

TRAGEDY AT SAN FRANCISCO.

A Steamboat Fireman Mortally Wounds His Mistress,

Then Makes an Ineffectual Attempt to End His Own Career.

Fires Three Bullets at His Head, Though the Murderer Fell to the Floor Almost Dead From Fright—A Lover's Quarrel the Cause of the Tragedy.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 2.—As a result of a lover's quarrel to-day in a saloon in the district known as Barbary Coast, Mrs. Sofia Sebastian Sanchez fell mortally wounded with a bullet in her mouth and skull, while her murderer, Edward Muscat, fell to the floor, almost dead from fright, with two bullet holes in his hat.

Muscat is a steamboat fireman, and was discharged from the transport Nero after her latest trip. He met the woman in a Vallejo dance hall, after he left the Nero, and the pair have been living together ever since, barring intervals of quarrelling. He says he has been trying to sever his entanglement with her, and before her death, Mrs. Sebastian made a similar statement regarding her desire to leave Muscat, and which she said was the primary cause of the shooting.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Temperature Many Degrees Above Normal in the Interior.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 2.—Weather conditions and general forecasts:

The following maximum temperatures were reported from stations in California to-day: Fresno, 88, Fresno 106, Los Angeles 82, Red Bluff 108, San Luis Obispo 76, San Diego 68, Sacramento 90, Independence 96, Yuma 110.

San Francisco data: Maximum temperature 58, minimum 48, mean 53.

Light thunderstorms have occurred over Utah during the day. Elsewhere west of the Rocky Mountains fair weather has prevailed.

The pressure has fallen slightly over the country west of the Rocky Mountains except in Southern California, the southern portion of Nevada and Utah and Western Arizona.

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CANNIBALISM IN ALASKA.

Terrible Condition Depicted in a Letter From Olof Jorgensen.

CHICAGO, July 2.—A special to the "Chronicle" from Portland, Ore., says: "The stories of cannibalism practiced in Alaska are enhanced in their hideousness in a letter received here yesterday by Captain Hans Svenson, from Majonnie, in the Kotzebue Sound country. The writer, Olof Jorgensen, depicts a condition about as follows: 'I am with two other sailors, sailing from Stockholm, Peter Martin and August Olsen, together with twenty others, went to the Kotzebue country last September from Seattle.'

The letter incloses one to Jorgensen's mother in Sweden, which Martin, in a somewhat roundabout manner, succeeded in mailing at St. Michael, where he is now lying at the point of death, unable to give an account of what he and his fellow prospectors suffered. Jorgensen's letter to his mother must have been written some days before he penned his to Svenson, as it is more lucid.

After explaining how he and his colleagues separated from the rest of the argonauts and went prospecting on their own account with dogs and sledges, Jorgensen told how they got lost in the most inhospitable region on earth in December last. The greater part of their provisions were stolen by wild beasts, and by January they had nothing left but a few sides of bacon.

"Hunger also stalked among us," added Jorgensen, "and you have not even a faint idea what a mean among a gang of hopeless men, desperate to the extreme. A dozen of my party died in thirty days, and we then began to cast lots for healthy human flesh. There are only four of us alive, but all too weak to travel, excepting Martin, who will try to mail this letter and obtain relief. But I suppose the letter will be too late."

The writer says that only a few days before he discovered a large nest of nuggets peering out of the frozen ground in his tent, but he turned from the gold with disgust.

Captain Svenson stated this evening that it would be useless to send relief to Jorgensen in the unknown section in the Kotzebue Sound, as he and his companions must be dead by this time.

GOVERNOR PINGREE.

Brands as False an Alleged Interview Recently Published.

DETROIT, July 2.—Governor Pingree to-night dispatched a letter to Secretary Alger, brought out by criticisms of the Secretary and numerous comments recently published concerning the agreement made by the Governor to support the Secretary in his campaign for the United States Senate.

"My Dear General: I subscribe to a clipping bureau, and I have, within the past few days, been receiving large numbers of clippings from newspapers published in every part of the country containing what purports to be an interview with me in which criticisms of the present administration are put in my mouth.

ferred is a pure fabrication. There is not a single sentence in it which was spoken by me. It is the invention of a reporter who may or may not have been acting under instructions from his chief.

"I have at different times expressed my opinion of the necessity for the war in the Philippines. I have in common with others in the country disapproved of it, and have had no hesitation in giving my views whenever I have been asked for them. I voted for Mr. McKinley because I had no cause whatever to regret it. If he is a candidate again I will take pleasure in giving him my support.

"Insofar as the alleged 'alliance' with you is concerned, I can freely and frankly say that none has been made. As you are already aware, I simply proffered you my support in your candidacy for United States Senator, and only wanted to know whether you were in favor of an amendment to the Constitution of the United States permitting the election of United States Senators by the vote of the people. I was glad to be advised by you that you favored the restriction of 'trusts'; but neither of these things were made the condition of my support. In common with thousands of other Michigan people, I merely offered to assist you.

"The language which is entitled to me in the false interview, in which I am made to criticize and abuse the Administration, should have condemned the interview as a fabrication at sight. But even more absurd is the statement made by the press that I was an avowed candidate for the Republican nomination for President at the next national convention; that you made an alliance with me, and that you have practically declared your opposition to President McKinley and should retire from his Cabinet. Of course such statements are silly to be entitled to serious attention. It is sufficient to say to you that I have not and never did entertain the remotest intention of becoming a candidate for the Presidency.

"I think the time is not far distant when public opinion will compel newspapers to be fair and decent in their treatment of men in public life. Until it does I am convinced that the only course to pursue is to ignore their malicious attacks."

GENERAL H. G. OTIS.

Says One Decisive Victory Would Bring About Peace.

WASHINGTON, July 2.—General Harrison Otis, of California, who has been considerable active duty in the Philippines, arrived to-day in Washington. His visit to the East is entirely on private business, and the General said to-night, has no connection directly or indirectly with Philippine affairs.

General Otis has nothing but praise for the manner in which Major General Otis has managed the campaign against the insurgents in the Philippines. The volunteers, though not enlisting to fight against the Filipinos, have accepted the situation like true Americans, and have done their work uncomplainingly.

Said General Otis, "At the time that the hostilities began our estimate was that the rebels had about 30,000 armed men. Our belief now is that, as a result of the active work of the American forces, this number has been reduced fifty per cent. by reason of deaths, wounds and desertions. The rebellious forces themselves are becoming tired of the war, and in their present demoralized state one decisive victory of the American forces would, I believe, have the effect of bringing about peace. With 50,000 men under General Otis this can be accomplished. It must be remembered, however, that the dry season, in which active campaigning may be resumed, does not begin until the first of December. This should be thoroughly understood by the American people, so that there may be no complaints meantime of the inactivity of the forces under the commanding General."

COEUR D'ALENE TROUBLE.

Sovereign Throws the Responsibility Upon Rockefeller.

NEW YORK, July 2.—Ex-General Master Workman James R. Sovereign, of the Knights of Labor to-day visited the Central Federated Union, and stirred up excitement among the delegates on the action of General Merriam in the Coeur d'Alene district.

He said he had come as a representative of the organized miners of the Rocky Mountain mines, and he thought that the unions for the protests that they had made against the despotism that had been alleged had existed.

Mr. Sovereign threw the responsibility for all the troubles in that mining district upon John D. Rockefeller, who he said owned the Bunker Hill Company and controlled other mines. The manager of the mines, he said, had an agreement with the miners that when the prices of silver and lead ores rose they would pay them union rates of wages. The prices did rise, and when they were refused, the men organized, and the managers began discharging them in blocks of ten and twenty.

The ex-General Master Workman then described the gathering of men, their taking possession of a train and loading it with dynamite, and the mine, with which they blew up some of the works. "It was the grandest pyrotechnic display that I ever knew of in my life," he continued, "but it had not been ordered or planned by the union. It was the men themselves who had decided on this course of action."

"We propose to make a national issue of this, because it involves national interests. There may be jealousies and rivalries among trades unions, but when the enemy turns the gatling guns against one union, they will turn them against all unions, and we are of fighting blood out West, and we will fight it out there."

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MOHAWK TROUBLE.

Mullinu to be Immediately Evacuated.

LONDON, July 2.—The correspondent of the "Times" at Apia, Samoa Islands, reports that he has made a tour of the islands of Upoulu and Savali, and had an interview at Apia with Mataafa. The chief complained that the international commission had not kept its promise to have Mullinu evacuated by all parties as soon as the question of the kingship was decided.

On returning to Apia the correspondent laid the matter before the commission. He says that he found some differences had existed between the Commissioners with regard to the measures to be adopted, but that it is now decided that Mataafa shall go to Figa, and that Mullinu shall be immediately evacuated.

McGraw-Lawlor contest Monday evening.

RAIL ACCIDENTS IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Two Fatal Collisions on Street Car Lines.

One at Pittsburg and the Other in Suburbs of Philadelphia.

Two People Killed, Five Seriously Injured and Ten Others More or Less Hurt in the Former, While One Life Was Lost and Several Persons Injured in the Latter.

PITTSBURG (Pa.), July 2.—As a result of a street car collision to-night on the road of the Monongahela Traction Company, two people are dead, five seriously injured and ten others more or less hurt.

The dead: O. C. Opsion of 4741 Friendship avenue, this city; W. H. Kirklund, motorman, of Braddock. Seriously injured: E. H. Smith, tailor, Pittsburg; Mrs. Anna Lawler, Logan street, Pittsburg; Miss Jennie Cosby, Columbus, Ohio; Al Repert, Allegheny; Miss Armstrong, right leg broken.

The accident happened on a steep grade near High bridge. The two cars in collision were heavily loaded with passengers returning from Kenwood Park.

Motorman Griffith stopped his car near the bottom of the hill to get a drink of water at a spring near by. He had laid the car when the electric current, for some reason as yet unexplained, was cut off, and the car in darkness. Motorman Kirklund, with his car, followed shortly afterward, and as the foremost car was in darkness it could not be seen until too late to check the speed. The rear car crashed into the other with terrific force, the front car toppling over. Mr. Opsion was standing on the rear platform of the first car, and received the full force of the impact. Both of his legs were cut off and his skull crushed. He lived but a short time. Kirklund was badly mangled, his head and body being crushed. He lived about an hour.

ANOTHER FATAL COLLISION. PHILADELPHIA, July 2.—A collision of electric cars occurred to-night on the Willow Grove division of the Union Traction Company near Branchtown, near the extreme northern edge of the city. J. T. Carr, a reporter for the "Evening Bulletin," was killed. Several others were badly injured. Herbert Fitzgerald, a passenger, and William Alexander, the motorman of the second car, were seriously injured, and three or four others sustained severe bruises or contusions.

The car hit the trolley, and, becoming darkened, was not seen by the car which followed, and the latter crashed into the former while going at full speed. Carr was on the rear platform of the first car.

Carr was about 19 years old. He was a student at the University of Pennsylvania, and pulled the bow car in the freshman eight at Poughkeepsis last week.

Pacific Coast Mining News.

The following news concerning mines and mining in the Pacific Coast will prove of general interest.

BOHEMIA MINES.

Eugene, Ore., correspondence of Portland Oregonian: Reports from the Bohemia mines, under date of June 2nd, state that the snow is eight feet deep over the highest parts and center of the camp, but the continued rains of the past week or more have been melting the snow rapidly, and preparations are now being made to begin a rush of work. The season will open at least a month late this year, there having been more snow in the mountains than there has been in ever seen there before by the oldest prospector. The old mines, and also a number of new prospects, have been worked all winter. The miners are well pleased with the new development work, and greatly encouraged over their prospects.

Some very rich free-milling ore in the east drift of the Vesuvius mine, on Fairview Mountain, and also in the Grizzle mine, on the west slope of Grizzle Mountain, where they struck a vein of high-grade gold and copper ore last fall four feet wide, which has continued to widen with depth until now they have full seven feet of ore, which is increasing in value proportionately to the increase in volume. The increased interest taken in the Bohemia District by the general public, and the many rich strikes being made in the country as development increases, is tending to advance the price of properties all over the camp, which heretofore have been exceedingly low. Until this year a stock company offering Bohemia mining stock on the market was unknown. Since January 1, 1898, five such companies have been organized, and two more are running, all on some of the best properties in the camp. From present indications, after July 1st, Bohemia will be a live, bustling camp, and there is every reason to believe there will be a vast amount of wealth taken out of that district in the near future.

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A MAMMOTH MINE.

Plumas Bulletin: One of the largest mining concerns in California, and one of the largest in the State is the one engaged in last July by D. M. DeLong and associates of San Francisco. The property embraces thirty-three locations and covers the channel of the North Fork of Feather River from a point near the Butte County line, above the mouth of Grizzly Creek, up to Chambers Bar, a distance of about eight miles. Mr. DeLong is a marine engineer and professional diver, and at one time was a part owner in a San Francisco wrecking company. For a time he was engaged in prospecting for gold in the Golden Feather Mining Company, near Oroville. While thus engaged his attention was drawn to the possibilities of the mining proposition he is now developing. After visiting and making a careful examination of the territory, he became convinced that it presented a fine opportunity to open up a mine of great extent and value. Acting on his judgment, he enlisted the aid of associates and at once began laying his plans to secure the mining ground desired and begin work. With these preliminary matters, he presented the company began operations in July, 1898. To reach the mine with any degree of facility, it was necessary to build twelve miles of trail from Camp Creek to the mine; also five miles of stream, possible to deliver a big steel derrick, and other machinery and appliances, at a point above the river, from which point they were let down the canyon side by means of wire ropes.

The mammoth steel derrick is, beyond question, the best of its kind in any mine in the northern part of the State. It is made of steel and so constructed as to revolve horizontally on its base, thus permitting work to be done toward any point of the circle, of which the derrick is the center. Besides the guy cables, the derrick is fitted with three-fourths inch steel cables, by means of which a hoisting weighing ten tons can be lifted from a pit, carried 150 feet away and deposited. To furnish the power to run the derrick and the pumps, two 12 horse-power engines are used. The engine is provided with well known standard smith shop and the needed appliances for making such ordinary repairs in the machinery as may be needed.

The present mining is done at one place, called Camp Taylor, four and one-half miles above Shores' Bar. Work began this morning, August 23, 1898, and was continued uninterruptedly until the heavy freshet in March, 1899, when, rather than to mine at a disadvantage, operations were suspended temporarily. Now, however, active work is being renewed. The property is being worked from a large hydraulic elevator of the Evans pattern, and to operate this, 1,500 feet of 12-inch pipe is being taken to the mine.

The mine of the North Feather River Mining Company covers the present and the ancient channels and bed of the river, and the granite part of the channel bed, and the granite bed of the ancient channels now partially exposed or extending into the sides of the canyon as now observed. These gravel deposits have been prospected and found to contain gold in paying quantities. During the past ages, for thirty or more miles in length, the granite above, the disintegration of thousands of quartz veins, large and small, has been taking place, the gold in them being deposited in the ancient river channels, and much of it carried down and left in the bars and benches of the river, and the gold in the changing river bed. One of these gravel pits, partially exposed in the shape of a bar and partially covered by the canyon side, is being worked by the company alluded to. Last winter most flattering prospects were shown, and the price of gold was \$8 per carload was reported.

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DREYFUS CONFIDENT.

CONVINCED THAT HE WILL BE ACQUITTED.

The Composure of the Prisoner the Theme of All Tongues—All France Tranquil.

RENNES, July 2.—Madame Dreyfus had a third interview with her husband this afternoon. She found him much better. He received her with smiles instead of tears.

GOOD CROPS.

Briggs Argus: Notwithstanding the almost total absence of rain in April and May, the crops are doing well.

THE ORANGE CROP.

Fresno Democrat: The Pasadena "Star" makes some interesting comment on the Santa Fe's estimate of the coming season's eastern shipments of California grown oranges. The estimate is 20,000 carloads. This is a big figure, says the "Star," but it should be a correct estimate, or at least one nearly so, for the company has taken the trouble to gather the data piecemeal through its local agents in the various sections, and many of these representatives are being being experienced freight agents, men who know how to secure information, and men, moreover, who are not very likely to be deceived by exaggerated figures. Imagine however 20,000 cars strung out in trains. One pauses and wonders at a train of twenty cars. It is a powerful engine that can get and keep in motion a train of twenty cars, and to haul it the engine wants a pretty level country at that. Take 20,000 cars in 1,000 trains, strung out after another, and do you realize that they would stretch across a goddy

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HAVANA, July 2.—"La Lucha" will to-morrow publish a statement regarding matters which its conductors say they have been investigating and carefully guarding for several weeks, owing to the reticence of those concerned, and the desire of the latter to avoid any premature disclosure, leading to a possible failure of their plans. The paper will say: "Cuba during the last few months has been a land of many surprises. The latest is the establishment of a Royalist party. The new organization is important at present, probably numbering fewer than fifty members, but a well known Cuban General, who claims to be a descendant of Charlemagne, is reported to be the head of the party, and the meeting place is presumably the Ingleterra Cafe. The Cuban General in question is said to be dissatisfied with American rule. He thinks that what Cuba needs is not a republic, but a strong hand at the helm, like his own. He is of the opinion that the people of the Latin race prefer royalty and the honors accruing thereto. The 'idiotic' ant, or else they have not the same species we have here in Southern California."

"The Cuban General referred to is understood to deny that he is the head of a party with such objects, but there is considerable evidence that such a movement is on foot. He is the officer who was recently reported to Governor General Wood for collecting 30 centimes from a Spanish merchant on the ground that it was an assessment for a fund devoted to driving out the interlopers. "General Ludlow has been made aware of his successful attempts to collect money from gambling houses under promise to use his influence to have them closed if they refused his demands. For political reasons it has not been considered advisable to proceed against him, but he has been warned to discontinue these practices, and it is believed now that he is more interested in making money than starting a new party."

"According to such other reports of this bombastic scheme as have leaked out, the promoter has represented that he will persuade a majority of the Alcaldes to give the movement their support, and promising to make them dukes, counts and barons. It is also in the plans to form a Cuban Legion of Honor. Several persons who affect to believe that such a scheme might succeed say the outcome would depend largely upon the amount of novelty with which the population seriously prepared to embrace the ideas. The theory is that it would be particularly acceptable to such families as already have titles of Spain and the Spaniards residing in Cuba, who, owing to business or other considerations, have been compelled to forfeit their patents of nobility. The promoters of the movement allege that they expect financial assistance from these sources, as the plan promises to substitute equal dignities and positions for those that have been forfeited."

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