

MARINE DISASTER UP THE COAST.

The Bark Tidal Wave Deserted at Sea in the Northwest.

Picked Up by a Tug and Being Towed Into Port Townsend.

All the Ship's Boats Missing and Believed They Went Down During the Rough Weather Which Has Been Prevailing and the Crew Drowned.

VICTORIA (B. C.), Dec. 29.—Captain Debnay of the steamer City of Pueblo reports that on his way north from San Francisco he sighted a lumber-laden bark ashore five miles south of Cape Plaitery. He signalled, but got no answer. The bark was seemingly abandoned. Heavy seas were running. The tug Sea Lion has gone to the wreck. The only recent departure from British Columbia mills is the American bark Colusa which sailed from Chemainus on the 22d inst.

At midnight word was received from Tootook that the vessel reported ashore by Captain Debnay was the bark Tidal Wave, Captain Lancaster, which left Tacoma December 18th with lumber for San Pedro, Cal. She is now being towed into Port Townsend by the tug Sea Lion. All the bark's boats are missing, from which it is supposed that the officers and crew, fearing she was going to sink, put off and left her to her fate.

As there has been very rough weather outside since the bark went to sea ten days ago, it is feared the boats and their occupants have been wrecked. The bark Tidal Wave was built at Port Madison twenty-eight years ago, and has nearly always been engaged in the coast lumber trade. Her home is at Tacoma, where she is owned.

HULL OF A VESSEL SIGHTED. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—The steamer Acapulco, which arrived here yesterday, reports having passed on the afternoon of December 28th, off Point Sur, the hull of a vessel, apparently a schooner and about 140 feet long. This is supposed to be the wreck of the schooner El Norah, run down on October 22d by the German ship Renee Rickmers.

HAD A ROUGH VOYAGE. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—The steamer Walla Walla arrived to-day, twenty-four hours late. She encountered head seas and winds all the way down, and the voyage was a fight from start to finish. She brought down three of the crew. Cleveland's crew—R. F. O'Neill, first assistant engineer, and two seamen, Peter Marin and Joseph Costa, O'Neill was on board the mate's boat, and was one of the men rescued by the Quadra. Captain Hall with James Tyson and Captain John McCallie of San Francisco, are still in the vicinity of the wreck.

STAGE HELD UP. Robbers Get Two Mail Sacks and Sixty Dollars From Passengers.

LEWISTON (Idaho), Dec. 29.—The Lewiston-Mount Idaho stage was held up at 9 o'clock last night by two highwaymen one mile from Grangeville. Two passengers were relieved of about \$60, and the robbers secured the contents of two mail sacks, but missed the one containing registered money packages. After the robbery the driver was instructed to turn the stage back toward Cottonwood, the robbers following at a short distance. When the robbers disappeared the driver resumed the journey to Grangeville.

At Grangeville there is great excitement, and a vigilance committee has been organized. Last night's robbery is supposed to be the work of the same element who have made two attempts within the past week to destroy the town by fire, and the citizens of that place are determined to use every means of protection.

TROUBLED CENTRAL AMERICA. A General Uprising Anticipated Next Year.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—The officers of the steamer Acapulco, which arrived to-day from Central America, say that a general uprising in that country may be anticipated next year. "We heard in Central American ports that there was a standing offer of \$50,000 for the death of Barrios," said one of the officers. "He is well guarded, however, and whoever earns the blood money will have to run numerous risks. There are hundreds ready to take the chances, and as soon as the coffee crops are in you will see that a number of attempts will be made to take the life of the President of Guatemala. The leaders of the late rebellion are all within striking distance of the Guatemalan frontier, and when their plans are matured they will make their presence felt. In San Salvador the people are also disaffected, and they also are likely to be in open warfare with one another before the year is very old." General Fuentes, who led the recent uprising against President Barrios, is now in San Francisco.

RACING EVENTS. Winners Yesterday at the Ingle-side Track.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Results at Ingle-side: Seven furlongs, Olive (Conley), 10 to 1, won; Argentina (Hennessy), 8 to 5, second; Pat Murphy (Clawson), 10 to 1, third. Time—1:29 1/2. Miss Ruth, Sir Richard, Allahabad, Zarrow, Walter J. Coda, Jack Martin, Zeune, Cromwell and William O'Brien, also ran. Six furlongs, White (H. Shields), 6 to 1, won; May W. (Conley), 9 to 5, second; Highland Ball (McNichols), 6 to 1, third. Time—1:44 1/2. Tea Rose III, and Trolley also ran. One mile, Myth (Conley), 5 to 1, won; Bernadillo (Thorpe), 7 to 10, second; Charlie Reif (H. Martin), 50 to 1, third. Time—1:42. Miss Prim, Oscuro, Coupon III, and Judge Stouffer also ran. Mile and an eighth, hurdle handicap, Snowdown (T. Murphy), 2 to 1, won; Capt. Rees (Huston), 6 to 1, second; Gold Dust (Stanford), 6 to 1, third. Time—2:04 1/2. Three furlongs, Veragua, J. M. B., Una Colorado, Reno, Red Bird, Volt, Hyman and Viking also ran. One mile, Crocker stakes, value \$1,200, two-year-olds. Count of Flanders (Conley), 6 to 5, won; Torsida (H. Mar-

tin), 5 to 1, second; Eddie Jones (Thorpe), 5 to 2, third. Time—1:41. San Venado, George Lee, St. Calatine, Los Prietos, Marplot and Morelito also ran.

YOUNTVILLE VETERANS' HOME.

Question of Paying Appropriation Referred to Attorney-General.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Governor Bidd, Attorney-General Fitzzgerald, Controller Colgan, President Loupe and Attorney W. H. Jordan of the Veterans' Home Association met to-day to consider whether the \$45,000 appropriated to the home by the State should be paid to the Yountville institution or not. The question was whether the Veterans' Home Association could convey the property to the State when there was doubt as to whether the State could receive and maintain it as a State institution. The Federal allowance to the home is contingent upon one from the State, and if one is withheld the other cannot be paid. The entire matter was referred to the Attorney-General, and whatever he recommends the Governor says he will endorse.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Santa Rosa Will be the Next Place of Meeting.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Santa Rosa will be the next meeting place of the California Teachers' Association. That was decided upon at the commencement of the second day's session of the organization to-day at Metropolitan Hall. Superintendent of Schools Nelson, of Sonoma County, extended the invitation to the association, and it was unanimously accepted. The following officers for the ensuing year were elected: President, C. W. Childs; Vice-Presidents, H. C. Petray and Mary Prag; Treasurer, F. W. Marks; Railroad Secretary, F. E. Bunker; Assistant Secretary, F. Barthel; For Secretary Mrs. M. M. Fitzgerald and Mrs. M. E. Floyd were tied, and another ballot will be taken to-morrow. During the day addresses were made by many prominent educators.

RIPON TRAIN ROBBERS.

The Third Man Implicated Arrested at Napa.

STOCKTON, Dec. 29.—The third man implicated in the attempted train wrecking and robbery on the Southern Pacific track near Ripon in this county, several months ago, has been caught at Napa, and Sheriff Cunningham will go after him to-morrow. The fellow's name is said to be Loupe. The other two train wreckers, George Williams and George Schlagel, were sentenced to life imprisonment, and are now in the penitentiary. Williams was convicted here, and Schlagel pleaded guilty in the hope of being pardoned here, from which it was a tool in the hands of Williams. The train wreckers hoped to rob the train, but officers were on it, and in the shooting that followed a tramp riding on top of a car was shot in the leg, but not seriously hurt.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS.

Annual Meeting of the Pacific Coast Association.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—The annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Commercial Travelers' Association was held this afternoon in Native Sons' Hall. President J. C. Eubanks occupied the chair. He was assisted by Vice-President W. F. Peterson and Secretary A. C. Bolderman. In order to increase the membership, an amendment to the by-laws abolishing the initiation fee was adopted. The following officers were elected: President, W. F. Peterson; Vice-President, Thomas Dunn; Secretary, A. C. Bolderman; Treasurer, B. Calland; Directors—J. H. Frost, J. C. Eubanks, H. Morgenthau, C. B. Tomson, A. Hampel, J. Finnigan and Alex. Well.

MURDERER HOFF.

The Defense Will Attempt to Prove an Alibi.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—The preliminary examination of Albert Hoff, the alleged murderer of Mrs. Mary A. Clute, has not been concluded, but the cross-examination of witnesses has developed the fact that his defense will be an alibi. Hoff declares that he sometimes carried a window sash weight in his tool bag, but says that he never owned a coupling pin, the weapon with which the crime was committed. E. R. Clute applied to-day for letters of administration on the estate of his murdered wife, Mary Augusta Clute. The estate consists of personal property valued at \$1,000 and a house and lot in Watsonville, valued at \$2,000. The only legal heir of the deceased is her husband.

WILL ATTACK SAMORY.

French Prepare to Move Against the West African Chieftain.

PAIRS, Dec. 29.—The French, it is announced, have occupied Odiense and Nalabataliga. It is believed that an advance against Chief Samory is imminent. Chief Samory is a West African chieftain who, for over twelve years, has been the most dangerous antagonist the Europeans have had to meet. After ten years of guerrilla warfare he was driven out of the Soudan, but he made a swoop upon the fertile region of Kong, a dependency of the French Ivory Company. Since then he has repeatedly been heard from. In August last his forces surprised and routed a detachment of French troops sent to occupy territory which, it is said, Samory had offered to vacate.

PARTY DIFFERENCES.

Silver Republicans Fear McKinley Has Forsaken Them.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The indications are to-day stronger than they have been at any previous time of trouble between the Administration and the silver advocates in the Republican party. The reason for this change is found in the declaration made by Senator Fairbanks at Indianapolis yesterday that the President has issued his determination to stand by the gold standard. Fairbanks is very near to the President and the Republican bimetallicists no longer make any secret of their strong fear that McKinley has forsaken them.

WHITECAPS IN IOWA.

One Death Results From Their Work Near Westport.

OTTUMWA (Ia.), Dec. 29.—Whitecaps have been at work in Lee County, near Westport, and as a result one man is dead and a warlike spirit has been aroused in the neighborhood. Abe Balm and his two brothers are well-to-do farmers, living near Westport. Not far away lived their father,

KLONDIKE RELIEF EXPEDITION.

Minister Sifton Discusses the Subject With Cabinet Officers.

The Canadian Government Will Render Any Assistance in Its Power.

Does Not Believe There is Likely to be Suffering Among Miners for Want of Food, and is Not Sanguine the Expedition This Government Contemplates Can Get Through—Great Britain Will Allow United States Troops to Pass Through British Territory.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Assistant Secretary McKeljohn to-day presented Clifford Sifton, the Canadian Minister of the Interior, to the President. Mr. McKinley greeted Mr. Sifton cordially, but did not discuss with him in any manner the object of his visit. Later Mr. Sifton took lunch at the British Embassy.

After the luncheon Mr. Sifton, accompanied by Mr. McKeljohn, called upon Attorney-General McKenna and Secretary Gage. The visit was simply out of courtesy, but in the course of Mr. Sifton's visit to both the Cabinet officers the question of getting supplies into the Klondike were discussed. Mr. Sifton, in a general way, expressed the opinion that the Canadian Government would be glad to render any assistance in its power to the Government in getting a relief expedition into the Klondike, but expressed the opinion to both Attorney-General McKenna and Secretary Gage that there was not likely to be great suffering among the miners in the vicinity of Dawson City for lack of food.

Gladstone's Birthday.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—This being the eighty-eighth birthday of the Right Hon. William E. Gladstone, the usual congratulatory were sent to Hawarden and Cannes, where Mr. Gladstone is improving, though suffering from neuralgia.

Secretary Alger Better.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Secretary Alger was somewhat better to-day. He suffered from a depressing fever yesterday, but he entirely disappeared during last night, and this morning he was able to get from bed and transact some official business.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—To-day's statement of the condition of the Treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$215,349,028; gold reserve, \$100,542,902.

CORBETT AND FITZSIMMONS.

BRADY SENDS A CHALLENGE TO THE LATTER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—W. A. Brady to-day posted \$2,500 with Al Smith to bid a match between Corbett and Fitzsimmons.

Dan Stuart, who managed the Fitzsimmons-Maher and Corbett-Fitzsimmons bouts successfully, said he would arrange to leave for the West next week, and hoped that he would secure the signatures of both Fitzsimmons and Corbett to articles of agreement for a ring contest, which he proposes to bring off next summer, probably in the State of Nevada.

Mr. Stuart would like to have the contest take place not earlier than next July, and said that he would like to arrange a meeting between Kid McCoy and Choyinski, or some other good middle-weight, to take place in the same week as the Corbett-Fitzsimmons contest. He can secure the necessary arrangements for both contests, Stuart said he would offer excellent inducements for the winner of both these bouts to meet six months later.

William A. Brady, manager of James J. Corbett, to-night sent to the Associated Press the following challenge to Dolph Fitzsimmons, champion pugilist of the world: "James J. Corbett, dissatisfied with the result of his late contest with you at Carson City, and not believing that you are his superior, either as a boxer or a fighter, and being of the opinion that you are a man who can be defeated by a man of his own weight, offers you a return battle on equal conditions, has deposited to-day \$2,500 as a first deposit to bind a match for \$10,000 a side, the persons offering to arrange to leave for the West in the management of the contest.

"As you have said to-day that your wife has withdrawn her objections to your again entering the ring, there is no reason why the arrangement should not be speedily consummated; for you, in my presence at Carson City, gave Corbett your word of honor that if you ever entered the ring again you would give him the first chance.

"It is useless for you to attempt to deceive the public and try to boom your private interests by attempting to induce Corbett to make some second rate boxer before he shall be entitled to your notice. He will not agree to meet Maher, Sharkey or any one else. He claims the chance that he gave you, the right to win back the title of champion. He clearly proved himself in your match at Carson City, and was only by the greatest kind of a fluke that you are now titled champion, and I do not believe that you will ever forget until your dying day the beating that he gave you then, and if ever he secures the opportunity to again face you in a twenty-four-foot ring, I will guarantee you that he will prove conclusively and beyond a question of doubt whether or not he is in your class. WILLIAM A. BRADY."

Tailor Shop Burglarized.

At an early hour this morning Officer Hayes discovered that a tailor shop on a street between Fourth and Fifth had been burglarized. What of value the thieves made away with could not be learned at this hour, the proprietor of the place not having arrived to make an inventory of his stock.

in abject poverty. When the old man died a few days ago it was claimed he had starved to death.

After the father was dead the sons refused to pay the expenses of his burial, or even to bury the body. This so enraged the neighboring farmers that last night a mob of thirty citizens marched to the home of the Balm brothers, and called for Abe, the oldest. Abe stepped to the door, and seeing the crowd outside, retreated into the house before the mob could lay hands on him. He called to his brothers, and all three opened fire on the visitors from the door of the house, inside of which were Abe's wife and children. The mob returned the fire, and after the smoke had cleared away it was found that Abe had been mortally wounded. He died in a short time.

The brothers have sworn out warrants against seven neighbors, charging them with murder. Many of the farmers say they will not countenance the arrest of their neighbors.

HORRIBLE MURDER.

A Young Negress Chopped to Death by Her Husband.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 29.—Nellie Johnson, a young negress, was chopped to death with a hatchet to-night in an alley near Tent and Wyandotte streets, in the business district of the city. Her husband was the murderer. He called her from their house into the alley and attacked her with the hatchet. The woman threw up her hands to protect her head. When men who heard her cries ran to the scene they found her dying. Each of eight blows upon her head had split the skull, and her hands had been literally chopped off. Near by stood a horse and express wagon, in which there were ropes tied to a heavy stone. It had evidently been the intention of the murderer to throw his victim into the river, but the woman's outcry had prevented this being done. Johnson is still at large.

Below Zero in New York State.

SARATOGA (N. Y.), Dec. 29.—The thermometer to-day dropped to 9 degrees below zero at North Creek, 10 below at Saratoga, 12 below at Rouse's Point and 15 below at Blue Mountain Lake.

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BIG FIRE AT SAN BERNARDINO.

A NUMBER OF BUILDINGS LAID IN RUINS.

The Losses Estimated at Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars; Insurance Twenty Thousand.

SAN BERNARDINO, Dec. 29.—Shortly after 4 o'clock this afternoon fire broke out in Whitney's planing mill, and in a few moments the whole building, together with piles of lumber, were in blazing flames. Chinders, live coals and burning lumber were carried on the strong wind thousands of feet, threatening to destroy the principal buildings of the city, which lay directly in the path of the wind.

The fire swiftly communicated to the Episcopal church and the homes of James Murray, A. G. Kendall, the Green estate and H. C. Rolfe, which in a few minutes were beyond control.

Soon reports of fire communicating to buildings over a thousand feet away, and in widely different localities, warned the authorities that if the city was to be saved from destruction prompt action was necessary. Requests for help were wired to Riverside, Colton and Redlands, and the fire departments of those cities responded promptly to calls.

By the time these companies had arrived the fire had jumped a distance of three hundred feet from the north of Fourth street to houses carried on the side of Court street, between E and F street. Four buildings in this locality were swept away, adding to the flying embers and multiplying the danger.

The fire companies were all this time doing good work turning streams of water upon the burning buildings and tearing down the ruins. Hundreds of men were stationed all over the endangered part of the city with buckets, and were kept busy in quenching the falling embers. When the business blocks of the city were most in danger the wind suddenly died down, and the fire was within a few minutes brought under control.

The fire started by the overturning of a lamp for heating glue in the Whitney planing mill on F street, north of Fourth, and burned everything from that point south to Fourth street and as far east as Fleming's lumber yard, together with five frame buildings on the south side of Court street, between E and F streets.

The total loss, as far as can be estimated, is \$75,000, with an estimated insurance of about \$20,000. The individual losses, as far as can be ascertained, are: J. J. Whitney \$15,000; insurance \$8,000; W. G. Wright, houses and contents, \$6,000; insurance \$2,000; Episcopal church \$5,000; insurance \$3,000; A. G. Kendall, house and contents, \$3,700; insurance \$1,900; James Murray, house and contents, \$6,500; insurance \$4,900; H. C. Rolfe, house and contents, \$2,800; insurance \$1,000; Green estate, house and contents, \$3,700; skating rink, \$800; Wilcox & Rose \$5,000; insurance \$2,000; Ray Woodward, house, \$1,000; no insurance; J. L. Porter, house, \$1,000; insurance \$800; Mrs. Abbott \$800; no insurance; McAbee estate, two houses, \$1,500; insurance \$1,100; John Ward, \$1,500; insurance \$800; Joseph Marks \$2,000; insurance \$1,100.

One of the greatest personal losses met by one individual was that of W. G. Wright, who has devoted his life to natural history collections, which were in some features rare and known to scientists throughout the country. These collections had a market value of fifteen or twenty thousand dollars.

GOVERNMENT FINANCES.

Material Increase in Receipts From Customs and Internal Revenue.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The forthcoming monthly statement of the Government receipts and expenditures will show a material increase in the receipts from both customs and internal revenue.

To-day's income from customs alone was \$755,567, the highest figure reached since the new tariff law went into effect. Several times during the last week the customs revenues have exceeded \$900,000, and according to the expectations of the treasury officials these figures will be fully maintained for an indefinite period.

The increase from customs this month will probably exceed November by \$2,500,000 or \$3,000,000, which will leave a surplus for the month.

Remains of Peter French.

BAKER CITY (Or.), Dec. 29.—The remains of Peter French, the millstone cutter who was killed by Edward L. Oliver last Sunday in Diamond Valley, Harney County, will be brought here to-morrow. After being embalmed, they will be shipped to Red Bluff, Cal., the home of the mother of the deceased. It is understood that Oliver is in custody at Burns, the county seat of Harney County.

An Express Office Burglarized.

SAN JOSE, Dec. 29.—The office of Wells, Fargo & Co., at Campbell, six miles from this city, was entered by thieves Wednesday. They carried away a treasure box, but as it contained no money, they had only a little wood and iron for their pains. There is no clew to the offenders.

One Spicy Suggestion.

"Any spicy features in the new play?" "Well," the lady answered, "John had with his mouth full of cloves."—Kansas City Journal.

Mr. Smith—Hope there isn't any trouble between Jimson and his wife.

I met them both coming up in the train. They sat in different seats and didn't notice each other when they got out. Mrs. Smith—Oh, that's all right. Mrs. Jimson, told me yesterday that she and Mr. Jimson were going to New York to-day to select the new parlor furniture.—Harper's Bazar.

The Nonpareil

THE GREAT CLOAK SALE

with many new attractions for the balance of the week, as well as what remains from those rapid-selling lots which have already been quoted.

Russian Blouse Jackets, \$10.

All of our \$20 and \$25 Russian Blouse Jackets, those most elegant novelties of the season, have been marked down in this sale to close at \$10. You can select from the popular new shades of green, new blue, cardinal and black; elaborately contrasted and trimmed with curly silk astrachan, braids, etc. You'll find great attraction both in garment and price.

Fine Plush Capes, \$7 50.

The \$12 50 and \$15 Fine Silk Plush Capes which now remain have been reduced to the above remarkably low figure; swell garments every one, elaborately jetted and braided, edged around collar and cuffs with various styles of fur, full silk lined and shower-proof. Perfect and graceful in hang.

Millinery Reductions.

Every trimmed hat in stock reduced to about half. To you who know the kind of trimmed hats we turn out from our work rooms the foregoing statement may seem surprising. Well, we're going to see how many of them we can sell between now and New Year's and

WASSERMAN, DAVIS & CO. THE BIG STORE K STREET, BET. SIXTH AND SEVENTH.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS. Gold Spectacles and Nose Glasses. Eyes tested free and correct glasses fitted after the holidays. Large assortment of Opera Glasses to be sold at very low prices. Come and examine them. D. M. BISHOPP, Optician, 806 J STREET

SMOKE THE COCKNEY A. COOLOT, Sacramento, Distributing Agent.

SPECIAL DISCOUNT SALE IN OPERA GLASSES AND LORNETTES FOR FOUR DAYS ONLY Until January 1st. All pearl with pearl tubes. Gravure make, white or Oriental. Formerly \$10, now \$7 50. Lemaire with handle, pearl and gilt. Formerly \$18 50, now \$16, and many others. GHINN, Optician, Opposite Postoffice. OPEN EVENINGS.

Dr. Jaeger's Health Underwear. We are selling a great many suits of the above famous underwear and selling it to men who have looked carefully elsewhere. It is the best underwear in the world. The shirts are double-breasted, buttoning on the shoulder. The drawers are cut normal style, giving double abdominal protection. There must be some good reason for so many inquirers for this underwear coming back to buy of us.

For the Best Laundry Work GO TO THE American Steam Laundry. A Political Mistake. "Madam, may I kiss these beautiful children?" inquired a candidate for the coming bye-election in the Midlands the other day who was on a tour round the constituency, as he leaned over the front gate. "Certainly, sir; there is no possible objection." "But these children, madam—you surely are not a widow?" "I feared you were mistaken, sir, when you first came up. These are not my children. This is an orphan asylum."—Exit would-be member of Parliament.—Glasgow News.

HAUB THE HABERDASHER, 702 K, opp. Postoffice. Central African Educational Work. "Why has Baboo, the school teacher, been retired on a pension?" "Because he ate more than the regular 5 per cent. of his pupils."—Fliegende Blatter.