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STORM IN EUROPE IS NO RELIEF FOR STRICKEN PARIS

Hundreds Are Homeless in Cold and Army is in Control.

Whole Continent Swept by Hurricane.

SHIPPING SUFFERS HEAVILY.

London, Jan. 26.—Practically all of western Europe today is in the grip of a severe storm with blizzards, floods and hurricanes, that will cause loss of thousands of dollars and many lives. It extends from the British Isles to Italy and from Russia to Gibraltar. Ships were wrecked on all coasts and railroads crippled.

No Relief at Paris.

Paris, Jan. 26.—With heavy snow followed by warm and melting, the weather bureau promises no relief. It is estimated 200,000 Paris homes are flooded. All factories along the Seine are closed. Fifty thousand are out of employment.

The government today began making requisition upon all vacant houses in the city to shelter the homeless. Robert Bacon, the American ambassador, won't leave his residence, although there are five feet of water in the basement, and no light, heat or telephone. Neighbors are all vacating their homes. Almost the entire standing army is mobilized, fighting the flood ravages, and rescuing inhabitants in inundated towns.

Dr. Banks Goes Home

The Rev. George W. Banks, pastor of the Fountain Avenue Methodist church, will leave tonight at 6 o'clock on the steamer Clyde for his old home at Crump Landing, Tenn. He will spend about ten days ambling around childhood scenes and visiting old friends. During his absence the Rev. W. J. Mezey, presiding elder, will assume his duties, and will fill the pulpit of the Fountain Avenue Methodist church next Sunday morning and evening.

GOV. WILLSON ADDRESSES THE LEGISLATURE TODAY.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 26.—Governor Willson addressed the house today following Dr. McCormack. A number of bills were introduced in the senate. In the house a bill to establish a reformatory for persons under thirty, was set for tomorrow at 11:15.

JAMES CHANDLER WANTS PAY FOR RESCUING STEAMER.

For rescuing the steamer John Love from her perilous position in the ice floes in the Ohio river, James Chandler, of Livingston county, filed suit in the federal court against her owner, Captain I. N. Fincher, of Mt. Vernon, Ind. He sues for \$710. In his petition he recites that the steamer was adrift in the Ohio river, and when he spotted her he walked out on the ice, and by working his way through the floating ice managed to board the steamer. With a companion he saved the steamer from almost certain destruction by landing the steamer below Smithland after assistance had been rendered by the steamer Ohio.

Realty Assessment

The board of supervisors completed the city real estate assessment today, making the total \$7,689,675, an increase of \$59,159, and giving the city \$1,000 more revenue for the year.

Chicago Market.

May	High	Low	Close
Wheat	1.11 1/4	1.09 3/4	1.11 1/4
Corn	.67 1/2	.66 3/4	.67
Oats	.47 1/2	.46 3/4	.47 1/2
Provisions	20.80	20.47	20.75
Lard	11.65	11.55	11.60
Ribs	11.30	11.17	11.27

Cotton Report.

Washington, Jan. 26.—The special cotton report of the census bureau issued today estimates the total supply for four months, ending December 31, as 10,791,454 bales as follows: Held September 1, 1,486,585 bales; gained during four months period, 9,259,858 bales; net imports, 48,784 bales; distribution, 1,747,244 bales; consumed, 3,774,714; exported, 1,597,187; held in mills, 2,548,702; held in independent warehouses other stocks 1,123,607 bales.

Joint Finance Committee of the General Council and Mayor Smith Meet to Consider Budget for 1910

Some Contemplated Projects Must be Put Off on Account of Disinclination to Create Deficit.

JEALOUSY.

Springville, La., Jan. 26.—Because her betrothed lover danced twice in succession with her rival, Miss Koresa Vicknair, 17 years old, stopped in the middle of a dance, pulled a revolver from her bodice and shot herself in the breast. The dancers were thrown into a panic. The girl is the daughter of Prosper Vicknair, a very wealthy planter. She is fatally wounded.

Paducah police and firemen will receive an increase of \$5 the month on their salaries, a new fire station will be built in the west end about Fountain avenue and Broadway, \$2,500 will be set aside for a tuberculosis hospital and \$10,000 for the Island creek bridge and \$3,000 will be given to the public schools, if the report unanimously adopted by the finance committee this afternoon is adopted by the general council.

The figures, which the joint finance committee of the general council has before it at the meeting this afternoon, write him to any contemplated salary grab, and will delay the fond hopes of somebody. It will require the closest kind of calculating to see the city through without a deficit, and a floating debt is something Mayor Smith declines to consider at all.

Besides the well known current expenses of the city, there are certain specific charges that must be met this year. These include \$1,200 for county probation officer, 1909 and 1910; new Central fire station, \$13,092; balance on city hall, \$5,513.16; elevator \$2,300; furniture and equipment of city hall, \$1,200; salary of elevator boy and maintenance of lift, \$500; Fountain avenue sewer, \$1,992; Goebel avenue culvert, \$1,000; a large amount of street, sidewalk and gutter work ordered to be done this spring. The amounts more than use up the balance carried over from last year, and only the regular sources of income may be depended on to meet this year's expenses.

Projects Contemplated.

Several public projects are in contemplation, besides a salary raise for the policemen and firemen. The latter asked for \$10 apiece on the month. Indications are that they will do well to get \$5 this year. The Island creek bridge project, a fund for which was created last year in anticipation of building the bridge, possibly being constructed next year, will not be neglected if Mayor Smith can help it. He desires to see the permanent bridge erected without leaving a deficit to be met by his successor. He is determined that his administration will close with a clean slate as far as current expenses are concerned.

There is no possibility of the bridge being erected this year, but improvements were put on the present structure, and it will serve until the plan is carried out, by which streets will be secured for Mechanicsburg, and a bridge erected at the end of Broad street, giving the south side access to the Union station and the west end direct.

The west end fire station is a serious matter. Chief Wood has been urging it for several years. It is needed, as the distance from the fire stations jeopardizes west end property, once ablaze. The extension of the city limits will make this necessity more imperative. A site for this building and its erection would cost \$9,500, and four firemen would cost \$3,120 a year. That may be added to the extraordinary charges against this year's income.

The Schools.

The school trustees also ask the city to give them \$6,000 to pay off a floating debt, which makes a serious interest account, when the schools need all the money possible for their maintenance. In view of the fact that the same tax payers meet this interest account and final payment of the debt, who pay the city's expenses, Mayor Smith is inclined to look favorably on the request of the trustees, and he adds \$3,000 to his estimate to pay off half the debt for them.

The proposed increase of \$5 in salaries will amount to \$1,440 for 24 firemen and \$1,800 for 30 policemen.

At the meeting of the finance committee this afternoon at the city hall, by unanimous vote, the recommendations of Mayor Smith that the city allow the school board \$3,000 to be paid on its floating debt of \$6,000. This is half of the amount the board asked for. President W. J. Hills, Hubbard S. Wells and J. K. Ferguson were present and addressed the committee.

The report of expenditures of the school board last year is as follows: Pay roll \$49,678.94; repairs 1,262.75; interest paid 125.95; incidentals 4,172.81.

Total \$56,241.46. The board wants to install a new heating plant in the Franklin building at a cost of \$3,000, and since salaries of teachers are to be in-

creased 5 per cent, this will require an additional \$2,500. With the \$3,000 allowance for its floating obligations, the board will get \$11,500 more than last year. The increase in the salaries of the teachers was almost imperative, as the board was experiencing a good deal of trouble in getting good teachers to stay at the salaries paid.

The street department, which was \$200,000 last year and spent only \$21,637.60, will ask for \$35,000, but it may be cut \$1,000. The economy exhibited last year indicates how closely the board of public works hews to the line; but it is not deemed good policy to let streets go into disrepair, while work ordered done by the general council last year will swell the sum necessary for 1910 expenses.

A Little Extra Money.

It is expected, that if the city can redeem some of the outstanding bonds a matter of \$2,000 in the interest account may be saved, the sale of the Jackson hill cemetery property, that is not likely to be used for a generation or two, would net another \$6,000.

The Current Expenses.

Taking last year's current expenses as a basis for this year's estimates they total \$258,084.75, as follows:

Salaries	\$16,847.60
Interest	22,442.00
Streets	34,000.00
Sinking fund	8,000.00
Fire department	30,350.00
Refund	2,223.67
Police department	29,671.89
Schools	39,741.46
Light plant	10,000.00
Water	11,878.90
Real estate	1,000.00
City Hall	5,315.10
Oak Grove	4,500.00
New Cemetery	2,000.00
Charity	5,591.09
Riverside	10,000.00
Sanitary	5,000.00
Park	5,000.00
General	4,387.50
Coalplant	4,056.14
Costs	1,000.00

The city hall apportionment excludes the usual \$1,000 for maintenance, and comprehends only the balance due for the additional story. The real estate contemplates the cost of a site for the west end fire station. To the \$258,084.75 must be added \$15,092 balance on the new Central fire station, \$700 for the city hall clock, \$10,000 for the Island creek bridge, and \$2,500 for the contagious hospital.

A fire station in the west end will cost approximately \$8,500 and the salaries of four men will amount to \$2,880. The proposed increase of \$5 in the salaries of 24 firemen and 30 policemen will amount to \$3,240; the contribution to the schools will amount to \$3,000.

The total budget is \$307,454.45. Richard Rudy, president of the board of public works, and W. J. Hills, president of the school board, were invited to attend the meeting. Members of the finance committee are Alderman Van Meter, chairman; Aldermen Oehlschlaeger and Stewart, and Councilmen Hannin, Kretzner and Horton.

THE HIGH SCHOOL AND K. C. TEAMS TO MEET.

Next Friday night the High school and the Knights of Columbus basketball teams will play. Owing to some of the players on other teams being unable to play, only one game will be pulled off. High school has a fast quintet, and will make a hard fight to increase the standing in the percentage column. The halves will be 20 minutes.

Cairo is anxious for a chance to play a Paducah team and it is possible that next week the C. C. & W. team and the Egyptian lads will meet in Paducah. An interesting game would result from the two teams clashing.

Paris, Jan. 26.—New danger arose today in the encroachment of the waters on the city gas plant in the Granelle quarter in west Paris. Almost the entire city uses gas from this plant for lighting and cooking. Water is now two feet deep in the basement of the city hall. A hundred and twenty marines and eighty auto boats, under the command of naval officers, arrived today to assist in relief work.

GUNSHOT VICTIM SLOWLY BLEEDING TO DEATH HERE

Surgeons Tie Blood Vessel That Supplies Brain Nourishment.

Joel Murphy's Life May be Thus Saved.

CANNOT LOCATE THE BULLET.

Murder may be a charge registered against a Tennessee negro unless the delicate operation of ligating the common carotid saves the life of Joel Murphy, colored. Murphy was brought to the Illinois Central railroad hospital several weeks ago from Trimble, Tenn., with a bullet wound below his left eye. He and another negro engaged in a fight in Tennessee and in the melee Murphy was shot.

The ball entered his face, and it was thought that he would recover, despite the fact that the hospital staff has been unable to locate the ball. The flow of blood continued slowly and the negro gradually became weaker. For fear that he would bleed to death he was operated on yesterday afternoon and the artery on the left side of his neck was tied, as it was pierced by the bullet, and it was impossible to stop the flow of blood otherwise. The operation is performed only rarely, as it is exceedingly delicate, because of the veins and nerves that are in the pathway to the artery. The artery assists in supplying the brain with blood, but no ill effects are felt by tying the artery. Today Murphy was resting easy and the hospital surgeons are hopeful of his recovery. It is the first time that the operation has been performed in Paducah in years.

FALL FAIR WILL BEGIN LAST WEEK IN AUGUST HERE

The exact dates for the fall fair and races to be given under the direction of the Paducah Fair association were arranged yesterday afternoon by Secretary Rodney Davis by telephone. The fair will begin Tuesday, August 30, and continue up to an including September 2, giving four days of amusement at the West End fair grounds. The two stake races will be for purses of \$500 each. Secretary Davis learned yesterday that at the meeting of the circuit at Union City, Tenn., an association to be known as the West Kentucky and West Tennessee fair circuit was organized and officers elected. A member from each fair association was made a director of the new organization, and Mr. Davis will be the director from this city. Mr. Berry, of Paris, Tenn., was elected secretary.

The fair will begin at Paducah and from here will go to Mayfield and on down through the circuit of the eight cities. Mr. Davis is notifying the women in Paducah to prepare for the fair and hopes that the women will take an active interest, as well as the business men. Other arrangements are to be planned next week when Mr. Davis will confer with Secretary Berry at Paris, Tenn.

CHILD SCALDED

EIGHTEEN MONTHS DAUGHTER OF ROY WALTERS IN SERIOUS CONDITION.

With about even chances to recover, Lora, the 18-months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Walters, living just outside the city limits, with most of the flesh on her arms, face and neck peeled off as a result of being scalded yesterday afternoon. The accident happened about 5:30 o'clock when Mrs. Walters tripped over the child while she was carrying a kettle of boiling water from the stove to the table. The child fell and writhed in agony and her screams aroused the neighborhood.

Dr. J. W. Pendley was called and applied ointment. The child rested as well as could be expected last night but her condition at 3 o'clock this morning was unchanged. Mr. Walters is an employe at the Pooks Lumbers company, Fifth and Monroe streets. The burns on the face are more serious and should the child recover she will doubtless be permanently disfigured.

Bill, Providing For Teaching of Elements of Agriculture in the Public Schools Passed by Senate

House Committee Approves Plumbing Examiners For Cities—Bill Providing For State Bond Issue.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 26. (Special)—The senate passed the Wyatt bill, providing for teaching the elements of agriculture in the common schools. More bills were printed for the senate today than ever before as the result of the talk yesterday.

The house committee on municipalities approved a bill for a plumbing examining board for cities of the First, Second and Third classes. Dr. McCormack addressed the joint session on health matters.

Won't Punish Printer.

Frankfort, Jan. 26.—On the promise of the public printer to have all bills now out in the senate by Friday, and to be more prompt hereafter, the state decided to hold up the matter of punishment as had been contemplated.

Committees Are Busy.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 26.—Frequent committee meetings are the order of the day—now that the legislature has gotten into good working order. Most of them are held at the Capital hotel, as the distance of the new capitol precludes the idea of holding them there, especially at night. It will be no uncommon thing from now on to see from a half-dozen to a dozen or more committee meetings held every night, wherever an available room can be secured. Sometimes in the spacious hotel parlors as many as four different committees hold meetings simultaneously.

The sessions of so many committees mean that the fate of numerous measures offered in both branches will soon be settled, the wheat being separated from the chaff, many of them never seeing the light of day. The average sojourner who learns that his favorite measure has been thrown among the discards, soon becomes reconciled when he sees his brother members getting the same treatment. The committees are recognized as valuable adjuncts of the senate and house as a clearing house for obnoxious measures and bills without merit, although some of these classes are sometimes reported favorably.

Bills Reported Favorably.

The senate committee on revenue and taxation held a meeting last night and took favorable action on several measures before it, among them Senator L. W. Arnett's bill to prevent double taxation, by requiring that the suits of taxation of a corporation shall be where the property is located.

As was expected, the senate committee on Kentucky statutes took favorable action on the bill declaring October 12, Columbus day, a legal holiday.

The house committee on classification of cities and towns has agreed to report favorably the Newell bill, adding Clifton, Campbell county, to towns of the fifth class.

Public Hearing on Local Option. The house committee on public

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TOBACCO SALES TODAY AT THE BOHMER HOUSE

Twenty-three thousand pounds of loose leaf tobacco were sold at Bohmer's warehouse this morning, the highest price being \$11.40, and the lowest \$4.70, averaging \$8.86. There were no rejections and both buyers and farmers were well pleased.

No Meat Boycott Here But Sales Fall Off

High prices of meat have caused considerable talk about the meat trusts in Paducah, but it has resulted in no organization of meat consumers to cut out meat as a part of the daily menu. Nevertheless many people have ceased to buy meat in large quantities, while many families, through necessity, have become vegetarians. The butchers say they are able to detect a falling off in the retail trade, and do not anticipate better business until the prices drop.

The small purchase of bacon is greatest. Bacon has joined the high prices also, and as it is used in large quantities by the working class, the sale is reduced the reater. The decline in the sale of lard is noticeable and is evidence that Paducahans are not using as much "shortening" in their biscuits and pastries. Butchers say they are unable to sell meat lower. Live stock is sold by the far-

ASPHYXIATED.

Chicago, Jan. 26.—At the bottom of a caisson 90 feet below the surface, two men were asphyxiated early today and two others overcome in rescuing them. They are in a critical condition. Peter Conroy and James Welch, workmen, are dead. Harry O'Brien and George Yore, firemen, may die. Conroy went to the bottom of the caisson in a bucket and fell from it. Welch was sent down to investigate. He also fell. The fire department was summoned and the firemen rescued and tied the bodies to a rope. The firemen were pulled up unconscious. The others were dead.

FINE LECTURE ON PROGRAM TONIGHT

DR. S. J. PORTER, FIELD SECRETARY ON FOREIGN MISSION BOARD, COMING.

Interest has been maintained in the day services as well as the evening lectures at the Baptist Bible institute which will be in session all of this week. This morning the speakers were greeted with an audience of fair size, while a larger number of people were present this afternoon.

Tonight one of the best lectures of the institute is expected, if Dr. S. J. Porter, field secretary of the foreign mission board of the Southern Baptist convention of Richmond, Va., arrives this evening at 6:10 o'clock. He is on the program to deliver a lecture accompanied with illustrated slides on the work of the mission board of the south. Should he fail to make connection and arrive tonight the lecture will be delivered later in the week.

The program was carried out today, all of the speakers being present.

Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Moody, of Martin, Tenn., arrived this morning to deliver a lecture and attend the institute.

Mrs. Moody was Miss Jean Stevenson and was a member of the teaching corps of the public schools.

The program for tomorrow is: 10:00 a. m. Quiet Hour. 10:30 a. m. "Christian Education"—Dr. G. M. Savage. 11:15 a. m. An Exposition—J. B. Moody.

2:30 p. m. "New Testament Idea of Death"—M. E. Staley. 3:15 p. m. "What the State Owes the Baptists"—J. W. Porter.

This evening the pulpits of the four Baptist churches will be filled by the visiting ministers. Dr. S. J. Porter at the First Baptist; Dr. G. M. Savage at the Second Baptist; the Rev. J. D. Adcock at the East Baptist, and the Rev. W. C. Taylor at the North Twelfth Street Baptist church.

At the end of the year the mayor of the city shall designate an expert accountant to examine the books of the board and make a report as to their correctness.

Given Eminent Domain. The board is given the power of eminent domain, i. e., the right to condemn land when necessary for school purposes, and take it upon payment of a reasonable price for it.

Provision is also made that any property escheating in the city shall escheat to the board.

The bill is very long, and prescribes the powers and duties of the board of trustees in minute detail. But the provisions noted above are the main points of difference from the present law; and it is apparent that they are improvements.

The election of just five trustees from the whole city, instead of two from each ward, as under the present law, not only eliminates the illogical and undesirable feature of ward politics in school matters, but also has the effect of concentrating the school management in a smaller board, which can act more quickly and more effectively. And it is easier to get five good men to serve on a non-remunerative board than it is to get twelve, as is now attempted in a city of six wards.

The nomination of these men by petition and their election on a non-partisan ballot—a ballot that contains no party mark or designation whatever—is a step in advance, and tends to make it easier to elect five good and capable trustees, irrespective of their party affiliations.

New Constable in Sixth. Frank Potts was appointed constable for the Sixth district this morning by County Judge Alben W. Barkley. J. Huddleston was elected at the last election, but failed to qualify and the county judge filled the vacancy. Mr. Potts many ago served as constable.

PROPOSED SCHOOL LAW FOR CITIES OF SECOND CLASS

Being Urged For Passage Upon State Legislature at This Session.

Five Members and a Business Manager.

HOW CONTRACTS TO BE LET.

A new bill is being urged upon the legislature for passage that seeks to make great changes in the law relative to school boards in cities of the second class in Kentucky. The bill was prepared at the instance of the state educational commission.

Under the provisions of the bill the school affairs of the city are committed entirely into the hands of a board of trustees, consisting of five men. These men are nominated by petition and elected on a ballot that contains no party mark or emblem of any kind. They are nominated and elected at large, without reference to wards. Their term of office is four years, and they serve without pecuniary compensation.

Appointed by them and acting under them is their secretary and business director. He not only performs the usual duties of a secretary to the board, but acts also as their executive officer; he carries out all their orders. And he is authorized to make any contract or expenditures not exceeding \$50 upon his own initiative, without direction from the board. He is paid a yearly salary (not to exceed \$2,000.00), and serves for a term of one year; but if at the end of any year he is appointed to succeed himself, he then serves for a term of four years.

Advertise for Bids. The board is required each year to advertise for bids from the banks and trust companies of the city for the privilege of handling the school funds; and the institution offering the best terms must be appointed the board's treasurer for the year.

Any contract let by the board for supplies and equipments which will involve an outlay of more than \$50 must be advertised and let to the best bidder.

Employees of the board, especially teachers in the schools, must be selected upon grounds only of merit and fitness. And provision is made that none of these persons holding a contract of employment for a whole school year shall be summarily discharged by the new board immediately upon its coming into office at the first of January; but that all such persons shall be retained at least till the end of the then existing school year.

The board shall annually publish a full report of its accomplishments during the year past; this report shall include reports of the secretary and business director, the treasurer, the superintendent of schools, and of other employes.

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