

STREAMS RUNNING BANK FULL.

Mormon and Stockton Channels Raging Torrents.

The Tuolumne and Stanislaus Rivers Higher Than for Many Years.

Streets in the Neighborhood of the Shipyards at Stockton Flooded and Water Running Into Cellars and Basements All Over the Town.

STOCKTON, March 4.—It rained hard all morning, and the water is coming into the town of Linden, east of Stockton. The Calaveras is rising a foot every four hours, and Mormon and Stockton channels are raging torrents. Melting snows and heavy rains in the mountains and foothills are causing considerable apprehension.

Stockton Channel rose two feet during the night, and is still rising. Moring Channel, which is a raging torrent, is pouring a great volume of water into the head of Stockton Channel through McLeod's Lake, and Mormon Channel, which is running bank full, is flowing into Stockton Channel a mile further down.

The low places to the south of the Tesla coal bunkers are under water, and water is flooding the streets in the neighborhood of the ship yard, on the north bank of Stockton Channel. Cellars and basements all over town are beginning to fill, and merchants are moving their stocks to higher floors.

A special to the "Mail" this morning stated that the water was beginning to come into Linden, which is east of Stockton, and fears were expressed that the large volume of water coming down from the mountains would flood considerable of the country in that vicinity.

The chief source of danger is from the volume of water coming from the mountains by reason of melting snows and heavy rains. A special telephone message to the "Mail" from Mr. Hender of Sonoma states that the Tuolumne and Stanislaus Rivers are higher now than they have been in many years.

These figures indicate that an immense body of water is coming this way, and should reach this part of the country some time this evening. William F. Mackey, the Milton agent for Cross & Meyers, the freighters, located at Jamestown, was in Stockton to-day. He reports that the Calaveras River is rising at the rate of a foot every four hours. He also states that six inches of rain fell at Tuolumne yesterday, and that the snow which has fallen in large quantities the past few days in the foothills is melting rapidly.

The weather is warm, and reports high water all the way between here and Milton, which is twenty-four miles east of Stockton and that there are grave apprehensions of a flood. Sheriff Sibley reports the Mormon Channel levee, which extends five miles east of Stockton, has been tampered with in efforts to irrigate.

The Calaveras River has gone over the banks at Clowe's place, northeast of town, and the French Camp toll road, southwest of town, is under water in several places. The channels here continue to rise. The San Joaquin River is rising one inch an hour, and it is within three feet of the top of the levee.

EVERYBODY REJOICING. SAN JOSE, March 24.—But little rain fell here last night. There was a steady fall all day yesterday, but as night came on the fall stopped, so the total for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 a. m. to-day was only one-half inch. In some parts of the county much more water fell. In the mountains on both sides the valley there was a heavy fall, as at the streams in the foothills were torrents. As the water continued down the valley many million gallons were taken out by irrigating ditches. As a result none of the creeks were out of their banks in San Jose, but down toward Arvin all the lowlands have more or less overflowed water. But as yet no damage has been done even there. Unless the water gets deeper and stays for some time, even the small amount of grain caught is not seriously hurt.

The fear now is that the storm may continue. The ground is thoroughly soaked and irrigating ditches full. The water which falls now must largely run off to the bay. If the fall in the mountains should be as heavy the next twenty-four hours as in the past, all creeks through town will probably be away out of their banks. But no special alarm exists as yet, since there have been but light intermittent showers to-day. The narrow gauge railroad is having trouble with landslides, and it may be some days before the road is fully cleared. The good done by the rain in this valley is beyond calculation, and everybody is rejoicing. Gilroy has had several overflows in the last two days, but no material damage was done.

DANGER IN MOUNTAIN VIEW DISTRICT PASSED. OAKLAND, March 24.—The situation in the Mountain View district to-day was about the same as last night, though the lakes have continued to rise slowly. Superintendent Smith of the cemetery declares all the danger is now passed, unless a heavier downpour should result. All the breaks in the dams have been repaired and at noon to-day the residents returned to their homes. In speaking of the matter Superintendent Smith said: "I think the worst danger is past, though I cannot say what will happen if more heavy rains come. The leak we found this afternoon was a most dangerous one. It was carrying away the dam between the two reservoirs.

The result would have been the precipitation of an immense body of water into the lower lake, its dam must have been carried away and a fearful disaster would have ensued. It is good up the lake to-day, and the upper dam is not now in any danger. The lower reservoir is filling, but it can stand a good deal yet, and we have men on watch for any trouble."

Mr. Smith himself looked after the dam, and the swimmers who by he became hopeful that a flood could be averted.

STREAMS IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY FALLING. SANTA CRUZ, March 24.—San Lorenzo River and Branches Creek have fallen considerably to-day. The rise was caused mainly by the Hillm Company's dam breaking. All danger of flood has passed, although the river is still high.

The broad gauge train which left San Francisco at 9 o'clock this morning reached here at 4:30 this afternoon. There was a delay of an hour and a half on the main line owing to water on the track between Aptos and Lagunera. The passengers, mail and express were transferred by hand cars to a train in waiting and brought here. Two delayed trains started for Alameda to-day. It is thought the narrow gauge road will be open for through trains to-morrow. At Gold Gulch a slice of the mountain slid down. Many teams continue hauling large quantities of driftwood from the beaches.

The rainfall for the present storm at Boulder Creek has been 15.40, making over fifty inches for the season, against nineteen for a similar time last year. Rain continues falling in heavy showers.

HIGH WATER AT SALINAS. SALINAS, March 24.—Salinas River is running very high, and this morning is above the high water mark for over nine years past. For two hours this afternoon, the rise was about fifteen inches an hour, which rate still continues. Heavy rains are coming down from the southern portion of the country, and the lowlands are under water. From Bradley to this point reports are that grain never looked better at this season of the year.

LOWER PART OF WATSONVILLE SUBMERGED. WATSONVILLE, March 24.—The Pajaro River has overflowed its banks, and the lower part of the city is under water. Boats are being used on Bridge and Lower Main streets. The river has not been so high since 1890. It is now a raging torrent, and greatly endangers the railroad bridge on the Santa Cruz line. Men are now guarding the bridge through bridges in certain parts have been washed away. Over 21 inches of rain have fallen here for this season and at 6 p. m. it is still raining with every indication of continuing throughout the night.

STILL RAINING IN EL DORADO. PLACERVILLE, March 24.—The snow on the mountains is melting higher than for years. Since 8 o'clock this morning one inch of rain has fallen, making 13.87 inches this month and 26.44 inches for the season. The boom dam of the American River Land and Lumber Company broke to-day, releasing the water through the dam, which in their course tore away the concrete pier of the new county bridge across the American River near Coloma.

FARMERS CRY PLENTY. DECATO, March 24.—In the last nine days seven inches of rain has fallen, filling every creek, and causing the water to rise in every place. The water in the flood is very high and portions of the track at Sugar Mill Spur is washed out. The Chinese section is roosting under water and the Chinese are roosting on the tops of their houses. There is every indication to-night for more rain. STORM CONTINUES AT RED BLUFF. RED BLUFF, March 24.—The rain, which commenced falling in this county on Tuesday last has continued steadily ever since, and the precipitation up to 6 o'clock to-night is 3.27 inches, and there are no signs of abatement. All the creeks through the county are full, and the Sacramento River is very high. No damage to low lands has been done so far as heard. This rain will, in no way hurt the crops.

RIVER HIGH AT YUBA CITY. YUBA CITY, March 24.—The precipitation for the storm amounts to 3.56 inches; for the season 14.98 inches. Clearing weather is now indicated. The river is up to the 19-foot mark here, within one and a half feet of high water, and is rising slowly. The levee is in good condition yet.

FRESNO, March 24.—The rainfall continues here, without any prospect of cessation for several days. For the last twenty-four hours the fall has been over half an inch, making a total of 2.50 inches for the storm. The San Joaquin and Kings Rivers are swollen by the rains, and the former has already overflowed its banks, inundating a large tract of territory on the west side. The danger of a flood in the vicinity of this city is also imminent.

BIG CROPS ASSURED. MARTINEZ, March 4.—Rain is now falling and has been all the week. The total for the storm is 3.6 inches. The creeks are running full. Grass has commenced to grow on the hills, and big crops are assured. Water is plowing through the streets of Pacheco, but no damage has been done yet.

WEATHER CONDITIONS. SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—5 p. m.—Weather conditions and general forecast. The following are the seasonal rainfalls to date as compared with rainfall in last twenty-four hours. Station. Last 24 Hours. Season. Season. Eureka 1.26 30.53 28.23 Red Bluff 1.00 18.45 12.08 Sacramento 0.28 13.91 8.55 San Francisco 0.87 15.34 7.52 Fresno 0.81 16.19 3.85 San Luis Obispo 1.68 14.06 5.45 Los Angeles trace 4.71 5.04 San Diego 0.00 4.54 3.81 Yuma 0.00 1.34 1.62 San Francisco data. Maximum temperature 58, minimum 55, mean 56.

The pressure has risen quite rapidly over the northern portion of the country during the last twenty-four hours. This will tend to clear the weather in California Saturday. Occasional showers are probable throughout the greater portion of the State Saturday. Rain fell throughout California north of Point Conception and the Tehachapi. The rivers are rising rapidly from the rains, and this is greatly increased by the warm weather, causing the precipitation in the higher mountains to fall as rain instead of snow.

Our human laws are but copies, more or less imperfect, of the eternal laws, so far as we can read them.—Froude.

DISASTER IN THE SOLOMON GROUP.

Submarine Eruptions Cause a Big Tidal Wave.

Two Villages on Rakahanga Island Swept Away, With Large Loss of Life.

The Worst Drought Ever Known Existing in Queensland and New South Wales—Disastrous Fire at Melbourne.

VICTORIA (B. C.), March 24.—Australian mail advices received by the steamer Warrimo to-day contain news of a disastrous fire at Melbourne on February 10th, doing damage to the extent of \$150,000 in Henly's free and bonded warehouse. Insurance fully covered all losses.

Auckland advices state that the Government is willing to renew the subsidy to the Canadian-Australian mail service, but it is understood the company thinks \$7,500 insufficient. There are rumored alterations of the San Francisco service, but it is generally believed that Spreckels' new steamers are intended for use in view of expansion of trade with the Philippines.

News received from Sydney that submarine eruptions had caused a tidal wave in the Solomon Group. Two villages were swept from Rakahanga Island, causing a big loss of life. Considerable damage was done to the cocoanut plantation at Sulo, headquarters of the Melanesian Division.

A cyclone is reported to have passed over the township of Mitchell, on the railway line, 367 miles from Brisbane. Considerable damage has been done. The Sydney "Morning Herald" says the worst drought ever known exists in Queensland and New South Wales.

FIRE AT CLEVELAND.

One Life Lost and Property Loss of Nearly Half a Million. CLEVELAND (O.), March 24.—Fire broke out early in the jannapening department of the big Dangler stove and manufacturing plant on Perkins avenue, and notwithstanding the enormous quantity of water poured into the building by fifteen engines, the structure, filled with valuable machinery and large quantities of manufactured goods, was practically destroyed.

The fire, which prevailed caused the fire to spread to the plant of the Cleveland Machine Screw Company, adjoining the Dangler works, and it was also destroyed. The loss on the Dangler works is conservatively estimated at \$300,000, and on the Cleveland machine screw plant at \$150,000. The machine screw works is covered by insurance, while the Dangler company's works is only partially insured.

Three hours after the fire started a falling wall at the screw works killed Lieutenant Roth of Fire Company No. 7. Later in the day Roth's deputy was taken from the ruins badly crushed and burned.

Seven hundred men are thrown out of employment as a result of the fire. POSTAL SERVICE IN CUBA. Is Closely Following the Lines of That in United States.

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Chief George W. Beavers of the Salary and Allowance Division, Postoffice Department, who accompanied Postmaster General Smith to Cuba, returned here to-day. He reports, as the result of the investigation made by the Postmaster General, that the postal service in Cuba is closely following the lines of the service in the United States in every respect except in the line registration of mail matter.

The department in Cuba is being organized on the basis of the Postoffice Department here as to bureaus and offices. The Postmaster General, with Director of Posts Rathbone, has just closed some contracts to provide Havana with a Postoffice equipped with modern appliances. Uniforms for the letter-carriers have been designated. Special stamps are being furnished, together with stamped envelopes with designs symbolic of Cuba.

FIELD SPORTS IN ENGLAND. Results of the Contests Between Oxford and Cambridge Athletes. LONDON, March 24.—There was a poor attendance at the Inter-University field sports held at the Queen's Club to-day, owing to bitter cold weather.

The track, however, was good but rather hard. A good strong wind up the track was much against the runners in distance races. The following were the results: One hundred yards' dash—Thomas, Oxford, 0:10 2-5. Half-mile run—Graham, Cambridge, 1:59 3-5. One hundred and twenty yards' hurdle—Paget Tomlinson, Cambridge, 0:16. Hammer-throwing—Greenholds, Oxford, 110 feet. Running jump—Vassal, Oxford, 23 feet 3 inches. Putting weight—Clark, Cambridge, 34 feet. High jump—Adair, Oxford, 5 feet 8 1/4 inches. Three-mile run—Workman, Cambridge, 15:32 3-5. Thus the events rested in a tie.

INSULT TO UNITED STATES. A Mexico Journal's Attack on Americans in Cuba. MEXICO CITY, March 24.—"Correa Espanol," the organ of the Spanish colony, continues to insult Americans in Cuba, and says to-day: "Civilization has disappeared from Cuba with the disappearance of the Spanish flag. No spectacle could be more repulsive. The American soldiers have converted the beautiful park there into a camp. There they eat and drink, and there they wallow freely like hogs in the creek on a summer day. "Oh, what a sad page to the history of the human race is the United States

GOY WINS THE GLOVE FIGHT.

Awarded the Decision at the End of the Twentieth Round.

Choynski Considered Lucky That He Stayed to the End of the Contest.

Was a Very Pretty Fight, But Almost Entirely in Favor of the Eastern Pugilist, Who Had Many Opportunities to Deliver the Decisive Blow, But Failed to Follow Up His Advantage.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 24.—With a superiority in cleverness, quickness and ring generalship, which was apparent from the first round, Kid McCoy was very properly awarded the decision over Joe Choynski at the end of the twenty round contest before the National Athletic Club in Mechanics' Pavilion to-night.

It was a very pretty fight, but it was almost entirely in favor of the younger man. McCoy won, and won easily. He had the fight in his hands, and at any one of half a dozen palpable opportunities he could have administered a decisive and knockout blow. But again and again he failed to follow up his advantage, and Choynski was considered lucky to be able to stay the twenty rounds.

McCoy was the aggressor in his own fashion, drawing Choynski out, except in the second round, when Joe landed a blow in succession, but not very effectively, and again in the eleventh round, when the Kid was plainly resting and simply kept out of reach.

In the fifth round Joe was apparently going under the furious rain of McCoy's blows, but Joe was saved by the gong, and after the brief respite rallied and fought out his up-hill task. But he did not seem to like the game. McCoy's stomach blows, particularly, were little to his liking, and he winced more frequently under the frequent punishment which he received. On the other hand, Joe could not reach the Kid effectively, who was entirely too clever for him in getting away. When Joe did land it was frequently upon McCoy's small, hard head, and the blows did more damage Joe's hands than to the objective point.

Elaborate preparations had been made for handling the crowd, and at 6 o'clock the doors of the gallery section were thrown open in order to allow those holding general admission tickets to get in out of the rain and avoid the rush and confusion when the more favored ticket holders should arrive. Mindful of its experience at the Jeffries-Sharkey fight, when the temporary amphitheater collapsed, injuring many persons, the management used every means to avert a recurrence of this trouble. Seats were built on a substantial foundation, under the direct supervision of the Fire Department, the rear rows being only two feet above the floor. The ring, placed in the center of the arena, was six feet above the main floor, affording a good view from all points of the big building.

The betting public was in suspense regarding a referee until a very late hour. John L. Sullivan, who had been decided upon by both men as a satisfactory person to referee the fight, proved too elusive, in spite of the many telegrams sent to various points in an attempt to locate the ex-champion and bring him back to San Francisco. Sullivan was supposed to be in the southern part of the State, and his late arrival was not abandoned until late in the afternoon, when the club took matters in hand and sought another man to act in the capacity as judge of the contest. Choynski suggested several local fistic experts, all of whom were unsatisfactory to McCoy, who insisted upon an Eastern man being chosen. Jim Kennedy of Brooklyn, manager of Frank Erne, and an associate of W. A. Brady in some of the latter's enterprises, was finally chosen. McCoy was satisfied with Kennedy, and Choynski agreed to the choice rather than to cause any trouble or delay when the hour for entering the ring should arrive.

Betting continued lively this afternoon and evening at 10 to 6 in McCoy's favor. The seconds acting for each man were as follows: McCoy—Homer Selby, Jack Steiner and Frank Purcell; Choynski—Eddie Greaney, Tom Murphy and Charles Tilson.

Choynski weighed in to-day at 167 pounds and McCoy at 159. The weights at the ringside were approximately 168 and 160 pounds. Both men appeared to be in perfect condition, notwithstanding the fact that they were unable to do much outside work during the past week, owing to the rainy weather. At 8 o'clock the building began filling rapidly, and all were seated without any confusion. Six thousands seats were placed, and besides all these being filled, 1,000 or more were standing around the outer edges of the arena.

At 9:52 Choynski made his appearance, followed into the ring by his seconds. He was given a hearty greeting by the big crowd. He wore trousers and a red sweater and took the southwest corner of the ring. At 9:45 McCoy climbed through the ropes, shook hands with Choynski and spoke a few words of greeting. He wore trousers and a black sweater and took the opposite corner.

Choynski carried a box of resin across to McCoy and sprinkled some on the floor for his adversary. McCoy was introduced by Billy Jordan as the coming champion of the world. The assertion was greeted with wild applause. Jim Kennedy was then introduced as the referee.

Both men wore bandages about their hands. When McCoy stripped he wore short white trunks, loose like those of a sprinter. He appeared pretty finely drawn. Choynski stripped to a very short loin cloth. He showed up well, his massive shoulders quite overshadowing those of McCoy.

ALL VOLUNTEERS TO LEAVE CUBA.

Adjutant-General Corbin Perfecting Arrangements

With a View to Having Them Start Home by April 25th.

All the Government Transports in the Atlantic to be Utilized in Carrying the Twenty-Three Regiments Now in the Island Back to the United States.

NEW YORK, March 24.—A dispatch to the "Tribune" from Washington says: Adjutant General Corbin has undertaken to get all the volunteers out of Cuba by April 25th, and arrangements are now being perfected with that end in view. This is fully two weeks within the limit—May 15th—set by the President, before he left for the South.

The proportions of the undertaking may be realized when it is remembered that twenty-three regiments must be transported by sea to the United States ports within a month. All the Government transports now in the Atlantic will be utilized. These include the Dimic, which has been secured from the Navy Department; the Comal, the Crook, the Kilpatrick, the Sigwick and the Thomas, besides such Ward and Plant line steamers as can be used.

For the past week every effort has been made to bring home at least ten of the regiments before April 1st, when Surgeon General Wyman of the Marine Hospital Service insists that quarantine against West Indian ports shall be established.

The plan for this is outlined in the following report: Quartermaster General's Office, Washington, March 16.—To the Adjutant General of the Army: General: In order that the troops of the Second Army Corps and others designated may be gotten to the United States before April 1st, the time set by the Treasury Department for close quarantine, I have the honor to furnish you with the following proposed arrangements, which are now being perfected as rapidly as possible:

The troops to be concentrated at Savannah, Ga., for muster out will be brought there by using the transports of the department, two vessels of the Ward line, the Florida and those of the United States Steamship Company running between Havana and Port Tampa. The personal effects of the troops will be disinfected at the quarantine stations at Savannah, Sapelo and Mullet Key.

The troops to be disinfected at the Savannah quarantine station will be disembarked on the coast, taken to Fort Pulaski for temporary camp, from there sent by companies to the quarantine station, about 300 yards away, for disinfection, and then taken to the city and placed in the permanent camps for muster-out.

The ship also sent to Sapelo will be disinfected, as well as the effects of the troops, and the vessels will then proceed direct to the wharf at Savannah and the troops disembarked and sent to the permanent camps at the city for muster-out. The troops going to Fort Tampa will be disinfected at Mullet Key and proceed by rail from Port Tampa direct to the mustering-out camps at Savannah.

The following is a proposed schedule giving the ships to be used by the regiments, based upon bringing the regiments from Cuba in the order indicated by your office: Two Hundred and Second New York, transport Thomas; Second Louisiana, transport Havana; Third Georgia, transport Logan; First Texas, transport ports Kilpatrick and Florida to Galveston; One Hundred and Sixtieth Indiana, transport Thomas; Third Immunes, transport Sedgwick; Second South Carolina, Plant line via Tampa; First North Carolina, transport Vigilantia; Fourth Virginia, transport Dixie; Third Kentucky, transport Logan; Fourth Tennessee, transport Havana.

It must be understood, however, that if for any reason the ship indicated for any regiment does not arrive in time to carry out this schedule, the regiment will take the first ship that comes in, in this manner the regiments will be moved in the sequence desired. Very respectfully, M. L. LUDINGTON, Quartermaster General.

This scheme is being rapidly executed, with few modifications, the One Hundred and Second New York having already been landed, while the Second Louisiana is now in transit. The One Hundred and Sixtieth Indiana has been assigned to the Sedgwick instead of the Thomas, which has not had time to return to Cuba. By the time these ten regiments return it is expected that the close quarantine will be in force, in this manner the regiments will be under rigorous disinfection and detention at Fort Pulaski and Mullet Key.

A Murderer Executed. BISMARCK (N. D.), March 24.—James W. Cole, who on December 12th shot and killed his sweetheart, Miss H. Ford, through jealousy, this morning expiated his crime on the scaffold. The execution was the second legal hanging in the State, and one of the most successful ever witnessed. The convicted man, a full-blooded negro, was cool and collected after he was placed on the scaffold, and after he made his farewell talk he called to the officers to pull the trap. Cole did not want any religious consolation, and would not have the death warrant read.

Condition of the Treasury. WASHINGTON, March 24.—To-day's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$290,111,050; gold reserve, \$32,434,022.