

TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., WEDNESDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 8, 1897.

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WILL FIGHT YELLOW JACK Assistance to Be Rendered by the Government.

WARD BATTLE IN PROSPECT Dr. Wyman Assumes Active Charge of the Work.

Has No Opinion to Express as to Whether the Disease is Yellow Fever--Surveillance Will Be Established Over Railroad Trains Coming from the Fever Districts.

New Orleans, Sept. 7.—Night fell upon New Orleans without a single case of yellow fever having been reported to the state board of health...

Last night during the meeting of the board of health it was decided in keeping faith with the health organizations of the country to wire the situation here to Dr. Wadsworth, of the Marine hospital service at Mobile.

The appended dispatch was sent and messages of similar import were sent to some twenty-five boards of health in this country:

One case of fever, from Ocean Springs, Miss., died here this morning. Extreme precautions taken. Know of no other case in the city.

Dr. Oliphant says he sent no other dispatch to Dr. Wadsworth.

GELPI RESIDENCE FUMIGATED. This morning at the Gelpi residence, where the first fatal case was reported yesterday, the premises were thoroughly impregnated with sulphur and it is believed every germ therein has been killed.

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One additional death has been reported at Ocean Springs with symptoms of yellow fever. The case was reported during the afternoon. Ocean Springs has now been absolutely cut off from the outside world.

Scranton is certain to follow. It was said this afternoon there was only one ton of ice in the town, and there was no way to get more.

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THE DERIVISHES ABANDON BERBER TO THE ADVANCE OF THE BRITISH. Cairo, Sept. 7.—The Derivishes have evacuated Berber and have retired to Metemeh Major-General Hunter with four gunboats, has gone to Berber.

THE HERALD'S WEATHER FORECAST. New York, Sept. 8.—In the middle states and New England, today, partly cloudy to fair and more sultry weather and fresh easterly to southeasterly winds will prevail with slight temperature changes.

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MATRIMONY INSTEAD OF JAIL. Burglar Became a Husband--His Accuser a Happy Bride.

SEEN IN A TRANCE. A Hoosier Woman Says She Was Visited by Friends from Heaven and Predicts Her Own Death Friday.

THREE WOMEN FATALLY HURT. Labor Day in Zanesville, Ohio, Is Marked by Bad Accidents.

CALIFORNIA'S FORESTS. Geological Survey to Include a Topographical Map of the Reserves.

DIVING FROM A MOSQUITO BITE. Pierce Was Stung While Clearing Out an Irrigating Ditch.

KILLED HIS SWEETHEART. Murder and Suicide at Victor, Colo., Through Jealousy.

SUPERINTENDENT OF CENSUS. Mr. North Says He Has Heard Nothing of His Appointment.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS. New York, Sept. 7.—Arrived: New York, Southampton; Teutonic; Liverpool; Ems; Genoa; Sailed: Saale; Bremen; Aurana; Liverpool; Queenstown--Arrived: Majestic; New York for Liverpool and proceeded; Rhyland; Philadelphia for Liverpool and proceeded.

TERRORS OF THE KLONDIKE Awful Results Must Follow the Mad Rush to the Land of Gold.

HUNDREDS WILL PERISH Four Thousand People on the Skaguay Trail.

A Government Official Points Out the Dangers That Await Venturesome Gold Hunters in the Northern Fields--The Mountain Passes in Winter--The Opinion of an Indian Fur Trader.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—The treasury department today made public the following official report received from a government official now in Alaska on the way to the gold fields, stating at the same time that the writer, whose name is withheld, had been twenty years in the service and was thoroughly reliable:

"I deem it my duty to write you on a subject that does not come strictly within my line of duty, as it trenches somewhat upon the functions of the treasury department. I have had a long talk with Mr. Ivey, collector of customs for Alaska, who is at present at Skaguay, three miles below here. The Skaguay trail is the most largely used overland route (though not the best) to the Klondike. Ivey informs me that there are now between tide-water and the lake something like four thousand people and about two hundred horses. The commander of one of the vessels now at Skaguay states that sixteen vessels are chartered to land cargoes at that place between now and the 15th of September, and that the number of passengers will average two hundred to each vessel, making 3,200 more people who will attempt to go in this fall. I have talked with some of the most experienced traders and miners in this vicinity, and they are unanimous in the prediction that not over 20 per cent of this vast number will get through to Dawson before winter sets in. The other 80 per cent will be caught on the trail and those who survive and get back to life will have to winter at Skaguay or return north. If the rush continues two weeks longer, hundreds will inevitably perish on the trail, which is extremely dangerous after the first of October."

AN INDIAN TRADER TALKS. The postmaster and Indian trader at this place (Mr. Heron) states that more than one thousand men have gone up the Chilkoot Pass during the past thirty days and that seven hundred of them are still on this side of the lake (twenty-four miles from here). Vessels are arriving every day or two and at the present rate of influx another thousand or more will enter the trail by Sept. 30. Mr. Heron is of the opinion that not more than twenty out of one hundred will get through and he says this trail is far more dangerous than the Skaguay after the snows set in. He says if the rush continues another week the resultant loss of life will be appalling. I attach the greatest weight to what he says, for the reason that it is his pecuniary interest to have as many as possible come this way; yet he advises an immediate stoppage of the stampede. It is difficult to suggest a way to stop this inrush of people, but Mr. Ivey intimates that if the inspection rules of the treasury department were properly enforced it would materially decrease the number of passengers on the incoming vessels. Nearly every vessel that arrives here brings twice as many passengers as the law allows it to carry, and many of them are condemned craft which have been fitted up for this trade. Mr. Ivey will not doubt at once present the facts outlined above to the proper authorities, and I merely give them to you for your information. The situation is appalling and it is impossible for me adequately to describe the mad rush for the gold fields. I had no conception of its immensity till I saw it.

"I have talked with several men who have recently arrived here from the Klondike, two of whom left there less than thirty days ago. They unanimously agree that while there is a rich gold field there, the facts do not justify the present stampede, and they say there is bound to be much suffering and actual starvation. Provisions are already scarce and the prices of many articles absolutely prohibitory in the case of a man of ordinary means."

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