

PARISIANS REJOICE NOW RIVER IS RECEDING

Authorities of French Capital Realize, However, That Grave Danger Still Faces City as Result of Flood.

(Times Leased Wire) Paris, Jan. 29.—Martial law was proclaimed in Paris to-day. The authorities came to the conclusion that this was the only means of rigidly controlling the situation.

Hungry refugees from the flood districts made attacks on food shops this afternoon, and in many instances openly defied the police.

Final estimates this afternoon place the total property loss at \$200,000,000, with the probability of an additional \$50,000,000 resulting from the undermining of the city.

The breaking of sewers did new damage to-day to the Place de L'Opera.

Paris, Jan. 29.—Following the official announcement by the authorities that the flood has reached its crest and the crisis is passed, the people of Paris to-day are rejoicing in a frenzy of thanksgiving.

At 10 o'clock this morning the Seine had fallen three inches below its highest point during the last terrible week, and was still receding.

Although the danger of further damage is believed to be passed, the streets in the river districts and the lower portions of the city present scenes of destruction that are appalling.

The sanitary conditions in the flood districts are frightful. Broken sewers have added to the filth and stench brought into the city by the flood.

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were driven by the floods, until permission is obtained from the authorities. This will be given only after the places are examined and disinfected, should it be necessary.

The necessity of water for drinking purposes is a source of much anxiety. With the turbid flood waters everywhere, hardly a drop fit to drink is available.

The authorities to-day issued orders that all refuse must be burned, and everything touched by the floods from broken sewers added to the flames.

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—More than \$2,000 has been raised in San Francisco for the benefit of those destitute by floods in Paris, according to announcement to-day by the committee in charge.

The relief fund being collected here will be acceptable in the stricken city was evidenced by the following reply to a cablegram to Paris, dispatched by the French consul-general, Henri Merou, offering assistance: "Assistance will be received with gratitude."

New York, Jan. 29.—For the relief of the flood-stricken Parisians, the Metropolitan and Manhattan opera companies will give benefit performances on February 6th and 7th.

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THE MODERN LADY MACBETH The Culprit—"Out, damned spot! Out, I say!"

NAME WATER BOARD MONDAY

MAYOR TO ANNOUNCE COMMITTEE OF CITIZENS

Knotty Problems to Engage Attention in Immediate Future

(From Saturday's Daily.) Mayor Morley hopes to be able to announce at Monday night's meeting of the city council the personnel of the citizens' committee which will cooperate with a committee of the council in attempting to solve the water problem.

It is anticipated that with the striking of the committee a meeting of the same will be summoned almost immediately. During the past week a special committee of the city council has been at work collecting in all data available at the city hall which may be useful to the general committee.

It is probable that the work of the citizens' committee will resolve itself into the determination of three questions: What steps shall be taken to increase the yielding capacity of Elk lake; what can the city obtain the holdings of the Esquamit Waterworks Company for by purchase, and what will be the best method of bringing water to the city from Sooke lake, with all the facts respecting detailed expenditure on that scheme.

At the inaugural meeting of the city council Mayor Morley put himself on record as believing that it would be advisable to ascertain what the city can buy the property of the Esquamit Company for, as an out-and-out proposition, and that when such information has been obtained and all the facts are known relative to the Sooke lake scheme, two by-laws should be submitted to the ratepayers simultaneously, if possible. In this way it is hoped to get a definite mandate from the citizens as to what course to pursue.

Another matter which will come before the city council on Monday evening, bearing on the water problem, will be the question of effecting repairs to the Smith's Hill reservoir. If the recommendation of the streets committee be adopted Arthur L. Adams, under whose supervision the reservoir was constructed, will not be given the task of advising as to the nature of the repairs, as had been spoken of by the council board of last year. It is likely that repairs will be effected by the new city engineer, when that official has been appointed.

TORONTO CHURCH CHIMES. Toronto, Jan. 29.—As a result of an injunction taken out by Miss Frase who complained that the ringing of the chimes of St. James' church, Stratford, has caused nervous collapse, the church authorities have decided to ring the chimes every hour instead of every quarter of an hour.

FURS SEIZED. Ottawa, Jan. 29.—The biggest seizure of furs ever made in Ottawa took place yesterday at the Union depot when District Game Inspector Lovelady confiscated a bale of furs valued at over \$6,000. The bale contained furs of all descriptions, and was consigned to the Hudson's Bay Company's headquarters in London.

MANY COMING TO VICTORIA

Winnipeg, Jan. 29.—Judge Mathers, Mrs. Mathers and family left to-day to spend some time in Victoria.

Over 100 hundred people have left the city within the last week for Victoria.

GERMAN EXPORTS TO CANADA DECLINE

Berlin Newspaper Says Tariff War is Responsible for Falling Off

(Special to the Times.) Berlin, Jan. 29.—The Kolonial Zeitung deplors the fact that Germany is carrying on a tariff war with Canada which has resulted in a serious decline in her exports to the Dominion.

The paper feels that Germany will not participate in the development of Canada where her industrial products should find such an excellent market, and trusts that the relations between the two countries will soon be normal.

THREE MEN ARE KILLED BY DYNAMITE

Several Others Sustain Injuries—New Court House Demolished

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 29.—Three men were killed and a number seriously injured yesterday in an explosion of dynamite which destroyed the new court house at Silver City, N. C.

The explosion completely demolished the \$100,000 building and caused much damage throughout the town. From the statement of survivors it appears that Omar Conley and Barrett Banks, members of prominent families, were throwing dynamite which they intended using on a fishing expedition. Conley and Banks both were blown to atoms.

TRANSFERRED TO VICTORIA. Winnipeg, Jan. 29.—A. E. Christie, manager of the Union Bank at Brandon for the past three years, is to be transferred to Victoria the end of next month.

FINE RECORD IN BANK CLEARINGS

CROWDING VANCOUVER FOR FIRST PLACE

Victoria's Splendid Showing for the Week Which Has Passed

While, most people are agreed that Victoria has entered upon a new era of progress and prosperity, there is a section of the community which refuses to believe that the present activity is based on any solid foundation, and that the present real estate activity is more fanciful than real.

Such timid souls a perusal of Bradstreet's statement of weekly bank clearings will serve to dissipate some erroneous notions for the cold facts respecting Victoria's progress, as reflected in the financial transactions of the city, are there set forth. The statement of the New York financial agency for the week ending Saturday is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: City Name and Amount. Includes entries for Victoria, Montreal, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Halifax, St. John, London, Edmonton, Toronto, Vancouver, Quebec, Hamilton, and Calgary.

It will be seen that Victoria makes a remarkably excellent showing in comparison with other cities throughout the Dominion, and this at a season of the year which is not particularly favorable for progress and development.

Victoria's per centage gain is almost as large as Vancouver, which leads the whole of the Dominion. That Victoria's growth and expansion are progressive is shown by the fact that the clearings for the week ending January 14th were only \$1,756,000—an increase of 34.7, while Vancouver for the similar period is credited with \$6,938,000—an increase of 66.5 per cent.

Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver are the four other cities showing great expansion and growth, building operations being particularly large, yet Victoria leads all of them with the exception of Vancouver. No doubt much of the excellent showing made the past week by this city is due to the real estate transactions. But that this activity will continue with the approach of spring is the opinion of all careful students of the situation.

The fact that a great many people from the prairie provinces are commencing to arrive will also serve to stimulate trading in the realty market almost immediately.

SAYS BATTLESHIPS ARE DOOMED. Aeronaunt Declares Aeroplanes Can Annihilate Any Fleet.

Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 29.—Clifford B. Harmon, the New York aeronaunt, declared in a lecture before the Pasadena chamber of commerce, that the day of the battleship had passed. No nation, he said, would care to send a fleet of warships to these shores on a hostile mission with such masters of the air as Curtiss, Hamilton, Willard and others ready to meet it.

"It has already been demonstrated," said Mr. Harmon, "that one balloon or aeroplane can carry sufficient explosives to annihilate any fleet in the world, while the warships would be powerless to protect themselves."

THE UNIONISTS AND LIBERALS REMAIN TIE

Some Doubt Expressed as to Whether Asquith Will Continue to Hold Office as Premier in New Government.

London, Jan. 29.—With each side assured of 267 seats, the tie between the Unionists and the Liberals in the parliamentary elections remains unbroken to-day.

Forecasters are busy this afternoon estimating the final strength of the contending parties. While an absolutely accurate prediction, of course, is impossible, persons conversant with the conditions in the constituencies say the alignment in the next parliament will be as follows: Unionists, 273; Liberals, 271; Nationalists, 83; Laborites, 40.

If this prediction holds good, the Liberals with their allies undoubtedly will be supreme.

Among the Nationalists rejoicing in general, for with the equal division of the two great parties, the balance of legislative power will be in their hands. They believe that their position to enforce action on the Home Rule bill will be unassailable. Also they admit there is little chance of its passage at the coming session.

One Canadian Candidate. Only one more Canadian candidate has been named whether or not he will sit in the new House of Commons. He is Foster Boulton, of the Boulton family of Toronto, who won a seat in Ramsey division of Huntington at the last election as a Liberal by a majority of 281.

As things are now going Boulton is leading a forlorn hope.

The great crowds which gathered around bulletin boards in Fleet street with joyous abandon of the first few days, when the result was in doubt, no longer are noticeable.

The greatest election show since Monday and football and roller skating will come into their own again.

Will Asquith Rejoice? There is considerable doubt whether Asquith will retain the premiership when the new government is formed. He will decide this momentous question during his trip to the Mediterranean. He declared most decidedly that he would not continue in office unless the government gave him full authority to carry out his policy in dealing with the House of Lords.

It can hardly be said that the results of the election contain any such mandate. It is now practically certain that the Liberals will not have a clear majority and a coalition with the Nationalists and Laborites will not have sufficient authority to inaugurate any such radical changes. It is an open secret that Asquith has found practical detractors in the Socialistic members of his cabinet, notably Lloyd George and Winston Churchill, most galling. It is rumored that Lloyd George will become premier if Asquith decides to retire.

Details of Election. Details of elections held yesterday follow: Bosworth, Leicestershire. McLaren, Liberal, 7,709; Fraser, Unionist, 4,457. No change.

Northamptonshire, North. Brassey, Unionist, 5,520; Nichols, Laborite, 4,458. No change.

Guilford, Surrey. Horne, Unionist, 3,264; Methune, Liberal, 3,012. Unionist gain.

East Grinstead, Sussex. Cautley, Unionist, 6,562; C. H. Corbett, Liberal, 3,228. Unionist gain.

St. Ives, Cornwall. Corey, Liberal, 4,458; Levitt, Unionist, 3,367. No change.

Argyllshire. Ainsworth, Liberal, 4,443; Hutchinson, Unionist, 4,617. No change.

Lancashire, South. Menzies, Liberal, 5,246; Mitchell, Unionist, 3,725. No change.

Lancashire, North. Whitehouse, Liberal, 5,972; McKean, Unionist, 5,499. No change.

Lancashire, Northwest. Findlay, Liberal, 8,105; Wilson, Unionist, 7,017; Robertson, Laborite, 2,160. No change.

Sutherlandshire. Morton, Liberal, 1,607; Lechell, Unionist, 551. No change.

Cardiganshire. Davies, Liberal, 4,388; Roberts, Unionist, 2,945. No change.

Elfen, Camarvonshire. Davies, Liberal, 6,110; Priestly, Unionist, 1,700. No change.

Cork, Northeast. O'Brien, Independent Nationalist, 2,934; Abraham, Nationalist, 1,210. A gain for independents.

REBEL LEADER SHOT IN BATTLE

WOUNDED WHILE LEADING CHARGE

The Nicaraguan Revolutionists Condemn Action of U. S. Admiral

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Jan. 29.—General Chamorro, the most trusted and efficient lieutenant of the revolutionary commander, General Estrada, lies seriously wounded in a hospital at the front, according to dispatches brought here to-day. Chamorro, personally, led the attack upon the government position near Acopyapa during the bloody battle of January 25th, in which each side lost more than 300 men killed or wounded.

A battery at the centre of the Madrid line apparently was the keystone of the government troops' defence. It was manned, according to the insurgents, by Englishmen. Knowing that his success in the engagement depended upon the coming of the guns, the general led a detachment of his men upon it in the face of a withering fire. He was wounded twice, but did not retire until his task had been accomplished. The capture of the battery turned the tide in favor of the insurgents.

Sympathizers with the revolution are bitter to-day in their condemnation of the attitude toward the Madrid government, which they claim has been taken by Rear-Admiral Kimball, who is in command of the American ships in Nicaraguan waters. They declare that the statement he issued warning Americans to take no part in the revolution was an indirect justification of the execution by Zelaya's men of Leroy Cannon and Leonard Grace, American citizens who cast their lots with Estrada's cause. Such a stand, they further assert, he would not dare to take unless he were absolutely sure of the position of the state department in the United States. In this they profess to see a well-aimed shot at the Madrid government by America and predict that if the government troops are successful in keeping the rebels from Managua, Madrid will be formally recognized as president of Nicaragua.

Following the bloody battles of Rama and Reoyo when field hospitals were established and operated under the direction of American, Admiral Kimball became a popular hero alike with rebels and loyalists. Indignation against him is running high among the former to-day because of the unfriendly attitude they insist he has assumed.

SEeks TREATY WITH CANADA. Italian Commission to Visit Dominion Has Been Appointed.

Rome, Jan. 29.—Senator Gavazzi, a leading silk manufacturer, will be sent to Canada at the head of a commission to negotiate a treaty granting the same treatment that is accorded France in silk and other products.

BLACK HAND LETTER. Windsor, Ont., Jan. 29.—W. J. Drake, ex-mayor of Windsor, has received a "Black Hand letter" demanding \$200 in cash and threatening in the event of refusal, the assassination of Mr. Drake. The letter was decorated with the customary skull and cross-bones and a ruddy drawn coffin.

HEAD MASTER RESIGNS. Lennoxville, Que., Jan. 29.—Rev. W. D. Steadfast, head master of Bishop's College school, has resigned as the result of some changes introduced in the school. Mr. Steadfast was appointed only last September.

STATION BURNED. Winnipeg, Jan. 29.—The Canadian Northern railway station at Sprague, Man., was burned to the ground this morning. The loss is about \$5,000.



WAR MINISTER HALDANE. Re-elected for Haddingtonshire.

LIVELY SCENE IN REICHSTAG

SOCIALIST MEMBERS START A RIOT

Shake Fists in Face of Speaker Who Declares for Absolutism

(Times Leased Wire.) Berlin, Jan. 29.—Socialist members of the Reichstag to-day started a riot when Herr Von Oldenburg, a supporter of the Kaiser, made a stirring speech in favor of absolute monarchy.

When the honor of Von Oldenburg's speech became apparent the Socialists began a demonstration in which infuriated members shook their fists in the face of the speaker, overturned tables and desks, and attempted to drag Von Oldenburg from his seat.

Other Socialists mounted their chairs or desks and yelled, "Down with absolutism." The tumult became greater with every attempt of Von Oldenburg to speak. Finally order was restored when the speaker surrendered to the handicap of noise and disorder.

It is believed that Von Oldenburg's speech was inspired by Kaiser William for the purpose of obtaining the number of Socialist adherents, and also for other political use.

RECRUITS FOR MOUNTED POLICE. Toronto, Jan. 29.—Fifty-nine candidates were accepted and dispatched to headquarters in the West by Inspector Fitzgerald, who has been receiving candidates for the Royal Northwest Mounted Police. It had first been intended to secure forty men here, but those who offered were so capable that the authorities decided to take on sixty if they could be secured.

FLOOD IN PA...

Medical Officers of Fighting Pestilence To Return

Paris, Jan. 29.—Forty miles west toward the headwaters of the Seine, the floods to-day were beginning to fall and the assurance engineers that the rising tide had really reached its crest by being reached by hysterical cheering and the appearance of further apprehensions were all part of the afternoon, the people began to realize the extent of the city has sustained. A party of balloonists who flew from the Aero Club at St. Omer took up over the city for the day, taking snap shots of the devastation, upon their return the situation was far more than they had anticipated.

Relief for Destitute. The government is preparing to issue free food and supplies. Arrangements also have been made to provide fuel for the people whose homes are being burned to prevent the spread of disease. Agents with large supplies of blankets already are on the streets, and the people are most serious and where the pestilence is greatest. Skills plyed to-day in the palace of President Falla and in the streets of the city. The laborers were divided into groups by the city authorities. The first floors of many of the houses were entered by the water to-day.

Suffering Among Poor. Reports indicate that among the poorer classes was a great deal of suffering. In the Grenelle and Javel districts, where hundreds of laborers were crowded together, the streets were filled with the sick and dying. The people were gradually getting their work under control. The worst feature of the day was the fact that the victims were sick from exposure. It was a sight to see men and women of weakness in the crowd about the streets.

Although the suffering has greater in the poorer sections, reports show that the loss of life was higher in the quarters than anywhere else. Although every effort has been made to rescue thousands of mariners, it is not certain that all will be saved. Scores of the poorer sections of the city are known to have been in the hands of the water. Authorities fear that bodies will be found in the oozy debris.

Celebrate Fall of River. Reports received to-day from the upper Seine and Marne rivers are that the water has fallen to its highest point and that the receding. Town criers passed the streets announcing the fall through megaphones, and formed to celebrate the occasion. In all the river country practically the entire population turned out to celebrate the fall of the water. The people were in the streets and in the small towns as determined as yet, as the people have thrown their hats in the air in celebration of the demonstration.

Warned of Danger. Rearing its ugly head over the waters of the flood, the dragon of disease bared its face of Paris to-day. Officials are sending out the people warning of the danger in the waters before broken sewers. The news is in big type instruction.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANK IN...

Bill Introduced in Senate Providing for Establishment of Depository

Washington, D. C., Jan. 29.—The savings bank bill, drafted by the committee of the committee on the postal and post roads, was introduced in the Senate yesterday, and was referred to the post office committee. The bill probably will be reported to the Senate to-day.

The bill provides that postal savings depositories be established under the supervision of a board of postal savings depositories.