

STORM ON COAST

WORST WEATHER IN YEARS VISITS THE NORTH PACIFIC.

SEVERAL BOATS IN TROUBLE

Full Force of Thursday's Storm Struck Vancouver at Midnight Wednesday—Coast Cable Broken and End Lost.

(By Associated Press.)

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 27.—The worst storm for several years struck Vancouver at midnight Wednesday and continued all day Thursday.

Great damage was done, especially to small shipping, the total loss being estimated at about \$100,000. The steamer Aorangi, coming in from Australia lay in English Bay all night and got her anchor foul of the Canadian Pacific cable to Victoria the end of which is now lost. The cable station was wrecked by the storm and logs piled against it.

The bark Elizabeth Nicholson dragged her anchor across the harbor and went broadside against the Hastings mill wharf. She broke the copper sheathing over her bows, but no holes were stove in her.

The bow of the steamer Active was carried right onto the wharf and the vessel considerably damaged.

Fifteen small steamers were adrift and were all more or less damaged.

Wreckage has been picked up on the gulf, including several cases of Alaska Packers' company salmon marked "Todd, Ice Pass." These are thought to be either from a south-bound Alaska steamer or from the Mainlander.

The latter has not arrived and no news here as to whether she left Seattle on time or not has been received.

LOOKING UP SILK IMPORTERS.

Special Agents Are Making an Investigation of Alleged Frauds.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 27.—Colonel Smith, who is chief of the special agents under the treasury department for the district of New England, is in this city conducting an investigation into the methods of the examiners in governing silk goods.

Since the transfer of these goods from the third division advances have been very heavy and have been sustained by the board of general appraisers, in some instances to the extent of over 250 per cent.

Special Agent J. C. Cummings of the treasury department has sent in his report to Washington, regarding the result of his investigation of alleged irregularities in the entire division of the custom house. The report implicates only one employe of the government by name.

In October an importer of this city informed Mr. Cummings that by the payment of money to a brokers' clerk he himself could designate the packages in his invoices which should go to the appraiser for examination. Mr. Cummings tested this through the importer and selected himself the number of the cases which were duly ordered in by the employe.

This was on October 10 and it is alleged a clerk in the employe of a well-known firm of customs brokers acted as the go between for the importer, receiving \$100 to secure the privileges desired. Collector Bidwell has operated with the government officials in these investigations.

BUFFALO DEFAULTER ARRESTED

Was Caught in a Hospital Suffering From Rheumatism.

(By Associated Press.)

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 27.—Walter Westbrook of Buffalo is under arrest here in the prison ward of the city hospital. The Buffalo police authorities have been tracing him for nearly a month.

He is charged with having left Buffalo with \$500 belonging to his former employer, a millinery firm of Buffalo. He has been a patient at the city hospital for a week, under the name of Walter M. Frestoe.

He is suffering from rheumatism.

MUST MAKE REPORTS.

Statements Are Required of Insurance Companies Annually.

(Special to Inter Mountain.)

Helena, Dec. 27.—State Auditor Calderhead is sending out blanks to insurance companies doing business in this state asking for an annual statement of the insurance written, premiums received and losses paid during the fiscal year ending December 31.

The law allows the companies under state supervision until March 1 to file their report. The state auditor looks

over these reports and if any of the companies appear to be doing anything but a safe business an investigation is ordered.

The auditor has the power to revoke the license of an insurance company at any time; indeed, he performs all the functions of insurance commissioner.

All insurance companies are obliged to comply with the law requiring annual statements. The one exception to the law is in the case of fraternal benefit insurance companies. Concerns of this class are not under state supervision.

State Auditor Calderhead expects to complete his annual report upon the amount of business done by the companies in this state about March 15.

NEWS STORIES BRIEFLY TOLD

LONDON.—Sir Joseph Noel Patton, the painter, was found dead in his bed at Edinburgh yesterday aged 80 years.

ROME.—The draft of a treaty of commerce between Italy and Russia has been signed at St. Petersburg. It will require ratification by the Italian chamber of deputies.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—A telegram just received from Childersburg, Ala., says a race riot is in progress there. So far two whites have been killed and many negroes wounded.

NEW YORK.—An evening paper reports that Andrew Carnegie has offered Columbia university a large sum of money. Acting President Butler would neither confirm nor deny this report.

WASHINGTON.—President Roosevelt entertained a party at dinner last night. The guests were Secretary Root, Attorney General Knox, General Randolph, Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, Senator Lodge and Justice Clark of New York.

NEW YORK.—The board of directors of the Union Pacific railway held a short meeting yesterday. It was the intention to give out an annual report, but the delay on the part of the printer made it necessary to postpone this until today.

ROME.—It has been decided to send a pontifical mission to the coronation of King Edward. This mission will be organized on lines similar to the one which attended the Victorian jubilee. The head of the mission has not yet been chosen.

WASHINGTON.—Mail advices received at the Colombian legation speak of the disturbed financial condition of the country resulting from the strain of the rebellion. Paper money has depreciated so that \$45 in paper money is equivalent to only \$1 in gold.

AUSTIN, Tex.—Members of the Texas railroad commission returned today from the Beaumont oil field, where they have been investigating the charge that the railroads were discriminating against the oil fields by not furnishing transportation for the product.

CHICAGO.—Figures have been prepared by the Railway Age showing that railway building in the United States during 1901 has been greater than it has been for 11 years previous, the total approximating 5508 miles of line.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—In a general fight between white men and negroes at Childersburg yesterday afternoon a white man and his son were killed, while a white boy and one negro were wounded. With great difficulty a general outbreak was prevented.

HALIFAX.—When Mr. Marconi was asked as to the present stage of his experiments in telegraphing across the Atlantic, today he said that up to the present only one letter continuously repeated had been received.

CHICAGO.—Fire last night destroyed the grain elevator at 55th street and the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago railroad tracks. The loss on machinery and grain is \$200,000. A number of families who reside in nearby cottages were driven from their homes by the flames.

ALBANY, N. Y.—Grand Master Chas. Reed, of the Free and Accepted Masons of the state of New York, has addressed a letter to the lodges within his jurisdiction warning them against clandestine and spurious lodges which he learns are about to be established in the jurisdiction. He counsels the craft to exercise great care in the admission of visitors.

LONDON.—General Rundle reports that on the night of December 24, Col. Fiman's camp at Zeefontein, consisting of three companies of yeomanry and two guns, was successfully rushed by a strong commando under DeWet. It is feared the casualties were heavy. Two regiments of light horse are pursuing the Boers.

WASHINGTON.—General Miles has resumed his duties in command of the army at his office today. It is said that he has decided to accept the situation with the best possible grace and will say or do nothing to continue the controversy. So far as known the incident will cause no decided change in his pre-arranged plans, official or social, for the future.

WASHINGTON.—The battleship Indiana has arrived at Willemstadt, Island of Curacao. There have been reports that there was yellow fever at Curacao, and as the navy department does not wish to subject the crew of the Indiana to any danger, inquiry was instituted by the officials here to learn whether the disease was prevalent there. If there is any danger the Indiana will not remain there.

Thorough Criticism.—Two young men sat through the first act at a local theater, then adjourned to a neighboring tavern for refreshment. The acting was bad, and would have excused the use of stimulants by any but the players. When about to re-enter the building only one could produce his return check.

"It's all right," said he of the check, alrly. "You remember him, he's with me." "Yes," answered the gatekeeper, more doubtful than polite, "but he may have given his check to some other person." "But he didn't," was the convincing reply. "He's a stranger here and hasn't an enemy in the city." The gate opened wide.—Baltimore Record.

BUYS MORE PICTURES

SENATOR CLARK SECURES ABOUT FORTY GREAT MASTERPIECES.

PAYS GOODLY SUM FOR THEM

Six Modern Paintings Secured Which in the Opinion of Dealers Are of More Value Than the Old Masters.

(By Associated Press.)

Paris, Dec. 27.—The art collection of Dr. Preyor Capellemeister of Vienna, which Senator Clark of Montana has just bought for 1,600,000 francs (\$20,000), is composed of 40 works by old masters and 26 modern pieces of the French school of 1830, which are of considerably greater value than the old masters.

This is the opinion of Kleinburger, a dealer in old master pieces.

There are four pictures by Troyon, one of which, an important work, is "La Descente de Montmartre."

The old masters include some fine examples of Lullin, the best "Virgin and Child."

A portrait of a woman by Holbein. A panel of the school of Menning. A landscape with figures attributed to Rembrandt and three small sketches by Reubens.

AUTO CLUB MEETING.

Looking for Modification of Customs Duties Across Canadian Border.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 27.—Reciprocity with Canada in the matter of touring vehicles crossing the border free of duty is the chief topic being discussed now by the law committee of the Automobile Club of America, at its sessions now being held in this city.

George F. Chamberlain, chairman of the committee, has called attention of the members and also of Mr. Sutrook, president of the club, to the customs regulations obtained in 1898 by the Canadian Wheelmen's association, whereby members of either, upon presentation of their membership tickets and securing permission of the collector of the port of export, could take their vehicles across the border duty free.

Mr. Chamberlain urged that an effort be made to obtain for touring automobilists similar privileges through like custom house regulations by the Canadian and United States treasury departments.

A committee has been appointed to visit Canada for the purpose.

IS LAID AT REST.

Funeral of Miss Annie Bryan Held in Helena Today.

(Special to Inter Mountain.)

Helena, Dec. 27.—The funeral of Miss Annie Bryan was held this afternoon at her home, 507 Sixth avenue. The service was conducted by Rev. James F. McNamee of the First Baptist church. Miss Bryan passed away Christmas eve, in her mother's arms, of heart disease.

She had been ill for several weeks, and it was supposed that she had recovered. She complained of a pain in her heart and soon passed away.

Miss Bryan was born in Brainerd, Minn., and had but recently been appointed as a teacher in the Helena high school.

The floral tributes at the funeral were profuse and the services were attended by a host of friends.

CHAMPION GOES TO EUROPE.

Schaeffer Has Gone to Paris Accompanied by Other Billiardists.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 27.—Jacob Schaeffer, champion billiardist of the world by reason of winning the recent tournament at Madison Square garden, has sailed for Paris.

With him went Leonard Hovison of Canada, Louis Barutel of Paris, Jose Ortiz of Spain, and John Moulds of this city.

They go abroad to play daily with the local French professionals, Reni Ducatti and Ferdinand. Schaeffer expects to be gone at least five months.

Before returning to this country he anticipates meeting the leading French experts for the diamond emblem which he holds as the badge of the world's champion.

His strongest opponents will, it is said, be Vigneaux, Fournil, Gibelin and Cure.

STUDYING THE PLAGUE.

Dr. Anderson, the Bubonic Plague Expert, Has Returned.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 27.—Dr. John F. Anderson, who went to England more than six weeks ago to study the bubonic plague at ports in that country, has returned on the White Star liner Majestic. Dr. Anderson represented the Marine hospital service and had a special commission from President Roosevelt.

He was instructed to visit the sailors' boarding houses and any place that had been or was plague infested, besides making microscopical examinations of the plague bacillus in its various stages of development.

Dr. Anderson will at once submit a special report concerning his work abroad to Surgeon General Walter Wyman of the Marine hospital service.

WILL BREAK THE RECORD.

Interest and Dividend Payments for January Will Be Large.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 27.—According to the Journal of Commerce in commercial circles it is generally conceded that January disbursements for 1902 on account of the interest and dividend payments will break all records.

Estimates of New York disbursements alone run as high as \$150,000,000, while the total disbursements at New York, Boston and Philadelphia have been placed at above \$300,000,000.

The aggregate dividends already declared of individual companies for January next, including the closing days of December, amount to \$25,044,996.

Bradford's Death Was Natural.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 27.—A new incident has risen on the Chilean question which may annul the proposed settlement, says

the Buenos Ayres correspondent of the Herald.

A Santiago dispatch says that Minister Portela has discovered that one word in the protocol had been changed by the Chilean minister of foreign affairs.

Minister Portela signed the protocol, believing the document to be an exact copy of that forwarded by both governments. He is claiming modification of that word and has declared that if Chile does not accept that modification he will leave Santiago and annul all that has been done.

PRIVATE SECRETARY MISSING.

His Accounts Are Being Carefully Examined by Experts.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 27.—Charles A. Alden, private secretary to Commissioner John W. Keller of the department of charities, and also acting treasurer of the department and trustee of the court fund of the outdoor poor department, has been missing from the city since Saturday noon last, and expert accountants, under the direction of Mr. Keller, are examining his accounts.

The amount of money passing through his hands was very small. Alden, who was formerly a Congregational clergyman at Schenectady, N. Y., was last heard of at Philadelphia.

GONE TO ENGLAND

YOUNG PATTERSON IS ARRANGING ATHLETIC SPORTS.

BRITISH AND AMERICANS

It Is Said That Richard Croker Is Behind the Enterprise Financially

But This Is Emphatically Denied.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 27.—One of the most prominent school-boy athletes of this country, Robert Snow Patterson of the Dwight school, has sailed for England on board the La Savois. His mission is to arrange the details of an international athletic meet between the young Britons and American boys.

It has been persistently rumored among the school-boy athletes most interested that Richard Croker was defraying the expenses of the meeting because his young son, Herbert Croker, has shown ability in amateur sports.

For some reason Patterson refused to name the man who was behind him, and would neither affirm nor deny that it was Richard Croker. Friends of Mr. Croker, however, emphatically deny the report.

Patterson will visit Harrow, Rugby, Eton and Stonyhurst to arrange the games.

MENTALLY FAGGED

MRS. SAMPSON WRITES FRANKLY ABOUT HER HUSBAND.

BEYOND EVER BEING RESTED

Rear Admiral Sampson Is Too Ill to Really Understand Letters From His Friends—He Is All Right Physically.

(By Associated Press.)

Urabana, Ill., Dec. 27.—John B. Weeks, a personal friend of Rear Admiral Sampson, has received a letter from Mrs. Sampson, in which she says that the mental condition of the admiral is beyond recovery.

The letter was written in reply to a note expressing sympathy with the rear admiral in the personal annoyances he has suffered in the controversy with Rear Admiral Schley. The letter follows:

"Washington, D. C., Dec. 23, 1901. "My Dear Mr. Weeks:—Admiral Sampson is too ill to really understand your most kind letter, just received, but if he were well he would wish to thank you for it; he cares so much for all 'old times' and for anything that concerns Palmyra.

"The wording of your letter shows that living in the West has not blinded your eyes to the truth concerning recent events. I have enjoyed your expression of the true facts as you understand them.

"My dear husband is quite worn out with a long life of continued duty. "Physically he is comfortable and happy, but the brain is tired beyond ever being rested.

NOVEL RUNNING RACE.

Colleges Will Send Teams to Madison Square Garden.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 27.—Yale and the University of Pennsylvania have decided to send their best teams to take part in the inter-collegiate relay race which has been added to the program of the Knickerbocker club games, February 13.

The competition will be run at Madison-Square garden in connection with the annual carnival of sports.

Columbia, Rutgers, the College of the City of New York, and New York university expect to enter teams.

The distance will be two miles and each man will run half a mile.

STILL IN THE AIR.

No Settlement of Baseball Question Has Been Made.

Helena, Dec. 26.—Considerable doubt is felt among those interested in the baseball question of the possibility of a practical rate being named by the Oregon Short Line between Helena, Butte and Salt Lake.

Upon the proper adjustment of the rate question hinges the question of whether Helena will have a ball team or not, at least a membership in the inter mountain league.

It is thought possible that an arrangement might be made with the Pacific Coast league if proper steps were taken

to secure the good will of the railroad companies.

Mr. Lucas, in the parlance of the street, has "queered" himself with the railroads, but it is regarded as quite probable that the offer of a rate of \$4.70 would be made again if the companies were approached properly.

Until advices are received from Salt Lake it will not be known whether Montana towns will be in the inter mountain league. If the necessary concessions are not secured from the railroad companies the inter mountain league will disband.

Died From Blood Poisoning.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 27.—The Rev. Robert Cameron, rector of the Protestant Episcopal church of the Ascension, Jersey City, is dead, the result of blood poisoning, following a cut upon his right leg, which he made with a chisel while working about his home two weeks ago.

Deer in the Adirondacks.

(By Associated Press.)

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 27.—The state forest, fish and game commissioner reports that express companies which operate in the Adirondacks carried 12,866 deer during the past season. This is believed to indicate that 800 deer were killed in this section during the year.

Andrew Jackson as a Soldier.

Of all the careers in our army there is no parallel to that of Jackson. He treated his militia with the utmost harshness, but they worshiped him and rendered such service for him as no other general ever got out of them. He was the terror of his superiors in Washington, his only idea of discipline being the enforcement of his own will against those above him as well as those under him; but he had such a hold on the people by reason of his strength of character, his integrity and his great deeds, that no one dared to call him to account for any of his acts. His fighting was always against Indians, except in his one brief campaign at New Orleans; the theater of this campaign was a six-mile plot, where there was no opportunity for strategy or grand tactics, or the exercise of any of the qualities of generalship except one; he selected and fortified a position about 1000 yards long, with one flank on the river and the other on a swamp, and the enemy dashed himself to pieces against it. But the enemy was the best regular troops in Europe, who had defeated the plans of Napoleon in Spain. Jackson crushed them, and this one fact blot out all his mistakes and leaves him unperishable fame as a great soldier.

The war with Mexico, whether just or unjust from a political standpoint, is one of the most brilliant pages in the history of the army. While a large number of volunteers were called out, it was fought in the main by the regular army, and with scarcely a reverse from start to finish. The commanding generals were still young enough for active service, but they had all had military experience in the war of 1812 and the Indian campaigns; an dthe regiments were filled in the lower grades with intelligent, ambitious and well-educated cadets from West Point, of whom over 1100 had been graduated between 1817, when Thayer became superintendent, and 1845.—From the United States Army by Gen. F. V. Greene, in the October Scribner's.

SUTTON'S NEW THEATRE

Dick P. Sutton, Manager, Butte, Mont.

Four Nights and Saturday Matinee.

Opening with Christmas Matinee, Wednesday, December 25, the Most Powerful Melo-Drama of the Day,

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Four nights and New Year's matinee, opening Sunday, December 29, Buhler and Mann's magnificently accoutered production, the stirring colonial drama

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Strike Was Accepted.

(By Associated Press.)

Lynn, Mass., Dec. 27.—The strike of the employes of the American Express company lines has been settled. At the meeting of the teamsters' union the express company agrees to give the men \$52 a month for a 10-hour day. The arrangements guaranteed by the board of trade as arbitrator, were unanimously accepted.

BUSINESS CHANGES.

FOR SALE—6-ROOM FURNITURE; house for rent. Inquire Oeschli, 124 West Park.

FOR SALE—FINE MODERN 15-ROOM lodging house, quick, at bargain. Pays \$100 monthly; owner leaving city. Address M. A. care Inter Mountain.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

TAKE NOTICE—THAT UNLESS THE storage is paid on following goods on or before December 25th they will be sold to the highest bidder at public auction on the 31st day of December, at our warehouses, 42 West Broadway Mrs. Geo. Dixon, furniture and household goods, \$76.75; Miss S. Smalley, household goods, \$37.50; May Fort, household goods, \$14.75; State Savings bank, Butler house furniture, \$60.25; J. L. Mahoney, household goods and clothing, \$20.00. Butte Exchange Furniture Co., 42 W. Broadway.

CRYSTAL SPRINGS—MUSIC DAY and night. Stage leaves four times a day, 10 a. m., 2 p. m., 5 p. m., 8 p. m. Day time stage 25c round trip, 8 o'clock stage free. C. Langlois, proprietor.

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