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French and Belgian Rivers In Flood; Wide Area Inundated

MANY FACTORIES ARE SUBMERGED AS WATERS FLOOD

Week of Rain Raises Seine and Tributaries More Than Six Feet.

GALE IN SOMME

Wind and Flood Together Ravage 7000 Acres—Boulogne Threatened.

(By Canadian Press.)

Paris, Nov. 3.—Swollen by the incessant rains of the last week, coming on top of the dampest summer and fall in many years, the rivers of northern France and Belgium are rising with unprecedented rapidity, threatening widespread destruction.

The Seine has risen more than six feet in the last two days, likewise its tributaries. The Marne is already overflowing at Epernay, Vitry-le-Francois and Chalons, the Saone is rising two inches hourly and the Doubs even faster.

In the Argonne, the Meuse has turned miles of country into a lake and the region of Epinal is under water.

Somme Is Swept.

The road between Epinal and Nancy is cut near Charmeres where several factories are submerged.

A combination of flood and gale has ravaged 7,000 acres in the Somme valley, flooding more than a hundred colleges on the seashore near St. Vallery.

A similar situation threatens Boulogne and the region of Hazebrouck is one vast lake.

In Belgium Also.

Liege, Belgium, Nov. 3.—The River Meuse is rising rapidly, and all the low-lying sections are flooded.

Charleroi, Belgium, Nov. 3.—Nearly the whole of this region is under water, and immense damage is reported.

The big Hainaut metal plant at Couillet is flooded, as well as the Marcinelle Electric plant, throwing thousands out of work.

The authorities are organizing boat services to convey food to flood victims.

It is said the gas plant will be put out of commission at any moment, plunging the city into darkness.

Seine Over Banks.

Brussels, Nov. 3.—The River Seine is out of its banks, south of this city, and acres are under water.

FAMILY OF FOUR IS BURNED TO DEATH

Eleven Other Families in Danger When Flames Destroy Tenement Stairway.

New York, Nov. 3.—Samuel Roth, his wife and three small children, were burned to death yesterday in a fire which destroyed a ghetto tenement and threatened the lives of eleven other families who lived in the building and whose escape was cut off when a staircase went up in flames. They were rescued by firemen using aerial and hand ladders.

Premier Speaks On Senate Reform

Weyburn, Sask., Nov. 3.—Speaking here Saturday night before an audience of 3,000 people, Premier King said the Federal Government could be relied upon at all times to see that railways were made to serve the people, and not the people the railways.

General Wu Flees; Conflict Is Ended

Both Are Fined; One \$20, One \$10

Fawcett Admits Fighting; Powers Says He Was Defending Himself.

A rather unusual proceeding took place in the police court this morning in a case of George Fawcett and Watson Powers, who were taken into custody last night at 11:50 o'clock on charge of fighting at King Square.

BRITISH OPINION FAVORS COOLIDGE

Uncertainties of Result, However, Are Stressed—Little Editorial Comment.

London, Nov. 3.—Long special dispatches from New York and Washington are furnishing British newspaper readers with the latest probabilities and possibilities in the U. S. presidential election, and are being given front page prominence in all the London morning editions.

Football Judge Is Shot By Policeman

Charleroi, Pa., Nov. 3.—(United Press)—Thomas Roddy, 19, died in the Charleroi Hospital today from a bullet wound in the back received while officiating as headline man in a football game at Eloc yesterday.

Urge Amnesty For Caillaux and Malvy

Paris, Nov. 3.—(United Press).—A senate committee report was issued recommending amnesty for ex-premier Joseph Caillaux and ex-minister of the Interior Malvy, his associate in alleged scheme to negotiate a peace with Germany during the world war, for which both were convicted of treason and ex-

ARE BANQUETED BY CONFERES IN MARINE SERVICE

John Kelly, Capt. Burns and E. J. Neve are Department Guests.

GIFTS PRESENTED

Tributes to Efficiency in Their Positions Paid at Farewell Gathering.

Retiring under the Calder Act after many years of efficient service three members of the Marine and Fisheries Department—John Kelly, superintendent of lights; Captain Arthur W. Burns, assistant ship's husband; and Edward J. Neve, mechanic marine signals; were guests at a luncheon tendered them this afternoon by the employees of the department throughout this entire district.

Following the luncheon J. C. Chesley, local agent for the Marine and Fisheries Department, on behalf of the staff of the New Brunswick district presented two large Chesterfield chairs to Mr. Kelly, Mr. Chesley, in making the presentation, outlined the excellent work Mr. Kelly had accomplished during his many years in charge of the lights of this district. He paid a tribute to the ability of the retiring superintendent and referred to him as one of the most efficient officials not only in the district but also in the entire marine department in Canada. He spoke of the last which the district was selected for the retirement of such an official.

GOVERNMENT WILL MEET TOMORROW

Attorney-General to Be Sworn in—Education Board to Meet.

(Special to The Times-Star.) Fredericton, Nov. 3.—Hon. W. F. Todd, of St. Stephen, Lieutenant-Governor, will arrive here tonight to remain the greater part of the week on official duties.

36 HORSES BURNED

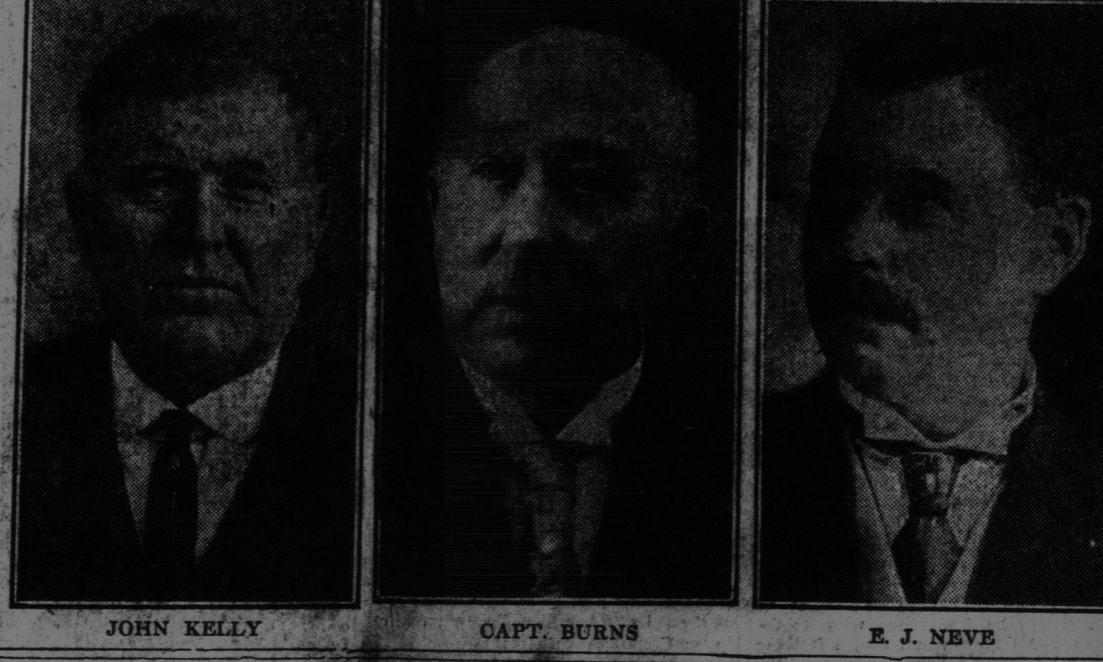
Four Buildings Destroyed in Fire Which Threatened Section of Brockton, Mass.

Brockton, Mass., Nov. 2.—Four buildings were destroyed and 36 horses perished last night in a general alarm fire, which, for a time, threatened the entire Centreville section of Brockton and a property loss of more than \$200,000.

Labor Cabinet To Resign Tomorrow

London, Nov. 3.—It was confirmed today that Ramsay MacDonald would present the resignation of his government tomorrow. King George arrived at Buckingham palace to receive MacDonald's resignation and commission Baldwin to succeed him.

St. John Men Honored at Banquet as They Leave Marine Department After Years of Service



JOHN KELLY CAPT. BURNS E. J. NEVE

13 Hurt, 20 Jailed in Ohio Klan Clash

Niles, Ohio, Nov. 3.—With peace and order restored here, military, county and city officials today turned their attention to fixing the responsibility for rioting here Saturday between the Ku Klux Klan and the anti-Klanism which occurred while Klansmen were preparing to parade.

KISS ANGERS JUDGE

Care for Second Wife Costs Bigamist Three Years in Prison.

Baltimore, Nov. 3.—George E. Parker was on trial in the Criminal Court today. Judge Gorter had ordered Probation Officer Snyder to see if Parker's case could be settled without jail sentence.

SEARCH STARTS FOR LOST ADVENTURERS

U. S. Cruiser Sails on Hunt For Vessel From Norway With Three Aboard.

New York, Nov. 3.—The U. S. cruiser Trenton will sail today in search of the Lief Erickson, a 40-foot sloop with three American adventurers aboard, which six weeks overdue at Battie Harbor, Labrador.

Argentine Gives Up Pacific Flight

Tokio, Nov. 3.—Major Pedro Zanni, the Argentine aviator announced today that he had decided to abandon his attempt to fly across the Pacific Ocean.

3 Pay Penalty for Vice-Consul's Death

Washington, D. C., Nov. 3.—Execution by the Persian Government of Seyid Hussein, ring leader of the mob which murdered the United States Vice-consul in Teheran, was reported officially today to the state department. Another man was executed for the crime at the same time.

NEUMONIC PLAGUE LAD AT DOORS OF GROUND SQUIRREL

Outbreak in Los Angeles Claims Its Twenty-Ten More Cases

Los Angeles, Nov. 3.—State and federal health authorities today were moving to the aid of Los Angeles in its fight to block the spread of pneumonic plague, which at last reports had claimed 21 victims in the city's Mexican quarters.

BOMB WAS CAUSE

Coroner's Jury Returns Verdict in Case Where Nine People Lost Lives.

Nelson, B. C., Nov. 3.—The Grand Jurors' jury sitting on the first four bodies of the Farron disaster Saturday, found that a bomb was the cause of the explosion that destroyed the day coach of the Kettle Valley train from Nelson last Wednesday morning.

Political Situation in Spain Critical

Biarritz, France, Nov. 3.—The political position in Spain has become extremely critical, according to passengers arriving from Madrid.

Weather Report

Synopsis.—Pressure changes are now occurring very rapidly and the general weather conditions are decidedly unsettled.

Radio Station, 10,000 Feet Above Sea Level, Opened; To Spread Weather News

Tarbes, France, Nov. 3.—The highest radio-telephonic station in the world has been opened at the observatory on the Pic du Midi some 10,000 feet in altitude.

Doukhobors Mourn as Leader Is Buried

Nelson, Nov. 3.—Never before in recorded history have the Kootenay Hills looked down on the like of the scene they beheld today, when from 5,000 to 6,000 people, a living carpet for the rock rimmed basin, saw Peter Veregin, known as the "Brilliant," lowered into an apulchra hilled from the living rock, on an eminence overlooking Brilliant.

ANNOUNCE LONDON AND HILL SERVICE

Furness Line Officials Tell of Fortnightly Sailings From St. John.

The Furness Line sailings for the coming winter between this port and London and Hull have been announced. The schedule calls for fortnightly sailings during the winter, with the first steamer leaving St. John on or about Dec. 6.

3 DROWNED, NINE MISSING IN GALES

New York, N. Y., Nov. 3.—Two fishing boats with nine men aboard were reported missing and another boat with 11 men aboard was towed into port today as an aftermath of the high wind which swept the waters off New York yesterday and last night.

Two Vessels Are Sunk Off New York Coast by High Winds.

New York, N. Y., Nov. 3.—The election campaign of 1924, is passing through its final hours in a swirl of activity destined to make political history.

FUNERAL ENDS IN CLASH WITH POLICE

French Bishop at Bordeaux Protests Laws Against Religious Processions.

Bordeaux, Nov. 3.—The first act of violence since the passage of the law forbidding religious processions took place here yesterday. As a protest against the law, the Bishop of Montauban led a funeral procession with all the religious regalia in keeping with the occasion and the rank of Bishop.

Woman Slays Son, Husband and Self

Salina, Kans., Nov. 3.—Faced with the loss of his love, Mrs. Ote Morgan, 43, shot and killed her 60-year-old husband while he slept.

U. S. CANDIDATES CONFIDENT ON EVE OF NATIONAL VOTE

Presidential Campaigns Near Close in Unusual Burst of Activity.

LAST MINUTE WORDS

Coolidge and Dawes to Speak by Radio Tonight—Lafollette Finished.

New York, Nov. 3.—Following the Republican forecasts of a certain victory at the polls tomorrow, the betting odds that Calvin Coolidge would win the Presidential race went to 11 to 1 today.

A prominent Wall street firm announced an offer to lay \$55,000 against \$5,000 on the President; the odds against Senator Lafollette, leader of the independent party, were 25 to 1 in Wall street; the odds against John W. Davis, the Democratic Presidential nominee, were quoted today at 13 to 1.

One estimate placed the total bet so far in Wall street on the various nominees at \$1,500,000. The same calculator thought that an additional \$250,000 would be wagered today.

Wall street appeared reasonably certain that the election would not go to the House. This danger appeared so slight that the street was willing to bet 6 to 1 that it was a myth.

(By Canadian Press)

LIBERAL WOMEN AT CAPITAL ORGANIZE

Mrs. R. P. Allen is Chosen President—Hon. A. B. Copp Addresses Meeting.

(Special to The Times-Star.) Fredericton, Nov. 3.—The Fredericton Women's Liberal Club on organization, elected officers as follows:—President, Mrs. R. P. Allen; 1st vice-president, Mrs. P. S. Watson; 2nd vice-president, Mrs. J. Bacon Dickson; 3rd vice-president, Mrs. G. W. Hodges; 4th vice-president, Mrs. W. D. Gunter; corresponding secretary, Miss K. Lynch; recording secretary, Mrs. Harriet Atkinson; treasurer, Miss Martha O'Neill; educational committee, Mrs. A. C. Porter, Miss M. O'Neill, and Mrs. Todd, with power to add to numbers. Mrs. W. T. Whitehead was elected by acclamation honorary president.

Hon. A. B. Copp, Secretary of State for Canada, representative of New Brunswick in the Federal Cabinet, delivered an address.

Miss Isabel C. Armstrong, Director of the Women's Division, National Liberal Bureau, Ottawa, who was instrumental in bringing about the organization also addressed the meeting.