

## RIVER SEINE HIGHER THAN IN 300 YEARS

Conditions at Paris Are  
Desperate to Last  
Degree.

## ITALY IS AFFECTED

Streams High and Untold Dam-  
age Has Been Done at Rome  
and Elsewhere.

Paris, Jan. 27.—Late this afternoon the fluvial department predicted a further rise of eight inches before the crest of the flood in the Seine is reached. The flurry of joy at noon was followed by pessimism as the waters continued to rise.

**Americans Offer Help.**  
Paris, Jan. 27.—At 3 the river had risen two inches since the subsidence at noon. The residence of United States Ambassador Bacon is untenable and the family has removed to a hotel. Bacon called on the foreign minister and informally tendered the sympathy of the American government and people and asked if financial assistance from abroad was desired. J. P. Morgan cabled tendering \$20,000 if outside contributions to the relief fund were acceptable.

**Believed Americans Are Safe.**  
Washington, Jan. 27.—Almost hourly the state department is in receipt of telegrams and letters from different parts of the United States making inquiry as to flood conditions in Paris and the safety of relatives living in that city. The department does not believe the lives of any Americans have been lost, inasmuch as an official cablegram from the American embassy at Paris last night makes no mention of the flood. The department has cabled the embassy for information.

**Record Since 1615.**  
Paris, Jan. 27.—The stage of the water this morning exceeded all records back to 1615, and the river continued to rise until noon when it became stationary. The most alarming feature of the situation this morning was a fissure at the Anteuil viaduct at the foot of Paris. Should this give way it would act as a dam and submerge the entire city. The river Marne is still rising and a new and higher flood was racing down the Yonne and Grand Morin.

**Valley Terrifying Spectacle.**  
The valley of the Seine presents a terrifying spectacle. The flood is miles wide for 25 miles above the narrowing torrent, runs through the narrow gut of the city at 25 miles an hour. It is flush with the parapets of the bridges, where it is not actually overflowing them, turning streets into muddy lagoons and choking the underground working of the city to the bursting point.

**Two Rivers Under City.**  
There are 700 miles of sewers and two rivers, the Bievre and Grange Botte, under Paris, the latter running under an opera house whose confining walls are subjected to thousands of cubic yards of water. Wherever a break in the masonry occurs streets cave in and water and refuse emerge. Thus in dozens of places a mile back from the river the streets are flooded and walls of adjoining buildings rendered unsafe.

**Like Beleaguered City.**  
Paris today resembles a beleaguered city. The military commander of each of the five sections into which the metropolis is divided holds soldiers in constant readiness for dispatch to points of danger. Military barracks and public schools are placed at the disposal of the refugees who already number more than 100,000. Fifteen thousand laborers are out of work.

**Every Minute Adds to Disaster.**  
Every minute today brought a new tale of disaster. At 8 o'clock the vault of the Orleans Railway tunnel gave way. The quarters of the German embassy are flooded. The foreign office is surrounded with water and abandoned. The main drain under Champs d' Mars broke this morning. The blanket of water extended back to the Invalides, where repose the bones of Napoleon.

**Water in President's Basement.**  
Basements of the Grand Palace and the home of President Fallieres are filled with water. Whole sections of the city are roped off. Boiling waters between Pont au Change and Pont Notre Dame indicate the roof of the subway underneath has collapsed. There is great danger to the Institut de France, the home of the Academie Française, which is surrounded by the waters. The neighborhood of the law courts of the prefecture of police is flooded and tables and chairs are drifting about. The Court St. Chapelle, the most glorious gem of Gothic architecture of France and the lower floor of the historic Conciergerie are flooded.

**Note Beginning of Fall.**  
In the midst of the new and alarm-

## THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy tonight and Friday. No decided change in temperature. The lowest temperature tonight will be about 20 to 25 degrees above zero.

Temperature at 7 a. m., 27. Maximum temperature in last 24 hours, 40. Minimum in last 12 hours, 27. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m., 13 miles per hour. Precipitation, .01 inch. Relative humidity, at 7 p. m., 74, at 7 a. m., 83. J. M. SHERIER, local forecaster.

**ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.**  
Sun sets 5:07, rises 7:10; moon rises 7:29 p. m.

ing developments and shortly before noon the dismayed crowd that was watching the water gauge at Pont Royal noticed that for 10 minutes the flood remained stationary and that at noon it actually began to subside. By 12:30 the waters had fallen three quarters of an inch. The news spread like wildfire along the quays turning exclamations of horror to shouts of jubilation.

**Sun Shows Face.**  
The rain ceased throughout the afflicted districts before noon today. The sun appeared in Paris. Although the gauge showed a drop in the waters, it was claimed later that the fall was due to a rapid overflow into the Bercy quarter, where the Seine had broken its barriers. Experts say the rivers are still rising, but the maximum of the flood should be reached at 3 o'clock.

**New Districts Flooded.**  
The Bercy quarter is abandoned by the residents. Notre Dame is surrounded by water and the crypts are flooded. Rotten palisades back of the St. Louis gave way, as did also the embankment at Quai D'Austerlitz, flooding new districts. The waters have not yet reached the Catacombs, where rest 6,000,000 skulls.

**Rome Has Deluge.**  
Rome, Jan. 27.—The rain, snow and wind storm increased in intensity today. The river continues to rise and at noon had almost reached the top of the arches of the bridges. Dead cattle and trees are being borne down the current.

**Extent of Damage Not Known.**  
Florence, Jan. 27.—The River Arno is out of the banks and flooding adjacent districts. Wire communication and railway transportation to points in the surrounding city are cut off and it is impossible to learn the extent of the damage wrought in the flooded villages. Relief workers were dispatched to nearby places.

**Penyer to Combat "Evil."**  
Naples, Jan. 27.—Damage from the storm increases. Many roads along the sea front are under water and the country at these points is devastated. Wreckage thrown out by the tide proves many small boats have been lost. Churches are filled with persons praying fervently for the passing of the evil.

**Save 1,500 Lives.**  
Charenton, France, Jan. 27.—The flood situation is critical. Blue jackets and soldiers with canvas boats and barges worked throughout the night under the light of torches and rescued 1,500 persons imprisoned in their homes at Ivry and Alfortville.

**Inundated Below Paris.**  
Versailles, Jan. 27.—The flood extends for miles, inundating the region below Paris, but the work of succor is well organized and casualties are few. The property loss is enormous.

**Rhone Again Rises.**  
Nimes, France, Jan. 27.—The Rhone has risen again and immense damage is being done the department of Gard.

## WOULD CHANGE THE ANTI-TRUST LAW

National Board of Trade Favors Radical Amendments—Federal Inspection Opposed.

Washington, Jan. 27.—After endorsing sweeping amendments to the Sherman anti-trust law so radical in character as to alter the present effect very largely, and placing itself on record as unalterably opposed to federal inspection of grain, the National Board of Trade ended its annual meeting today.

**Mrs. Ford's Trial Begun.**  
Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 27.—The trial of Mrs. Jeannette Stewart Ford, charged with blackmailing the convicted former local treasurer, Warriner, of the Big Four railroad, was begun today. The court room was crowded.

**Two Miners Killed by Fall.**  
Collinsville, Ill., Jan. 27.—George Grim and Herman Blue, miners in the Cuba shaft, were killed today by falling 300 feet down an open shaft.

**Oldest Actress Auto Victim.**  
New York, Jan. 27.—The condition of Mrs. Sol Smith, the oldest actress on the American stage, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident last night, was somewhat improved today.

**Michigan Bank Closes.**  
Brookton, Mich., Jan. 27.—The private bank of L. Rudd & Son closed yesterday owing to slow collections. The deposits are \$70,000. Manager Rudd declares the bank will pay dollar for dollar.

## POSTAL BANK BILL PUSHED

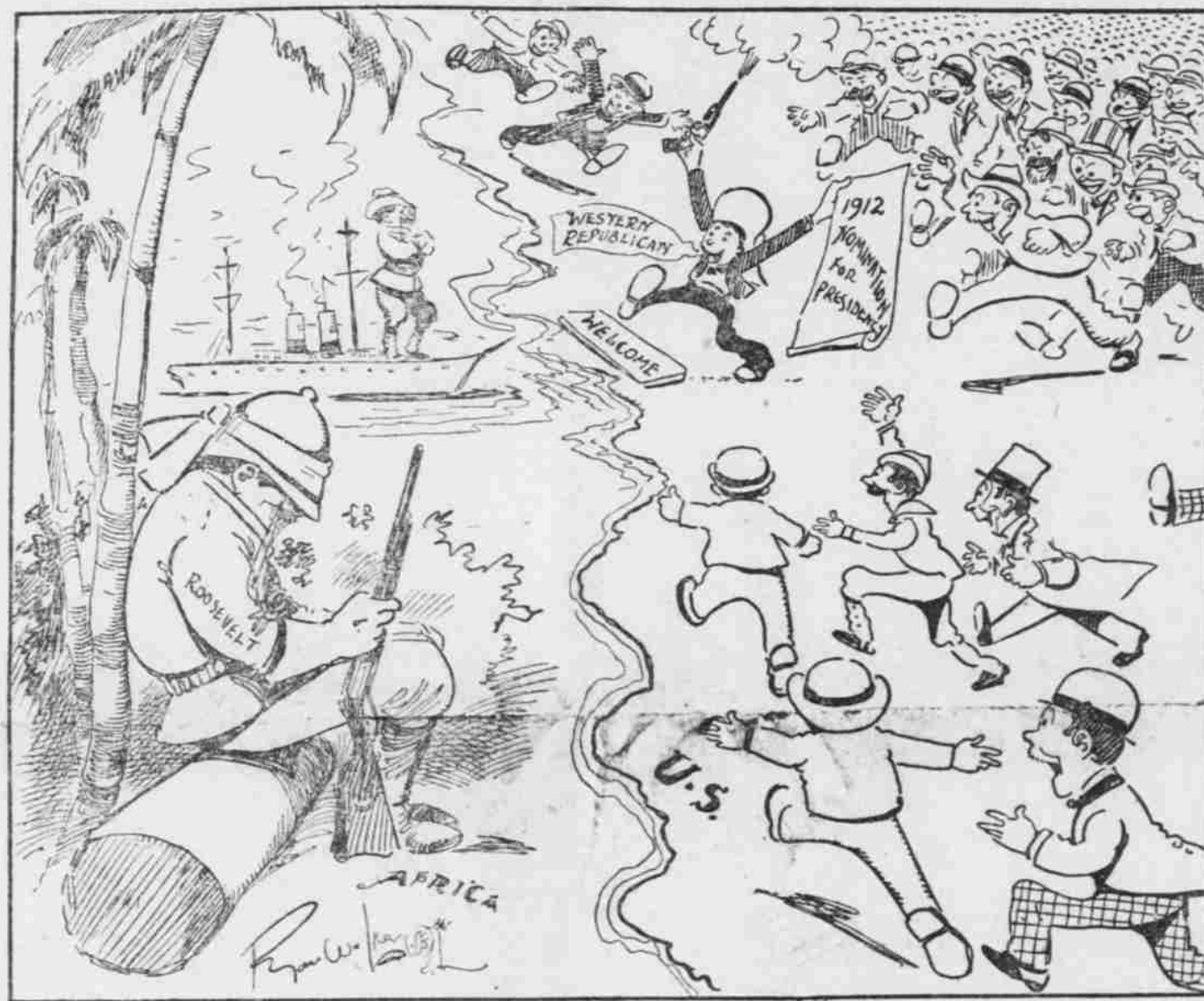
Senate Committee Pol-  
ishing Off Taft's Pet  
Measure.

## PASSAGE IS DUE SOON

Fowler Starts Move in House to  
Oust Speaker from Rules  
Committee.

Washington, Jan. 27.—The finishing touches on the postal savings bank bill, to be reported from the senate committee on postoffices, are being made by the subcommittee. The most

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important amendment under consideration is designed to prevent the concentration of postal deposits in the money centers of the east. The bill will probably be reported Friday.

**Wants Speaker Off Committee.**  
Washington, Jan. 27.—Representative Fowler of New Jersey, one of the original "insurgents," yesterday introduced a resolution providing for a reorganization of the rules committee and the removal of Speaker Cannon from that committee. The resolution aims straight at the house organization and would shear the speaker of a great portion of the power of his office, according to the statement of the author. The resolution provides that Feb. 7 the house shall elect five additional members of the committee on rules, four republicans and one democrat; that the speaker shall no longer be a member of the committee, which shall consist of the four members heretofore appointed and the five members to be elected; and that the committee, consisting of six republicans and three democrats shall elect one of its number as chairman.

**Jeff Davis Sees Fraud.**  
Washington, Jan. 27.—Senator Jeff Davis today charged fraudulent purpose in connection with consideration by the senate of the bill providing for the sale of unallotted lands in the Rosebud Indian reservation in South Dakota. He referred especially to the provision authorizing payment for certain sections of land for school purposes, declaring much land was arid and worthless and asserting there was some "powerful force" behind the scheme to compel the government to buy the land.

## HIGH PROFITS OF PACKERS SHOWS WHERE PART OF YOUR MONEY GOES

BY TAY.  
(Special Correspondence of The Argus.)  
Washington, Jan. 25.—Thirty-five per cent is the amount of profit Armour & Co. forced the public to pay last year.

This fact has been ascertained by the statement submitted by Armour & Co. in connection with the listing of a bond issue of \$30,000,000 on the stock exchange. The company by its own showing made a gross profit of \$10,582,000 for the year 1909 on a capital stock of \$20,000,000 and earned a surplus of \$7,127,926, or the equivalent of a dividend of 35.6 per cent. So far in 1910 the price

## GLAVIS TAKEN OFF THE STAND

Chief Witness Against Ballinger  
Interrupted by Argument  
of Counsel.

## TO BE HEARD AGAIN LATER

Gets in Outline of Charges that Bal-  
lenger, as Official, Followed up  
Work as Attorney.

Washington, Jan. 27.—With Louis R. Glavis as the first witness the congressional committee yesterday began its inquiry into the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy. Glavis, who was ousted from the government forest service because he insisted on talking about what he declared were irregularities in the department of the interior, began a recital of the charges he has made against Secretary Ballinger. He was still on the stand at adjournment and will tell more about his alleged discoveries in Alaska on Friday. Louis D. Brandeis, special counsel for Glavis,

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summed up the "case for the prosecution" in this way:

"That prior to entering the government service in any capacity R. A. Ballinger acted as attorney in drawing up an agreement in escrow and deeds in the Wilson Coal company cases in Lewis county, Washington, these cases being an alleged fraud upon the land laws. Mr. Ballinger's name did not appear in the court records of the case.

**Not Sufficiently Diligent.**  
"That Mr. Ballinger, as commissioner of the land office in 1907, did not show due diligence in investigating the alleged frauds connected with the Cunningham coal land claims in Alaska; that he had knowledge of all the circumstances surrounding these claims, and in spite of this entered the employ of one of the claimants after leaving the land office and before becoming secretary of the interior; that he ordered these claims to be 'clear listed' for patent without due investigation,

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## ELLIS IS SENT TO HELP BEEF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Jan. 27.—Assistant Attorney General Wade F. Ellis arrived today to take charge of the federal grand jury's investigation of the methods of the so-called "beef trust."

Ellis refused to say he would take charge of the investigation, but said he was here to assist if needed.

shifted it to the consumer. This, however, is not the whole story of the rise of meat prices from \$8.85 a barrel in 1906 to \$13.20 in 1908. For its full understanding there must be taken into account the millions in surplus profits reserved by the packers to convince Wall street of the safe and lucrative nature of their business.

**Should Be Easy.**  
It is generally believed that the department of justice will have little trouble in convincing the beef trust of being in existence in violation of the anti-trust law, or of proving that

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## BILLION IN THE MERGER

Copper Combine Stagger-  
ing in Magnitude of  
Its Capital

## IN ALSOLUTE CONTROL

One of Avowed Objects to Stop  
"Overproduction"—Cen-  
ters in Anaconda.

New York, Jan. 27.—The \$1,000,000,000 copper combination Wall street has been talking about, and the formation of which was delayed by the possibility of interference on the part of

many perplexing problems in connection with operators in the Butte district.

**Cannot Segregate Ownership.**  
"Mining claims of the Anaconda Copper Mining company and of the other companies affected by this plan are all located within a comparatively circumscribed area and are contiguous and so closely and inextricably interlaced as to make almost impossible the segregation of ownership of underground ore bodies.

"Some of the operating features which have been considered in favoring the proposed transaction are economies which will result from working all the mines in accordance with a general system of development, thus relieving owners from necessity of maintaining numerous expensive surface and underground plants necessary under the present conditions of separate ownership.

**Logical Owner.**  
"The Anaconda company, because of its size and its location, is regarded as the logical company to become the purchaser of properties of the other companies, and the step taken to call a special meeting was the first toward submitting the matter to stockholders of different companies for their consideration.

"It is not likely that all of the increase of stock, if authorized, will be used at present for carrying out this plan."

The copper combination was foreshadowed by the court decision permitting the combination of the Utah, Boston Consolidated, and Nevada Consolidated, which will involve about \$100,000,000.

**Concerns in the Merger.**  
The companies that will go into the merger include:

Capitalization:

Amalgamated ..... \$155,000,000

Anaconda ..... 30,000,000

Utah Copper company ..... 25,000,000

Boston and Montana ..... 3,750,000

Butte and Boston ..... 2,000,000

Parrott Silver and Copper company ..... 2,238,500

Washoe Copper company ..... 5,000,000

Colorado Smelting and Mining company ..... 2,500,000

Butte-Consolidation ..... 11,000,000

**COSTS MORE HERE  
THAN ELSEWHERE**

Living Expense in United States Com-  
mented Upon by Secretary  
Wilson.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 27.—"It costs more to get the common necessities of life in the United States today than in any other country in the world."

This startling statement was made last night by James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, in an address delivered before the Manufacturers' club of this city. Secretary Wilson discussed "The Present Food Crisis" in a way that was original and forceful.

The secretary said he believed the American people to be suffering at present not so much from the high cost of living as from the cost of high living, his statement being:

"It has been said an American is the best fed, best clothed, best educated and best housed man upon earth. We shall have to add now that he is the most expensively fed.

"Some persons," he continued, "tell us that if we repeal the present tariff law to let in foreign products free of duty the present difficulty will cease. I do not believe it. Eggs are 35 cents a dozen in Canadian cities and 60 cents a dozen in some American cities. The duty is 3 cents a dozen. What difference would it make whether you took off that 3 cents or not?"

Secretary Wilson pointed out that the fundamental difficulty was that the people are leaving the farms to such an extent that there are not enough remaining to produce the food of the increasing population. The boys and girls of the farm, he asserted, are being lured away to the cities, to the factories, and to the mines, and to too great an extent the agricultural resources of the country are being neglected.

**Work of Day in Congress**

Washington, Jan. 27.—Following is a summary of the proceedings of the two houses of congress yesterday, taken from the official records:

**SENATE.**—The senate spent the day in consideration of the Alaskan legislative council bill and the Sunday closing law for the District of Columbia. Adjourned at 2:40 p. m.

**HOUSE.**—The house passed the Mann act, which will be reported to the committee on interstate and foreign commerce. During a debate of two hours opposition was made on constitutional arguments against the bill's provisions requiring keepers of brothels to report to the commissioner general of immigration persons within their houses who had come to the United States within three years, which it was claimed, infringed upon state's rights. Adjourned at 5:20 p. m.

**PRICES OF FOODS  
AGAIN LOWERED**

New York, Jan. 27.—Many retailers today lowered the prices of meat and other commodities continued to decline.

**Ohioan Dead at 119.**  
Elyria, Ohio, Jan. 27.—"Uncle" John Ramsey, 119 years old and thought to have been the oldest person in Ohio, is dead.

## INDICTMENT IN AGAINST P. REDIESKE

Resigned Deputy Commis-  
sioner at Chicago is  
Accused.

## FRAUD IN CONTRACTS?

Ten Others Also Under Charges  
as Result of Work of  
Merriam.

Chicago, Jan. 27.—An indictment against Paul Redieske, who recently resigned as deputy commissioner of public works, was returned today in the criminal court. In his official position Redieske was connected with some phases of sewer contracting, which is under investigation by the Merriam commission and grand jury. Ten others were also indicted.

**McGovern Is One.**

The other indictments include M. H. McGovern, members of the contracting firm which had the contract for excavating the Lawrence avenue sewer, for which, it is alleged, the city was over-  
charging \$45,000; O. E. Nichols, Max Languth, George More, Robert Green, Ralph Bonnell, former assistant city engineer, John C. Parks, Richard Burke, John McNichols and Joseph Mahr.

**Aggregate Sum Big.**

The indictments, it is said, charge conspiracy to defraud the city and the amounts involved are said to aggregate \$254,000.

**WEARS SELF OUT  
ON PRIMARY LAW**

Illinois House Lays Matter Over  
Till Next Week After Long  
Session.

**PASSED TO THIRD READING**

Committee's Measure Moved Forward  
After It Is Liberally Plastered  
With Amendments.

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 27.—Direct plurality primary legislation was, theoretically at least, brought many degrees nearer enactment last night when the lower house at 11 o'clock advanced the committee primary bill to a third reading after three sessions lasting from early morning until close to the midnight hour.

Hard fighting marked proceedings. Twenty-one amendments were offered, and of these 11 weathered the storm.

Thoroughly exhausted, the legislators agreed upon making the primary bill a special order of business for next Tuesday morning, instead of precipitating the final vote in the house today. Every actor in the complicated situation appeared pleased at postponing the ordeal. Marked difference of opinion exists as to the actual value of the progress made. The bill as it stands does not differ materially from the senate bill gave in the absence of the blanket ballot provision the latter carries and as relates to the amendment tacked onto it last night.

**Tippit Fights Blanket Clause.**

Representative Murray, democrat, maneuvered in many ways to include the blanket amendment, but failed. The chief opposition came from Representative Tippit, a downstate democrat, who fought the proposition on the ground of unconstitutionality. As it stands the house bill is under strong suspicion of being burdened with legislative provisions, particularly that which places the power to decide the number of candidates to be nominated in the hands of the party senatorial committee. For that reason it is not welcomed as a particularly dear legislative child of the administration.

The 11 amendments adopted last night were as follows:

By Murray, four, eliminating the rotary principle and providing that candidates' names shall appear on the ballot in the order filed.

By Murray, two, empowering senatorial committees to dictate the number of nominations to be made for representative.

**Advisory Vote Eliminated.**

By Butts, one, eliminating the advisory popular vote for United States senator.

By Wright, one, shifting the primary date next fall to Sept. 10.

**Indians Seek Own Kingdom.**

Lahore, British India, Jan. 27.—It developed at the trial yesterday of an alleged Indian conspirator that the plans of conspiracy against the British Indian government included the establishment of an independent kingdom. The seat of government was to be at Delhi.