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## THE SEINE IS RECEDING

### BUILDINGS WHOSE WALLS UN- DERMINED MAY COLLAPSE.

#### New Crèches in Streets of Paris. Dozens of People Have Dis- appeared in Fissures.

Paris.—Slowly, very slowly, the swollen waters of the Seine are subsiding, bringing a sense of relief to the desolated and distracted city.

The danger of some great calamity, such as has been predicted, now seems over, although the situation continues to be critical at many points within the city, particularly in the neighborhood of the St. Lazare station, where the entire streets and solid blocks of buildings threaten to sink through the crust into the waters beneath.

The effect of the removal of the water pressure has been to weaken foundations generally, and this causes the greatest anxiety. Besides, there will be thousands of acres to be cleared or repaired when the water has receded, and there is also the possibility of an epidemic breaking out. It is generally believed that the breaking of the dam at Gennevilliers appreciably hastened the climax by releasing an immense amount of water, but the consequences below are appalling. Gennevilliers and Colombes, having 30,000 inhabitants, are completely submerged, the water reaching the tops of the houses in the lower section, while the flood is backing up into the very heart of Asnières.

Figures as to the number of persons affected by the flood in the valley of the Seine are pure guesswork, but certainly 40,000 people have been driven from their homes to the hospitals and other buildings which have been placed at the disposition of the refugees.

There have been a dozen instances where persons have disappeared in crevices suddenly opened under their feet or have been swept away in the sewer floods. Many pitiful stories are told of the rescue of half-starved persons who had been imprisoned in their houses. A number of persons have become insane through fear and suffering.

One sailor who had engaged in the work of rescue until he reached the limit of physical endurance became crazed, jumped into the Seine and was drowned.

## TO EXHUME CHERRY VICTIMS

### Object to Destruction of Bodies of Relatives by Acid.

Cherry, Ill.—Nearly every woman in Cherry is drawing her heart strings tight to undergo the ordeal of exhumation that is expected this week, following the promised unearthing of the St. Paul mine, in which more than two hundred coal miners have lain entombed since November 13, when fire caused the death of some 350 men.

Any smouldering fire will have to be extinguished and 2,000,000 gallons of water pumped from the third level.

It is thought that about forty bodies are floating on this water in the bottom of the mine. Upwards of 200 other corpses are said to be huddled in the second level.

It has been suggested that much of the grossness of the situation could be avoided by destroying the cadavers in the mine galleries with chemicals. This proposal, officially made, was met with bitter opposition on the part of the widows, mothers and children of the dead men.

They contend that all they now hope for is to look once more on the form of a beloved relative, to give that body a Christian burial.

## WARRANT OUT FOR DR. COOK

### Polar Explorer Said to Be in Sanitarium in Neckar Valley.

Berlin.—It is reported that the police at Heilbrunn have received a warrant for the arrest of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the discredited arctic explorer, who is said to be a patient in Dr. Furer's sanitarium in the Neckar Valley.

New York.—It may be that Dr. Cook's former secretary, Lonsdale, who took his papers to Copenhagen, has sworn out a warrant for his arrest. Lonsdale has a big bill against Cook for services and expenses. When a reporter called at the home of Dr. Cook's brother, William L. Cook, in Brooklyn, Mr. Cook was reading, he declared, the latest of three epistles from his brother, Dr. Cook, in as many weeks. Dr. Cook is in Europe, but the brother would not say where. William was also positive that Mrs. Cook is with her husband, and that she has not deserted him as "false friends" would have the public believe.

#### Sold More Than a Gallon.

Cairo, Ill.—Selling more than one gallon of liquor at a time caused the arrest of Potts & Perkins, saloon keepers, on warrants charging them with violating the restriction in the retail license issued to them by the city of Cairo. The police have been instructed to keep tabs on both wholesale and retail liquor dealers to see that they do not infringe on each other's rights. This is the first case of its kind.

#### Cotton Men Co-Operate.

Atlanta, Ga.—A meeting to organize the National Cotton Products Association has been called for Atlanta on February 10. The call says the purpose of the new association will be:

"For the purpose of concentrating the heretofore scattered efforts along the line of the government to improve agriculture, by means of states, press, colleges, railroads, experiment stations, industries and individuals, into one great co-operative movement through which alone we can hope to achieve the highest results and secure enduring prosperity."

## FIFTY MILLION ROYALTY

### WOULD PAY THIS SUM FOR COAL PRIVILEGES.

#### On Eve of Ballinger Probe Starting Proposition Is Made—Would Net \$20,000 an Acre.

Washington.—A new and somewhat sensational factor appeared suddenly Tuesday to add to the intensity of the already sufficiently excited situation over the Alaskan coal lands, on the eve of the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation. John E. Ballaine, of Seattle, said to be the largest individual property owner in Alaska, made a proposition in writing to the senate committee on territories, offering to the government a royalty of fifty cents a ton on coal mined, for the lease of 50,000 acres of some of the choicest coal lands in Alaska, in the Katalla and Matanuska districts. Such a tonnage royalty would net to the government, Mr. Ballaine claims, amounts as high as \$2,000,000 per hundred acres.

This proposal contemplated a radical departure from past practices in the government's disposal of the Alaskan coal lands, and it comes avowedly to do battle with any proposition embodied in a bill which has been prepared, but not yet introduced, designed to permit the sale or lease of such lands at a rate of \$10 per acre.

It is said that the general features of the plan have the approval of officials high in the administration and of influential members of both houses of congress, including some of the prominent insurgents and Delegate Wickersham of Alaska.

#### Beef Probe Nation Wide

#### Armour & Co., Nelson Morris and Swift in Combine.

Chicago.—The "family history" of the National Packing Company, the \$15,000,000 holding concern, was revealed to the federal grand jury Wednesday and the relationship to Armour & Co., Swift & Co. and Nelson Morris & Co., was traced with genealogical accuracy.

The genealogy of the National Packing Company was disclosed to the grand jury by Charles C. Snow, secretary and treasurer of the concern, who knows its family tree by heart.

It is now believed that the department of justice had been investigating the relations of the National Packing Company and its allied interests with a view to bringing a civil suit to dissolve it, when Judge Landis unexpectedly gave instructions for investigation with a view to criminal proceedings.

One of the next steps of District Attorney Sims will be to produce witnesses to explain to the grand jury how live stock quotations are recorded at the yards. The buyers, besides knowing the probable demand for cattle, sheep and hogs, have reports each day as to the number of animals awaiting sale in the pens of the Union Stock Yards and Transit Company.

## TO FIGHT COTTON EXCHANGE

### Farmers' Union President Says Con- gressmen Must Make Stand.

Atlanta, Ga.—President Charles S. Barrett of the Farmers' Union left Atlanta Wednesday for Washington, where he goes to direct the fight of that organization against the New York Cotton Exchange.

He will meet in Washington prominent national leaders of the Farmers' Union from every portion of the South.

"The time has come," he said, "when the congressmen who have been making protestations of sympathy with us in our fight on the iniquitous practices of the exchange must show their faith by works. We are going to give them the opportunity to do that this trip. We are better prepared than in many years to demonstrate to congressional committees the economic injuries wrought by the New York Cotton Exchange, and congressmen from the South and West must line up against exchange or answer to the Farmers' Union in elections next fall."

## BELLE SACRIFICES SKIN.

### Saves Life of Child Burned Almost to Death.

Atlanta, Ga.—In order to save the life of little Estelle Williams, Miss Alberta Lively, a beautiful 29-year-old society girl, allowed great strips of skin to be torn from her body and grafted on the little girl.

Estelle Williams was terribly burned, the injuries refused to heal, and the surgeons decided the child would die unless fresh skin was grafted on the burned places.

Volunteers were called for and Miss Lively, among others, offered. She was chosen because of her abounding vitality. Miss Lively was put on the operating table, chloroformed and enough of her skin removed to cover the burns of the little girl. The operation was entirely successful, the healthy skin of Miss Lively is healing the burns of the little girl and Miss Lively is recovering. Both Miss Lively and the little girl are on adjoining cots in the hospital, and a great affection has sprung up between them.

## NO WHISKY IN PROVO.

### Little Boy Died Because None Could Be Procured.

Provo, Utah.—The druggists of this city having entered into an agreement neither to sell nor give away liquor for sixty days, T. J. Smith was unable to procure whisky declared by a physician to be necessary to save the life of Smith's two-year-old son. The child died from pneumonia. The prescription which the apothecaries refused to fill was endorsed by the president of the city council and one of the councilmen.

## TAFT AND PINCHOT BOTH TALK CONSERVATION

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The President and Former Forester in Chorus: "How Did He Get on This Stage?"

## TAFT WILL PUSH SUIT

### ACTS ON RECOMMENDATION OF ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

#### Railroad Merger Case Will Go Be- fore Expanding Court Provided by Anti-Trust Act.

Washington, D. C.—The president has determined to press to a conclusion the pending suit against the Union and Southern Pacific railroad companies, looking to a dissolution of the merger, and today concluded to deny the application of Judge Lovett, Mr. Harriman's successor, for dismissal of the suit.

Soon after Judge Lovett, with a number of influential railroad people, appeared to the president to quash the proceedings before Judge Vandeventer's court in Salt Lake City. Mr. Taft, following the course that had been adopted in the case of the famous New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company when a similar appeal was made, referred the matter to the attorney-general for examination and report.

In the New England case it was found that, owing to the action taken by the state of Massachusetts and the insignificance of the government's interests, it would be best to abandon the prosecution of the railroad, and this was done.

But Attorney-General Wickersham reached a very different conclusion in this Pacific railroad merger case, and he handed to President Taft a voluminous report, the conclusion of which justified the president in the announcement that there was a good case against the railroads, following the decision in the Northern Securities litigation. Therefore, the proceedings at Salt Lake City will be pressed.

The status of the case at present is this: The government has put in its testimony. The defense must begin in April, when the usual evidence in rebuttal must be submitted thereafter. Then the case will go to that novel tribunal of four judges provided for by the anti-trust act, known as the expanding court, and doubtless in the end will come before the supreme court of the United States.

## FEAST WITHOUT MEAT.

### Washington Society Dames Boycott Big Dealers.

Washington, D. C.—A score or more of smart society women of Washington were treated to a "meatless luncheon" by Mrs. John B. Henderson, chairman of the advisory board of the Women's National Anti-Food Trust League at Boundary Castle, at an executive meeting of the advisory board held at her home.

After the meeting, which decided to carry the fight further and boycott the big dealers in favor of the small dealer, Mrs. Henderson gave the committee a lunch without meat, and cheaply in these days of high food prices. They sat down to a menu consisting of a number of articles, which Mrs. Henderson claimed could be served to a family of six for considerably less than a dollar, cooked in a most delectable manner by Mrs. Henderson's French chef.

## BURNED TO A CRISP.

### Widow and Baby Meet Death in Bottom of Canyon.

Dalhart, Texas.—Plunging 100 feet to the bottom of Blanco canyon and then burned to a crisp with her baby amid the debris of a wagon that contained all her household goods, was the fate of Mrs. S. R. Break, a widow, near the little plains town of Floydada. Mrs. Break was moving across country in a heavy wagon.

The horses became frightened and backed over the precipice. A store in the outfit set fire to the goods and a can of gasoline exploded.

## WILL PRESERVE ORDER.

### Oklahoma Justice Will Preside With Loaded Revolver.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—When Justice of the Peace Deal opens his court to hear the case of C. A. Rodenser vs. Frank Muskowski, he will have a loaded revolver on his desk, with which to preserve order. This is his announcement. During a former hearing of this case the Rodenser called Judge J. H. Beatty, counsel for Muskowski, a liar, and Beatty resented it by hurling an inkstand at Rodenser.

## Hopes for Coal Lands.

Washington.—John A. Ballaine of Seattle was introduced to the president by Senator Jones of Washington and briefly explained the proposition made by him to the senate committee on territories to pay a royalty of 50 cents per ton for the coal to be taken from the government lands in Alaska. The president only commented that he hoped congress would some day make provision for getting at the immense stores of coal in that far-away territory.

## ALL OVER LOUISIANA

### BOYS' CORN CLUBS HOLD suc- CESSFUL CONVENTION.

#### Flattering Inducements Held Out to Youths Who Engage in Crop Culture.

Lafayette.—Superintendent Wright and his assistants are being congratulated over the success of the convention of boys' corn clubs of the parish here February 3, one of the most successful meetings of the kind ever held in the state. There are in present some thirty corn clubs, with nearly 300 members enrolled, constituting the largest organization of this nature in Louisiana. Flattering inducements are held out and the authorities of the parish and towns will supplement the liberal cash prizes already secured by special appropriations to aid the movement.

Nine hundred pounds of fine seed corn will be used by the boys in planting one acre each. Premiums of \$150 in gold are offered, in addition to three trips to the state fair and corn raisers' exhibit at Shreveport. A meeting of the Lafayette Corn Growers' Association will follow the boys' meeting. The opening address to the boys was delivered by Charles O. Mouton. The following topics were discussed: "Preparation and Fertilization of Land," United States Demonstration Agent A. A. Morrow; "Explanation of Rules as to Amount of Land to be Cultivated, Records to be Kept, Manner of Ascertaining Yield," Superintendent E. L. Wright; "Cultivation of the Crop and of Selecting Seed for Next Year," V. L. Manner of Selecting Seed for Next Year; "A. L. Roy.

The program closed with an address by State Superintendent of Education T. H. Harris and distribution of seed by Mr. Wright.

## New Directory of Capital City.

Baton Rouge.—Arrangements are being made for the getting out of a 1910 directory of the city of Baton Rouge. The Louisiana Directory Company has been organized for this purpose, with Louis P. Head president, M. B. Pittman vice president, Joe Snyder secretary and treasurer. It is proposed to issue the directory about the last of March. This will be the first directory that has been gotten out for four years. One was issued in 1906 and another was published in 1908, showing Baton Rouge to have a population of 27,000, but owing to the difficulties which the promoters had the directory was not generally circulated, and in reality it has been four years since this city has had a directory.

## Good Report on Gas Supply.

Shreveport.—J. Z. Gaston, Walker Ellis and Adolph Boldt, the committee sent here by the business interests of Houston to investigate the resources of the Caddo gas field, with a view of having Galveston, Beaumont, Houston and other Texas coast points supplied with natural gas, returned from Mooringsport and Oil City, where they spent the day. They left for Houston with data that will prompt them to urge the building of a pipe line from the Caddo field. Their investigation showed that there are twenty-five gas wells, with a capacity of over 15,000,000 cubic feet each, totaling 900,000,000 cubic feet daily, in the local field.

## Principal and Teachers Resign.

Breaux Ridge.—This community is again facing a serious school middle, and one which is causing a great deal of comment, though student reasons of why and wherefore are not obtainable. The high school recently occupied was vacated in a single day, when the principal, Professor A. M. Whipple of Baton Rouge, and six assistants have resigned and gone to their various homes. The assistants were Miss Fannie Terrell of New Iberia; Miss Isabelle Stewart of Breaux Bridge; Miss Allen Allen of Tennessee; Miss A. Fagan of Alabama, Miss Winifred Fullerton of Michigan and Miss R. Lathan of Tennessee.

## Irrigation Plant Destroyed.

Jennings.—Fire destroyed the plant of the Riverside Irrigation Company. The buildings were a warehouse, 51x170; another 40x170, mill, 40x10; four stores and the pumping plant, with all the machinery, except the pumps. Six hundred sacks of seed rice were also consumed. The attention of two workmen was called to a fire an hour before, which they put out. It is thought that sparks lodged in dry rubbish under the warehouse. The plant is located about six miles from Jennings, in Acadia parish. The estimated loss is \$30,000.

## Oil Wells Takes Rest.

Shreveport.—Owners of one of the largest producing oil wells in the field surrounding Shreveport were compelled at the sudden cessation of the well's flow a few days ago. Three days later the flow again started, with an estimated capacity of 3,000 barrels daily.

## Wildwood Plantation Sold.

Napoleonville.—The Wildwood plantation of William Beasley was sold to Clarence Barton, Sr., and William Bergeron for \$67,500. Mr. Bergeron, who has been manager of the Little Texas plantation, will manage Wildwood.

## Truckers Will Plant Potatoes.

Zachary.—The Zachary truck growers are busy preparing to plant two car loads of potatoes, which have arrived from Princeton, Minn. Four car loads in all will be planted, in addition to other truck.

## Artesian Wells at Amite City.

Amite City.—The third artesian well for Amite City within the past three months was brought in at the courthouse, with a four-inch flow and a pressure sufficient to throw the water 100 feet high.

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## Another Oil Well revived.

Lafayette.—Reports from Anse la Batte are that Herbert well No. 1, on the Begnaud tract, was cleaned out by Manager Ed Rawson and showed up 200 barrels of oil per day. The well was brought in several months ago, yielding at first about 500 barrels per day, but this capacity was reduced gradually to thirty or forty barrels. This well is exceptional in the purity of oil, no salt water as yet having appeared. Active operations in several quarters of the field have begun, and the prospects are most encouraging, according to reports of oil men.

## Big Rice Purchases.

Crowley.—Frank A. Godeaux of Abbeville, whose heavy purchases of rice in large lots have attracted wide attention this season, has purchased from John P. Burgin a lot of 12,000 sacks of Japan at \$2.35 a barrel all round. Mr. Godeaux has made this season two single purchases of 20,000 sacks, both from the Louisiana Irrigation and Mill Company.

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A young Calif. wife talks about coffee: "It was hard to drop Mocha and Java and give Postum a trial, but my nerves were so shattered that I was a nervous wreck and of course that means all kinds of ails."

"At first I thought bicycle riding caused it and I gave it up, but my condition remained unchanged. I did not want to acknowledge coffee caused the trouble for I was very fond of it. At that time a friend came to live with us, and I noticed that after he had been with us a week he would not drink his coffee any more. I asked him the reason. He replied, 'I have not had a headache since I left off drinking coffee, some months ago, till last week, when I began again, here at your table. I don't see how anyone can like coffee, anyway, after drinking Postum!'"

"I said nothing, but at once ordered a package of Postum. That was five months ago, and we have drunk no coffee since, except on two occasions when we had company, and the result each time was that my husband could not sleep, but lay awake and tossed and talked half the night. We were convinced that coffee caused his suffering, so he returned to Postum, convinced that coffee was an enemy, instead of a friend, and he is troubled no more with insomnia."

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