

RIVER THAMES WREAKS HAVOC IN WIDE AREA

London (AP)—London prepared for the onslaught of the flood river Thames Saturday while the entire countryside of England counted its damage in thousands of homes wrecked and crops destroyed by floods from a week of rains and gales.

Although there still were isolated reports of ship disasters the weather in the channel and along the western coast appeared to have improved.

Barriers were strengthened along a distance of 30 miles where the Thames passed from Hommersmith through the heart of London. Work crews were ordered to work night and day to prepare for the high tide expected to continue for four days beginning Monday morning.

A new concrete barrier was being constructed a quarter of a mile along the Chelsea embankment where only an iron railing separates the road from the river. Other sections were being bolstered with sand bags. The entire area was constantly under patrol of guards.

Flooding of London depends largely upon the spring tides from the North sea which at present are full. No immediate rains were forecast and authorities were hopeful that the floods had reached their peak.

The Thames Friday flowed through Teddington at a rate of 10,700 million gallons per day compared to the rate of 10 billion gallons per day registered during the disastrous floods of January, 1928.

Floods were subsiding in west county leaving a trail of havoc. Properly damage was estimated at 1,500,000 pounds sterling (\$7,500,000). Thousands of homes were destroyed. Unemployment was intensified by the damaging of many industrial plants by the floods which it was believed could not open for several weeks.

The steamship *Aba* arrived in Queenstown in tow after a six day battle to reach shore. During the entire time the steamer was within 150 miles of its goal but rendered rudderless by the gale, was unable to manipulate its engines.

SLAYER HELD BY OFFICERS

Muncie, Ind. (AP)—A quartet of Muncie officers is driving through Kentucky and Ohio with James Wood, confessed slayer of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Heath, whose skull-crushed bodies were found in their farm home near here Thursday morning.

The crime was committed some time Tuesday night, Wood, about 27 years old, was captured late Friday night at his home near Albany, Ky. He recently had been employed at the Heath dairy farm. The fact that the perpetrator of the double murder was able to quiet a vicious police dog which guarded the place, seemed to point directly to Wood. In addition Wood had been seen in the vicinity of the Heath home on the night of the crime.

The Indiana officers, with their prisoner expected to reach Middletown, Ohio, Saturday morning where Wood said they would find an automobile he recently stole from the Heath farm.

CHRISTMAS BUYING EQUAL TO LAST YEAR

Washington (AP)—Reports received by President Hoover from the department of commerce and other agencies were said at the White House to indicate that Christmas buying is fully as good this year as it was in 1928.

The reports were said to show that in some sections the volume of buying was much better than last year. The comparison for various sections of the country is uneven, it was said, with some localities showing up better than others.

President Hoover considers these reports as a fair index of the general situation in the United States.

Santa And Jack Frost Neighbors And Chums



One of the frisky little friends that Santa Claus has in the far north country of Santaland is Jack Frost, with whom he posed for this picture for Captain Kleinschmidt, chief of the Capital Journal's expedition.

SANTA ENTERTAINS JOURNAL PARTY

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Artist won't get a chance to paint his name on your faces."

"Oh, it's Jack Frost," we exclaimed.

It was bright and early when Santa shouted "Get into your sleighs and bring the motion picture camera along."

He laughed and played with the camera, slipped the reinder on their flanks and made everybody happy.

"You'll admire this great Artist, Jack Frost," Santa told Mrs. K. "He is the greatest sculptor and painter in the world. Have you ever seen a snowflake through a microscope, or when you went to school caught it on your slate? It is a wonderful formation of tiny ice crystals in intricate designs of the finest lacework. You have seen his pictures on your window pane on a cold morning and mother has said, 'Look, Jack Frost has been here.' But there are wonderful sights in store for you if he invites you into his crystal palace. Jack has decorated his castle with apices and cupolas, but as we have to work with metal and wood and have to have fires and heat he could not do anything in stonework or his crystal palace. Words cannot describe it. I have often passed by Niagara Falls at Christmas, just after Jack had touched the cataract with his magic wand and have seen hundreds of people gaze in astonishment and admiration at it, but wait until you see his own palace."

The gnomes hitched up the reindeer and the party climbed into sleighs. Soon we were speeding across the glistening ice and snow toward the edge of the Polar Sea. We saw great glaciers piled high as mountains and these huge icepeaks were brilliant in the moonlight.

"Jack Frost has seen us already and is coming to meet us," Santa shouted.

Santa pointed to a high jagged iceberg on which we could see a figure. The figure came running at great speed and as it approached it seemed to be a boy about 12 years old.

His face was young and rosy and his eyes were dark and shining with mischief and glee. Jack Frost, for it was Jack, was dressed in a white fur parka, the Eskimos call it an Ar-te-ga and covers the body without being open in the front. On the head of his parka wiggled two ears of the Artic Hare, and his feet attracted attention. The shoes looked like the stuffed heads of the Artic hare with eyes and long wiggling ears. The soles were of ice. The Artic Hare is the fastest animal in the North, hence Jack wore its symbols.

"Meet Jack Frost!" Santa introduced us. Jack bowed politely and shook hands but we quickly drew

AMERICAN GREEKS GIVE TO MONUMENT

Athens (AP)—Stones on which are carved the names of various Greek cities have been received for the foundation of the "Heroes' Monument," which will be erected in Athens as part of the celebration of the centennial of Greek independence next spring.

American Greeks are contributing to a fund to build an historical and ethnological museum on land given by the Greek government. All sections of Greece are planning contributions to the observance.

The city of Heropolis on the island of Byra, which was founded by refugees from Chios after the massacre of 1822, is building a library and a museum, while the island of Mykonos will erect a bust of its local heroine, Manto Mavrogenous, the Greek Joan of Arc.

Corfu will have an industrial, ethnological, historical and artistic exhibition which will become a permanent museum in the old Palace of Saints Michael and George.

The practical province of the river Hebrus, the modern Maritsa, will found an anti-tuberculosis station as its contribution.

Jack invited us to his ice palace and we started off, but because of the Artic Hare shoes he wears, he is such a swift traveler, he could not go slow enough to keep up with his guests, so he picked up the movie camera and tripped which slowed him down.

Jack's palace is surely a wonderful place. It looked like a fantastic cave in a mountain of ice, crystal clear and shimmering like diamonds and decorated as delicate as the finest lacework. We passed through gardens of ice flowers in the most beautiful forms and varieties, similar to the ones you see on window panes. Wonderfully carved icicles hung down like vines. The shining columns that supported the roof were ornamented with lovely and intricate patterns of ivy and vines. It was of almost impossible and unbelievable beauty and everything shone and sparkled with great radiance.

Jack was delighted with our exclamations of delight as we beheld his marvelous art, and then left us for a moment. When he returned he carried his magic wand.

"Before you go Jack, show these people how you perform your wonderful work," suggested Santa. "The Captain, no doubt, would like to take a motion picture of it."

I quickly set up my camera and then secured a marvelous picture. You have often seen on a cold morning a vapor or fog rise from a river, and the nearby trees and bushes covered with a hoary frost from this vapor.

Well, Jack stepped to a crevice in the ice from which arose such

MURDER CASE STILL SHORT OF SOLUTION

Rockford, Ill. (AP)—New clues displaced old ones in the Cordelia Gummerheimer murder mystery Saturday but its solution still awaited some master stroke of detective genius.

A woman, who promised "important information concerning the guilty man" in return for keeping her identity secret, communicated with authorities from Madison, Wis., they announced. Fear for her life had kept the unnamed woman silent thus far, investigators said.

Rockford officials interviewed her and revealed that an arrest was expected soon.

Miss Gummerheimer, pretty 35 year old language teacher in the Rockford high school was clubbed to death in her apartment here last Sunday. A length of gas pipe beside the bed on which her body was found indicated how the murder had been committed, and an open window indicated how the slayer entered. But countless suspects, many of them men admirers, have all proved alibis.

Another possibility holding the attention of the police was that a maniac, hatless and costless, who attacked a young farm hand with a club, might have beaten Miss Gummerheimer to death.

George Meredith, the farm hand, appeared at police headquarters, blood running from a gash in his forehead. He told how his assailant, "a high haired, powerfully built young fellow with a wild look in his eyes" had leaped onto the running board of his truck and struck him.

A \$300 reward for information leading to the capture of the murderer was posted Friday by Mayor J. H. Hallstrom and Chief of Police A. E. Balgren.

The names of Professor Hugo Broeker, professor of German at Rice Institute, Houston, Texas, and R. B. Howe, Chicago business man, were eliminated in the investigation when it was learned they were only casual acquaintances of Miss Gummerheimer. Letters from them were found in her apartment.

KNEES BANNED BY CLUBWOMEN

New York (AP)—After a busy summer on the beam-line front, women of America have moved into the winter campaign on the troublesome matter of skirts. The long and short of it seems to be a determination to throw off the yoke of foreign dictatorship in styles.

Some 800 women clamored for changes to express opinions pro and con at the debate sponsored by the New York state federation of Women's clubs. The results were a bit difficult to analyze, for the engagement was brisk and without a decisive result. While a great many women object to being "men tickets to the foreign style-monger" the new long skirts have found favor with more than a few.

It appeared Friday that the real skirts have been put definitely out of consideration. Knees must no longer be seen except in bathing suits. Also skirts dragging on the ground can not be tolerated.

NEW FACES AND OLD APPEAR IN TALKIE

Both new and old faces are seen in "Big Time," the Fox Movietone all talking comedy drama of backstage and behind movie sets, which is the current attraction at Bligh's Capitol theater ending Saturday.

Lee Tracy, Mae Clarke and Josephine Dunn, who enact the leading roles, make their first screen appearance in this picture. They are supported by others whose names and faces are more familiar, including Daphne Pollard and Stephen Feltch.

Tracy, who was the stage star of "Broadway" for nearly three seasons and who played the lead in "The Front Page" and made more stage history, portrays the role of a "small time" and conceited hooper, while Mae Clarke appears as his wife. They both repeat their stage successes in the picture. Tracy gives a most satisfactory interpretation

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BANKER FEARS DEATH, TELLS OF SHORTAGE

Wichita, Kas. (AP)—When Ernest Sunquist was on his "death bed" last April and had been told by his physician that his chances of recovering were feeble, he decided to die with a clear conscience. Now he faces a long penitentiary term.

Sunquist called T. C. Morrison, bank director, and told him of loans he had made to his father, C. W. Sunquist, Holstington real estate dealer, and of false entries he had made in his books while cashier of the Susank, Kas. Merchant's State bank. The defalcations totalled more than \$6,000.

Then Sunquist, recovered from his illness and was able to face the ordeal of a long trial. He was arrested early this month, said he was ready to take his "medicine," and made no effort to refute his confessions.

Sunquist said he couldn't refuse his father. He made 40 alterations to the bank's books to cover up his shortages, he said. His father, he said, quit borrowing from him after he told him of his transactions.

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MRS. HUTCHINSON LEAVES

Jefferson—Mrs. Gerald Hutchinson left Wednesday night for Los Angeles, Calif., to visit her mother, who is seriously ill.

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