

GREAT FLOODS IN CALIFORNIA

Result of Heavy and Continuous Rains During the Last Week.

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San Francisco, Jan. 15.—The floods resulting from the heavy and continuous rains of the past week, have done considerable damage in the river valleys of the state and have seriously crippled railroad communication. All

the bridges across the American river, including that of the Southern Pacific near Sacramento, part of which was carried away last night, are out of commission, and cannot be repaired for several weeks. No trains are running on the east side of the Sacramento.

valley, and overland traffic practically is at a standstill. Travel on the west side has not been interrupted, but washouts which would cause its suspension are feared. Over an inch and a half of rain has fallen at Sacramento during the last 24 hours, but there are no indications of a deluge.

There are indications of clearing weather. The city of Sacramento has suffered no damage and none is anticipated, as the levees are several feet higher than the floor, and are considered absolutely secure. Part of the town of Biggs is 4 feet under water. Passengers on Southern Pacific trains Nos. 6, 10 and 24, who are eastbound, will be sent to their destinations by way of Los Angeles.

Reports from the San Joaquin valley, which has been threatened with inundation, are reassuring.

At Stockton no great damage has been done and Mormon channel, which yesterday broke through the levee at Linden, has been falling since midnight. The high water at Bakersfield, in Kern

Many families in Porterville were carried from their homes in boats or in rafts. One woman, who was ill in bed, was rescued before the water reached her home. Considerable damage was done in Fresno by the flood-

The Santa Clara valley suffered practically no damage and the rain has been of great benefit to fruit growers and farmers.

Heavy rains have fallen in the Sierras, a precipitation of 15.20 inches having been recorded in the last four days.

The melting of snow in the mountains has been one of the chief causes of the rise in the rivers of the state, warm weather having prevailed for several days.

FLOOD REACHES CREST.

Bakersfield, Cal., Jan. 15.—The flood

reached the crest before midnight last night and is subsiding. Although there was much anxiety and excitement, the large force of men was able to hold the levee and prevent the flooding of the lower part of the city.

RAILROAD BRIDGES GONE.

Baton Rouge, Jan. 15.—A long distance

Telephone message from Sacramento
bridges along the American river have
been washed out by floods, cutting off
all overland routes, and that it will be
two or three days before trains can get
through. The only trains coming into
Feno are those from the east. Branch

roads north to Oregon, and south on the Virginia & Truckee roads, are blocked by these washouts. The storm still continues.

COUNTRESS" FROM PARIS
"DID" NEW YORK WOMEN

New York, Jan. 15.—"Rare old lace" retailed by a mysterious woman from Paris representing herself as a countess, at several New York women more than \$900. This "countess," who arrived at the St. Regis hotel in this city about a month ago, armed with a letter of introduction from Paris, accompanied by

He announced before her departure that a friend had invited her to visit at home and that she would temporarily give up her apartments in the hotel. It is said she is by this time in France or on her way there. The rare old lace, which the woman had had been handed down to her from

courts of Louis XIV and Louis XV, as declared by lace experts here to be artistically valueless. This is the verdict of one importer, who examined some of the samples: "I can hardly see how you were so easily duped. This lace is a cheap imitation and was made in this country. Take a piece you have with you, made outside of New York, and it is all

ADMIRAL DEWEY IMPROVING.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Admiral George Dewey, who has been confined to his bed for the greater part of two months with an attack of sciatica, has considerably improved. He is now going

THE GEORGIA AT MARSEILLES.
Marseilles, Jan. 15.—The battleship

The Georgia arrived here today from Port
land. The Nebraska, Rhode Island
New Jersey are expected shortly.
Arrangements for the reception of
vessels have been completed.
The Georgia was greeted by a large
crowd that had assembled on the wa-
rfront.

LT LAKE MINT SALARY LIST.
(Special to the "News.")
Washington, D. C., Jan. 15.—The legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, reported to the senate,

authorizes the following: For assayer in charge of the mint, Salt Lake City, \$12,500; for cashier, \$1,600; a clerk at \$1,400. Also six minor employees, at various salaries, to be appointed from the civil service.