattie, in his investigations. It was reported also that while the loss to the government in the Southern city might aggregate \$800,000, an inquiry here would show irregularities up in the millions.

A former special agent, who had been a witness before the grand jury at New Orleans, was quoted in The Tribune on Tuesday as saying that the facts which had been disclosed showed that gross frauds had been committed, frauds that had been reported by him while on duty there and reported to the department at Washington. He was dismissed from the service. According to the latest accounts, the investigation has shown a worse condition of affairs than was at first expected.

General T. S. Castleman is the foreman of the federal grand jury and the other men on that body are said to be among the most representative business men in New Orleans. Rivals of the firms said to have benefited by the frauds have been called to testify regarding the impossibility of meeting the competition under the circumstances existing before an appraiser's examiner, H. P. Murray, discovered irregularities and raised the valuations to the correct amounts. Murray was removed from the service.

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NO NEW CHARTER SLIGHT CHANGES ARE RECOMMENDED.

Report Against Radical Centralization of Authority as Favored by Ivins Board.

[By Telegraph to the Tribune.]

Albany, Jan. 27.—The report of the legislative committee appointed to report on a new charter for New York City will be presented to-morrow. No charter will be put in with the report, and the report itself will recommend only comparatively slight changes from the existing conditions. The committee will declare against any radical centralization of authority as was recommended in the draft charter presented last year by the Ivins commission. This report will recommend that no changes be made in the powers and duties of the members of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment until the expiration of the terms of the present members. Then there should be a separation of the executive duties of the borough presidents from their power of appropriation as members of the Board of Estimate, the legislators believe. But they are not prepared at present to say whether the new members of the Board of Estimate who should replace the borough presidents in that body should be elected by the city at large or one from each borough.

A new department will be recommended by the committee—a department of hospitals, with a commissioner appointed by a board of trustees, appointed in turn by the Mayor. This department is to have charge of all hospitals supported by public funds except those used for contagious or pestilential diseases, which are to be under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health. A commissioner of accounts and salaries appointed by the Mayor also will be recommended, to give to the Mayor opportunity for the fullest investigation of all department matters.

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The committee disapproves of the transfer of the bureaus for collection of **TOURS TO FLORIDA.** Fortnightly trips to Jacksonville by special Pullman trains, February 8 and 22, New York. Consult ticket agents or C. Studds, D. P. A., 215 Fifth Avenue, New York. Advt.

AMERICANS SAFE.

No Reason for Anxiety About Visitors in Paris.

[By Cable to the Tribune.]

Paris, Jan. 27.—Many cable messages from the United States have reached Paris to-day from relatives or friends of Americans here, urging them to leave the city at once. Those messages indicate that reports exaggerating the danger to residents of and tourists to Paris have been published abroad.

To reassure Americans who may have members of their families in Paris it may be stated with absolute confidence that there is not the slightest cause for alarm or anxiety in regard to the safety or comfort of visitors here. Of course, there is great inconvenience in certain parts of the city, owing to the breakdown of the electric lights, telephones, tram cars and the metropolitan underground, but there is not the slightest danger to life, limb or health.

HORRIBLE PROSPECT.

Ballinger-Pinchot Inquiry to Last Nineteen Years?

Washington, Jan. 27.—The Ballinger-Pinchot inquiry will be resumed at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning, with Louis R. Glavis again on the stand.

GUN PLAY IN STREET.

Police Charge Man with Shooting Three Others.

Because a man interfered when George McVetty, of No. 254 Tenth avenue, was beating a small boy at Eighth avenue and 31st street last night, McVetty, it is alleged by the police, drew a revolver and shot three men before he was captured. None of the men was fatally hurt, yet McVetty was rescued with difficulty from a crowd of several hundred persons, who chased him through the streets and cried for vengeance.

According to the police, McVetty was walking through 31st street last night, and as he neared Eighth avenue a crowd of boys yelled at him, and this seemed to put the man in a rage. He singled out John McGinnis, thirteen years old, of No. 447 West 37th street, and struck him a violent blow, knocking him down. Harry McLean, of Hackensack, N. J., who interfered, was shot in the jaw, the police say. McVetty fled, but was intercepted by Joseph Lynch, of No. 108 West 83d street, who, the police say, was shot in the right leg. As he ran on McVetty fired a third shot, which went through the door of a saloon and struck Clyde McKay, of No. 108 West 83d street, in the left leg. At this moment Patrolman Murphy ran up and arrested McVetty on a charge of felonious assault. McVetty denied the shooting.

PARIS UNDERMINED STREETS CAVE IN.

Water Still Rising Early To-day.

Falling of the Flood Expected Hourly, and Meantime Citizens Are Safe.

Paris, Jan. 28.—The conditions had become considerably worse at 2 o'clock this morning, particularly in the southern and eastern sections. In the 6th Arrondissement, the old Latin Quarter, the situation was critical.

At 2:30 a. m. the water forced its way up through the subway workings in the Rue St. Lazare, which is inundated the whole of its length. In several places the sidewalk fell in. The subway under the Place de l'Opera has collapsed, and the sidewalk in front of the New York Equitable Society's building, in the Place de l'Opera, has sunk in.

The sidewalk of the Quai des Grands-Augustins collapsed and fell into the Orleans Company's tunnel beneath, further extending the flood through the ancient streets, particularly the Rue Jacob and around the Institute de France. Another bad cave-in occurred in the Rue de Tournon.

Many sewers burst in the 12th Arrondissement, one of the biggest in Paris, the whole of which is now submerged and has been plunged into darkness on account of the breaking of the gas mains.

The half buried Ile St. Louis, which is connected with the Ile de la Cite by means of the Pont St. Louis, is likely to be totally submerged within a few hours, as the water is now only a few inches from the parapet.

Masons were hastily summoned at a late hour and are working desperately to erect a wall to save the historic Hotel Lambert, erected in the seventeenth century, and now the residence of Prince Czartoryski, and the equally famous Hotel Lauzun adjoining, which was purchased by the city in 1900, to be used as a museum of art. It was also built in the seventeenth century.

At midnight the water at the Pont Royal was still rising, but only a small fraction of an inch an hour. It was expected that the high mark would be reached between 3 and 10 o'clock this morning, when it would be within a few inches of the highest flood recorded, in 1615. A gradual fall is looked for after that, unless there is a change in the temperature. Reports from Marne and Yenne, up the Seine, say that the water is lowering in these sections.

Bluejackets have succeeded in removing the wreckage that had gathered at all the bridges, removing in a measure the danger of various villages being flooded as the result of the damming.

At Afortville pillaging reached such proportions as to necessitate the sending out of extra patrols to-night, with explicit instructions to shoot at sight.

The King of Belgium has sent \$2,000 to the flood victims, through the Belgian Minister here.

Paris, Jan. 27.—Another day has passed, but the inexorable yellow tide still creeps slowly higher, each inch of water widely extending the area of destruction, desolation and ruin. Although the barometer is rising rapidly and bright sunshine to-day succeeded the raging storms, a feeling of consternation, bordering on panic prevailed to-night when the authorities, who yesterday promised the maximum of the flood for to-day, announced that this would not be reached until to-morrow morning.

Official figures of the stage of the water are difficult to obtain, and the City Council, at a stormy session to-night, charged M. Leprieux, Prefect of Paris, with withholding the true gravity of the situation. The Prefect defended his attitude by saying that he was governed by the necessity of not unduly alarming the people.

In the mean time, what is happening is enough to strike terror to the hearts of all. The very crust of the city seems ready to sink into the flooded subter-