

FEARFUL SITUATION AND GROWING WORSE

Floods Still Rising to Devastate Fair France - The Stricken People Show United Pluck and Are Meeting The Situation Bravely.

Special to The Guardian.
PARIS, Jan. 26.—The flood situation looks worse hourly. The raging torrent of the Seine reached 27 feet 8 inches above low water mark, and rising at the rate of an inch an hour, against an hourly rise of less than half an inch yesterday. The volume of water rushing down from the Yonne and other affluents leaves no hope that the high mark will be reached before tomorrow morning, when the flood is expected to reach a maximum of 31 feet or greater than that of the disastrous flood of 1802. It is impossible to predict anything with accuracy, as the whole of France

is still in the grip of an unprecedented storm. Rain, snow and hail are falling everywhere. The coasts are storm-bound and ships are fleeing to the harbors for refuge. In the face of this national disaster, France is giving a fine exhibition of pluck and solidarity. Political divisions have been buried and the Government and people are united to solve the problem of relief. Those in authority have devoted themselves to the work of rescue and providing shelter and food for the homeless. Every reserve of the Government,

including the army, was employed today. Boats, were requisitioned at all the ports and soldiers and firemen worked tirelessly. The situation in Paris has not changed from yesterday, except the more streets are converted into yellow canals. More districts are evacuated, more pavements have caved in and the traffic is more completely paralyzed. One of the greatest causes of alarm is the constant rise of the stream under the centre of Paris, flooding the cellars and undermining the foundation of buildings. Whole streets have been roped off as unsafe.

FOUR DROWNED WHILE BOATING

One Body Came Ashore—Case Surrounded With Much Mystery.

Special to The Guardian.
HAMPTON, N. H., Jan. 26.—Turning winter into summer, a party of four young people, taking a small motor boat, started out yesterday amid the ice floes for a morning frolic. They never returned and a mystery surrounds the whole affair. The body of Lena Cavanaugh from Halifax came ashore in front of the Sea View Hotel. The other three bodies have not been recovered.

NEW COMPANY SEEKS CHARTER

MONCTON, N. B., Jan. 25.—A new company is being formed to control the Moncton and Buctouche Railway and the name has been changed to the Buctouche Transportation Company. This company has already applied for a Dominion charter to extend the road to Richibucto and to carry on a service between the mainland and P. E. I., the points being Richibucto and West Cove, it being contended this piece of water is more open during the year round than any other part.

PAID TAX CHEERFULLY

R. W. Dodd, representing the well known Calendar, Printing and Lithographing firm, Lawson & Jones Ltd., London, Ont., yesterday was asked by Civic Authorities to take out a licence being \$50 in compliance with the By-law. Not being aware that there was such a By-law, Mr. Dodd was surprised but when shown a copy at the City Hall good naturedly handed over the necessary to City Clerk, Clark. This tax is considered severe by majority of business men as good competition is to their advantage. No doubt Lawson & Jones will have their co-operation through Mr. Dodd.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC STEAMERS

News of the ceremony of launching the first ocean steamer of the Grand Trunk Pacific fleet, and description of that splendid ship Prince Rupert, has just reached Canada. The naming ceremony was performed by Mrs. Richard L. Newman, of Victoria, B. C. Many distinguished persons were present, including Sir Charles Rivers-Wilson, G.C.M.G., B. C., the Lord Mayor of Newcastle and his lady, the Sheriff of Newcastle, also the mayors of Wallsend and Jarrold. The published account says: "The steamship Prince Rupert has been most carefully designed by Messrs Swan, Hunter & Wigham, Richardson, Ltd. The steamer will have a smart appearance with its straight stem and cruiser stern. There will be two pole masts and three funnels, the centre funnel bearing the flag device of the company. The rounded cruiser stern has been adopted in order to obtain the best lines to give a high speed. The ship is being built to the highest class under the British Corporation survey and will also com-

WAR UPON PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF FRANCE

Premier Briand Speaks of the Immense Injury Done by the Agitation.

PARIS, Jan. 25.—Premier Briand intervened in the debate on the school question in the chamber of deputies last night and was roundly applauded. In his speech he blamed the church for re-opening the agitation in France, when the question was in a fair way of settlement. Rejecting the counsels of moderation by many bishops of the clergy and a great majority of the Catholics the premier said the church had launched a war upon the public schools of France by deliberately exciting the pupils to revolt, and caused untold hardships upon the poor by forcing parents to remove their children from the schools. Nevertheless, M. Briand continued, France was confident she was in the right and would continue calm and patient under the assault. He did not propose state monopoly in teaching which would only be another incentive to strife, but the public school teachers, who had been sweepingly condemned by pastoral letters would be protected and upheld. The premier lauded the public schools as free and broad in preparing children for real life, leaving to their homes the question of religion as against the church schools, where he said the dogma overshadowed all.

MAY USE COMET TO OUST CHRISTIANS

LONDON, Jan. 25.—Lord Crawford, ex-president of the Astronomic Society, who has widely travelled in Africa and India, fears a native uprising and massacre of Christians by fanatical Mohammedans when Halley's comet appears in the sky in the coming spring. Agitators, he says will seize the opportunity to stir up the uneducated, superstitious natives, using the comet as a fiery signal of Allah to drive out Christians. He has recommended the government to issue placards with pictures explaining the phenomenon, throughout North Africa, and especially in Egypt and India.

TRADE UNIONS JOIN BOYCOTT

Against High Meat Prices—Will Not Buy at Present Rates

Special to The Guardian.
TORONTO, Jan. 26.—With a view of bringing about a reduction of meat prices, the trade unionists of the city have started a campaign of abstinance.

BUTLER WINDING UP AFFAIRS IN OTTAWA

OTTAWA, Jan. 25.—M. J. Butler has returned to Ottawa. He will remain here for several weeks, as deputy minister of railways, closing up his official business, aiding in putting the estimates through and preparing for his successor. He will then leave for Sydney. The new deputy minister has not yet been named and there is apparently no one decided upon. However, it looks as though there may be a deputy and a chief engineer named to take the place which Mr. Butler filled.

BRUCHESI TAKES A HAND IN MONTREAL CIVIC ELECTIONS

MONTREAL, Jan. 25.—The expected episcopal letter was issued today on the civic elections by Archbishop Bruchesi. His Grace says that he would be much grieved to know that the mayoralty contest was being run on racial or national grounds, the candidates being Dr. Guerin and Senator Casgrain, English and French speaking Catholics respectively. No other special references are made except to call upon the electors to vote for good temperance candidates.

EDMONTON TEAM DISBANDED NOW

OTTAWA, Jan. 25.—Despite the fact that their second trip in quest of the Stanley Cup has been no more successful than was their first, the Edmonton hockeyists have signified their intention of coming East after the blue ribbon of hockey again next season. Meanwhile the team has disbanded, and the players have scattered, some going to Montreal, while others will taste the joys of life in New York before turning their faces westward again. Hay Millar and Fred Whitcroft have been signed by the Renfrew Club, and will play their first game, likely, for the creamery town team in Montreal tonight, when the Renfrews line up against the Shamrocks.

Shamrocks have been after Jack Winchester, but so far have not succeeded in landing him for the goal position.

Condensed Advertisements

(Too late for Classification.)
GIRL WANTED, with a fair education to learn the type setting. Apply in person between 8 and 10 a. m. at Guardian office. 1-14dt
Mard's Liniment cures Gar get in cow taken on board.

SEARCHING FOR WRECK VICTIMS

Death Roll at Spanish River Now Totals 42, May Reach 49.

Special to The Guardian.
SUDBURY, Jan. 26.—Work on the traffic wreck has resolved itself into a grim hunt for bodies. ...With five bodies recovered and one still missing the railway officials announce the death roll increased to 42. However the station master has received telegrams showing that seven additional persons are still to be accounted for. These seven would bring the death list to 49.

FORTUNE WAITS LONG LOST SON

NEWPORT, R. I., Jan. 25.—A fortune is awaiting Wilson Shannon Sherman, formerly a member of Newport's summer colony, who dropped from sight of his relations here several years ago. Tonight Chief of Police Crowley received a communication from a Washington attorney asking for whereabouts of Sherman and stating that a large sum of money was being left for the lost heir. The missing man was the only heir of his father, Gen. West Sherman, who died many years ago, followed shortly by his wife. The son inherited all the Sherman estate, which was large. Since his departure from here nothing has been heard from him. He is believed to have gone South.

FIGHT ENDS HOCKEY GAME IN MONTREAL

MONTREAL, Jan. 26.—The Renfrew Shamrock National League match at the Arena Saturday night ended in a dispute with the score one each. A fight in which Joe Hall was the central figure, was the primary cause of the dispute which led to the match ending in a fizzle. Hall and the Patrick brothers had been at each other during most of the game until the climax was reached when Frank Patrick laid Hall on the ice with a cross check that left a big gash on the forehead. Hall rose and retaliated with his fists. They were separated after a clinch and ruled off, Patrick for three minutes and Hall for the game. Then the latter pitched into the judge of play, Rod Kennedy, a Victoria club player, and the official replied with a blow that put Hall down and almost out. Hall acted like a madman, but was finally dragged off the ice.

The fight occurred midway in the second half and when time was up the score stood 1 to 1. For the extra time Referee Hodge ruled that Hall was eligible, but Renfrew contended that he was off for all time, according to the rules and they refused to play. Thus the game stands in dispute for the league executive to deal with. The conduct of Hall is likely to lead to his suspension. The game was played on a sheet of rocks covered with water. The Shamrock scored in ten minutes and Renfrew did not even until after the row in the second half. In the last stages only the work of Winchester, the former Edmonton goal keeper, saved the Shamrocks.

Shamrocks.	Goal.	Renfrew.
Winchester	Point.	Lindsay
Foster	Coverpoint.	F. Patrick
Holden	Rover.	Taylor
Foresters	Center.	F. Patrick
Smith	Right Wing.	Jordan
Hall	Left Wing.	Whiterot
Bollamy		Rowe



SHOWERY.
Special to The Guardian.
TORONTO, January 27.—Fresh winds, becoming variable, mild and showery.
The length of today will be nine hours and forty minutes.
The temperature at three o'clock this morning was thirty-six degrees above zero.

ELECTIONS IN UNITED KINGDOM

Returns Now Give Liberals 226; Nationalists 74; Laborites 37; Unionists 253—Gov't Majority 84

Special to The Guardian.
LONDON, Jan. 26.—Thirty results out of 39 left over from yesterday's elections give the Unionists four gains the Liberals two. The state of parties now is:
Liberals 226.
Nationalists 74.
Laborites 37.
Unionists 253.
Today's declarations leave 71 members to complete Parliament.

The Unionist maximum of these can hardly exceed 30. The Unionists expect a final strength in the new Parliament of at least 290. Thus, if the Nationalists abstained from voting, Asquith's majority would be 7. If the 83 Nationalists vote with Asquith, the Government majority would be 90.

THE ESTIMATES FOR THE NAVY

Will Be Enlarged to Include Four Dreadnaughts With Other Warships.

Special to The Guardian.
PORTSMOUTH, Jan. 26.—It is understood the next British naval estimates will provide for four Dreadnaughts, two armored cruisers, 2 small cruisers, 24 torpedo destroyers, 10 submarines and 5,000 additional men.

WOMAN ARRESTED DISGUISED AS MAN

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Marian Hamilton Gray, believed to be a daughter of the late Colonel Hamilton Gray, of the British Indian Service, who was arrested here while masquerading in male attire attributes her unmasking to a jealous woman of Newark Valley, Tioga County. "I have worn men's clothes for ten years," said the slight young woman when discharged in police court, "and while I was in Newark Valley a few months ago a woman there twice my age fell in love with me and wanted to marry me. Circumstances, of course, forced me to refuse her, and she threatened vengeance. She even threatened to kill me and when I left there she followed me. "When I came to New York, she learned I had appealed to St. George's Society for assistance, posing as the son of Colonel Hamilton Gray and she had me arrested for imposition. My only imposition is that I am a daughter instead of a son."

FOSTER GETS MORE DELAY IN HIS LIBEL SUIT AGAINST GLOBE

TORONTO, Jan. 25.—At the request of the plaintiff's counsel, Justice Sutherland yesterday made an order postponing the trial of Hon. G. E. Foster's libel suit against the Globe and its editor, Rev. J. A. MacDonald, until after Monday, May 24 so that the plaintiff may attend the House of Commons. The defendant opposed the application on the grounds that arrangements had been made for the attendance of witnesses and that it was desirable that the case should be disposed of at once.

NEW EUROPEAN MANAGER OF C.P.R.

MONTREAL, Jan. 25.—George McL. Brown was today appointed European manager of the C. P. R., to succeed the late Archer Baker. The appointment was made swiftly, owing to the fact that Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R., and G. M. Bosworth, fourth vice-president are both in London, the latter being in charge of the steamship service. Mr. Brown left Montreal in 1908, when he went to London to succeed Allan Cameron as general traffic agent. At that time Mr. Brown was general passenger agent of the C. P. R. steamship service.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—(Special.)—	
Jan. Wheat	110 1/2
Feb. Wheat	101 1/2
Jan. Corn	66 1/2
Feb. Corn	67

HOLDERS OF 200 SHARES AND OVER OF BANK N.S.

Shares.	
Allison, J. Walter, Halifax	246
Archibald, Charles, Halifax	280
Borden, Robert Laird, Ottawa	471
Campbell, George S., Halifax	200
Canada Life Assurance Co.	360
Carmichael & Co, New Glasgow	238
Chalmers, David, Toronto	350
Chase, W. H., Waterville	230
Corbett, E. D. (late), Halifax	407
Cosman, James, Meteghan River	344
Cummings, D. Mark, Chicago	220
Eastern Trust Co.—John W. Payzant and John Camm Holmes, trustees Annuity Fund, Halifax	216
Estate, John Bayley Bland, Halifax	216
Halifax Fire Insurance Co.	312
Keith, Donald, Halifax	200
Payzant, John Y., Halifax	404
Payzant, W. L., Eastern Trust Co., J. W. Y. Smith, trustees Estate J. W. Young, Halifax	680
Roache, William, Halifax	240
Rogers, Hon. B., Charlottetown	200
Stanfield, Frank, Truro, N.S.	220
Sutherland, D., Pictou, N.S.	237 1/2
Tobin, William and Michael Dwyer, trustees Est. John Tobin, Halifax	306
Union Trust Co., Detroit, Mich.	240

HORSE RACES AT FREELAND

The races at Freeland, Saturday afternoon were very exciting and of the best, and the interest taken in the race was evinced by the large number of spectators present, who totalled about two hundred. The program consisted of a Free-for-all 3.00 Trot and Pace. Official: Starter, David Milligan; Patrol judge, Edgar Milligan; Judges, Joshua Henderson, B. P. Murphy, Ernest Hardy.

SUMMARY.	
Free-for-all.	
Bonanza Princeton, b. g. Hugh Smith (Smith)	1 1 1
Black Prince blk g. Sandy McDonald (McDonald)	2 2 2
3.00 TROT AND PACE.	
Portage King Domit Sharbell (Sharbell)	1 1 1
Lovely Dean, W. H. Kinsman (Kinsman)	2 2 2
Minnie B. Daniel Horne (Horne)	3 3 3
Klondyke, Edgar Milligan (Milligan)	4 4 5
Billy S. Henry Byrne (Byrne)	5 5 4
Lady Etta, Frank Ramsay (Ramsay)	6 6 dr
Minard's Liniment cures colds, etc.	

MEAT FALLING FAST IN PRICE

People Refuse to Buy And Markets Over Stocked in New York.

Special to The Guardian.
NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—"The market is dead, agitation against high prices did it," was the declaration of a wholesale meat dealer. Lamb has dropped one cent wholesale, pork two cents and beef a cent or more. The wholesale dealers are stocked with thousands of unsold cuts of dressed beef, with supplies still steadily flowing in. "Beef will be cheaper by the end of the week than it has been in years."

BANK MANAGER HAS RESIGNED

Special to The Guardian.
HALIFAX, Jan. 26.—At the annual meeting of the Bank of Nova Scotia, H. C. McLeod, General Manager, tendered his resignation.

SITUATION IS MORE ALARMING

PARIS, Jan. 26.—The victims of the flood number more than 100,000 and monetary losses is incalculable. Thousands of poor are hopelessly ruined and fleeing to Paris. The Government has requisitioned the Army and Navy for material for the house sufferers and boats for the rescue of stricken, as well as those imprisoned in houses in the flooded centres. The region of inundation is steadily enlarging, and the villages in scores of places are completely submerged. People are fleeing for their lives and abandoning everything. In many cases soldiers have been obliged to use force in compelling inhabitants to evacuate their homes. Hundreds refused to leave clamoring only for food and water. In Paris, the situation is rapidly becoming worse, floods sparing neither rich nor poor. The entire population of Ivry, Seine and the adjacent places, which are completely covered with water, are in desperate straits. Only tops of houses at Allortville are visible, the water averaging 12 feet in the streets. At this place, 3,000 persons have been rescued by boats and 3,000 others found safe by their own efforts. In many towns along the rivers, houses are collapsing and wreckage whirled off in the stream. The Minister of Marine has ordered the authorities to despatch life boats and crews to Paris.

LIBEL SUIT HAS BEEN POSTPONED

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Tiny Tokens

The murmur of a waterfall
A mile away,
The rustle when a robin lights
Upon a spray,
The lapping of a lowland stream
On dipping boughs,
The sound of grazing from a herd
Of gentle cows,
The echo from a wooded hill
Of cuckoo call,
The quiver through the meadows grass
At evening fall:
Too subtle are these harmonies
For pen and rule,
Such music is not understood
By any school;
But, when the brain is overwrought,
It hath a spell,
Beyond all human skill and power,
To make it well.

The memory of a kindly word
For long gone by,
The fragrance of a fading flower
Sent lovingly,
The gleaming of a sudden smile
Or sudden tear,
The warmer pressure of the hand,
The tone of cheer,
The hush that means, I cannot speak,
But I have heard!
He note that only bears a verse
From God's own word:
Such tiny things we hardly count
As ministry;
The givers deeming they have shown
Sincere sympathy;
But, when the heart is overwrought,
Who can tell
The power of such tiny things
To make it well!
FRANCES HAVERGAL.