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MAYOR'S MACHETTE FLASHES

Ousts Holdover Members of Police Commission and Names Successors

I. H. Spiro, P. L. Henderson and Walter E. O'Connell on New Board

Jesse Cook Files Resignation and Captain John Martin Appointed Chief

Other Sweeping Decapitations Soon Are Promised by McCarthy

Personnel of New Police Commission

President

HARRY P. FLANNERY, saloon keeper.

Commissioners

ISAAC H. SPIRO, soda water manufacturer.

PERCY L. HENDERSON, politician and capitalist.

WALTER E. O'CONNELL, business agent plumbers' union.

MAYOR McCARTHY'S machete flashed last night. Finishing with fair words late yesterday afternoon, he started his head hunt within the hour. The forcible reorganization of the Mayor's official family was inaugurated by the ousting of the holdover members of the police commission and the election of Captain John B. Martin to be chief of police, vice Jesse Cook, resigned.

New Men Named

When the mayor's first onslaught, which came like a bolt from the clear sky, was concluded the heads of Commissioners Fred G. Sanborn, Joseph Leggett and A. D. Cutler were in the basket. In their places were installed I. H. Spiro, soda water manufacturer and chosen candidate of the Royal Arch; Percy L. Henderson, politician-capitalist, and Walter E. O'Connell, business agent for the plumbers' union. Former Captain John Martin was chief of police; Jesse Cook on his way back to duty as a sergeant and Harry P. Flannery was president of the new board.

Failure to resign upon the request of the mayor was followed by immediate removal for "cause." The cause assigned was the increase of subordinates' salaries in violation of charter provision.

The mayor's coup was planned and completed within the space of two hours. The method of ousting the holdovers was not agreed upon until 6 o'clock last night. When they appeared at the board room at 7:30 o'clock they were met by their successors and notified that the mayor had consented to dispense with their services.

Jesse Cook Resigns

The notice of the mayor's sacrifice was communicated to Commissioners Leggett and Sanborn by Pete Fanning, reinforced by a squad of sheriff's deputies prepared to shoo the commissionless commissioners away if they showed a disposition to disregard the mayor's determination to relieve them from further labors for the city.

Chief Jesse Cook beat his new superiors to the punch. From his accustomed place at the head of the commission's table he viewed the reorganization of the board and the election of Harry P. Flannery to the presidency, vice Sanborn. He dropped a word or two of suggestion for the guidance of the new commissioners. When they settled down under their new dignities, Cook opened the business of the session by submitting his resignation "too take effect at once."

There were no remonstrances, no resolutions of regret. The new commissioners managed to conceal their emotions. They accepted Cook's resignation with unanimous alacrity and dry eyes. With equal unanimity and corresponding dispatch they elected former Captain John B. Martin to the vacant chieftainship.

Mayor McCarthy had made it plain that he would begin the job of ousting commissioners with the police department. But up to 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon he permitted it to be inferred that he might give Sanborn et al. another day in which to ponder his request that they save him the trouble of firing them.

That he should begin the removals for "cause" with the rouncing of Sanborn the mayor admitted. Frank Murphy and a copy of the charter were introduced to the executive chamber.

An hour later the new commissioners

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EMBEZZLER CAPTURED AFTER A HARD FIGHT

Harry Toni, Wanted Here, Is Arrested in Pittsburg

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 27.—Harry Toni, alias Enrico Tanni, wanted in San Francisco for embezzlement, was arrested here tonight by Detectives Morgan and Dillon after a terrific battle, in which Toni slashed both detectives with a stiletto. It was necessary to knock him senseless.

According to the story told by the local detectives, Toni is wanted in San Francisco for running away with the entire receipts of a cafe where he was manager.

Toni had made arrangements to be married tonight with one of the belles of the Italian colony.

FRANCHISE OF S. P. FOR DEPOT ENDS IN APRIL

Railroad May Then Reveal Its Plans for Future City Extensions

Three-Fourths Vote of Supervisors Needed to Secure Additional Permits

The franchise, by virtue of which the Southern Pacific company occupies four blocks in Townsend street, expires in a little more than three months. Under this franchise, which expires in April, the Southern Pacific company maintains and operates the tracks which form the connecting link between its Third and Townsend street station and its coast and peninsula lines.

All the tracks in Townsend street between Fourth and Eighth streets are maintained by authority of the franchise granted the San Francisco and San Jose railroad company, which, according to the city's legal department, terminates by operation of law in April.

These facts coupled with the further fact that franchises can only be granted by the affirmative votes of three-fourths of all the members of the board of supervisors are taken by politicians as explanatory of the Southern Pacific agents' interest in the board of supervisors at the municipal election.

Fourteen Votes Needed

The law does not take cognizance of a fraction of a supervisor, save possibly for the purpose of computing personal injury damages. That means that 14 votes will be required for the renewal of the franchise.

Under the provisions of the charter the supervisors are given the power to regulate railroads occupying streets under their permits or franchises. Paving and grading are virtually all the impositions specifically enumerated for the guidance of the supervisors. The terms of the charter are, however, broad enough to make the only limit on the supervisors' power to regulate, the last thing which the courts might determine was "reasonable regulation."

The state law covering the use of streets by railroads is so worded that it is susceptible of contrary constructions. One code section provides that railroad companies operating more than 50 miles of track or interstate companies shall be given the use of streets if necessary to reach water fronts. Another section provides that no railroad company "must" use a street without the permit of the governing body, which "must" grant the permit.

"Joint User" Possible

It is probably immaterial what court constructions might be placed on the words "must" as differently used in that section. The stumbling block to the Southern Pacific's plans, if any be encountered, will probably not be found in the matter of the use of the four blocks in Townsend street, as they have been used under the old franchise.

The use of the four blocks in question are so apparently essential to the company's use of its Third street station that the courts would undoubtedly sustain their use without a permit, should the supervisors refuse to grant one.

There are two flies in the ointment. The supervisors may impose a joint user condition. Such joint user is a remote contingency, even in the event that it was made a condition to the

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MEAT INQUIRY FORCED BY FOUR GRAND JURORS

Inquisitors Dissatisfied with Failure of 1908 Body to Return Indictments

Threatened Statement Regarding Theory as to Why Prosecution Ceased

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—Four members of the federal grand jury which investigated the so called "beef trust" in 1908 forced the government, through Judge Landis, to start the present inquiry, according to a report current here today.

Assistant Attorney General Wade Ellis, who spent the day here, denied that there was any friction among government officials concerning the present investigation and said that District Attorney Sims would remain in charge.

Concerning the inception of the present action it is said there would have been none had the four dissatisfied jurymen not sought the aid of Judge Landis.

Inquiry Is Suggested

This quartet, it is said, was willing to indict the packers in December, 1908, and finally became so indignant over the increasing price of meat that they informed Judge Landis that they thought it was time for the government to begin another inquiry.

The report of the four jurors alleged that enough evidence was submitted to the 1908 grand jury to warrant true bills and that, in spite of this, there was a sudden apathy on the part of those behind the prosecution. They also said that if the investigation were not immediately renewed they would make a statement to the public setting forth their theory of why the prosecution had been dropped.

Following the jurors' complaint Judge Landis is said to have made the investigation that resulted in the present action being started. Judge Landis, it is said, got in touch with the evidence submitted to the 1908 grand jury and he is determined that the present action shall not be nullified by influence outside the grand jury room.

In his statement concerning the purpose of his visits here and the scope of the present investigation, Ellis said:

"I have spent the day in conference with the United States district attorney and his assistants and in a call upon Judge Landis, whom I have known pleasantly for many years. There is no friction whatever in the beef inquiry.

Investigate Meat Prices

"The department of justice has been at work for five or six months investigating the developments of the fresh meat industry since the last action by the government and especially the relation of the situation to the prices of food and products, with a view to ascertaining whether a cause of action now exists.

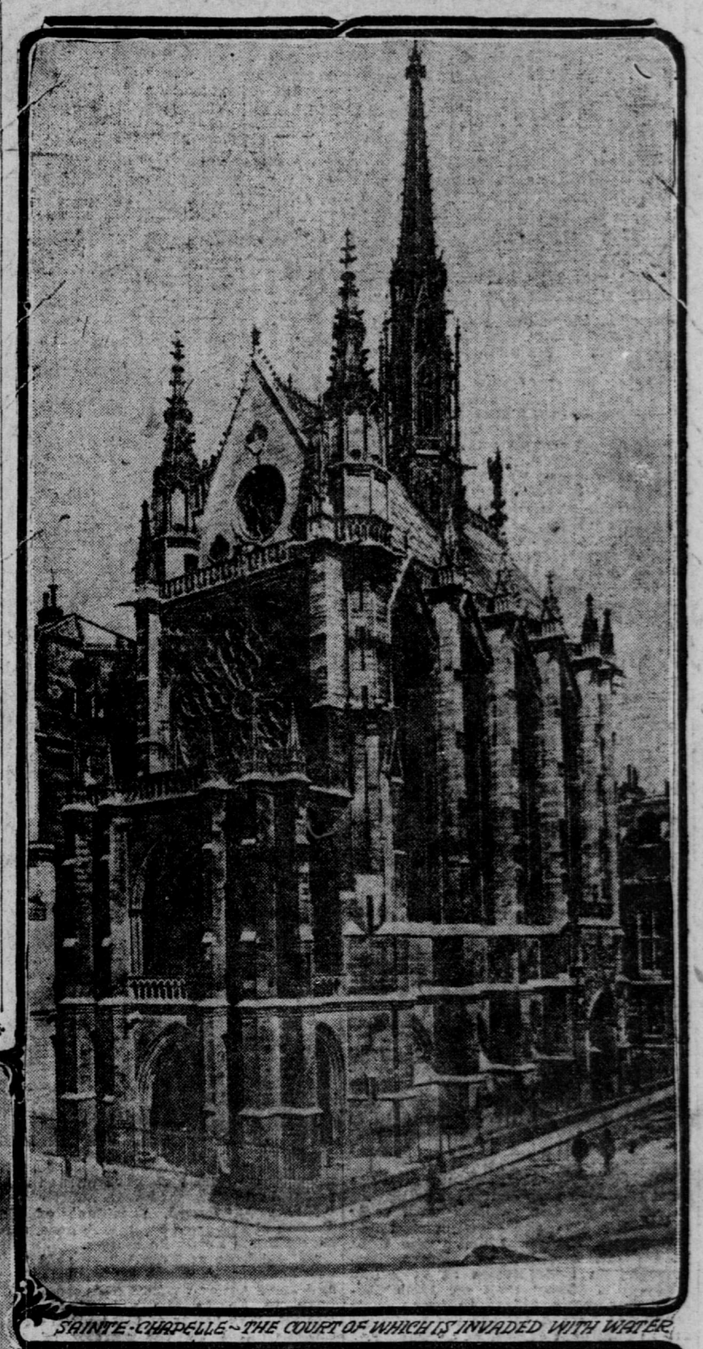
"The investigation will be conducted under the anti-trust statute and may be either civil or criminal.

"Mr. Sims, in whom the attorney general has entire confidence, will present his testimony to the grand jury. After this testimony is in I have no doubt the grand jury will do its full duty, both to the government and those against whom such testimony may be adduced."

POWDER WORKS IS CLOSED—Berkeley, Jan. 27.—The Vigorit powder works, which for the last 15 years has been operated at Point Isabel, Albany, was closed down today and turned over to the California magnesia works. Most of the employes were sent to other factories.

TERROR GRIPS PARIS
WATER IS STILL RISING

Section of Paris now flooded and menaced with destruction by raging waters.



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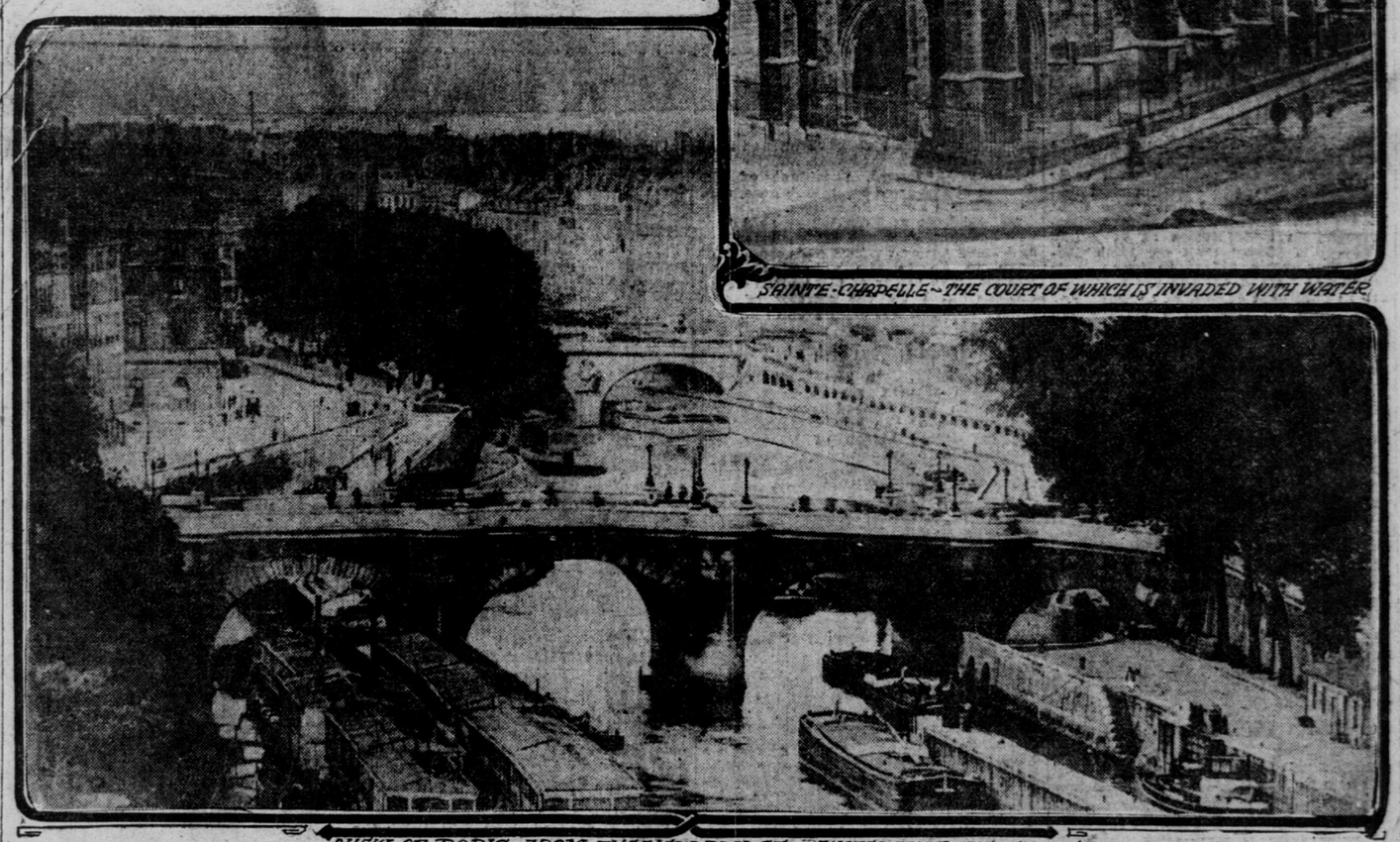

VIEW OF PARIS FROM THE NEW BRIDGE. WATER NOW OVERFLOWS BOTH BANKS

TORRENT IS RAZING CAPITAL

Onrushing Flood Creeps Higher, Wreaking Incalculable Damage

Streets Become Canals and the Foundations of Great Buildings Totter

Crust of City Seems Ready to Sink Into Flooded Labyrinth Beneath

Conditions Steadily Growing Worse and New Sections Are Menaced

PARIS, Jan. 28.—Flood conditions had become much worse at 2 o'clock this morning, particularly in the south and east sections. In the old Latin quarter the situation was critical.

PARIS, Jan. 27.—The waters of the Seine crept slowly higher today, each inch widely extending the area of destruction, desolation and ruin.

Although the barometer is rising rapidly and bright sunshine succeeded the raging storms, a feeling of consternation, bordering on panic, prevailed tonight when the authorities, who yesterday said the maximum of the flood would come today, announced that this would not be reached until tomorrow morning.

Council Scores Prefect

Official figures of the stage of the water are difficult to obtain, and the city council, at a stormy session tonight, charged M. Lepine, prefect of Paris, with concealing the 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 meantime what is happening is enough to strike terror to the hearts of all. The crust of the city seems ready to sink into the flooded subterranean labyrinth beneath. Every hour drains are bursing in new localities, causing a subsidence of streets or bulging them up several feet, while the overflow of surface water from the river is transforming the inundated districts into formidable lakes and the streets into canals.

Big Section Inundated

In the Bercy quarter the water is six feet deep in the streets and the entire left bank of the Seine from above the islands to Auteuil, comprising the law court institute, the fashionable St. Germain district, the foreign office, the chamber of deputies and the Champs de Mars, is submerged in from one to ten feet of water. Some deputies left the Palais Bourbon tonight in rowboats, others on the backs of attendants.

Walls of the Invalides station are crumbled and that structure and the wing of the foreign office opposite are in danger of collapse. Nevertheless, Mme Pichon, wife of the foreign minister, held her regular reception tonight, oil lamps and grate fires being employed in the absence of steam heat and electricity.

Situation Is Desperate

Streets surrounding the St. Lazare station have sunk three feet, and the situation there is regarded as desperate. It is also feared that the foundations of the two big neighboring department stores are being undermined.

"The overflow of the broken sewers into the flooded basements menaces the health of the occupants, and the smell of sewage is already permeating the buildings. Notwithstanding this, the police tonight notified householders, especially those of the wealthier class, who are using automobile engines for pumping purposes, that they must exercise the greatest care, as the removal of the water pressure would likely cause the foundations to sink or collapse.

Seek to Save Bridges

Soldiers are working desperately by the aid of torches to disentagle driftwood above the Solferino and Henry IV bridges, while large forces of men are still engaged in constructing dams to divert the course of the swiftly moving currents.

There was a further shutdown of electric light plants tonight. Relief work is proceeding bravely, none being refused food or shelter. Archbishop Amietto has ordered public prayers in the churches and a collection for the victims.

In spite of the crippled water supply the authorities say that the reservoirs are intact and that there is no danger of a famine if the water is husbanded carefully and confined strictly to drinking purposes. At the same time a warning is again issued that the water should be boiled.

The situation below Paris is becom-

PRETTY SPANISH WOMAN MISSING

Deserted Husband Seeks in Vain for Mrs. Anna Sciacca, Who Vanished With Babes

Strange circumstances surround the disappearance of Mrs. Anna Sciacca and her four children from Santa Rosa, according to the statement of Secretary M. J. White of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, who has been investigating the case for several weeks.

Three months ago, without apparent reason, Mrs. Sciacca and her children left their home at 307 Second street, Santa Rosa, and came to San Francisco. The husband and father has made every effort to locate them, in his desperation finally appealing to White in behalf of the children because the mother was without resources.

Sciacca is a well to do barber in Santa Rosa and the missing wife is described as a pretty young Spanish woman of 27.

In his letter to White the deserted husband gave no reason for their disappearance. White declared yesterday that he had a clew as to the woman's whereabouts. He says she is aware of the search being made for her and that she shifts with cunning into the different folds of the city's Latin quarter as the trail grows warm.

MACHINIST HELD FOR FORGERY—Berkeley, Jan. 27.—Franklin Earl Ricketts, a machinist, who was arrested after a running fight in Pasadena and brought back to this city to face a charge of forgery, was bound over to the superior court by Judge Edgar this afternoon. Ricketts is accused of having passed a check for $6.75 on K. Hiltunen, a grocer of 1910 Tenth street.

FEDERAL HAND IN FIGHT OVER BRIDGE

Old Structure Must Be Pulled Down Before New One Is Built

[Special Dispatch to The Call]

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 27.—The United States government has stepped into the three cornered fight between Sacramento and Yolo counties and the Southern Pacific company over the construction of the latter's proposed bridge across the Sacramento river.

It has given orders through the war department that the old bridge now used must be removed before the new one is constructed.

The war department, it is said, objects to the proximity of the two bridges on the ground that navigation will be impeded. A conference has been called by Captain Jackson, federal engineer, for February 3.

NEGRO CHARGED WITH ROBBERY IS CAUGHT

Joe Johnson Taken Into Custody in Seattle

STOCKTON, Jan. 27.—Joe Johnson, who is wanted here on a charge of robbing Fannie Williams of between $3,000 and $4,000 in diamonds last October, is reported to be under arrest in Seattle. Both Johnson and the Williams woman are colored.

The woman declares Johnson robbed her with the assistance of W. Cooper and J. T. Thompson and made his escape with the diamonds. The man will probably be brought back.

The jewels have not been recovered.