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WHOLE FRENCH NATION STAGGERS UNDER FLOOD'S BLOW

HELP! HELP! CRY G. O. P. LEADERS

'Now Is Time for All Good Men to Aid Party.'

FEAR THE DEMOCRATS

Political Chauffeur Hitchcock Getting Busy With Finances.

(Exclusive Dispatch to The Press.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party, and the leaders of the G. O. P. are calling on President Taft and the members of his cabinet to help them to corral the "good men" who are needed for this service.

Now, while outwardly professing confidence in the republican electorate, the leaders are really looking forward to next fall's congressional election with fear and trembling.

The first and foremost difficulty is the dire need of money for the campaign. If not broken in at least so badly bent that it will take a large contribution to straighten out the situation. This condition is admitted by members of the committee, and they have been appealing to the national organization for funds. The appeal was made first direct to Postmaster General Hitchcock, as political chauffeur of the Taft administration, and it is said that this money is not a drug even to the national committee. So it was whispered that the postmaster general started to get busy.

Things did not seem hopeful in the east, so the west was looked to. Frederick Upham, western treasurer of the organization, "happened into Washington" and "happened" to have extended conferences with both the president and Hitchcock. But it is understood, while the beef trust is being prosecuted, nothing may be expected from the west in the way of financial assistance. So Upham went back, and Assistant Attorney General Wade Ellis started for Chicago to push the beef trust prosecution.

Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel made a flying trip to New York yesterday. He took with him a number of important railway men and returned. The trip, he said, was purely personal.

And not only in the soliciting of financial assistance are the executive personages of the government being employed, but "they must get out and do some stumping." Taft himself is going to inject his persuasive personality into the New York state situation by at least two speeches. Nagel has already covered Missouri.

The republican leaders are brutally frank about the matter, and are saying that if the president and the cabinet do not get out and get busy creating some administrative sentiment they will find themselves working with a democratic congress before the administration is at an end.

STRIKE SETTLED? RUMOR DENIED

(By United Press Leased Wire)

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 29.—Persistent rumors are in circulation that the switchmen's strike has been terminated and that the men will go back to work a week from Monday. No authority is given for the report, but it is widespread.

Officials of the union, including President Hawley, however unqualifiedly deny that any termination of the strike is in sight.

TWO DAYS ON BRAKEBEAMS FOR LITTLE REDSKIN

SIXTEEN YEAR OLD INDIAN ARRIVES IN CITY IN PITIABLE CONDITION—WAS STABBED BY DRUNKEN MAN—KIND MEN FILL HIS "DINING ROOM."

Two days on the rods of a side door Pullman, with nothing to eat since Friday morning, was such a strain on the dining room of Little John St. Peter, a 16 year old Colville Indian, that when he crawled out of his dusty bunk at the Great Northern depot last night it didn't take him long to begin sleeping in the first dry corner he found in the yards.

But fate was cruel to the red skinned little namesake of the heavenly doorknocker, for he hadn't been dreaming of luscious dried venison more than six minutes when a big patrolman rudely awakened him and suggested a trip to the station.

John's left hand was bleeding. The boy had been stabbed by a drunken man while in Baker City

NEED OF CLEANUP ACTIVITY

Increase in Scarlet Fever and Smallpox Cases Shows Necessity for It.

SANITARY MEN BUSY

Have Already Started in to Put Business Section in a Sanitary Condition.

Let there be a "cleanup day" and a "cleanup" campaign inaugurated without further delay.

The need of a movement of this kind at the earliest moment is shown by the fact that 14 new cases of scarlet fever and seven new cases of smallpox have appeared in the city in the last three days. The sanitary department of the city health office is alive to the situation and has already started in on a movement to clean up the downtown district. Two teams from the crematory department have already been pressed into service and there will be no letup until the back yards in the business section of the city are raked and scraped as if with a fine comb.

Yesterday Chief Sanitary Inspector John Henderson came upon a vile condition in the rear of some of the small business places on the south side of Sprague avenue just east of Division street. Back of a small restaurant at this point he found slops, rubbish and waste matter piled into an old shed until it began to ooze over the top. Four large wagon loads of refuse and garbage were removed from this one point before a semblance of sanitary conditions was restored.

Mr. Henderson says his department has entered on the cleanup movement earlier this year in order that there will not be so much to do when the frost disappears and spring comes. Last year the scarlet fever epidemic did not reach its height until May, but by prompt action earlier in the season on the part of the citizens in securing more sanitary conditions the recurrence of the conditions of last spring may be prevented.

POOR TAFT!

Editor Declares He Couldn't Carry Single Township

(By United Press)

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Declaring that President Taft could not carry a single township in Kansas if he were to be a candidate for the presidency today, and calling Roosevelt the Abraham Lincoln of Kansas, Henry J. Allen, editor of the Wichita (Kan.) Beacon, landed on the administration at the fifth annual dinner of the Kansas Society of New York, held at the Hotel Plaza.

"Kansas is not as fanatical a state as it is generally supposed to be," he began. "It was for the Roosevelt policies and it favored Taft because he promised to carry out the policies of his predecessor. But he failed. He promised an honest downward revision of the protective tariff. Kansas is a studious state and it observes that the revision was not downward. It was merely an honest effort looking in the right direction. But that was not enough for Kansas."

Over 200 Kansans were at the banquet. President A. P. Jetmore of the New York association presided. David J. Brewer, associate justice of the supreme court, also spoke.

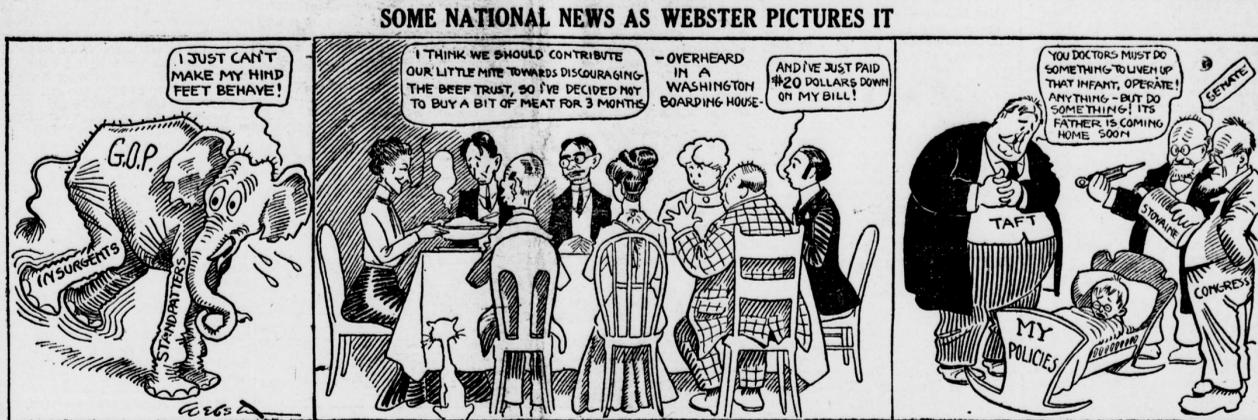
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Thursday night. He had no money and about the time he received the cash in the lunch hook he decided that Baker City was not a popular health resort as far as he was concerned.

Steward Dare of the emergency hospital dressed the wound and he reported to the desk. Captain Miles looked into his soft, dark eyes, slipped his hand into his pocket, handed something to the boy and showed him the way across the street to the nearest looking place in the world.

Ten minutes later John returned, minus the something Captain Miles had given him, but he had a little stomach full of a big meal, and when the captain suggested a real bed for the night, there was one Indian in that neighborhood that didn't wait to say his prayers.



MATINEE GIRLS WEEP; CREAM RAISES

COST OF LIVING AFFECTS HOT CHOCOLATE SUNDAES AND ICE CREAM—SUGAR AND CHOCOLATE HIGHER FOR CANDY MAKERS.

The straw that broke the camel's back! People are getting used to hearing about all sorts of raises of prices of commodities of all kinds, but here's a new one on 'em.

Ice cream has been raised. You bet it has. Not in actual price, but the quantity in each individual order has been cut down, and this amounts to a raise in price, for the matinee girls now have to order two "creams" to be really satisfied. In several of the big ice cream and candy stores the men behind the fountain counters have been instructed to decrease the size of the creamy cones, and patrons are beginning to notice that the dishes of cold cream don't appease their hunger as they did a week or so ago.

"Hot chocolate ice cream sundae" is a favorite dish in Spokane, but those with an appetite for it may soon have to order two at a time or go without, because the first order is only a "teaser."

Candy store men stated to a Press reporter last night that the cost of chocolate, sugar, cream and other good things used has gone up anywhere from ten to fifty per cent within the last year.

So of course the consumer pays the freight.

DRIFTED FOR 24 HOURS IN BOILING SEA

CREW CLUNG FRANTICALLY TO TOP OF DECK HOUSE.

RESCUED JUST IN TIME

(By United Press Leased Wire)

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Drifting for 24 hours in a boiling sea, clinging frantically to the top of the deck house and expecting every moment to be washed to death, Captain Meader and the crew of eight of the old schooner McPadden were saved from death by the British tramp steamer Katherine, bound from Baltimore to Tampa. According to a wireless message received tonight from the operator on board of the Savannah liner City of Atlanta, all hands are on their way to this city.

The McPadden left Jacksonville last Monday and Thursday night she ran into a gale near Cape Hatteras. Great waves picked her up and threw her toward the skyline, only to be caught as she fell in the trough of the waves and shook so that her ancient timbers groaned. After an hour or two of this game, the vessel caught on the sands of Diamond Shoals. She struck so hard that her masts were splintered and her entire hull split into many pieces. The cabin top was wrenched off by the shock, but all hands clung fast to life lines and ringbolts. The crew floated on their unstable perch the remainder of Thursday, all that night and all day yesterday.

A little later the Katherine sighted the United States gunboat Piedmont, bound for Key West, and the castaways were transferred to her.

PASADENA, Cal.—Judge McDonald orders C. K. Miles, Throop student to cease riding motorcycle for next six months or pay fine of \$50, as penalty for reckless riding.

FLIRTING WITH IRISH PARTY?

Balfour Said to be Trying to Fix Up Deal.

LIBERALS' MAJORITY

Ironclad Agreement With Nationalists Probably Will Hold.

Comparative membership of last and forthcoming parliaments:

Conservatives—Last parliament, 167; next parliament, 272. Liberals—Last parliament, 354; next parliament, 274. Irish Nationalists—Last parliament, 83; next parliament, 82. Laborites—Last parliament, 55; next parliament, 40. Nonpartisan (Speaker)—Last parliament, 1; next parliament, 1. Ministerial majority—Last parliament, 335; next parliament, 122. Net conservative gain, 105.

The speaker is usually credited to the conservatives, but he does not show his partisanship except in case of a tie vote.

There is one of the seven constituencies yet to vote that is conceded to be in doubt.

(By United Press Leased Wire)

LONDON, Jan. 29.—In London political clubs tonight, the chief topic of discussion again concerns the reported attempt of Arthur J. Balfour and Austen Chamberlain, leaders of the conservatives, to effect an alliance between the conservatives and Irish nationalists, whereby the conservatives will grant a larger measure of home rule to Ireland than that outlined in the liberals' promise, in return for the nationalists' aid in defeating the proposed reformation of the house of lords and in furthering the fight for a protective tariff.

There is no one who seems to know the ins and outs of the reported negotiations, which are denied by John Redmond, the nationalist leader, but from the way the story is engrossing the attention of the politicians, it is evident that the subject has at least been broached to the nationalists.

The chief basis for the story seems to be that the Irish, as known to be for protection largely.

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AMERICAN HERO IN BAD ENGLISH WRECK

Robert Wynne Distinguishes Himself—Seven Killed by Fast London Express.

(By United Press Leased Wire)

LONDON, Jan. 29.—Seven persons, two women and five men, are known to be dead in the derailling of the Brighton-London express this afternoon at Stoteston depot, 12 miles from London, and it is feared that other bodies will be found under the debris when it is cleared away.

Twelve persons are in the hospitals, critically injured, while 28 others were hurt. The wreck was caused by a broken axle while the train was running at high speed. Two carriages were thrown against the depot, while a Pullman was thrown so high in the air that it struck east of the depot.

Robert Wynne, ex-consul general of the United States at London, is the hero of the wreck tonight. He was a passenger on the train and worked like a Trojan with the rescuing party. The work by the rescuers was greatly hampered by the darkness.

GOVERNMENT GETS CHEAP TELEGRAPH SERVICE AT EXPENSE OF PUBLIC

(By United Press Leased Wire)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—"The railroads, express companies and telegraph and telephone concerns are holding up the people for millions upon millions of dollars a year, and I'm going to find out how much they are making, if it is possible to do so."

Representative Mohse (Rep., Wis.) made this statement to the United Press tonight, after trying in vain to obtain some information along the line of his proposed investigation from Chairman Scott of the house committee on agriculture. "There is no reason why the telephone and telegraph companies should discriminate against the people in favor of the government," continued Mohse. "In fact, the government is better able to pay an increased rate than the people at large."

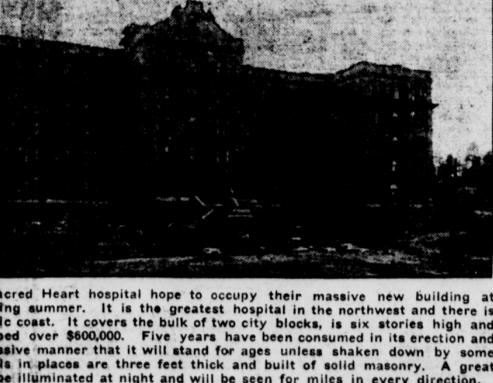
THEATRICAL CONTRACT PROVED TO BE GIRL'S DEATH WARRANT

(By United Press Leased Wire)

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—A contract which she signed today to appear in a musical comedy proved tonight to be the death warrant of Miss Eleanor Fieber, one of the most beautiful and talented young women of this city. Every detective and policeman in the city tonight is engaged in seeking George N. Bessor, the young woman's sweetheart and a wealthy young business man, who, being refused by the young woman when he made an offer of marriage, drew a revolver and shot the girl through the heart, killing her instantly.

The girl's theatrical ambitions had caused her to reject Bessor's offer of marriage. Following the shooting, the young man, brandishing his revolver, fled from the house, and has not been seen since.

SPOKANE DOES THINGS



The sisters in charge of the Sacred Heart hospital hope to occupy their massive new building at Ninth and Browne during the coming summer. It is the greatest hospital in the northwest and there is nothing that equals it on the Pacific coast. It covers the bulk of two city blocks, is six stories high and will cost when finished and equipped over \$600,000. Five years have been consumed in its erection and the structure is built in such a massive manner that it will stand for ages unless shaken down by some unforeseen act of nature. The walls in places are three feet thick and built of solid masonry. A great cross on top of the building will be illuminated at night and will be seen for miles in every direction.

SENSATIONS AT THAT HEARING

Two Congressmen Alleged to Have Been Coal Land Claimants.

MORE CHARGES MADE

Glavis on the Stand—A Little Laugh in the Serious Proceedings.

(United Press Leased Wire)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Gist of L. R. Glavis' testimony before the Giffinger-Pinchot committee today:

- That two congressmen, Representative McLucklin (Rep., Cal.) and Kinkaid (Rep., Neb.), were claimants in the Alaska coal land case.
- That R. A. Ballinger, between the time of his resignation as commissioner of the land office and appointment as secretary of the interior, assisted Representative Kinkaid and others in a coal claim in Alaska.
- That Secretary Billinger did direct the conduct of Alaska coal cases while at the head of the interior department.
- That Glavis had suspicions that Commissioner of the Land Office Dennett was "crooked."

(By United Press Leased Wire)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—With two congressmen named as far as among the men interested in what were alleged to be suspicious coal claims in Alaska, direct sworn evidence that Richard A. Ballinger acted as counsel for another group of claimants than was heretofore known, and the

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CHILDREN KEPT OUT OF SCHOOL

BY HIGH PRICES OF FOOD—CHARGED BY FACTORY INSPECTOR AT CHICAGO.

(By United Press Leased Wire)

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—Factory inspector Davies tonight issued a statement that high prices of food have driven the children of poor parents out of school and into factories, shops and stores. Figures compiled during the last two months of the year of 1909 show that a surplus of 1,000,000 children were forced to abandon their studies in order to help parents unable to get along without their aid. Davies attributes this condition to the extortionate prices charged for the necessities of life.

The comparative figures are as follows:

During November, 1909, 990 children left school to go to work; November, 1908, 705 children; December, 1909, 663 children; 1908, 569 children.

In Catholic parochial schools, November, 1909, 273 children; 1908, 331 children; December, 1909, 215 children; 1908, 115 children.

Housewives and others who went to market for Sunday supplies today found a slight relaxation in prices. Meats were from 1 to 3 cents less than they were last Saturday. Jobbers say there has been no reduction by the packers. The present decline is due to the profit of the retail dealers and jobbers. A further big break in the markets is predicted if agitation against high prices continues.

NATION'S BUSINESS PARALYZED

But Paris is "the Gay" Again, in Face of Calamity.

1,000,000 ARE HOMELESS

Three Million Dollars Already Donated for Relief.

(By United Press Leased Wire)

PARIS, Jan. 29.—Tonight the Seine is receding. Slowly at first, but more rapidly as the volume grows less, the waters are making their way back into their natural banks. Within a few days the flood will be over, and Paris and all France will face the stupendous task of repairing with human agencies the work done by the wall of water that swept down on the great capital of Europe. Homeless thousands—there were 80,000 of them in Paris alone—have been told that they may reenter their homes, army engineers having completed a thorough examination of the city and ascertained that with few exceptions there will be no further collapse of buildings.

No step yet taken has done so much to restore public confidence and allay the wild fears of Parisians. To be allowed to reenter their flooded homes was proof to the Parisians that the government was falling and they made merry when the soldiers told them the news.

\$3,000,000 DONATED FOR RELIEF

Advices from the government and the various civic organizations show that already more than \$3,000,000 has been donated to the flood sufferers of France by the foreign nations, and the taking of subscriptions has just begun.

LIFE OF NATION PARALYZED

Paris is not alone in its suffering. From all over the nation come belated tidings of towns and villages obliterated by the floods. Farms and vineyards, the life of the nation, were inundated, and it will be months before they can be retitled. In the knowledge that the flood damage has been relatively as great along all the rivers as it has been in Paris, the figures are appalling. The damage in the city of Paris is conservatively estimated at \$40,000,000. This is only a rough estimate made before the waters have receded far enough to tell how badly the finest structures in the city are damaged.

LOSS TWO HUNDRED MILLIONS

Throughout the nation a most conservative estimate of the loss is \$200,000,000, though it will probably far exceed that amount. Three hundred thousand people are known to be homeless, and half the country is cut off from communication with Paris and its environs.

In the capital alone a fair estimate of the damage may be gained from the fact that the great subway system is flooded. There are 30 miles of subways in Paris, built at a cost of \$965,000 a mile. The damage will probably be greater in these arteries of traffic.

In several places whole streets have caved into the underground thoroughfares.

HOMES OF 1,000,000 DAMAGED

Sixty miles of streets in Paris are obstructed by reason of the flooded condition of the rivers, cave-ins and collapsed houses. The homes of at least 1,000,000 persons have been damaged.

One hundred miles of sewers in Paris is still flooded and it will be some time before the river has receded sufficiently to allow the sewers to discharge their contents. It is feared that when the water, with its sustaining power, passes out of the sewers there will be more cave-ins. It is estimated that 200 villages and towns in the neighborhood of Paris have sustained heavy losses. Summer homes of the wealthy along the banks of the Seine have suffered irreparable damage.

MORGAN GIVES \$20,000

Already \$40,000 has been subscribed by Americans. J. P. Morgan donated \$20,000. The firm of Hart, the Paris branch of the Morgan banking house, gave \$5,000. American Ambassador Bacon contributed \$2,000, while James Hazen Hyde gave \$1,000. An unnamed woman in San Francisco donated \$5,000.

CARNIVAL AMIDST FLOOD

Despite the terror of the past week and the incalculable property loss, Paris refuses to be gloomy. Along the Boulevard Montmartre and in the Latin quarter a great carnival was carried on tonight. Cafes, restaurants and dance halls, being lighted with candles, lamps and acetylene lights and Japanese lanterns while the apparently care-

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