

It is almost too absurd to make the occasion of the overflowing of a river a cause of objection to the settlement of a country. It is precisely the same thing as to say that England is not a fit place to live in, because the Thames and the Mersey sometimes overflow their banks and do damage in localities. At the moment these lines are written [November 30], we have telegraphic advices from Berlin, Germany, that the Rhine is very greatly swollen, having flooded large districts of country. The telegram states that although at this date the Rhine had fallen a foot and a half within twenty-four hours, there were yet six feet of water in the streets of Cologne, Coblenz and Bonne; that at Bonne 490 houses were submerged, and nearly all the provisions and fodder in the town destroyed. Telegrams of the same date from the Hague state that there were extensive inundations in Holland, large tracts of the country being submerged, while the rivers were then still rising. Another telegram from Paris states that the Seine at that date continued to rise and that the cellars of the Palais-de-Justice and the Tribune of Commerce were flooded, as well as much other damage done. And so one might go on; but the thing is unnecessary and too absurd for argument.

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