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STRANGE EFFECTS OF FOREST FIRES

ALL THE NORTHERN ATLANTIC COAST CITIES ENVELOPED IN A HAZE OF SMOKE AND FOG.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 15.—A pall of dense smoke has settled over the north and middle Atlantic states and has obscured city, town and village in a somber veil of gray that is impenetrable. An aeronaut, if hovering above the national capital today, would see nothing below him but a mass of smoke and fog, the combined product of the forest fires in New England, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and the Atlantic ocean—the forest fires contributing the smoke and the ocean the fog. The combination has proved anything but pleasing to the persons upon whom it has been inflicted, few of whom were able to explain just how it came about and why it was here.

The fact that the forest fires are so far removed from the district appeared to make no difference in the density of the smoke and haze. The streets were filled with it. The fog penetrated the very windows and doors of the houses and brought with it the smell of burnt wood and the irritating smoke. In the country about the city the fields are almost obscured and the river is a blank gray bank at a distance of twenty-five yards.

The haze first appeared here yesterday about noon, when a misty veil appeared over the sun and the air looked cloudy without really being so. Toward evening the atmosphere seemed to clear up, however, and it was thought a fog had appeared and blown away. But during the night an east wind blew the moist air from the ocean, which met a cold blast and promptly condensed into fog. The wind veered to the northeast and a thick smoke cloud came with it.

All night long the wind blew and the smoke came, and when the good people of the District awoke this morning they found their homes enveloped in a mist and their neighbors' houses almost entirely obscured from view.

So dense was the smoke in the early morning hours that objects fifty feet away were but hazily seen, while the end of the block was lost in the mist of the dense atmosphere. The smoke cleared slightly during the day—only slightly, however, and this afternoon seems to be almost as thick as ever. Every gust of the breeze from the northeast brings with it its quota of smoke and fog. The weather bureau officials can give no hope of immediate relief. The only thing that can clear the atmosphere, they say, is a west or south wind. A heavy rain might have some effect, but there would still remain some smoke.

Washington is not the only city to suffer from the reign of smoke, however. New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Wilmington, Baltimore, Pittsburg, Albany and Buffalo are enveloped in the same hazy atmosphere, and are feeling the inconveniences of the unusual conditions even more keenly than is Washington. In Boston the smoke is so thick that traffic has been interfered with in the streets, and the boats in the bay have almost all been compelled to stop. In the other cities the same unpleasant effects are being felt.

In New York the sun turned the smoke clouds into a yellow haze yesterday, and the atmosphere was so dry and unpleasant as to cause some little physical suffering among the persons who were compelled to be out in the streets. The smoke filled the eyes of the pedestrians and caused tears to flow and eyeballs to smart. It penetrated to the throats and nostrils, and brought on an epidemic of coughing and sneezing that was most unpleasant. Persons with weak throats or eyes were warned of the inconveniences they would suffer by the afternoon newspapers.

It was in New York harbor that the most damage was done by the haze. Here traffic was almost brought to a standstill. The tugs were compelled to glide slowly through the lines of ferry boats with sirens blowing and fog signals shrieking. The Atlantic liners picked their way very carefully through the harbor, some of them being anchored in midstream. The gigantic Hamburg-American liner Deutschland ran aground while passing out of the harbor. Tugs were sent to her assistance.

The pall of smoke hung thickly over the greater part of Long Island and New Jersey veiling the summer resorts along the coast. In Philadelphia much the same conditions prevailed as in New York, except that the haze did not settle down on the city until late in the afternoon. It was first observed in the morning when the sun appeared to be striving to shine through a thin cloud. Later the haze grew more and more dense until late in the afternoon, when the sun was obscured and everything took on a yellow hue.

The good people of the Quaker city were at a loss to explain the phenomena, and are said to have kept the wires to the fire department headquarters burning with inquiries as to the whereabouts of the fire. In both Philadelphia and New York the smell of burning wood was much more noticeable than it is here. The haze there was pure smoke, while here there is a generous mixture of fog that acts as a loyven and makes the condition much more agreeable than smoke alone would be.

ALAMEDA FROM THE COAST

BROUGHT SEVEN DAYS LATER MAIL THIS MORNING FROM THE MAINLAND.

The S. S. Alameda arrived on time this morning from San Francisco. She brought seven days later mail. The vessel brought a much larger crowd than usual. A number of the passengers are members of the dramatic company that is to begin an engagement here tomorrow night.

The vessel left San Francisco the morning of July 4. She experienced strong northwest winds with a rough sea at her back. She came down in 5 days and 20 hours. On July 5, in 10:30 North, Long. 127.25 west she sighted a three masted ship steering south southeast.

The vessel brought a large amount of cold storage goods for this place. Among the passengers who returned was S. M. Damon. He has been paying a visit to San Francisco and his California ranch.

Bruce Cartright, Jr., returned from attending school.

L. Burns was a returning passenger. Miss De Lartigue returned from an extended visit to the coast.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Marsh were returning passengers.

Mr. Jenifer the passenger representative of the railroad company is making his usual trip with the Alameda to this port.

The members of the Evans, Stine American Comedy Company arrived. They gave a number of pleasant entertainments aboard the vessel.

John Speck is a real estate dealer of San Francisco. He is here on a pleasure trip.

AMERICAN COMEDY COMPANY.

This much heralded combination arrived this morning by the Alameda. They are en route to Australia for a season of fifty two weeks, and will lay over here until the Sonoma leaving on the 22nd inst. Six performances will be given, the repertoire consisting of three comedies. A double bill will be presented as not only are the artists all experts in farce comedy, but they are specialty performers worthy of a place on any vaudeville programme. The dressing and mounting will be entirely new everything being made in San Francisco. The sale of seats is still satisfactory, so that a season with unusually good results, may be confidently looked forward to.

NEW ASYLUM IN KALIHI

SUPERINTENDENT H. E. COOPER SELECTS A SITE ON GOVERNMENT LAND—THE NEW JAIL.

Superintendent of Public Works Cooper yesterday looked into the matter of a site for the new insane asylum. It was practically decided that the building shall be on government land in Kalihi, near the Allan Herbert place which has just been bought by the Young hotel. There are nearly 19 acres in the tract.

The legislature appropriated \$75,000 for new asylum buildings and as soon as the appropriation is available Cooper will take up the matter of securing plans for the buildings. There is also an appropriation of \$10,000, for a new territorial jail, which will be erected on the site where the asylum is now. It is near the quarry where the convicts will work and is therefore regarded as a specially suitable site.

HAWAIIAN GUN CLUB.

A meeting of the Hawaiian Gun Club to organize, has been called for eight o'clock this evening, at the Hawaiian Hotel. The club has a long list of members and promises to be a great success from the start. Traps and clay pigeons have been ordered from the mainland.

Following is the list of the members who have already joined: James E. Fullerton, Charles H. Merriman, G. H. Angus, E. A. McInerney, H. P. Roth, Harry W. Whitney, H. E. Graves, F. W. Macfarlane, Jr., H. E. Picker, Joe Klein, Charles Chillingworth, H. P. Droyer, Prince J. Kalamianaole, R. W. Shingle, W. H. Cunningham, G. Schuman, C. L. Crabbe, Samuel G. Wilder, Gerritt P. Wilder, Paul R. Isenberg, M. T. Lyons, E. W. Quinn, A. A. Dunn, J. M. Levy, F. L. Dorich, W. S. Noblitt, F. J. Cross, F. E. Greenfield, R. D. Mead, H. C. Vida, George Ward, F. M. Stewart, T. King, M. H. Drummond, W. F. Drake, G. E. H. Baker, J. Lind, W. M. Plack, Robert B. Booth, Frank L. Hatch, William F. Damon, J. Markham, S. P. Chillingworth, H. E. Walker, Fred Harrison, C. B. Wilson, Henry Birkmyer, W. Mutch, Walter E. Wall, W. L. Stanley, F. E. Thompson, W. L. Emory, J. H. Wise, E. A. C. Long, C. V. Sturtevant, D. L. Austin, F. C. Handy, J. L. Woods, R. Ivers, J. W. Harvey, K. B. Porter, A. R. Rowat, I. C. Fitzgerald, O. E. Wall, F. B. Damon, W. J. Gallagher, J. G. Dassel, A. H. Cunha, H. W. Willis, R. H. Chamberlain, H. D. Couzens, C. S. Holloway, H. A. Juen, James H. Boyd, E. T. Winant.

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Treasurer Kepoika has written to the Printers' Association, asking that the trustees meet with him, to discuss the duties which will devolve upon the official newly created, Immigration Commissioner and Advertising Agent.

STRIKE ON CORONADO.

There was a small sized strike of native stevedores on the barkentine Coronado yesterday morning. One of the men was discharged to make a place for a white man. All of the other eleven in number stopped work out of sympathy. New men were secured.

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