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200,000 HOMELESS IN FLOOD-STRICKEN PARIS

WHOLE OF FRANCE IS FAMINE-SWEPT

SEINE STILL IS SLOWLY FALLING MANY DROWNED

Looting Begins in French Capital—Police, However, Claim They Have Situation Well in Hand—Beautiful, Gay Paris is City of Sorrow.

PARIS, Jan. 31.—Two hundred thousand persons are homeless in this flood-stricken city today, and almost double that number are without employment. The refugees, so far as possible, have been taken to camps established by the authorities or housed in public buildings. Despite the efforts that have been made to provide them with sufficient food, many of them are half-starving.

The government today issued a formal notice to the effect that it has the situation "well in hand." This, however, is merely a comparative statement and is concerned more with the actual flood conditions than with the physical suffering and damage that has already resulted.

Other Sections Suffer.
Dozens of cities and villages around Paris report similar conditions to those prevalent in the capital. Bry Surmarine resembles a city famine-swept. Thousands are destitute there, and unless food and fuel can be brought from the country districts the suffering is likely to be attended with serious results.

In Alfordville soldiers are using boats of every description to distribute the food that is being sent to the city. The supply, however, is pitifully inadequate.

The Seine continued its slow recession today. At noon it had fallen to 26 feet 3 inches at Pont d'Austerlitz, and was dropping at the rate of half an inch an hour. The temperature at noon was 34 degrees, and although the sky was murky and overcast, there were no clouds in sight that threatened more rain.

Reports Coming In.
While communication with the outside has not yet been restored, news from other parts of France gradually is leaking into Paris. It is apparent from these reports that the country districts were sorely afflicted. The rivers are swollen above their banks and hundreds of villages have suffered severely. The wine districts are flooded and the damage to vines alone will reach an appalling total.

The streets of Paris are in frightful condition. Although some improvement was noted today, the authorities will not permit many thoroughfares to be used, even though much of the water which covered them last week has disappeared.

Streets Being Opened.
Under the direction of the authorities, streets are being reopened to traffic as rapidly as possible. It will be many days, however, before traffic can assume anything like its normal proportions. Dozens of streets will be impassable for weeks.

Police Active.
The unruly element have confined themselves largely to the suburbs, where there are fewer agents of authority to elude. While more than the usual number of crimes have been reported, the police seem to have the situation fairly well in hand.

In the sections where the looting took place the citizens on several occasions took the law into their own hands. On at least three occasions only the interference of the police prevented them from dealing summarily with men caught in depredations.

Looters at Work.
At Alfordville four looters attempted to escape a pursuing squad of police and took to an open boat on the river. The boat was captured by

PETITION FOR SNELL RECALL WITH RECORDER

Not Officially Placed on File, However—Said to Carry Names of 230—Snell Too Progressive for Some of the Citizens.

ASHLAND, Or., Jan. 31.—It is understood here that the petition for the recall of Mayor Snell is in the hands of Recorder Eggleston, but has not yet been officially placed on file, and for that reason it has not been given to the public. The petition as placed on file is signed by 230 men, 208 being required. It is generally understood today that Recorder Eggleston is going over the names before placing the matter on file.

The recall movement grew out of a sharp division between those who favor municipal improvement and those who do not. For this reason Mayor Snell is opposed, as he is known to be an active worker for progressiveness.

LOOKING FOR STONE MASONS

Archdeacon Chambers is Looking for Workmen to Lay Stone for New Episcopal Church.

"The work on the Episcopal buildings is progressing finely," said Archdeacon Chambers this morning. "The stone, native granite, for the church will be on the ground next week and the work of construction will be rushed in all respects that the word implies."

"The assembling of a competent force of stone masons to handle the work is one of the problems I have to solve now. In order to finish the work quickly a large force will be necessary, and to finish it as it should be finished the workmen must be competent."

GLAVIS IS GIVEN A SEVERE GRUELLING

Congressmen Implicated by Ex-Land Agent Put Him Through Hard Course of Sprouts.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 31.—Interest centered in the grueling of L. R. Glavis by Congressman Kunkaid of Nebraska and McLachlan of California at today's session of the investigation by the congressional inquiry into the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy.

the fire the soldiers directed at it. Two of the men were drowned, one escaped, while the fourth was captured when he reached the shore and was lynched. A thief arrested at Yvra attempted to capsize the boat in which his captors were carrying him to prison. A rope was tied about his body and he was thrown overboard. For more than half an hour he was dragged through the icy water. He probably will die from the effects of his immersion.

WILLAMETTE IN STERN GRIP OF STORM

All Wires North of Medford Down—Local Snow Storm Will Continue Tonight, But Will Not Be Severe—Follows Splendid Day, During Which All Nature Rejoiced.

Meager information drifting south from the Willamette valley today is to the effect that that section is in the grip of one of the worst snow storms of the season. Details are lacking, as all wires north from Medford, including the United Press leased wire, has gone down in the neighborhood of Salem. The Mail Tribune is the only paper on the circuit today north of California receiving dispatches.

According to the shreds of information received here, the storm started in the Willamette about midnight. Since then it has continued without abatement.

The Local Storm.
Following a day of balmy southern Oregon sunshine, Monday dawned bleak and dreary and this afternoon a steady fall of snow is being experienced but with nothing of the harsh about it. Snow began falling this morning and has continued since.

Local orchardists are pleased by the outlook, knowing that the present cold weather will hold back the trees from budding until danger from frost will be done away with. The weather man says it will snow tonight, but tomorrow will be warmer.

TONG WAR AGAIN ON TAP IN FRISCO

Word Passed for One Association to Be on Lookout for Other—On Yicks Are Enraged.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31.—Word is being passed among members of the Yee Sing association in the Chinese quarter to be prepared for an attack by the On Yicks. The warning followed an announcement on the part of district agent Flicker that he will not oppose the granting of bail to Tong King Chong, accused by the Yees of conspiracy to commit murder.

For several months the Yees and the On Yicks have been living under the terms of a peace pact, which is now about to expire. The Yee family, though wealthy and powerful commercially, do not number the fighting men that can be mustered by the On Yicks tong.

The On Yicks are known to be enraged at the action of the Yees in taking tong troubles in to the courts of the whites. They have sworn to revenge themselves for what they deem an insult, and the Yees fear that their enemies will not wait for the approaching end of the peace agreement.

Yee Sing, head of the Yee family, declared that the bitterness of the On Yicks was aroused when a Yee Sing man abducted and eloped with a Chinese girl claimed by the On Yicks.

As a result of their enmity, six Yee men have been killed by On Yick highlanders, according to Yee. Yee declares that his tong will not submit to blackmail; is giving orders for them to protect themselves, and it is probable that the local police will be busy soon in preventing a clash between the rival societies.

TO INVESTIGATE COST OF LIVING IN U. S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The ways and means committee of the house this afternoon decided upon an investigation of the cost of living. A subcommittee was appointed to plan the investigation.

21 DIE IN FIRE BAR ASSOCIATIONS HONOR H. K. HANNA

Tenement House in New York Is Burned—Kerosene Oil Is Poured Over Stairways and Match Sets Entire Block Afire—Believed to Be of Black Hand Origin.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Fire, believed to be of Black Hand origin, today destroyed a tenement house in the Italian section and it is believed that 22 persons lost their lives. That the fire was of incendiary origin there is no doubt, as kerosene oil was poured over the stairways so that a match placed the entire building on fire in an instant.

The members of the fire department did heroic work and saved many persons from the second and third stories. Those who lost their lives are thought to be those occupying rooms in the back of the building.

It is impossible at this time to give the number of those who perished in the flames, but it is thought that there were at least 22 victims.

METCHAN LIKELY TO BE A CANDIDATE

Popular Proprietor of Hotel Imperial Looked Upon With Favor as a Gubernatorial Aspirant by the Republicans.

The latest gubernatorial aspirant is said to be Phil Metchan, the builder and proprietor of the only first-class hotel in Oregon, the new Imperial. Mr. Metchan is widely known and very popular through the state. Years ago he was state treasurer and in the ensuing years has not only held his old friends, but made hosts of new ones.

At an informal meeting of the assembly forces recently held in Portland, it is said to have been agreed upon that either Jay Bowerman, president of the state senate, or Dr. Andrew Smith of Portland will be the assembly candidate for governor. It is not known whether or not Mr. Metchan will go before the assembly.

State Senator J. V. Coffey will ask the assembly for nomination as secretary of state. Governor Benson's friends will also ask an endorsement of the governor as nominee for the same place, and there promises to be a sharp contest between Coffey's and the governor's friends. Many members of the assembly hold that unless Mr. Benson will go before the people solely as the assembly candidate he should not be endorsed by the assembly.

While nearly all of the present state officials are gubernatorial aspirants, it is probable they will compromise by seeking nomination for re-election to their present jobs. Strong fights, however, are promised against Messrs. Bailey, Dunway and Crawford, all of whom will probably go before the assembly. There promises to be several anti-assembly candidates, and should the assembly candidate be defeated for nomination one may look to see the assembly forces openly knitting the ticket.

The new Imperial continues to be headquarters for the politicians of the state, as the old hotel was. Here it is that former Senator Fulton lives and here it is that Governor Benson and the politicians from all quarters take up their abode when in the metropolis. The new Imperial is also the favorite of Medford visitors to Portland, for as Mr. Metchan says, Medford, being a classy town, likes a classy place.

BAR ASSOCIATIONS BEAL HERE SOON TO ARRANGE PLAN TO AID GROWERS

Will Arrange to Lend Assistance to Local Fruit Men During Frost Season—Danger Reduced to a Minimum, So That Frost Bugaboo is Thing of the Past.

Forecaster Beal of the Portland weather bureau has advised C. E. Whisler that he will be in Medford to meet local orchardists within the next two weeks and discuss with them the best way in which the weather bureau can co-operate with local orchardists during the frost season. This is in accord with a promise made to Mr. Whisler, while in Washington, by Chief Moore of the bureau.

While the valley is remarkably free of frosts for a fruit section, there are nights when smudging is necessary, and local orchardists have reduced loss to a minimum. However, the one thing needed has been the co-operation of the weather bureau in order that the local fruit-growers may be warned of the approach of a killing frost. For the purpose of getting a greater understanding between the bureau and local men, Mr. Beal is coming here to decide upon a future plan of action.

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In accepting the gift, which came as a complete surprise to him, Judge Hanna was overcome with emotion and a few moments was unable to reply.

Speeches were made by C. L. Reames, W. I. Vawter, E. D. Briggs, Judge Calkins and other members of the bar in appreciation of Judge Hanna's work on the bench.

Afterward an informal and impromptu smoker took place in the courtroom.

H. K. Hanna has been a prominent figure in legal circles in southern Oregon for over 40 years, and for nearly a generation of that time he has served as a state officer.

He served two terms as prosecuting attorney before he was elected in 1886 as circuit judge for the First judicial district, which then comprised all the counties of Jackson, Josephine, Lake and Clatsop. The legal work wasn't so hard, but the traveling was to be reckoned with—they staged then from Jacksonville to Lakeview, and the roads were not any too good.

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In 1892 Judge Hanna was elected circuit judge and again in 1898 and in 1904.

If he had served out his term he would have been in the public service 24 years.

Besides this, Judge Hanna belongs to the band of men who helped to found the mining camps in southern Oregon, which were the nucleus of the prosperous commonwealth of today. He is the last of the old regime which had such intrepid souls and forceful brains, such as the late P. P. Prim, Henry Klippel, W. G. T. Vault, Silas J. Day, James D. Fay and many others, who, while they have crossed the great divide, have left their mark on the pages of southern Oregon history.

AFTER QUARTER CENTURY JUDGE LEAVES BENCH

Local Attorneys Present Him With Gold Watch and Pay Him Tribute—All Came With Surprise to Retiring Judge—Long Active in Southern Oregon.

At the coming in of court this afternoon Judge Hanna, who retires from the circuit bench after a service covering nearly a quarter of a century, was met with the surprise of his life.

Instead of the small routine matters which he supposed would mark the end of his term, he found a majority of the members of the bar who had practiced before him in the courtroom.

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MINERS MAY GO OUT ON STRIKE

To Demand Shorter Day and Increase in Scale—Conference With Mineowners to Be Held in Near Future.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 31.—A demand for an increase of 10 cents per ton was recommended today in a report made by the scale committee to the United Mine Workers. The present rate is 90 cents per ton.

Besides the increase of 10 cents per ton, which is for pick mining, with a corresponding increase for machine mining, the committee recommends a flat demand for an eight-hour day, with a definite provision for a half holiday on every Saturday.

The committee does not agree with the proposition of President Lewis that no general strike be called in case the negotiations are still pending when the present contract expires.

The report recommends that joint conference be held between the miners and mine owners for the purpose of reaching a settlement regarding their demands.

It further proposes that in case there is a prospect of a general strike, union organizers be rushed to all non-union districts for the purpose of completing preparations for such a contingency.

The convention immediately adopted the sections of the report regarding the demand for an increase in wages and the eight-hour day. The other phases were taken under consideration.

CAR HITS AUTOMOBILE; MAN BADLY INJURED

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 31.—J. F. Ewing, a wealthy rancher, was fatally injured near Inglewood today when a speeding Los Angeles and Redondo electric car struck an automobile in which Ewing was driving. The car was derailed, the automobile smashed into kindling wood and Ewing was hurled 40 feet, and badly mangled.

No one was injured in the car, despite the fact that nearly 50 feet of track was torn up before it stopped. Ewing was taken to a hospital, a Inglewood, where physicians attended him.