

SOUTH SIDE.
Quite a bit of wind, these days.
Some dastard shot and killed one of S. B. Rankin's horses, short time ago. There's one way to stop such work—fine every hunter you catch on your land to the full extent of the law, as trespassers.
What's the matter with making it Senator Norris in the future?
They had a dance at J. A. Schmitz', last Saturday night a week.
Blaine Dutton has gone to Kansas City on a visit.
A Mr. Gordon has moved on to the H. P. Sutton farm.
We are glad to learn that Gordon

Hartman went through the operation in good shape, and anxiously awaited word of his complete recovery to health.
Mr. E. A. Kelley, Helvidere, Ill., writes us, "I am an ex engineer with 22 years' active service to my credit. About three years ago my kidneys were affected so that I had to give up my engine. First I was troubled with severe, aching pain over the hips. Then followed inflammation of the bladder, and I speak of Foley's Kidney Pills that I tried, so benighted me that I bought more. I continued to take them until now I can safely testify they have made me a sound and well man." A. McMillen.

AFGHAN BREADMAKING.
Afghans Use Cobblestones. While Turcomans Like Sand.
The bread of the Afghan caravan was cooked by heating small round cobblestones in the fire and then poking them out and wrapping dough an inch thick about them. The buns thus formed were again thrown into the fire, to be poked out again when cooked. The bread tasted well there in the desert, although in civilized communities the grit and ashes would have seemed unendurable.
After good fellowship had been established the Afghans actually sold us some flour, says a writer in the National Geographical Magazine. The camp where we used it a little later happened to be beside the sandy bed of a trickling salt stream, which was drinkable in winter, but absolutely unusable in summer, when evaporation is at its height and the salt is concentrated.
"See," said one of our Turcomans as we dismounted; "here is some sand. Tonight we can have some good bread."
When some dry twigs had been gathered he proceeded to smooth off a bit of the cleanest sand and built upon it a hot fire. When the sand was thoroughly hot he raked off most of the coals and smoothed the sand very neatly. Meanwhile one of the other men had made two large sheets of dough about three-quarters of an inch thick and eighteen inches in diameter. Between these he placed a layer of lumps of sheep's tail fat, making a huge round sandwich. This was now spread on the hot sand, coals mixed with sand were placed completely over it, and it was left to bake. Now and then an edge was uncovered, and a Turcoman smelled it appreciatively and rapped on it to see if it was yet cooked. When the top was thoroughly baked the bread was turned over and covered up again. It tasted even better than the Afghan bread after it was cooled a little and the sand and ashes had been whisked off with a girdle. The Turcomans are so accustomed to life in the sandy desert that they think it impossible to make the best kind of bread without sand, while the Afghans, who live in the stony mountains, think that cobblestones are a requisite.

The Great Calamity In France
WITH losses in property running far up into the millions and an appallingly long list of dead and injured the floods in Paris and throughout France reached the dimensions of a great national calamity that startled the entire civilized world. The unprecedented storms which visited the country and raged for days turned the rivers into raging torrents, the ordinarily peaceful Seine rising higher than it has risen before in a hundred years.
Floods are by no means a rarity in Paris, but seldom do they reach the proportions of the present inundation, bringing disaster not only to the French capital, but to many other cities and towns unfortunately situated along the banks of the Seine in what is known as the "Seine basin." Rainfalls of no unusual extent cause a rapid rise of the waters in the river and a consequent flooding of the banks, but when there is a continuous down-pour, as at the present time and such as struck the country in 1802, the situation develops into a national calamity.
Several causes contribute to this. First of all, Paris and much of the

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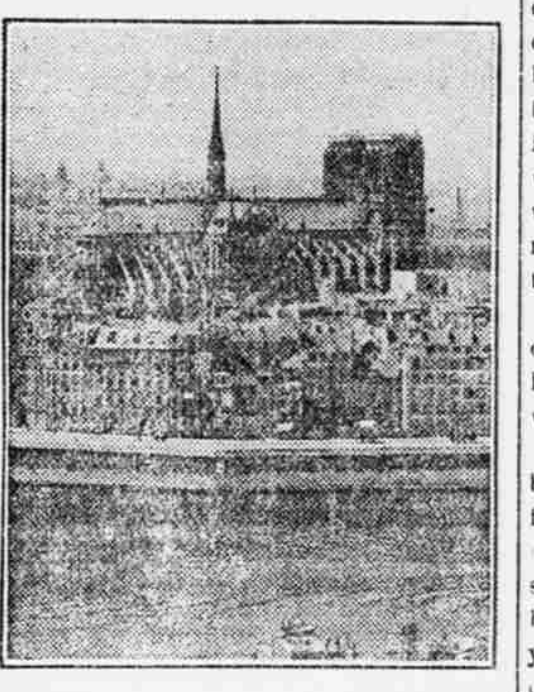
THE ZANZIBARIS.
Dense Stupidity and Amusing Blunders of the Natives.
In the "Autobiography of Sir Henry M. Stanley" the author says of the colored natives of central Africa:
"Good as the majority of Zanzibaris were, some of them were indescribably and for me most unfortunately dense. One man who from his personal appearance might have been judged to be among the most intelligent was after thirty months' experience with his musket unable to understand how it was to be loaded. He never could remember whether he ought to drop the powder or the bullet into the musket first. Another time he was sent with a man to transport a company of men over a river to camp. After waiting an hour I strode to the bank of the river and found them paddling in opposite directions, each blaming the other for his stupidity and, being in a passion of excitement, unable to hear the advice of men across the river, who were bawling out to them how to manage their canoe.
"Another man was so ludicrously stupid that he generally was saved from punishment because his mistakes were so absurd. We were one day floating down the Kongo, and, it being near camping time, I bade him, as he happened to be bowman on the occasion, to stand by and seize the grass on the bank to arrest the boat when I should call out. In a little while we came to a fit place, and I cried, 'Hold hard, Kirango!' 'Please God, master,' he replied and forthwith sprang on the shore and seized the grass with both hands, while we, of course, were rapidly swept down river, leaving him alone and solitary on the bank. The boat's crew roared at the ridiculous sight, but nevertheless his stupidity cost the tired man a hard pull to ascend again, for not every place was available for a camp.
"He it was also who on an occasion when we required the branch of a species of arbutus which overhung the river to be cut away to allow the canoe to be brought nearer to the bank for safety actually went astride of the branch and chopped away until he fell into the water with the branch and lost our ax. He had seated himself on the outer end of the branch."

THE ZANZIBARIS.

A Bunch of Kicks.
"I'm in hard luck!" sighed the steel rail.
"Look at me! I get nothing from morning till night but hot air," groaned the pumping engine.
"I'm always in hot water," sighed the boiler.
"Consider my plight," cried the macadam road, "invariably walked over and trodden under foot."
"I'm used to it, for I'm always up against it," philosophically remarked the wall paper.
"You're none of you as badly off as I am," said the furnace, "for, no matter where I go, I'm generally fired."
—Baltimore American.

The Editor Won.
A London paper described a children's excursion as a "long white scream of joy" and was called to account by a correspondent, who said that a scream could be long, but not white, whereupon the editor justified himself by urging that "a hue is often associated with a cry."
Every heart contains perfection's germ.—Shelley.

A VIEW OF PARIS SHOWING THE SEINE AND NOTRE DAME.
surrounding territory are situated in a shallow basin, surrounded by hills and traversed by the river Seine, which is fed by numerous large streams rising in the mountains within several hundred miles of the city on either side of the river. Rains in the hills, especially when there is snow to be melted to add its quota to the rush of waters, cause all the tributaries of the Seine to fill their banks with turbulent flood streams.
As there is no other outlet, all these waters converge into the Seine, mostly above Paris. Thus the Aube, the Yonne, the Loire and the Marne rivers all add to the depth of the main river, already swelled by flood conditions in the mountains of Cote d'Or, where it rises. When it is considered that the banks of the river in the vicinity of Paris are comparatively low it will be seen that any rise much above the ordinary will cause a flooding of the great basin.
This condition is aggravated by the course the Seine takes as it flows through the city. Up to the very gates of Paris almost it runs straight from the mountains, keeping its waters well confined in the main stream. But scarcely does the river enter the city boundaries than it begins a series of serpentine windings. The channel of the stream is blocked with numerous islands, the divided current flowing on both sides.
The city is literally built around the river at this point, and the mad streams of a flood, seeking a straight course, leap over their shallow confines and rush through the streets. Gales on the ocean may add to the difficulty by causing a tidal "bore" to back up the river and to hinder its natural outlet to the sea. The estuary, too, is blocked by shifting sand banks, which at times obstruct the natural flow of the water.
The city of Paris proper covers about 20,000 acres, of which the Seine occupies 1,760 acres. The river enters Paris from the southwest and, after making a sweeping bend, leaves Paris at the southeast. It averages two or three hundred yards in width.
As the storm progressed and the Seine overflowed many sections of the French capital were submerged, including the famous Bois de Boulogne, and fine residences, subways, noted buildings and historic monuments were inundated, many of the structures collapsing. Rowboats were used on the flooded streets, the owners asking fabulous sums for removing furniture and valuables to places of safety.
In the suburbs the situation was appalling, hundreds of helpless people clinging to the housetops, the streets being under fifteen and twenty feet of water. Thousands of dollars have been appropriated by the government for relief of the victims. Private citizens also rendered much aid, both financially and otherwise. All political differences were buried, and the nation has given the world a fine exhibition of pluck and solidarity in the face of her great disaster.
The present flood began with heavy storms on Jan. 17. Besides Paris, the towns of Billancourt, Argenteuil, Asnières, Sevres, Meudon, Lille, Chalons, Troyes, Montreuil, Ile St. Denis, Ivry, Vitry, Maisons-Laffitte, Poissy, Tours-sur-Marne, Juvisy and many others are severely affected.



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