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#### River Seine Reaches "Line Of Disaster"-New High Mark Feared

BY C. F. BERTILLI Universal Service Correspondent Paris, Jan. - The River Seine -The River Seine at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon reached the "line of disaster" for Paris. The official prediction is that the flood stage will reach 23 feet by Saturday, as compared with 25 feet in January, 1910, when a large part of

Paris was covered with water. As the rain still continues, however, it is feared that even the 1910 second may be passed by Sanday.

The Orsay station, one of the most important in the city, was closed at noon; owing to the flooding of the underground electric lines. Trains now depart from Austerlitz station, but if the river rises to the 25-foot level this station must also be evacuated, while, owing to the flooding of sewers, the St. Lazarre station, where the American boat trains arrive, is also menaced.

Fleets of boats are already in u in the low lying districts of Neuilly and Autelli, on the fringe of Paris, where whole streets have been evacu-

The water Wednesday morning commenced its fatal infilteration into the cellars in the exclusive Champs Elysees quarters, and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of expensive wines are being hurriedly removed to high ground.

The suburban towns of Bry, Villeneuve, Cholsy, Ivry, Vitry, Courebe-vole, Issy, Beesons, Meudon, Portmarly and others are partly inundated and refugees are pouring into Paris.

#### German-French Price War Good News for Women

Universal Service Berlin, Jan. - American women of fashion will be able to buy cheaply in Europe the coming year.

A regular price war is developing between Paris and Berlin fashion houses, according to Baron Christopher Drecoll, noted fashion artist with houses in Berlin, Paris and Vienna.

Paris will be able to sell cheap in America because of the sinking franc. Now the Berlin fashion houses are uniting in a movement to undercut the Paris prices, at the same time outdoing Paris in the matters of style and workmanship.

#### Man Slain In South Believed U. S. Sleuth

Former Los Angeles Man ound Murdered In Louisiana

Universtl Service New Orleans, Ia., Jan. & Fred Bentley of Los Angeles, who was slain near Hahnville, in St. Charles parish, Tuesday night, is believed by authorities to have been a government secret service man. He was presumed to be one of the "under cover" men sent about the country by the government.

Bentley apparently was beaten to death with a heavy piece of iron, his body being badly mutilated. He came to New Orleans, October 24 from Los Angelas, made his residence here until

Sheriffs posses were scouring St. Charles parish Wednesday afternoon in an effort to run down the slay rs. Their identify, however is as deep a mystery as the crime itself.

#### Mexican Rebel Forces

Retreat Before Federals Mexico City, Jan. : (U. P.)-Rebel forces under General Sanchez are retreating towards Cordoba, Jalipa and

Vera Crus, the war office said. Capture of General Lazaro Cardenas, chief of federal operations in the state of Michoacan, is confirmed, the statement said.

General Cardenas was taken by rebels at Tamazula, in the state of Jalisco, after he had been wounded. He now is in a hospital at Guadalajara,

The body of General Paulino Navarro has been brought to Mexico City. He was killed in combat with rebels on the Jalisco front.

BREAK PRODUCE RECORDS.

Chicago, Jan. - A year of plenty, generally, brought Chicago a pro business of \$550,000,000 in 1928, about \$50,000,000 more than the aggregate of 1922, according to produce less The total value was swelled by good prices for butter, eggs and cheese.

FAMOUS CITY CLEANS UP. Milwaukee, Jan. Chree squadrons" of federal and state prohibition agents raided approximately 200 saloons, cafes and roadhouses in Milwaukee city and county Monday night and early yesterday and confis-cated about 1,000 gallons of alleged

ROOSEVEL'T'S COUSIN DIES New York. Jan. Montgomery Roesevelt Schuyler, sportsman, and a cousin of the late Theodore Rousevelt is dead at his country home at Nyack at the age of 70.

Touches to be Avoided From the Boston Transcript Hobbs And besides, motoring brings one in closer touch with nature. Dobbs-Well, that's all right, so long as nature isn't represented in the maiter by a tree or a stone wall.

Making Deductions From the Washington Star. His must is always on his business."
"True." answered Miss Cayenne. "But at doesnt make his society enjoyable u can't expect a person to be intering who a ways doing mental thmetic."

### DIVORCE DECREE IS SET ASIDE

Intervening Death of Man Who Secured the Order No Bar to Amendement

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. : -- (Special)-The fact that a man is dead is no bar to his wife moving to have set aside a decree of divorce that he had obtained without proper legal notice to her, says the supreme court. William E. Foster, well-to-do resident of Morrill county, was the man in the case. After he got the divorce he went to Baltimore and married again, dying two months later. His second wife, in an effort to protect her property rights, contested the right of his first wife to have the decree set aside in the interest of her own property rights. The court said the judgment was at all times void.

DIXON COUNTY HEIRS

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. -(Special)-Bernard Garden and other grandchildren of Thomas McCluskey, a Dixon county pioneer, lost out in supreme court in an effort to force the administrator of the estate to give them back his property on the ground that he had secured it for his wife by selling at a low price to a friend, who transferred it. The court said that the statute of limitations ran against the claim, their parents having never questioned the transaction. Because of this ruling the court found it unnecessary to pass on the other claim raised that the dedication of the property to saying masses for the repose of the soul of the testator and that of his wife was not for a purpose recognized by law.

SEND FEDERAL MAN

TO LOOK UP ROAD FUND Lincoln, Neb., Jan. -(Special)-Secretary Wallace has wired State Auditor Marsh that he is sending an expert from Washington to Nebraska to find out why the federal road department is not more expeditious in paying to the state its share of road construction costs, advanced by the commonwealth. State officials say that each mail is bringing in substantial remittances, and that these are being applied immediately to the payment of road contractors, who have something like \$400,000 tled up in claims. The senatorial investigating committee has summoned Governor Bryan to appear before it next week and explain upon what he bases his repeated contentions that the fund is certain to show up with a big deficit, which he originally placed at a million and which he now figures will run about \$400,000.

HARTINGTON BANK IS LOSER IN COURT

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. -(Special)The First National bank of Hartington and the First National of Coleridge lost out in supreme court in a contest with the First National bank of Bridgeport over the possession of certain property that really belonged to Harry E. Dunlap, but which was in use by J. H. Shaffer in Dixon county, his tenant. The court said that even though the real owner allowed the bankers to believe that Shaffer owned the property, the banks must use due diligence to discover ownership and cannot hold the owner liable for a loan mistakenly made unless they can show they relied on his assurance as to ownership.

FARMER NEAR WAUSA

HAS HEAVY FIRE LOSS Wausa, Neb., Jan. -- Ed. Holmquist, a farmer living near Wausa had the misfortune to lose five head of horses, a quantity of geain and several sets of harness, when his barn burned.

The fire was discovered too late to be checked. The total loss is about \$5,500, insurance being only \$1,-800. Spontaneous combustion is believed to be the cause of the fire.

BODY OF SUICIDE

BROUGHT TO FREMONT. Fremont, Neb., Dec. (Special)-The remains of the late R. B. Fields. stock salesman, who committed suicide in his apartment in Los Angeles, California., Wednesday, will be brought to this city for burial, and

it is thought will arrive here today. Fields is said to have taken his life becaus he was short in his accounts with the Imperial Cotton Mills of Los Angeles, which he was representing. He is survived by his aged parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Fields, and his wife and daughter, Laura all of this city.

UNCONCIOUS 17 DAYS

GIRL MAY RECOVER. Obert, Neb., Dec. -After being unconclous for a period of 17 days. Inez Anfinson is slowly recovering. Her injuries were received when the car in which she was riding plunged off from a bridge, throwing her some distance from the car.

Attending physicians state it will be necessary for her to be in bed for two months. Although she recognizes every one in the toom and appears to have her proper senses, she cannot speak. Miss Anfinson is a senior in high school.

SUGAR PULP HOUSE DESTROYED BY FIRE.

Gering, Neb., Jan. -- Fire destroyed the pulp warehouse of the Great Western Sugar company here. Forty housand sacks of dry beet pulp were destroyed with a loss of about \$50,-000 to this raw product and machinery valued at \$40,600 was destroyed. Firemen fought the blaze in . temperature below zero.

### INTENSE COLD **OVER NEBRASKA**

Lowest Temperature Reported Was 16 Below Zero At Valentine

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 1. (U. P.)-The cold wave which began with an old fashioned blizzard late Saturday night, continued throughout Nebraska The lowest temperature reached in Nebraska yesterday was 16 below at Valentine. North Platte reported a maximum temperature of 12 below. Nine below at 6 a.m. today was the lowest reported. It was 3 below at Omaha.

Between four and five inches of snow fell since Saturday night. The average for the state was close to four inches.

The cold wave followed fifty one days of almost Indian summer weather in which the temperature rarely got to the freezing point.

OSMOND EXPECTS

.... TO BE ROAD JUNCTION. Osmond, Neb., Jan. 1.- Erection of a new roundhouse at Osmond is taken by some to indicate that the Great Northern railroad from Yankton will connect with the Burlington railway at Osmond instead of Plainview as has been generally believed for some time. The contract for the concrete work on the new roundhouse has been awarded to G. M. Miller, formerly of Randolph, who is already proceeding with the work.

Osmond is the half way point between Sloux City and O'Neill. This makes it the natural meeting place for the extension from Yankton.

## FREEZE CAUSES **BAD EXPLOSION**

Plant of Newspaper At Ord, Neb., Wrecked Monday Morning

Ord, Neb., Jan. 1. (Special)-The heating plant of the building occupied by the Ord Journal exploded early today injuring one man and doing damage to the extent of \$2,000. Frozen up during the cold weather Sunday, the briler below exploded simultaneously with a radiator on the first floor. All the windows of the building were knocked out and there was damage to machinery.

Ralph James, high school senior employed in his spare time, was in the basement. His right hip was broken and internal injuries are feared. Frank Grady, linotype operator, had just left his chair near the bursted radiator when the latter flew into fragments. Editor Buckles was standing in the doorway, just opened, and was not injured.

FIND MAN FROZEN TO DEATH AT BEATRICE

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 1. (U. P.)-W. E Hooper, 60 years old, foreman of the Burlington railroad roundhouse here, was found in Nichols Park frozen to death this morning. Police believe he became lost in the driving snow storm and fell exhausted, where he was overcome by the cold.

OMAHA HAD TWENTY-SEVEN MURDERS IN YEAR

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 1.-Police reports show there were 27 murders in Omaha in 1923, two less than in

BREWER QUITS THE OMAHA DAILY BEE.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. 1 .-- B. Brewer, who for two years has been vice president and general manager of the Omaha Bee has resigned his position, effective today. He has sold his interest in the paper to Nelson B. Updike, principal owner of the paper.

Prior to his connection with the Bee, Mr. Brewer, was connected with the Cleveland Press and the Cincinnati Post. Purchase of an eastern daily is contemplated by Mr. Brewer.

BLOOMFIELD FEED BARN AND HORSES BURN.

Bloomfield Neb., Dec. 31 (Special) -Fire of unknown origin destroyed the feed yard here Friday, together with four head of horses, hay and grain and some implements and vehicles. A number of other horses were in the stalls at the time but were saved. One horse was led out by Gene Howerd and was a mass of flames. He smothered the fire with his coat and it is thought the animal will get along all rigi.t.

GOLD BRICK WORTH \$3,000 Harifax, N. S .- A gold brick weighing about 150 ounces and valued at \$3,000, was brought to Halffax recently by E. S. R. Smith, general manager of the Clark Gold Mines Corporation, Matague, Hatifax Coun-

LIFE CRUSHED OUT IN RUNAWAY ACCIDENT.

Fremont. Neb., Dec. 31 (Special)-

Crushed between the wagon and the barn when his team started to run away at his farm four miles east of this city, Frank Lamme, 51 years old well known local farmer, was brought immediately to the Richmond hospital here, where he died. He is survived by his widow and four children, two of whom are attending the state university.

## TRIAL POTASH OFFICIALS ON

Stockholders of Omaha Concern Charge Its Funds Were Squandered

Omaha, Neb., Jan. - Eight prominent Omaha men, F. J. Fitzgerald, N. C. Sears, D. N. Robertson, Frank May, Joe Barker, Everett Buckingham, Chris Shinstock and Philip Hokl, all former officers of the Omaha Potash Refining Company, are accused of being responsible for squandering funds of the Potash company in a suit for recovery of \$396,691 brought by Chris Klem, Beaver Crossing, Neb., farmer, and 11 other stockholders living in Seward and Saline counties. The case went to trial in district court here Wednes-

Three Members of Family Die Within Three Weeks

Petersburg, Neb., Dec. -(Special.)-To have three die out of her family within three weeks, was the experience of Mrs. Mikkel Thompson of this place. The latest being her youngest son, Harold, who passed away in a hospital at Rochester, Minn., following an operation for tumor on the brain. The first death to occur in the family was that of Mikkel Thompson, her husband, three weeks ago. Followed a week later by the death of her stepmother. Funeral services were held at th South Branch church for the boy, who was 24 years old, and burial was made in the South Branch cemetery beside the grave of his father.

#### Pioneer Nebraskan and Civil War Veteran Dies

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. -(Special.)-Funeral services were neld Thursday afternoon for Smith H. Grant, Madison county pioneer, Civil war veteran and oldest Mason of the Norfolk Blue lodge. Mr. Grant was one of the soldiers called to Washington as guard on the night President Abraham Lincoln was assasinated. The funeral services were held by Masonio lodge No. 55 of Norfolk in the little church which Mr. Grant built himself years ago. Burial was beside his wife who died 28 years ago.

HIS LOVE NEST IS CONSIDERED LEGAL HOUSE. Lincoln, Neb., Jan. . (Special)-Service on a husband in a divorce action by leaving a copy of the summons at the love nest he had been maintaining for another woman is valid, according to a decision of the supreme court. Clifford C. Mudge, prominent Omaha man, had left his wife and under an assumed name lived with another woman at the exclusive St. Regis apartments. His wife got a divorce and alimony on the strength of having given him legal notice, and he unsuccessfully defended in supreme court on the ground that that was not his "usual place of residence," to quote the law.

DRAW STRAWS TO

SETTLE WHO IS GUILTY. Omaha, Neb., Jan. -Acting on a suggestion by Robert Samardick, federal prohibition agent, who said he would free six of a party of eight if the others would plead guilty to unlawful possession of intoxicating liquor, four men drew straws to determine which two were to enter such pleas. Allen H. VanVamp and Gilbert L. Tracy were the unlucky ones. They were fined \$100 each. The eight were arrested in a Chinese cafe New Years eve.

JUDGE ELLIOTT TO

HEAR BRICTSON TRIAL. Omaha, Neb., Jan. -- O. A. Brictson, head of the Brictson Manufacturing company, a South Dakota Rubber tire corporation pleaded not guilty today to a charge of using the mails to defraud in connection with promotion of the concern when he appeared in federal court where his trial is scheduled to start late today. Fedeeral Judge James B. Elliott of South Dakota is to hear the case, the defense having objected to Judge J. W. Woodrough of Omaha because he appointed a receiver for the company, a decision which was reversed by the circuit court of appeals.

PARTY CONSOLIDATION

MEETING IS PLANNED. Omaha, Neb., Jan. (U. P.)-Consolidation of the socialist, farmer labor and national peoples progressive parties will be attempted at the convention of Progressives which is scheduled to meet here on January 30, Roy M. Harrop, president of Fordfor-president clubs and temporary chairman for the progressive convention declared here Wednesday.

HORSES DELAY MOTOR

BUS FOR SEVERAL HOURS. Rulo, Neb., Jan. -A herd of horses delayed a Burilington gasoline coach for four hours near here. Frightened by the motor, the horses tried to cross a railroad tie bridge. Federal Judge James B. Elliott of were forced to get a block and tackle to lift the horses out of the bridge.

> Descripted From Judge.

Two inhabitants of a sagebrush town were seated on a cracker box exchanging desultory conversation.

"You know them hot cakes what the felier flips in the window of the Forlorn Hope restaurant?"

"Yes. I know 'em."

"Ever try 'em."
"Yes I've tried 'em."
"What do you think of 'em?"
The citizen thus appealed to gazed reflectively toward the foothills for some minutes and then rendered judgment.
"That feller's not a cook, he's a jug-

### **NEW PARTY TO** MAKE DEMANDS

Government Owned Banks to Be One of Strong Planks of Ford Men

Omaha, Neb., Jan. (U. P.)-Government ownership or banks, taking over the federal reserve system, and eliminating the "gigantic money monopoly" which has forced "colossal losses of over-\$30,000,000,000 in the past three years," is the principle aim of the Ford-for-president party, according to the national convention call of the patry issued by President Roy M. Harrop here Friday. The convention will meet here January

The call says: "We demand the establishment of an American financial system of government owned banks, and the direct issue of full legal tender currency at its face value for all debts, public and private, by congress, as the constitution provides, in amounts sufficient to meet all public demands, including a soldiers bonus, insuring a just and fair profit to agriculture and industry, providing for labor in times of unemployment on public works, to encourage production by making loans direct to all producers at not more than 3 per cent. interest."

The call is signed by 21 state chair-

PAY BIG LICENSE FEE Columbus, Neb., Jan. 1 (Special)-City council members shied at the

WOULD MAKE PEDDLERS

proposal made by the chamber of commerce that fruit, vegetable, meatand produce peddlers in Columbus be taxed \$10 a day for the privilege of selling their wares on the streets here. The new ordinance proposing the tax originated with a group of downtown merchants who claim transient and non taxpaying peddlers are cutting in on their trade resulting ultimately in higher prices to consumers regardless or whether they buy from the peddlers or the legitimate merchants. The ordinance was passed through first and second reading but final action was deferred. At, the present time peddlers are paying \$2.50 a day to sell their ware on the streets. The proposed increase to \$10 would mean the highest peddler's license in the United States, one of the latter fraternity declares.

ROAD'S EARNINGS NOT

PROPORTIONATELY INCREASED Omaha, Neb., Jan. -The Great Western railroad, after paying operating expenses and taxes in 1904 had \$2,380,848, while in 1922, the figure as \$1,961,899, according to H. M. Felton, pesident of the company. In making his comparison of earnings, Mr. Felton said the gross operating revenue in 1904 was \$9,638,109, while in 1922, it was \$24,224,788. The smaller net earnings for 1922 had occurred, he said, despite the fact that in the twenty year period, the road had put many millions of new capital into its physical plant.

BOY CAUGHT TERROR

OF DEVIL'S NEST COUNTRY St Helena, Neb., Jan. (Special)-The report from Bloom.ield that two Wausa, Neb., men killed the lynx that had been terrorizing the people of the Devil's Nest country, is incorrect. The animal was caught in a trap by Joy Miller, a boy but 15 years old. He was trapping for wolves, three of which animals he caught in his traps before the lynx happened along that way. It is probable the Wausau men became identifled with the killing by the fact that they took the animal to Wausau to have it properly mounted.

DRY LAW VIOLATORS PAY STIFF PENATIES

Omaha, Neb., Jan. -A total or \$6.775, in fines for liquor law violations were imposed for the first three days of the year in federal court by Judge J. W. Woodrough, establishing a new record for such cases.

#### South S. C. Bridge Fight is Still On

Briefs Filed in Lincoln in Controversy of City Officials and Owners

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. / -Briefs were filed today in the cont oversy between the city officials of South Sloux City and the Sioux City Bridge company over whether the latter is liable for assessments for paving done around its property. It insists that it is not liable unless such improvements add to the value of the property for railroad purposes. It says that the councilmanic record does not show who voted for the ordinance creating the paving district, and that the mayor did not sign it. The city says that the record shows at the beginning of the meeting just what councilmen were present, and that when the minutes further recite that all present voted for the ordinance that gives explicit information as to which did so vote. The fact that the mayor does not sign an ordinance does not prevent it from going into effect.

LANDLORD ON COLLECTING TOUR DIES SUDDENLY.

Omaha, Neb., Jan. -Carl B. Jensen, 42. Omaha, dropped dead last night when he went to the rooms of Mr. and Mrs. William Cope, his former tenants in an effort to collect some alleged unpaid rent. Cope was detained until after an autopsy which revealed Jensen had died of heart fallure.

## RAILROADS WIN IN TAX MATTER

State Commission Erred in Assessing Real Estate For Less

Lincoln Neb., Jan. Special)-The supreme court Tuesday held that the assessment by the state board of equalization of the Rock Island railroad at full value and farm lands at 68 per cent. of their actual value is discrimination and orders it to reassemble and assess railroad property on the same basis as other property. State Tax Commissioner Smith figures on the same ground, \$1,280,000 in taxes for 1923 which will have tobe made up by increased levies on other property. The Burlington, Northwestern and Omaha roads are now in federal court with similar claims.

The court sustained the sentenceof life for Francis South, a Beatrice youth who killed Charles Wolf in the course of a hold up.

Other dicisions rendered are: Carden, appellant, vs. McGurk, Dixen, affirmed.

Rector ys. Gutru, appellant, Antelope, reversed and remanded. First National bank of Bridgeport vs. First National of Hartington and

First National of Colridge, Cedar, reversed and remanded. Mixer vs. Modern Woodment of America, appellant, Dakota, affirmed.

# **EXPECT BRYAN** TO ACT SOON

Governor of Nebraska Believed To Be Candidate For U. S. Senate

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. (Special)-In democratic circles the gossip is: that Governor Bryan will shortly announce himself as a candidate for senator. The governor has been receiving a variety of advice on this matter, but according to a man closeto him the larger number of democrats want him to file for senator. The larger number of those who think he ought to continue as governor in order to carry out the program that a republican legislature would not let him put into effect are party men, who think that as a candidate for governor he would pull the whole ticket with him, while as a. candidate for senator he may be defeated if Norris consents to run

again and is nominated. Republicans predlict that if Norris does run for senator, Bryan will not file, as his best chance for beating Norris would be to secure the republican support that Norris never hashad, that of the business interests, and that this Bryan cannot get because he has been more radical than

LIVE STOCK MEN TO

Norris.

MEET AT LINCOLN. Lincoln, Neb., Dec. (Special)— The program of the Nebraska Imclation for Organized Agriculturethis week will open Tuesday morning with a joint session wth the Crop-Growers' assoication at which "taxes" will be the topic for discussion. The horse and sheep program will be Tuesday afternoon, the hog program Wednesday morning, the cattle program Thursday morning. Wednesday afternoon will be spent with the crop growers in dis-

cussion of livestock forage feeds. Thursday afternoon is taken up by the mass meeting of all organizations. The Livestock meetings will close with the Livestock Breeders" banquet at the Lincoln hotel, Thursday night.

# HIS \$10 BILL **LIKE FORTUNE**

Nebraska Man's Present to Brother in Germany Covers Big Gap

Belden, Neb., Dec. (Special)-Herman Opfer, drayman of this town, sent a \$10 bill as a Christmas present to a brother who lives in a small town in Germany. He received the following answer. "You people in America do not realize what \$10 means to us. This will buy all our fuel for the winter and leave enough to give us a comfortable living till warm weather." He also states that he could not get the bill cashed in that town but had to go to a larger bank to get the money changed.

Heard in a Garage (Arkansas Utility News.)
Owner—What will it cost me to have
my car fixed?
Garageman Whats the matter with

"I don't know."
"Firty-eight dollars and fifty cents."

Providential Escape

From the Philadelphia Public Ledger.
The old lady had had a severe illness and she was relating the vicissitudes to a friend or two in the grocers shop when the minister came in.
"It's only by the Lords mercy," shepiously declared, "that I'm not in heaven tonight."

Embarrassment of Riches The settlement teacher met Mrs. Day, who had the usual extensive mountaineer family, and inquired why the two-gir's had not come to school.

"Woman," she replied, "hit don't seem as if I could get those girls ready to go. Yer see, the baby this year was twins."