

DEATH AND RUIN IN THE WAKE OF FLOOD

Every Hour Adds to Horror of Situation in France—Seine A Ragging Torrent.

No Abatement Looked For Until Tomorrow—Thousands of Poor Flee to Paris.

Paris, Jan. 25.—The river authorities announced tonight that the Seine would continue to rise until Thursday and would exceed the high record of 1892.

The Lyons R. R. Company sent out a notification that all services out of Paris have been suspended.

The great bond and warehouses at Bercy appear to be doomed to destruction, involving an immense loss.

At Colombes, the Seine threatens momentarily to mount the parapet and flood the populous working class suburbs of Gennevilliers, six miles northwest of the centre of Paris.

Telegrams have been sent by the military authorities to the generals in the provinces to hurry pontoons, bedding and sappers to the points where the floods are most severe.

The Minister of Marine has ordered the authorities to despatch lifeboats and crews to Paris.

A steamboat pontoon broke from its moorings at 2 o'clock this morning and was swept against one of the arches of the Pont de l'Alma, completely obstructing the river at that point.

The floods have brought disaster to a large part of France. The ordinarily modest and peaceful Seine is now a raging torrent and rising at the rate of more than an inch an hour.

As it rushes furiously seawards, it sounds the message of increasing misery and destruction.

The general expectation that the maximum of the flood would be reached tonight has not been realized. Official reports from the Seine's affluents this afternoon that they were beginning to fall.

As it rises steadily and the official estimate tonight is that the Seine will be at least fifteen inches higher by tomorrow afternoon.

The victims of the flood number more than a hundred thousand and the monetary loss is incalculable.

WRECK DEATH LIST TOTALS FORTY NOW

Five Bodies Recovered Yesterday From Wreck at Spanish River—Official Statement Issued.

REPORTS EXAGGERATED SAYS McNICOLL

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Jan. 25.—The death list in the Webwood wreck has now reached forty, five bodies being taken from the river this afternoon.

Of these, two had been numbered as missing, Charles Carr, the air brake inspector, of Montreal, and Wm. Lavery, freeman of North Bay.

The other three were those of Frank Morrison, who was bound for Ekoba, Ont., Dr. McMillan of Sudbury, and J. Fucant, who was travelling from Ottawa to Rhineland, Wis.

In addition to the body of another man previously taken was identified as that of J. H. Eneault, a prospector, of St. Gabriel de Brandon, Que.

The company states that this now brings the total of killed up to the number called for by the conductor's tickets.

In an official statement this afternoon regarding the affair Mr. D. McNicoll, vice-president of the Canadian Pacific, said:

"There is no truth in many of the reports which have been sent out regarding the Webwood accident, especially as to the circumstances surrounding the death of the victims.

We have reported the names of the victims as we were able to secure them, and we have taken every possible care of everybody who was injured as a result of the accident.

As far as can be ascertained there was nobody, living or dead, on the car when it was burned. I have met several who were on the scene immediately after the accident, before the wrecked car caught fire, and they all state that there was none on the car when it was burned.

The stories of injured people being rescued and pure fiction. The reports from the hospitals show that none of the injured suffered from burns, the only one who showed any signs of fire being a boy whose hair was singed.

GOVERNMENT SEEKING TO CLEAR UP ISSUES INVOLVED IN NOTORIOUS SCANDAL

The Lumsden Resignation Has Its First Airing in House and With It the Charges of Over Classification on the Transcontinental—Laurier Limits Scope of Inquiry Demanded by Public.

Declares That Investigation Shall be Confined to the Operations of Subordinates Leaving the More Formidable Disclosures of Over Classifications Severely Alone.

Ottawa, Jan. 25.—The Transcontinental scandal made its bow in parliament today and the Lumsden resignation has had its first airing.

The resolution to investigate the incident is being introduced by an inquiry as narrow and limited as possible confined to the one issue of whether or not the subordinate engineers have done wrong and ignoring the charge of over classification and the Conservatives are insisting upon a complete and thorough investigation.

Five speeches were delivered by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Haughton, Mr. Lennox, Mr. Graham and Mr. Macdonald. Mr. Middlebrooke moved the adjournment.

The Resolution. The resolution which the Premier moved recited the fact of Mr. Lumsden's resignation and certain of the expressions which he used in connection with the matter.

The Premier then read a letter from Mr. Parent, chief of the commission, dated 30 December last, demanding an investigation on these lines.

Mr. Lennox followed. In his opening words he countered on the Premier's argument that the proposed inquiry should not trench upon arbitration which was "proceeding."

Mr. Lennox then pointed out with clearness and force that the whole dispute was over classification.

Mr. Lumsden's charge was continued on Page 2.

WOODSTOCK TO HAVE NEW RAILWAY STATION

Special to The Standard. Woodstock, Jan. 25.—Mayor Jones, Ald. McManus and Ketchum, President Dibblee and other members of the Board of Trade, met Superintendent Dowdle of the C. P. R. this afternoon and talked over the proposed passenger station.

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FURTHER GAINS FOR UNIONISTS

Conservatives in England Continue to Pile up Majorities Over Liberals.

Both Parties Abandon Hope of Adequate Majorities—Press Demands Compromise.

PRESENT STANDING OF PARTIES. Five hundred and fifty-nine members of the new parliament have been elected.

Among the prominent members elected today were the Rt. Hon. Austen Chamberlain, who won for the Unionists in Worcestershire East, and Sir F. Acland-Hood, the chief Unionist whip, who retained his seat for the west division of Somersetshire.

Among those defeated were Sir C. D. Rose, who failed of re-election in the eastern division of Cambridgeshire and F. H. Newnes, the newspaper proprietor who previously held the seat for the northern, or Bassettlaw division of Nottinghamshire for the Liberals.

Throughout Week. The elections will continue throughout the week, but the chances of the Unionists obtaining a majority or the Liberals securing enough seats to render them independent of the Conservatives and Nationalists, have now disappeared and it becomes a most interesting question as to how the Liberal government is going to meet the difficulties before it.

Various measures are expected to be promised in the Kings speech, including Welsh disestablishment, unemployment insurance and the veto of the House of Lords.

According to a rumor from a reliable source tonight, Premier Asquith's present idea is only to propose that the House of Lords be deprived of the power of vetoing finance bills, but to practically certain such a restricted measure will not satisfy the Nationalists, to say nothing of the Radicals, and unless the Government propose to limit the lord's veto on all legislation, it is exceedingly likely there will be a split in the Liberal ranks.

Lloyd-George. Chancellor Lloyd-George, speaking at Stourbridge tonight, seemed to have some notion of this kind in his mind. He said the election had been won by a bold, strong policy, and if the Liberal leaders now listened to the counsels of timidity and faint-heartedness, the democracy would be disgraced and abandoned them.

Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary at Hexham, said the Unionists expected the Government's majority to be dependent on the Irish vote, but the situation was rather that of the tariff reform party would be dependent on the Irish vote for the chance of turning the Government out. Free trade, he declared, was safe. The situation might offer opportunities for political workers. It called for statesmanship and the Government would continue to steer the ship of state with a steady hand and on a wise course.

London, Jan. 25.—The idea of a compromise has taken firm hold on the Unionist newspapers, the editorials, of which teem with invitations to Premier Asquith to recognize that he has not received a sufficient mandate to ride rough-shod over the House of Lords and to see the wisdom of disregarding his radical allies and take counsel with the Unionist leaders in the work of a reasonable reform of the House of Lords, which the whole country is desirous of seeing accomplished.

Seven Italian smugglers engaged in carrying contraband through the wild Alpine pass about Chiavenna, Italy, were overwhelmed by an avalanche yesterday.

WILD DAY ON STOCK MARKET

INTERNATIONAL PARK PLANNED

SCHOONER HASKELL IS ABANDONED TO WAVES

CROWLEY'S CAPTAIN IS UNNERVED BY DISASTER

WANTS EXPORT DUTY PLACED ON MEATS

TO REGULATE THE HANDLING OF LIQUOR

INCREASE IN HERRING CATCH IS REPORTED

BOYCOTT HAS ITS EFFECT

A. E. REILLY IS ELECTED MAYOR

UNITED STATES STEEL BACK TO OLD DIVIDEND