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## SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND PEOPLE HOMELESS IN FRANCE

Disaster from Floods is Overwhelming. Each Day They Continue Monetary Loss is Estimated at \$200,000.

**THE SEINE IS STILL RISING AND 30,000 PEOPLE ARE HOMELESS IN PARIS ALONE.**

Paris, Jan. 26.—At noon today the River Seine was still rising. It is now four feet above low water mark, the highest point reached in the century. Thirty thousand are homeless in Paris, and twenty thousand persons, marooned in their homes, were rescued today by boats.

The city is cut off from the world by rail and telephone and telegraph wires are working. They may go at any moment, and the electric lights appear to be doomed as they are almost completely tied up already. In the provinces the floods amount to a national disaster.

## PUBLICITY OFFICER CHOSEN FOR PROVINCE

Charles S. Hotchkiss, of Clarendon, will direct the Immigration Campaign with Headquarters at Edmonton—Former Newspaper Man and Magazine Writer in United States.

The campaign which is to be waged by the Alberta government in order to secure a population of 400,000 people by the next Dominion census is going so well that a publicity officer has been chosen to direct the campaign under the direction of the Minister of Agriculture.

In the case of Mr. Hotchkiss it was not until after the appointment of a publicity officer for the province. The selection has fallen on Charles S. Hotchkiss, of Clarendon, and he will enter upon his new duties next week. His headquarters will be in Edmonton and he will have control of the campaign under the direction of the Minister of Agriculture.

## DAMAGE ESTIMATED THIS AFTERNOON AT \$200,000.00

Paris, Jan. 26.—The government officials this afternoon estimated that the damage done by the flood in Paris and in the country exceeds two hundred million dollars.

Paris, Jan. 26.—The flood situation in Paris and throughout France, which until now has been merely menacing and inconvenient, became tonight so serious and threatened a national disaster. Many thousands are homeless and the problem of providing for the sufferers has taken precedence of all other matters of state.

## FELL FORTY-FIVE FEET FROM PEMBINA BRIDGE

Joe Woeike, a bridgeman employed by the Canadian Bridge company in the construction of the Pembina bridge is at the General Hospital here today, his body in such condition that he is not deemed as being recovered. He was a fall of forty-five feet from the top of the bridge at one end of the structure in the afternoon of the 25th. He was injured internally. His fall injuries have not yet been ascertained as in addition to the terrible bruising that resulted from the fall, he may be injured internally.

## COMMISSIONERS FOR CHILD CRIMINALS

Under the Provisions of an Act passed by the Legislature of the Province of Alberta, the following persons have been appointed as Commissioners for Child Criminals in the Province of Alberta, to be in force on the 1st day of February, 1910.

Edmonton, Calgary, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat.

## BITTER FEELING RESULTS IN RIOT

No Cessation to Excitement in British Elections. Asquith Elected by Increased Majority.

London, Jan. 26.—At four o'clock this afternoon the party totals stood—

Unionists	254
Laborists	232
Nationalists	72

## TERRIFIC STORM SWEEPS EUROPE

Great Damage to Shipping From Hurricane and Flood. Loss of Life is Heavy.

London, Jan. 26.—A biting northerly gale has been sweeping the British Islands and Northern and Western Europe. Hurricane conditions prevailed in the North Sea, the English Channel and the Bay of Biscay.

## CHRISTIANIZING OF CIVILIZATION

Rev. Dr. Chown in the McDougall Church Delivers an Eloquent Moral Reform Address.

"The Christianizing of Civilization," that is the goal of the Temperance and Moral Reform movement of the Methodist Church, as described by its leader, Rev. Dr. Samuel Dwight Chown, who addressed an audience in the McDougall Methodist Church last night on the aims and work of the society for Temperance and Moral Reform.

## FALSE REPORT SENDS UP THE PRICE OF SCRIP

Statement From Winnipeg That Time for Making Selections Had Been Extended for Two Weeks Causes Price to Rise from \$700 to \$750.

A report which obtained circulation in the city Tuesday to the effect that the time for making South African scrip had been extended for two years from next December, caused an almost instantaneous jump of scrip from \$700 to \$750 each.

## STRIKERS AND POLICE CLASH

One of the Strikers Shot in Shoulder by An Officer.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 25.—At the Coleridge Collieries of the Dominion Coal company yesterday the United Mine Workers strikers, numbering about sixty, mobbed the police and one of the latter being injured. Alex McDonald was shot in the shoulder, and severely wounded by Hennington, one of the company's police. The officer shot the strikers with his revolver in self defence, as his overcoat and uniform had almost been torn from his body, and he was forced to use the weapon. Hennington was arrested by the chief of the town police McEwan, on a charge of shooting, and was released on bail.

## PROTECTING PUBLIC INTEREST

Conservation Commission Asks that Bill Dealing with Water Power be Held Over.

Ottawa, Jan. 25.—When the railway committee of Commons met this morning to consider the bill to incorporate the Nelson River Railway company, a letter was received from Hon. Clifford Sifton, chairman of the Conservation Commission, asking that the bill stand over till committee consider the question of the water power privileges asked for by the company. At a previous meeting of the committee the fear was quite generally expressed that if the charter was granted as drawn up by the company it would have a monopoly of the Nelson and Saskatchewan rivers in the district traversed by the proposed railway.

## SUFFRAGETTE ILL IN JAIL

Administering Food to Her by Means of Pump.

London, January 25.—Lady Constance Lytton, who, it is charged, was released from jail by order of Home Secretary Gladstone because of her aristocratic connections and who went back to prison as plain Jane Warton, is reported to be sick in bed because of her refusal to eat. She declares that the jail attendants have been administering food to her by means of a pump for eight days, and that one of the attending physicians slapped her in the face.

## ROME THREATENED

Rome, Jan. 26.—Rome is threatened by a rising steadily and a flood seems eminent. Reports from the interior and coast points state that great damage has been done by storm and flood. Naples suffered severely.

## PARISH FOR REFORMATION

Dr. Chown deprecated the jail confinement of youthful offenders, who were thus taught vice and crime by contact with hardened criminals. The old idea of punishment for vengeance had passed away.

## CARE OF FIRST OFFENDERS

First offenders ought not to be put in jail for a term of years, but should be placed under the care of a special board, consisting of a warden, physician and chaplain, who would decide when the prisoner was in a fit state to be released. He should then be sent back again. Under the present system it was often the wife and child who had to bear the brunt of the husband's guilt.

## TWO AGED PEOPLE SUCCUMB

Montreal, Jan. 25.—Mrs. Joseph Bidard, aged 70, 292 Plessis street, and Mrs. Tillaz Graham, aged 78, of Common street, were found dead in their respective homes today. Coroner McMaher disposed of the cases without a jury, heart-failure having been the cause of death.

## SEEK FEDERAL PROTECTION

Ottawa, Jan. 25.—Frank O. Fowler, secretary of the Ontario branch of the F. W. T. of the C.P.R., are here arranging an interview with the Minister of Trade and Commerce for next week with respect of western elevator interests, no doubt the outcome of the policy of the Manitoba government of public ownership and operation of interior elevators.

## PROHIBITION OF OPIUM

The reform which had been effected by the Dominion Parliament in prohibition of opium.

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