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GAY PAREE IN DANGER OF FLOODING

A Large Portion of Town Now Under Water and River Still Rising.

MANY LEFT HOMELESS

Fifty Thousand Workmen Thrown Out of Employment and Hundreds of Whom are Without Roofs to Cover Their Heads—Food Supply Short.

Paris, Jan. 25.—Almost one-third of France is under water today, according to reports received from provincial towns that have not been isolated by the floods.

The rains that have been falling steadily for more than a week continued today, and the Seine, fed by its swollen tributaries, is rising more than half an inch an hour.

Hundreds of men and boys are working on the banks in barges on the river, in an effort to keep the tons of drift and wreckage from accumulating at any point. Should an obstruction be formed in the river, the city would be inundated by the diverted waters.

Early today the flood invaded the lower Champs Elysee, where are located many of the handsomest homes in France, including that of President Falliers. Throughout that section, hundreds of vans are moving furniture and other property out of reach of its rapid advance.

The Quai de Billy and the Avenue Montaigne, two of Paris' "show streets," are already submerged.

Several hundred refugees were rescued from almost certain death today when they were surrounded on three sides by rapidly rising water and cut off on the fourth by a burning chemical factory. They were taken away in boats less than half an hour before the neck of land on which they were huddled was entirely covered by the flood.

In the city, suffering is acute. The usual sources of food supply from the country districts is cut off, and the city is practically subsisting on quarter rations.

The price of meat has advanced 30 per cent in the last two days. Vegetables are 25 per cent more expensive than they were yesterday, while butter and other commodities, that are now classed as luxuries, command prohibited prices.

The country sections are prostrated. The wine districts will not recover for years, and vineyardists will be among the heaviest losers.

Today's rains alternated with flurries of snow, magnifying the suffering of the homeless hundreds.

Paris, Jan. 25.—Surrounded by destruction and ruin, many of them half starving and thousands others homeless, the people of Paris today are experiencing a tragic holiday.

Despite the hunger and want that has resulted from the disastrous floods that are sweeping in upon the streets of the city from the swollen Seine, the people appear to be moved more by a strange curiosity than by alarm.

The banks of the turbid river are crowded with thousands of persons who are watching great armies of workmen, work frantically to prevent the formation of some obstruction in the stream that will form a dam and divert the accumulated waters of a thousand lesser streams in the city.

More than hundred great factories in Paris are in enforced idleness this afternoon. Thousands of lesser establishments have been compelled to close. Fifty thousand operatives are without work, and hundreds of them are without roofs over their heads.

Stung by the gibes of the press, President Falliers today subscribed \$4,000 toward a relief fund for the sufferers. Since the first appreciable damage done by the floods,

the chief executive of the republic has been the target for bitter and vituperative thrusts from the public prints, accusing him of niggardliness because he had failed personally to contribute to the sufferers.

The basement of the beautiful Notre Dame church was flooded shortly after noon. It is not thought, however, that its foundations were damaged.

Only a small section of the subway is being used. Domestic communication is demoralized, and practically no trains have arrived from the country districts.

Will Blow up Bridge.

Paris, Jan. 25.—The military authorities announced this afternoon that they intend to dynamite the Alma bridge, the most beautiful structure that spans the Seine at Paris.

The arches of the famous bridge are furnishing a basis for accumulations of debris that are forming a dam. The authorities decreed that the bridge must be sacrificed to prevent additional damage in the city.

The war office today ordered the entire military garrison of Paris to join in the fight being waged to save the city from further damage from the waters of the angry Seine. They were placed at the disposition of the city authorities, who immediately detailed entire divisions to the various points along the flooded banks of the river, to keep the banks clear of wreckage.

Just what toll the river finally will demand of the city is the subject for much anxious conjecture this afternoon. Because of the labyrinthine underground structure of the city, which is tunneled with subways, sewers and passage ways, many of the latter being centuries old, Paris practically rests on a gigantic sponge, into the epores of which the flood is sinking.

The authorities are of the opinion that the actual danger to the city lies in this quarter.

The ghastly feature of the day's destruction occurred shortly before noon, when the loosened waters poured into the cemetery at Alfortville. Graves yielded up caskets in

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WILL SOON HEAR THE OTHER SIDE

Prosecution in the Binger Hermann Case Expects to Close Today.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 25.—Annual reports of ex-Commissioner Binger Hermann, and other interesting things like that, formed the principal points of attention at the Hermann trial today.

Heny is drawing near the close of his case, and this morning finished his direct examination of Mr. McVean, who has been on the witness stand for a day or more. He will follow this witness with other former employees of the general land office, to show by their testimony that Hermann had a knowledge of the fraudulent practices which prevailed in the handling of lands put inside forest reserves.

The prosecution is now making an effort to connect Hermann by circumstantial evidence, with the Blue Mountain conspiracy. He has shown that Hermann discussed the creation of the reserve with Mays while in Portland. He is now showing by government documents, by letters of Hermann, and evidence of land office employees that Hermann knew of the fraudulent practices in school lands within the boundaries of reserves created, that knowing of these practices he had constantly urged in annual reports and otherwise that the lieu land act be changed or repealed, that he had declined to recommend the creation of reserves because of these conditions, and that in face of this general course, he made a special effort to secure their creation of the Blue Mountain reserve, following the conference with Mays and the letters which Mays afterwards wrote him.

PRICE OF MEATS TAKE BIG SLUMP

Wholesale Prices Have Dropped From One to Fifteen Per Cent.

DOES NOT AFFECT EGGS

Not Only the Big Combines, But the Little Petty Trusts in Every City Are Responsible for High Prices of All Kinds of Commodities.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Cleveland, O., Jan. 25.—Though the wholesale price of meats has slumped from one per cent to fifteen per cent on various commodities, the retailers here today say that a reduction of at least 25 per cent must be made before the retail prices can be lowered.

Commission men here maintain that there will not be any reduction in the price of eggs.

The attitude of the retailers and commission men is regarded as reflection the truth of Secretary Wilson's statement yesterday at Washington that not alone the big combines, but the little petty trusts in every city contribute their share in the effort to keep prices high.

The statement of a leading retailer here is recalled in connection with this. The retailer maintained that he was selling as near the margin as possible and that only a big reduction in the wholesale price could permit him to reduce the retail price.

TEDDY DECLINES INVITATION TO PUT FEET UNDER ROYAL TABLE

Berlin, Jan. 25.—Although he says little about it, for he knows it would be undignified to express his disappointment too openly, the kaiser is known to be unusually put two because Theodore Roosevelt declined his invitation to be the guest of the imperial family during the former president's visit to Berlin.

It is reported that the kaiser was planning a sort of endurance test with the object of learning for himself whether or not the American statesman was entitled to his strenuous reputation and it is rumored

GRAND JURY INVESTIGATING BEEF TRUST

Actual Investigation Will Hardly Begin Before Tomorrow.

ARE SPARRING FOR TIME.

More Than Score Subpoenas Have Been Served and Witnesses Are Ready to Go Before the Inquisitors.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Chicago, Jan. 25.—While actual investigation of the meat trust by the government is scheduled to begin late today or possibly tomorrow it was intimated that the result of the federal grand jury's work will not be announced for two months.

The grand jury began its morning session by disposing of calendar cases and its slow and ponderous deliberations indicated that it is not on tip toes to take up the investigation of the packers or that it will be moved greatly by the popular protest against the current high prices of meats.

More than a score of subpoenas have been served and witnesses are ready to go before the inquisitors.

Most of these are men who have been acting as government representatives and who will be relied upon by United States District Attorney Sims to clinch his case against the trust.

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NO INTENTION OF FRIGHTENING INDUSTRIES

Present Prosecution of Beef Trust in Line With Policies of Government.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Washington, D. C., Jan. 25.—The Taft administration made it clear today that it does not intend to frighten the industries of the country by indiscriminate prosecutions under the Sherman anti-trust law, and that stories to the effect that the present action against the beef trust was the result of public agitation or a new departure, are untrue.

The administration made known its desire that the public should understand that the beef trust case is merely in line with the regular policies of the present government.

These facts were given out in the following statement issued from the White House:

"No statement has been issued, either from the office of the attorney-general, or from the White House indicating that the purpose of the ad-

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PLAYED THE BOOZE GAME TWENTY YEARS

Popular Writer of Ragtime Melodies Is Down and Out.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Detroit, Mich., Jan. 25.—A wreck of his former self, through the ravishes of liquor, Hugh Cannon, popular song writer, whose rag time melodies were whistled and sung throughout the English speaking world, was sent to the Eloise poor house today.

Hugh Cannon, at the age of 36, wrecked, down and out. His own composition contains the greatest comment on his life, "Ain't That a Shame?" which he wrote several years ago.

"Just Because She Made Them Goo-Goo Eyes," sung in every theater of the land, was another of Hugh Cannon's compositions.

Also "Bill Bailey," and a score of others not so well known.

"I started the booze route when I was sixteen," said Cannon, giving a thumb nail sketch of his life. "I'm

36 now and except for seven months on the wagon, during which time I got off frequently to pick up the whip, I've been pickled most of the time. It was twenty years—twenty black, nasty, sick years—with only a little brightness now and then when I made good with some song. "I quit the cokey (cocaine) easy. Fifteen days in jail cured me of that. I hit the pipe in New York for a year and stopped that. I went up against the morphine hard but quit. But the booze, the red, oily booze—that got me for keeps."

WILL BE TRIED OUT IN COURT

Securing bonds in the sum of \$200 James Watson was turned loose yesterday afternoon after being arrested for an alleged assault with a dangerous weapon on the person of T. T. Fuller, in the Swartz saloon, and his trial set for tomorrow morning in Judge Moore's court, while James May is being held in the city jail pending a hearing for assault and battery also on Fuller.

Fuller, the complaining witness, sought the law as the best course by which he could heal his injuries inflicted upon him by Watson and May, the alleged guilty parties of the assault. The row occurred yesterday afternoon, when Watson entered Swartz's saloon, and Fuller struck him, as claimed by Watson. Fuller maintains that he was set upon by both Watson and May, and given a beating, including having a gun drawn on him in the hands of Watson. May's hearing will be set later.

Failed to Show Them.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
San Diego, Cal., Jan. 25.—Chas. K. Hamilton failed today to surpass Paulhan's world's record for high aeroplane flights, although he made several valiant attempts.

During the day Mrs. J. W. Softon and Mrs. Frank Greer, of San Diego, occupied the seat behind the aviator in a series of trial flights. Col. D. C. Collier, director-general of San Diego's projected exposition, was also given a sky ride.

Y.M.C.A. HOLDS SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION

Annual Reports Shows the Society in Oregon and Idaho in Good Condition.

The tenth annual convention of the Y. M. C. A. of Oregon and Idaho, held at Corvallis, came to a close Sunday evening. In point of attendance this was the largest convention in the history of the two states. There were 168 present, of whom 20 were secretaries and 15 were speakers. Willamette sent 29, which was the largest delegation. Among the speakers of note was Fred B. Smith, secretary of the international Y. M. C. A.; Henry McCoy, secretary from San Francisco; Mr. Allen, from Seattle; A. B. Richardson, railroad secretary from Pocatello; Dr. Rader, editor of the Pacific Christian Advocate; Gale Seaman, Pacific coast student secretary.

Reports show that there has been an increase in the value of property of 14 per cent, from \$285,000 to \$487,000, in the two states. Three hundred thousand of this is in the magnificent Portland building, which is one of the best designed and capable of rendering service of any building in the West. Other buildings are Shepherd Hall, the O. A. C. building, the Payette building, \$24,000, the Eugene building, soon to be dedicated, at a cost of \$52,000. More buildings are assured for the coming year.

An impressive fact brought out is that the Y. M. C. A. is not a national, but an international organization. The membership encircles the globe, with a total of nearly one million men, in 31 nations. Its property value on this continent is about

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PLANNING FOR A NEW STATE

Movement Started to Carve New State Out of California and Oregon.

TO BE CALLED SISKIYOU

Convention to Be Called to Meet at Yreka, California, Some Time in March to Consider the Proposition—New State Will Embrace Seven California Counties and Five Oregon.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Medford, Ore., Jan. 25.—It is the Southern Oregon leaders in the movement to carve a new state out of Southern Oregon and Northern California, to be known as Siskiyou, who are active today with arrangements to call a convention to devise ways and means.

According to present plans the convention will gather in Yreka, Siskiyou county, California, not later than March 15, and remain in session three days. Prominent men from all of the territory affected have signified a willingness to attend and aid in the movement.

As planned, the new state will embrace seven California counties and five Oregon.

The movement grew out of a widespread dissatisfaction with the treatment accorded the territory by the two states.

California has long neglected the northern portion of the state, and Southern Oregon has suffered at the hands of Portland and the Willamette valley. The move to create the new state is unanimously endorsed by the residents of the affected territory.

WILL PAY TRIBUTE TO BOBBY BURNS

The anniversary of Robert Burns, Scotland's most popular and most famous poet, will be celebrated in an appropriate manner this evening by his admirers at McMinn's hall.

The program for the occasion will be of an informal character, and will commence at 7:30 o'clock. It will consist of readings and songs from the poet's writings and memorial remarks. The program will be participated in by leading men of Salem's business and professional circles, and it gives promise of being one of the best literary entertainments ever given in the city.

A committee on organization has been appointed, and will report this evening, and a permanent organization will be effected.

Farmers in Convention.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]
Walla Walla, Wash., Jan. 25.—The state farmers' association, in convention here, today let a contract for 2,000,000 grain bags at a price of \$5.47 1/2 per hundred, as against \$6.32 last year. The Fraternal Company of Tacoma were the successful bidders. The contract calls for the delivery of the bags between June 15 and July 15.

J. E. E. Edgeworth "organized" Eugene people into an electrical company and skipped with several thousand dollars.

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