

ANOTHER DISASTER IN ALASKAN WATERS.

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SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 8.—A letter received by the Alaska Commercial Company dated Unalaska, July 28th, says:

Information received here is to the effect that an entire party of twelve prospectors, calling themselves the "Columbia Exploring Company," together with Rev. R. Weber, a Moravian missionary, his wife, child and two native pilots, bound for the Kuskokvinn River, have been lost.

Not long ago Rev. Weber was asked by one of the prospecting party who were on board of the steamer Lakme to go with them as pilot and interpreter, with two Indian pilots, up the Kuskokvinn River. He agreed to do so, taking his wife and child along. On June 24th Weber met the party who had a fifty-foot steamer and two barges. They were at Goodnews Bay, but were short one boat which was needed to carry their stores. On June 27th, the natives say, the small steamer with two barges left Goodnews Bay up the river. Soon after their departure a terrific storm arose, and a few days later the natives reported a stranded barge ashore on the north side of the river. It was laden with supplies, all of which were appropriated by the finders. Later on a raft was found adrift. Nothing has been heard of any of the seventeen persons who started up the river, and all are thought to have perished. The names of the prospectors have not been ascertained.

TEXAS FEVER.

Twenty-five Thousand Head of Cattle Condemned at Hanford.

FRESNO, Aug. 8.—The Government has refused to allow stock from this part of the State to be shipped out of California, on account of the prevalence of Texas fever among the herds.

Yesterday Carey Brothers, the large Omaha buyers of cattle, had 25,000 head of stock condemned at Hanford by Dr. C. H. Blumer, Chief Government Inspector for California. Not all the animals were affected with the fever, but even a small part of the herd, but the disease was found in a number of the cattle, and hence the whole herd was condemned. The Inspector would not allow the apparently well ones to be segregated from the feverish cattle and shipped on, for the reason that they had been exposed to the disease, and he feared they might develop it en route.

GOLD FROM KLONDIKE.

The Steamer Rosalie Brings Down About \$100,000.

PORT TOWNSEND, Aug. 8.—The steamer Rosalie arrived here to-night from Skagway, Alaska, with 100 passengers from Dawson City who came up the Yukon River via the lakes. They bring advices from Dawson up to July 27th, and considerable gold dust, estimated at \$100,000. Joseph Barrett of Seattle is probably the best fixed man financially, having brought out about \$25,000 in dust. Barrett has been conducting a sporting house in Dawson. Others brought sums ranging from \$2,000 up to \$15,000.

The steamer Monarch arrived at Dawson July 25th, and the steamer Sovereign July 26th from St. Michael. The Monarch was last reported high and dry on the way up the river, but

the warm weather caused a sudden rise in the river and she was easily floated. The steamer Joseph Glosett, owned by Portland parties and plying between Dawson and the lakes, while trying to run through White Horse Canyon, struck a rock and sank in six feet of water. No lives were lost, all the outfits were saved, though in a damaged condition. It is thought that the steamer can be floated again and resume her run.

The Dawson market is well supplied with fresh beef, several hundred having already arrived, and about 300 head are on the trail, being driven in. One of the first parties arriving with cattle was H. I. Miller of Seattle, who reached there with eighty-five head, for which he found a ready sale at \$1.15 per pound, dressed. Miller intends returning immediately with a drove of hogs. He drove his cattle across the lakes on the ice, while in the center of the lakes the boats were making regular trips.

Their party, driving in a large number of cattle, met with a serious accident. The steamer, while passing the wrecking of a young man named Shannon, a nephew of Willis Thorpe of Seattle, and several head of cattle.

Mining operations in the Klondike are at a standstill, and will continue so until the cold weather sets in. It is estimated that about 25,000 idle men are in Dawson waiting for something to turn up. This number is being swelled every day by new arrivals from both up and down the river. There are now more people there than the country can support. No new strikes are reported.

VICTORIA, Aug. 8.—The steamer Tokinaja arrived to-night from St. Michael, but she brought no passengers, the reason for which is unexplained. Her officers report that the steamer Progresso will likely return soon to Seattle with most of her passengers, who have no means of getting up the Yukon. The Moravian fleet of ten river steamers which has been reported wrecked several times, is said to be safe at False Pass. The steamer Katy, from Dawson, had arrived at St. Michael with fifteen passengers.

ADOLPH SUTRO DEAD.

San Francisco's Ex-Mayor Passed Away Yesterday Morning.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 8.—Ex-Mayor Adolph Sutro died at 2:30 this morning at his home on Van Ness avenue.

Adolph Sutro was born at Aix La Chapelle, Prussia, April 29, 1830. He received a liberal education, and after business reverses in his own country, came to the United States with his mother and ten other children in 1850.

Adolph Sutro started almost immediately for California, arriving at San Francisco November 21, 1850. He first engaged in mercantile pursuits, but later ventured into mining. In 1860 he visited the Comstock lode. Later he opened reduction works at Dayton, Nev., where the Gould and Curry ores were worked, reducing 100 pounds of silver each day.

Mr. Sutro conceived the idea of tunneling the Comstock lode, and with the co-operation of the forty-one companies operating on the lode, the work was commenced. The tunnel cost millions of dollars, and was not completed for many years. Millions were extracted from this gigantic work.

Later Sutro returned to San Francisco, beginning in other pursuits, but always interested himself in mining. He headed real estate works at Dayton, Nev., where the Gould and Curry ores were worked, reducing 100 pounds of silver each day.

Notwithstanding his death has been expected for some time, it came as a great shock to the community to-day, such a sudden demise not being looked for.

He was the largest individual property owner in San Francisco, and his wealth is estimated at about \$4,000,000. Considerable interest is attached to the probable disposition of the fortune left by Adolph Sutro. When Dr. Emma Merritt was appointed guardian of her father last February the Suro estate was appraised at \$2,849,572. The outside estate blocks were valued at \$531,530; the San Miguel rancho at \$783,750; Suro Hights at \$150,000; the Cliff House, the Suro Baths and the Terrace property at \$600,000; the Suro Railway Company stock at \$820,000; and the Suro Library at \$100,000.

It had long been Mayor Sutro's desire and intention to give the Suro Hights property and the Suro Library to the people of San Francisco. Whether the conditions of his will prevented him from carrying out his plans is yet to be made known. It is said that a will containing these bequests is in existence. The sons and daughters are said to share equally in the estate.

Ex-Judge E. W. McKinstry, who for several years has had charge of some of Mr. Sutro's most important litigation, said that he had no knowledge of any will having been made recently by Mr. Sutro.

Contests among the members of the family are expected on account of the dissensions that have existed, but they will depend on the property's disposition.

TOOK CARBOLIC ACID.

William Balbach Commits Suicide at San Jose.

SAN JOSE, Aug. 8.—William Balbach committed suicide this morning or last night. A junk man called at his house in Cottage Grove this morning at an appointment and found his body lying in the yard. He was then called in death. It is supposed that he took the poison at an early hour this morning, probably about 2 or 3 o'clock. He used carbolic acid. He was about 40 years of age, and leaves a wife and two children. This is the second wife and there had been trouble between the couple, according to the neighbors. She left home last week, and since then Balbach had been despondent.

Struck by a Train and Killed.

SAN JOSE, Aug. 8.—William Kennedy, a resident of Saratoga, a man some 55 years, was killed by the northbound train at Santa Clara at 9:17 this morning. It is supposed that Kennedy was intending to go to San Francisco. He was standing by the side of the track reading the time table. The train came along and he did not see it. The cross-beam of the engine hit him on the hip and the piston rod on the head. Death was almost instantaneous. He leaves no family, but a considerable amount of

Four of Baldwin's Horses Seized.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 8.—This morning Constable Quinn went to Baldwin's ranch, in the San Gabriel Valley, and seized four well-known race horses, San Barnado, San Antonio, Rey del Rio and La Garedo. They were seized on an attachment, the suit being brought by E. C. Short against E. J. Baldwin for \$285.55, alleged to be due Short for wages as an employee of Baldwin on the ranch.

CONFLAGRATION AT BISMARCK

The Best Portion of the North Dakota City Wiped Out.

Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars' Worth of Property Destroyed.

Scores of Buildings Licked Up by the Flames as So Much Paper—The Bulk of the Business Portion and Several Blocks of Residences in Ruins—Many Families Homeless.

BISMARCK (N. D.), Aug. 8.—Fire destroyed the best portion of the city of Bismarck this evening, licking up hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of property.

The flames originated in the agent's office of the Northern Pacific depot. Almost before they were discovered the entire building and the immense warehouse of the company were in flames. Oil and powder contributed fuel, and before the flames could be checked they had spread to a block of brick buildings across the alley, destroying the "Tribune" office, Hare's hardware store and an entire row of buildings.

The flames then leaped the street to the magnificent First National Bank building, which melted away in a few minutes. The Central block followed, and the flames spread to the Postoffice, sweeping over the entire block and carrying down the Postoffice, Merchants' Bank block, Central block and all the intermediate frame and brick structures.

The fire then spread across and devoured Kupitz's store and the greater part of the block. The flames also spread north into a residence block, and completely destroyed the residence of Fireman W. C. Weller, who was powerless to check the inroads of the fire, which spread to scores of buildings, licking them up as so much waste paper.

The origin of the fire is unknown, as no one was in the freight office when it started. It is impossible to estimate the loss to-night. All wires were burned, the Western Union office being one of the first to go. The railroad office was also destroyed. A temporary cut-in was made to handle imperative business.

The following buildings were destroyed: Pennington's clothing store, Morris' shoe store, Hare's hardware store, the "Tribune" Publishing Company, B. Rathwaite's shoe store, First National Bank, Bardsley's drug store, Eppinger clothing store, Remington drug store, Gussner grocery, J. C. Cuntz cigar factory, Wenzig cigar factory, Small's restaurant, Wildcat dry goods store, Phelps' stationery store, Sweet's grocery, the Postoffice, Kuntz's restaurant, Slattery's grocery, Massen's paint shop, "Review" office, Kupitz's grocery, Mericles poolroom, Booth's restaurant, Morchaus' stationery store, De Groot's clothing store, J. J. Millinery, Steinmiller's harness shop, Justice Tibbalt's office, Doble's clothing store, United States Land Office, Surveyor General's office, baggage and express office and freight warehouse, Williams seed store, Mellon's bank building, lawyers' offices, W. J. Boucher & Philbrick, State's Attorney Allen, County Judge Fort, C. D. Edick, Alex. Hughes, A. T. Patterson and several others.

Every drug store in the city is ruined, and all the groceries but two or three, also two newspaper offices and the great bulk of the business portion of the city, with several blocks of residences. Many people are homeless.

The Sheridan House had a narrow escape, but was saved. The line of fire extended from the Northern Pacific tracks to Thayer street on the north and Fourth to Third streets on the east and west. Insurance may cover half the loss.

SENSATIONAL TRAGEDY.

Causes the Death of One Man and the Wounding of Two Women.

OAKLAND, Aug. 8.—A sensational crime was perpetrated in this city to-night resulting in the death of one man and the wounding of two women.

Frank H. Cheeseman, a carpenter and painter, residing in South Berkeley, went to two meetings to-night at the house to the kitchen, where he found Miss Payne. She screamed as he appeared in the doorway, and drew her mother to the scene. The frenzied man fired first at the young woman, who had discarded his affections, striking her in the thigh. He then turned his pistol on Mrs. Brooke, shooting her in one leg. Both of these wounds proved to be slight.

Cheeseman, without looking to see the effect of his work, rushed from the house, and for a time it was thought he had escaped. Two hours later, however, he was captured and lodged in jail.

The murderer has a criminal record, having murderously assaulted Josie Martin with a razor on Quincy Place, San Francisco, in 1892. This was one of the so-called "Jack the Ripper" cases. He was arrested for this crime, but pleaded insanity, and was sent to an asylum. In six months he was released as cured. Both before and after this time he attempted suicide, and two years ago was written up in one of the papers as "The man who had tried to kill himself eight times, but failed."

SCANDIA AND ARIZONA.

Will Probably Not Sail for Manila Before Monday or Tuesday.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 8.—There are about 750 men of the First New York Volunteers at the Presidio. One hundred and fifty will sail for Honolulu on the steamer Mariposa next Wednesday. About 400 will go on the transport Alliance, which has been chartered by the Johnson-Locke Company. Word was received at headquarters to-day that the steamer had left Seattle and would be here in a few days. The remaining 250 men will sail on one of the regular passenger steamers to the islands.

Work is being rushed on the transports Arizona and Scandia, and although it is the aim of General Merriam to have them got away next Saturday, it will probably be Monday or Tuesday of next week before they can do so. There will be no change in the designation of troops for the ships, and the Seventh Regiment will go on the Scandia and recruits on the Arizona, unless orders to the contrary are received from Washington.

The Utah Cavalry, under command of Captain Crane, will break camp early Wednesday morning and begin its trip to the Yosemite and Sequoia Parks. The Yorktown will soon be ready for sea, as the work is being rapidly pushed forward at Mare Island. Her rapid-fire 6-inch guns are ready to go aboard as much woodwork as possible will be eliminated from the vessel and its place taken by corrugated iron. Work has also commenced on the Ranger, the Adams and Hartford. The Alert will probably be rebuilt on plans similar to those prepared for the Ranger.

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