

OHIO RIVER SWEEPS CITIES TOWARD SEA

FLOOD WATERS DELUGE TOWNS IN TWO STATES

Many Towns Abandoned to Flood—Urgent Calls for Relief From a Dozen Places—Crest of Flood Reaches Evansville.

Fatalities Caused by Last Night's High Wind—Relief Sent to Stricken Places.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 18.—Houses floating down the Ohio river, Enterprise, Ind., with a population of 200 abandoned and probably swept away; Madisonville, Webster and Tompkins, all on the Kentucky side, abandoned, and urgent calls for relief from a dozen neighboring towns, make up the flood situation here today.

That the crest was reached was indicated by the river stage, stationary now 24 hours at 46.5 feet. The danger will not be over for several days, however, as the effect of almost a week's steady rain will keep the water high for some time.

Wind Causes Fatalities
Fatalities were certainly caused by last night's high wind, said experienced river men today, but owing to the absence of ordinary means of communication no confirmation of these fears could be obtained. Wires were down in the seriously damaged districts and the train schedules were abandoned.

Six houses floated down the river, supposedly from Enterprise, which is believed to have been wiped out by the high wind and flood. The inhabitants have fled to houses in the hills.

Cities Face Famine
Owensboro and Baskett, Ky., besides several small villages in Illinois have made frantic attempts to get food and provisions. Evansville's relief arrangements are strained to the utmost and state officials are on the ground today to offer aid. In the emergency, bakeries and grocers are giving to the limit of their resources, on the city's promises to pay later.

Twenty flood victims are housed in a house here. There are a score of cats, rescued by Mayor Heilman himself.

KNUTE NELSON HELPS BRANDT TO BEGIN LIFE ANEW

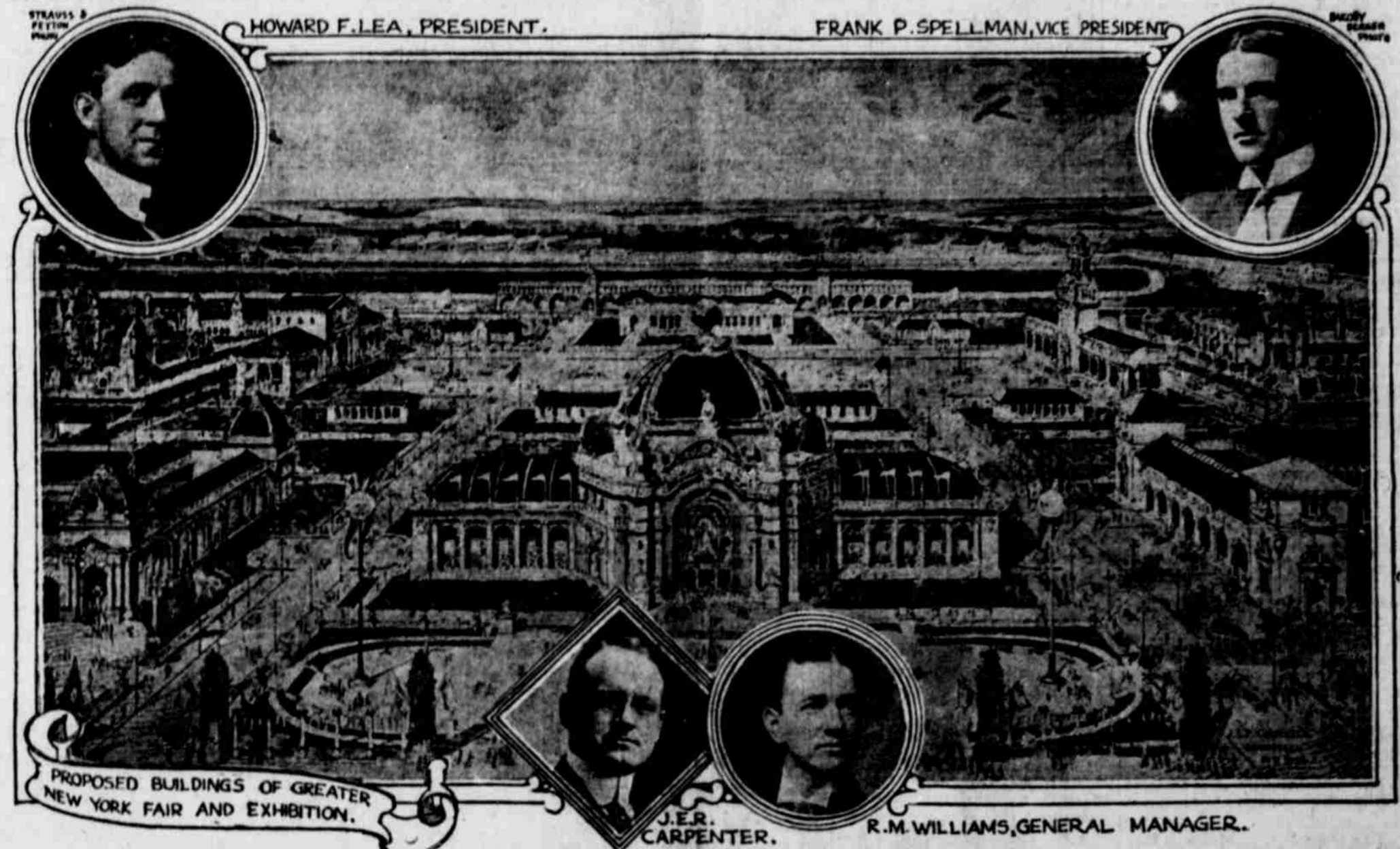
WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Foulke E. Brandt, Mortimer Schiff's valet, pardoned yesterday by Governor Sulzer of New York, is en route today to Minnesota, there to begin anew.

Brandt is traveling on a ticket which Knute Nelson purchased for him. The senator reached Washington early today. "He is going out to Minnesota to turn over a new leaf and work out his own salvation," said Nelson. "My heart went out to him, not so much because he was a Swede, as because he was a good boy. He was handsomely treated in prison, assisting in the office much of the time and he evidently appreciates Governor Sulzer's clemency."

LLOYD GEORGE WINS; DOCTORS TO SERVE

LONDON, Jan. 18.—A big victory for Chancellor of the Exchequer David Lloyd George was scored here today when the British Medical association, by a vote of 115 to 35, decided to release British physicians from pledges not to serve under the National Insurance Act. The act provides a monetary allowance and medical attention to working people during sickness.

MANY FEATURES TO FOLLOW OPENING OF BIG AGRICULTURAL FAIR AND LIVE STOCK SHOW



When Robert M. Williams, of Tennessee, went to New York last fall he took an office in the Heidelberg Building and quietly announced that he and his associates purposed to hold there next August a great agricultural fair and live stock show, with a Grand Circuit trotting meeting as one of its features, many conservative horsemen thought that the news was almost too good to be true. Such an enterprise has been talked about and wished for from time immemorial to local horsemen, but until Mr. Williams and his friends arrived there it had never got beyond the wishing stage. Under their experienced management the big undertaking is fast approaching a stage of realization and all signs point to the successful carrying out of their commendable program.

There has been much speculation as to where the proposed fair and trotting meeting would be held. From a source which may be deemed reliable it has been learned that an option has been obtained from James Butler for along lease of the Empire track, at Yonkers, which will undoubtedly be used if satisfactory transportation facilities can be arranged. Plans have been drawn by J. E. R. Carpenter, a well known New York architect, for several large buildings and pavilions to fit the available space at the Empire track. Mr. Carpenter has also made new plans for laying out the grounds, and the drawing on this page shows the general scheme and effect.

The officers of the Greater New York Fair and Exposition Company, which is the corporate name of the organization, are all experienced men in their special lines of work. Howard F. Lea, the president, is a well known lawyer of Kansas City, Mo. Frank P. Spellman, of New York, the vice president and director of amusements, has handled the spectacular features of some of the largest State fairs in the country. Robert M. Williams, the general manager, hails from Columbia, Tenn., and is widely known as one of the most successful fair managers in the South. He has managed the Alabama State Fair, at Birmingham; the Tri-State Fair, at Memphis, Tenn., and other similar exhibitions.

SHIP TRUST PLANS ENTIRE MONOPOLY OF PANAMA TRADE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Charging that the "Shipping trust" is planning to monopolize Panama canal trade, Representative Humphrey, of Washington, today introduced a bill to exclude from use of the waterway all ships which are parties to foreign or domestic combines, pools, or "conferences."

"The evidence already adduced at the 'steamship trust' investigation has demonstrated that a foreign combine is guilty of every charge made against them," said Representative Humphrey. "They fix rates by agreement and do everything human ingenuity can devise to stifle competition."

"Foreign owned lines used the United States as a mere way station and all the passenger and freight rates to and from this country are fixed in Europe."

"Hired men—supposedly American shipping magnates, brokers and agents—do not dare fix on a rate until they have cabled to Europe and ascertained the opinion of the foreign rate fixers."

"Conference and pooling agreements are necessary to the life of foreign commerce," asserted Herbert Barber, president of the Barber Steamship company of New York, before the house shipping trust committee today.

He explained that although his company operated ships under nearly every flag, they received a subsidy from France.

MINER BURIED IN SNOW SLIDE

REDDING, Cal., Jan. 18.—Buried beneath a thousand tons of snow, Edward Treadwell, son of James Treadwell, was found today.

UNCLE JOE SINGS SWAN SONG TO OLD ASSOCIATES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Uncle Joe Cannon sang a "swan song" in the house this afternoon. He declared he would never again seek public office—he paid his respects to the democrats; ignored the Bull Moose party and eulogized long and triumphantly on the republican achievements.

"I am about to retire from this chamber," he said slowly. "But I feel no different now from the way I felt 22 years ago, when I had a 'leave' for two years from this chamber. I feel as well as I ever did."

"I am going back to Danville, Ill., to the people who have honored me by successive endorsements for so many years. I shall not seek public office again. I am going back to perform my duty as a single voter—as a citizen of this great country."

The veteran ex-speaker spoke during a lull in the debate on the army appropriation bill. He pleaded for a "large army and navy" and defined the Monroe Doctrine for the democrats whom he accused of unreasonably reducing the army and navy for the sake of "something they call economy."

OPERATOR KILLED BENDING OVER KEY

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Jan. 18.—Huddled over his desk, a lifeless hand gripping his key, the body of Night Telegraph Operator George Cox, a bullet hole through his head, was found today at the Santa Fe station at Summit, 28 miles northeast of San Bernardino. A shattered window pane indicated that the bullet which ended his life had been fired from outside the station.

POWERS PERMIT ALLIES TO RENEW WAR IN BALKANS

LONDON, Jan. 18.—The peace envoys of the Balkan states today agreed that the joint note of the great powers handed to the porte did not put any restraint upon the allies, and they declared that Turkey's rejection of the advice of the powers would mean the utter annihilation of Turkey in Europe.

The Balkan delegates said they could interpret no part of the note to be in opposition to the capture by the allies of Constantinople, and they declared that the taking of the Ottoman capital would be the first thing undertaken, should the war be resumed.

At the same time the Balkan plenipotentiaries professed to be confident that war would not be resumed. They said they were remaining in London because they expected the St. James palace peace negotiations to be reopened soon.

"I cannot believe that Turkey would be so foolish as to reject the advice of the powers, and I am confident that the peace conference will be resumed early next week," said Dr. Danef, chief of the Bulgarian envoys.

The vote of the powers, jointly presented to Turkey by the ambassadors at Constantinople, advised the Porte to submit to the terms offered by the allies, including cession of Adrianople and the Aegean islands. Turkey was told that if she precipitated fresh hostilities she would receive no financial aid from any of the powers, and would lay herself liable to assaults on Asiatic Turkey, which up to now the allies have not attacked.

"It is to be hoped that Turkey will see the light," said M. Venizelos, the Greek envoy. Greece is quite willing to leave the disposition of the Aegean islands and all other questions to the powers, confident that they will consider the justice of our claims and the desires of our people.

TURKISH FLEET DRIVEN BACK BY GREEK SQUADRON

ATHENS, Jan. 18.—The Greek fleet attacked the Turkish squadron outside the Dardanelles today and a sharp engagement, which is believed to have resulted in heavy losses for the Turks, follows.

The Turkish squadron withdrew in the face of the heavy Greek attack and returned to the Dardanelles in great disorder. The casualties on the Turkish flagship are believed to have been heavy.

STRIKERS REFUSE TO GO TO WORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Despite assertions of the union leaders that all workers employed in shops or factories affiliated with the dress and waist makers association would return today under the terms agreed upon by the arbitration committee, it was evident this afternoon that the rank and file of the strikers were unwilling to accept the terms offered.

The settlement which was supposed to be binding upon 25,000 shirt and waist makers was repudiated by a majority of the workers this afternoon. They declared that the agreement should have been submitted to the union for a vote and asserted it would not be lived up to. Charges of "being sold out," were made in many meetings held this afternoon and a vote was taken to place the strike in the hands of the I. W. W. leaders.

Another riot this afternoon resulted in the arrest of four strikers. A crowd of nearly 1,000 strikers attacked an automobile driver for carrying strikebreakers to various shops affected by the walkout and for a time serious trouble appeared to be threatened. Police reserves were called out and the crowd was dispersed.

PUJO TO RETIRE FROM PUBLIC LIFE AT TERM'S END

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Retirement from congress on March 4, of Chairman Pujo of the money trust committee—"because of unsatisfactory results"—was stated today as the cause of suspension of the investigation next week.

Before leaving here for St. Louis, Samuel Untermyer, attorney for the committee, emphatically stated that strong pressure would be brought to bear upon the next house to continue the investigation.

"The inquiry is merely suspended—not stopped," said Untermyer, "because we desire to present a 'report' to the present congress to try if possible to secure early enactment of legislation deemed necessary."

Pujo voluntarily leaves public life March 4 to practice law. As head of the present investigation he wished to present some tangible results to congress before leaving with recommendations for reform.

Closing of the present sitting of the probe next week is forced, Pujo explained today, by the brief space of time before congress adjourns. Pujo hopes to have the new legislation to be recommended, adopted at the special session of congress next.

QUEEN MARY'S HATRED OF AMERICANS SHOWN

DEVONPORT, England, Jan. 18.—Queen Mary's dislike for Americans is given as the reason why the naval training ship Cumberland with Prince Albert aboard, will not touch at New York, or any other American port on the cruise to the West Indies. The Cumberland sailed today with the second son of King George among the cadets on board. Originally it was planned for the ship to stop at New York. The itinerary was changed at the last moment.

STORM TIES UP RAIL TRAFFIC IN COAST STATES

High Water, Deep Snows, Slides and Flood Cripple Railroads and All Trains Many Hours Late—Portland Cut Off From World.

Foot of Water Pours Over Temporary Bear Creek Bridge—Colder Weather Halts Flood.

A warm rain Friday night melted the snow well into the foothills, caused Bear creek to submerge the temporary bridge at Main street, and brought high water to Rogue river and the various creeks of the section. Three quarters of an inch of rain fell during the night. Snows to the north and south delayed trains and a severe storm around Portland left Medford without telegraphic communication with that city.

A big landslide between Keswick and Copley is blocking the Southern Pacific railway, and no trains will come through until late today. All passenger trains are being held at Kennett on the north and Red Bluff on the south. There was a heavy rain storm with high wind last night throughout the northern part of California and all of Oregon and rivers are rising rapidly.

All Trains Late
All trains into Medford have been from five to ten hours late. No. 14, due in Medford at 5:45 Friday night arrived at 3 o'clock Saturday morning.

The Shasta limited going south pulled through at 8:30 in the morning and the 10:52 due Saturday morning is scheduled to arrive at 3 in the afternoon. From Dunsmuir to Ashland the trains have been forced to fight the snow for every inch and ten hours was lost by 14 on this distance. The bridge at Oakland, Ore., is said to be in a bad way and long delays were caused before the railroad crews could cable and strengthen the structure.

The Central Point wireless station Saturday morning got into communication with Portland and learned that one foot of snow had fallen there. The Postal, Western Union, and Southern Pacific wires to Portland were put out of commission by the heavy snow, but the break is fast being repaired.

All Streams Rising
The highest temperature during the past twenty-four hours was registered during the hard rain between 8 and 9 o'clock Friday night, when the thermometer went up to 47 degrees.

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PACKERS FORMED TRUST ASSERTS MISSOURI COURT

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 18.—An agreement to "lessen, restrict and destroy free competition" and fix prices exists between the packing companies of the country, according to an opinion filed today with the supreme court by special commissioner Daniel Dillon.

The report was made to the court in the proceedings instituted by Governor Major when he was governor of Missouri to oust the Hammond Packing company and the St. Louis Dressed Beef and Provision company from the state.

In his report Judge Dillon said that he found the agreement affecting this existed between the Swift & Co., and the National Packing company and the two companies named in the ouster suit.

"I do not think," said the report, "that the evidence is sufficiently specific in regard to the volume of business the companies control, the volume of business done by others to warrant the finding that the combination constitutes a monopoly."