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PESTILENCE HENEY NEARS THREATENS END OF PARIS CASE

Recent Storms Break Water and Sewer Mains—Grave Danger of Severe Epidemic of Typhoid—Families Flee From the Possibilities of Grave Danger.

PARIS, Jan. 24.—Threatened with a water famine because of broken mains and conduits and with an epidemic of disease because sewers have burst and flooded subways and streets with a mass of foul refuse, Paris today is face to face with a critical situation.

Five arrangements, or departmental divisions, already are without water for domestic purposes, although the lower sections of the city are flooded with the overflow from the swollen Seine. In many places the sewers have poured their floods of refuse about broken water mains and the authorities may be compelled to issue orders to prevent the use of municipal water.

Subways Submerged.
The sewers also have emptied their contents into the damaged subway tubes, and unless a way to ventilate the tunnels is devised, the entire system will be paralyzed.

Steps are being taken by the authorities to guard against a typhoid epidemic. Persons in the district where the sewers are broken have been advised to take temporary residence elsewhere if possible.

The basement of the famous Louvre is flooded. The galleries are damp and irreparable damage to pictures and plaster casts is threatened. The heating plant was put out of commission by the waters which still are rising.

Ivry, a suburb of 20,000 population, is isolated. The streets of the town are inundated and many buildings damaged. In eastern and southern France 100,000 persons are homeless according to reports brought here today. Many of them are destitute, and the suffering in many districts is acute.

Spends Entire Morning Reading Letters, in Effort to Connect Hermann With Conspiracy—Wins Advantage After Lengthy Argument Regarding Admittance of Evidence.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 24.—Prosecutor Heney is on the last leg of his presentation of the government's case against Binger Hermann, ex-commissioner of the general land office, now on trial in the United States court before Judge Wolverton.

All during the morning session Heney has been reading the letters written by J. A. Zabriskie, an attorney of Tucson, Ariz., who wrote the commissioner in 1902 telling of the actions of the Hyde-Benson ring in securing school land in California and Oregon through the creation of forest reserves. The letters of Zabriskie, the replies of Hermann, the letters of J. H. Snyder, Zabriskie's informant, and a former employe of Hyde, the representative of Special Agent Holsinger, who saw Zabriskie and Snyder, are all ready before the jury, over the strenuous objections of Colonel Worthington.

Hard Argument.
All of Saturday was taken up in an argument between the attorneys over the admission of the evidence. Judge Wolverton held that it could be introduced to show that Hermann had been informed of the workings of the Hyde-Benson combination and that he approved the Blue Mountain withdrawals at about the same time this information had been given to him.

This morning Worthington renewed his objections, contending that he necessarily was going too far in his claims for the evidence. Judge Wolverton held with Heney.

It is the expectation of the government to show through the evidence that is now going in that Hermann had a full knowledge of the way in which forest reserves were being created for the benefit of school land speculators, and that in the face of

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PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT WAR ON MEAT TRUST

PACKERS HOLD STOCK ON RANGE, RAISING PRICES

Crusade Against High Prices Still Spreading—Cudahy Says Prices Will Come Down But That Farmers Alone Will Suffer.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The warfare against the high prices of meats was given renewed impetus here today, with thousands signing anti-meal pledges, which it was announced that not only will an official investigation be made, but a law will be demanded prohibiting anyone from keeping food in cold storage more than sixty days.

It is contended that enough fish is in cold storage here to feed the population of the entire city for a year. Millions of eggs are known to be stored away, being held to keep up the prices.

Demand Lower Prices.
Men who are leading the fight say that the passage of the sixty-day limitation law for cold storage food would result in an immediate decrease in prices and relieve the situation.

The people are enthusiastic over the announcement of District Attorney Whitman that he will have the grand jury investigate the high prices in this city.

One wholesaler told Whitman today that if the proposed law were enacted normal prices or even below normal would be forced immediately. He said that it would cause a loss at present for those dealers who have placed great quantities of meats, eggs and fish in storage, but contended that within a short time the surplus would be disposed of.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 24.—With leading Chicago packers passing the blame for high meat prices to the stock raisers, it is reported here today that the war department is in a position to prove that the packers have purchased all available stock and are holding them on the ranges, or slaughtering only enough to maintain present prices.

Recently the commissary department of the army was forced to ask for a deficiency appropriation of \$2,000,000 to meet an advance of 8 to 11 cents per ration for enlisted men. An investigation of the causes for this advance was ordered instituted and it is said that army men have disproved the statement of the packers that there is a scarcity of cattle on the ranges.

Will Bring Down Prices.
MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 24.—That the meat boycott which has become widespread throughout the country probably will bring down

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ONE MORE DAY.
But one day is left in which to swell the membership of the Medford Commercial Club to 600. Already the 500 mark is passed. Don't let it be said that the club "fell down." Remember 600 by Tuesday night. It's up to you, Mr. Booster.

REPORT IS FILED ON WATERWAYS

Commission Makes Recommendation Regarding Development of Waterways—Differs From President's.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The first definite outline of the governmental policy to be followed in the improvement of the rivers and harbors of the United States was indicated today when the national waterways commission, created March 3 of last year, presented its preliminary report to congress. With the report is a discussion of the policy the commission recommends for dealing with the water power situation and it understood to express the latest views of the administration on this mooted question, a position somewhat different from that taken by President Taft in his conservative message. A severe denunciation of the stifling of water transportation by railroads through reduced rates and the purchase of competing water routes is made by the commission. To the plea that the improvement of waterways reduces rates by railroads if the waterways are not used the commission says:

Does Not Indorse It.
"The commission, which fully recognizes this fact, cannot indorse it as a desirable policy. It rests in the first place on the transparent fallacy that the railroads constitute an entrenched and uncontrollable monopoly which cannot be reached by legislation or other orderly and legal methods.

As a remedy for this condition the commission recommends that when a railroad rates is once reduced to meet water competition it cannot be raised until after a hearing by the interstate commerce commission, it should be found that the proposed rate rests on changed conditions other than the elimination of water competition.

Wants Rates Fixed.
The proposition to give the interstate commerce commission the power to fix minimum rates, below which the railroad cannot go was condemned by the commission, but the majority of the commission recommended that the power be given when the rate cutting is for the purpose of destroying water competition.

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GRAND JURY IS READY TO PROBE NATIONAL TRUST

Attorney Sims Will Begin His Arraignment of Packers Today—National Packing Company Has Been Selected as Object of Attack.

CHICAGO, Jan. 24.—With the eyes of an aroused people upon them, the great "barons" of the "meat trust" are being placed on the defensive today by the opening of the second government attack upon the alleged monopoly. Evidence believed to warrant criminal procedure against the trust is ready to be laid before the federal grand jury here at its meeting this afternoon.

Thirty Subpoenas.
Thirty subpoenas for witnesses to appear before the inquirers are in the hands of federal deputy marshals who are serving the papers today.

United States District Attorney Sims, leading the government's attack, will begin his arraignment of the packers, and his chief assistant, James Wilkerson, will conduct the examination in the grand jury room.

The National Packing company has been selected as the chief object of attack. A great number of the witnesses summoned today are officials and employees of that corporation.

Much Data Gathered.
Sims is armed with data secured by government agents, who have been working more or less secretly in furtherance of criminal procedure against the men suspected of being responsible for the present high prices of meats through illegal combinations in restraint of trade.

It is intimated that Sims will not attempt to secure the indictment of individual packers, but will probably attempt to indict them collectively. It is also said that Sims will submit evidence upon which he hopes for the indictment of the National Packing company as a corporation and of directors in other meat companies believed to be allied with the National Packing company.

Nothing From Packers.
That the packers will refuse to testify before the grand jury is inferred by their refusal absolutely to discuss the investigation and by the action of their attorneys not only declining to talk upon the subject, but also in counselling the packers to silence.

Every attorney reputedly connected with the "trust" is here and the packers will present a formidable array of legal force in the forthcoming struggle. In order to meet this, Prosecutor Sims has engaged R. W. Madaris as special federal counsel to assist him.

"High Prices Will Remain."
Hope of relief from high prices of meats through action against the

EARLY DATE FOR CITY CASE RECALL OUT FOR MAYOR SNELL

Attorney Neff Returns From Salem With News That Case of City vs. Hanley Will Be in Supreme Court Soon After February 11—Exact Date Not Yet Known.

City Attorney Neff has returned from Salem where he has been several days endeavoring to secure an early date for the adjudication of the Medford water case before the supreme court. The case has been advanced to the first vacant day, February 11 or soon thereafter will no doubt be set as the day of hearing.

The exact date is not known owing to the exigencies of the case, the supreme court may be relied upon to set the earliest date for the hearing possible and render their decision within a few days. By the first of March the matter should be settled so far as the Oregon courts are concerned.

ORIGINAL BOOSTER IS VISITING IN MEDFORD

J. W. Casey, of Portland, traveling passenger and freight agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway, is in Medford today.

Mr. Casey is one of the old-timers in the railroad business on the coast and is the man who, recognizing the future of the Rogue river valley, as a fruit growing section, induced J. H. Stewart, the "father of the orchard business" here to invest in Jackson county property.

He can therefore justly claim the title of the "original booster."

BALLINGER WITHDRAWS MORE LAND FROM ENTRY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 24.—Secretary of the Interior Ballinger today withdrew from entry on the ground that they contain possible water power sites 17,332 acres of public lands in Idaho, 2649 acres along the Walla Walla river in Oregon and 24,152 in Utah.

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HIGH JINKS WILL BE MERRY

Committee on Arrangements Plan Many Novel Stunts for Tomorrow Evening—Music and Jokes Will Be Features—Big Membership is in Sight—Working for 600.

With a splendid program, interspersed with many a novel stunt and local josh, the Medford Commercial Club will entertain its friends and members at its annual high jinks Tuesday evening in the opera house. The evening will be most merry and all are invited. A report will follow the program.

The high jinks have been arranged to celebrate the passing of the 600

Ashland in Throes of Greatest Excitement Since Town Pump Was Moved From Public Square—Friends of Snell and Eggleston Stand Staunchly by Them.

ASHLAND, Or., Jan. 24.—With a petition being circulated asking for the recall of Mayor Snell and a second petition out demanding that thicy records be expeted for a period extending back to the date when M. F. Eggleston assumed the duties of city recorder, these are parous time in municipal circles. Charges of graft, incompetence and discrimination float out from every street corner group, and men who never take any interest in public affairs, unless a scandal is scented are busy telling one another how things should be run. And it is "nuts" for the moss-back. Never since the town pump was removed from the plaza has there been such a wagging of heads and a babel of tongues. And yet the situation, when analyzed, discloses but a trace of reason in the contentions of both sides.

The Light Plant.

Be it known that the administration foolishly undertook to build an \$50,000 light plant for \$8,000 with the usual result, i. e., the money is gone and the plant is something like \$10,000 from completion. In the course of the work several foremen were dismissed for incompetence, hence several men and their friends "demand an investigation," which the administration is not opposing.

On the other side, water users who have been fined for delinquencies in the matter of payments, and others who for various reasons dislike Recorder Eggleston, are insisting that his accounts be expeted from the beginning. The recorder, whose integrity has never before been questioned, looks upon the proposed investigation as an "aspersion on his character, sub," and charges certain council men with being responsible for the agitation, attributing to them

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PAULHAN AFTER HOBSON'S RECORD

Comes Near Shattering World Record as Champion Target for Kisses of Pretty Women—Great Reception in San Francisco—Mme. Paulhan Some Sore.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 24.—Louis Paulhan, breaker of aerial world records today came very near shattering the world's record established by Richmond Pearson Hobson, as the champion target for the kisses of women.

The hero of the air, though effusively cordial in his French manner, does not aspire to take away the laurels of the hero of the sea. Nor does Mme. Paulhan enthuse of the

spect. She is quite satisfied to have him confine his conquests to the upper air.

Scores of San Francisco women surrounded the little Frenchman when he appeared at the aerodrome today. Dozens of women indulged in a veritable bargain counter rush to touch his hands or his clothes, while one, emerging from the rush, triumphantly declared that she had kissed him.

ITALIAN IS MYSTERIOUSLY MURDERED IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 24.—The police today are searching for a clue that will lead to the identity of the man who last night shot and killed Dominico Abanis at the corner of Hood and Lincoln streets. Although nobody witnessed the shooting, two men reported to the police today that they had seen a man kicking the prostrate Italian immediately following the shooting, and as he lying dying in the street.

To Test Tax Law.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Motions seeking for an early hearing of the suit to test the constitutionality of the corporation tax provision of the new Payne-Aldrich tariff law were made in the supreme court of the United States today.

SUSPECTED TRAIN ROBBER ARRESTED IN JEFFERSON CITY

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 24.—Suspected of being members of the quartet of bandits that held up the Missouri Pacific express near Eureka, Mo., last Saturday and escaped after looting the mail car and attempting unsuccessfully to crack a safe in the express car, two men were arrested here today. They were partially identified by members of the train's crew.

NOTED PITCHER MAY COACH HARVARD NINE

TOLEDO, Ohio, Jan. 24.—Addie Joss, of Cleveland, the crack American league pitcher, today was offered the position as coach of the Harvard baseball team. He asked permission from Manager McGuire to act upon the offer.