

FORTY MILE GALE SWEEPS OVER WRECK, 100 PERSONS IN MOMENTARY DANGER

BAD FREIGHT WRECK AT LAKOTA TODAY

G. N. Train Jumped Track Piling Up Merchandise and Railroad Iron—Conductor Demers Has Narrow Escape.

Lakota, N. D., Jan. 24.—The west-bound freight jumped the track three miles east of here early this morning. Six cars loaded with railroad iron, coal and merchandise were smashed to kindling. Ten other cars are off the track. West bound passenger trains are held fast here, but it is thought the track will be cleared by three o'clock this afternoon.

CHINESE NEW YEAR. To Be Celebrated in Gotham by Orientals.

New York, Jan. 24.—The almond-eyed denizens of the congested section of the metropolis bounded by the Bowers, Mott and Pell streets, familiarly known as Chinatown, are busy just now preparing for the celebration of San Lin, the Chinese New Year. To those astronomically inclined it may be interesting to know that the Chinese New Year falls on the first new moon after the sun enters Aquarius, which makes it come not before January 21 nor after February 19.

FLOOD SWEPT

Valleys of West Virginia Filled With Torrents Which Destroy Property and Lives.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 24.—Few places in the world have such a record of marine catastrophes as has the deadly "West Coast," as it is known, off Vancouver Island, which has caused the destruction of fifty-six vessels and

ROMANCE BEHIND NIGHT RIDE OF A NURSE

Child Born to Mother of 18 in Lone Chateau of France.

Paris, Jan. 24.—The authorities at Brest are at present endeavoring to solve the singular mystery surrounding a birth, a short time ago, on a covered carriage, drove up to fetch a midwife at night time. The midwife entered the carriage, and suddenly a second woman in the carriage bandaged the midwife's eyes, and told her to say nothing.

GARDNER IS PROMOTED. Chicago, Jan. 24.—Announcement was made today from the general offices of the Chicago & North Western railroad of the appointment of W. A. Gardner as vice president. He will have charge of the operation and maintenance of the railroad.

SCHOOL BURNED BY AN INCENDIARY. Sioux Falls, Jan. 24.—The Dewell school burned last night. The loss is \$80,000 covered by insurance for \$22,000. The fire is believed to have been of an incendiary origin. A man was seen running from the building shortly before the fire.

ordinary event as the merging of one year into another. No other holiday is so important in the estimation of the Chinaman as New Year, as is evidenced by the elaborate preparations now being made for the festival. Stores are being decorated, and the utensils and store fixtures are being laid away, to be replaced by ornate chairs, fancy screens, tables covered with potted plants and gaudy canopies and hangings.

RECORDS SMASHED. Autotist Makes Five Miles in Two Minutes, Thirty-Four Seconds.

Ormond, Fla., Jan. 24.—Clear, cool weather and a hard, dry track on the beach track was responsible for new world's records in automobile races today. Lancelotti covered the world's five-mile record in two minutes and fifty-four, and three-fifths seconds. Hanery later beat Lancelotti's new five-mile world's record by two minutes and thirty-four seconds, unofficial time, in a 200-horse power gasoline car.

TRIAL OF MIDSHIPMAN IS CONTINUED TODAY. Annapolis, Md., Jan. 24.—The trial of Midshipman Claude B. Mayo of Columbus, Miss., member of the first class, charged with fazing, was resumed before the court martial at the naval academy today. The court will next take up the case of Richard R. Mann, also a first classman, who was appointed to the naval academy by President Roosevelt.

1,000 FANCY DOGS.

Bench Show in Tennessee Opens Today With Many Canines.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 24.—The yelping of terriers, the short, sharp bark of the collies, the heavy bay of the bloodhounds, and the indiscriminate howl of the miscellaneous class of dogs filled the exhibition hall today at the opening of the initial bench show of the Southern Kennel club. Nearly 1,000 fancy-bred canines were present to exhibit their manners, good and bad, to the public, which came in throngs to admire and pet their friends.

EJECTION OF FRENCH TAIGNY. Main Basis for French Action Against Venezuela.

Washington, Jan. 24.—So far as the informal inquiry on the subject has gone, France has ground for the conviction that she will encounter no opposition by any of the other nations having claims against Venezuela in the execution of the naval program which she intends to initiate against that country. Great Britain and Italy it was believed all along would offer no objection, but the news that Germany is not disposed to side with President Castro against France is regarded in diplomatic circles here as encouraging for the French plans.

A SUNDAY SCHOOL PILGRIMAGE. Officers of Association On For Trip Today.

New York, Jan. 24.—A rousing send-off was given today to a party of officers and workers of the International Sunday School association on its departure for a tour of the West Indies. The purpose of the trip is to ascertain just what is being done in the line of Sunday school work in the places visited. The itinerary provides for stops at Demerara, Trinidad, Tobago, Grenada, Barbadoes, St. Lucia and other points.

A soft answer turneth away wrath sometimes," remarked the observer of Events and Things; "but it doesn't make any difference how soft the answer is, it doesn't have that effect if the answer happens to be: 'Line a busy'."—Yonkers Statesman.



RAY DANIELS, (Lucky Young Man Who Won First Prize in Lead Drawing.)

GIRL HEROINE

Finds Boulder Across Track and Signals Passenger Train.

Harrisburg, Pa., Jan. 24.—Two passenger trains on the Northern Central railroad were saved from being wrecked by Mary McCall, aged sixteen years, the daughter of a track-walker living at Clark's Ferry. The girl saw a huge boulder roll from the mountainside on to the tracks near her home. Taking a lantern she ran down the tracks and stopped the Erie express within a few yards of the obstruction. She then hurried in the other direction and stopped the Erie fast line. The tracks were later cleared of the rock by a wrecking crew.

FORESTRY BILL REPORTED.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Senator Hansbrough's bill granting thirty thousand acres of public lands in North Dakota to aid in the maintenance of a school of forestry, to be located at Botnetau, was favorably reported out of the public lands committee this morning. The bill means much to the northern part of the state.

TWO ST. PAUL MEN.

In Wreck of Fated Valencia if Dispatches Are Correct. St. Paul, Jan. 24.—W. E. Allison and Fred Erickson mentioned in last night's Victoria, B. C. dispatches as passengers on the Valencia are undoubtedly from St. Paul. Allison is contractor for the Chicago & Great Western railway and Fred Erickson is his foreman. Mrs. Allison received a letter from her husband dated San Francisco saying he was going to leave San Francisco on a steamer for Seattle which left at 11:30 a. m. Allison is a naval veteran and has lived in St. Paul twenty-two years. Erickson lives in Oelwein, Iowa. They have been on a tour in the west for several months.

PRICE OF COTTON.

New York, Jan. 24.—For the first time in the history of the cotton industry representatives of the cotton manufacturers of American and England met in conference today with representatives of the Southern Cotton Growers in an effort to bring about closer relations between producer and spinner. The ultimate purpose is to fix a mutually satisfactory price for the staple and to eliminate the element of speculation. With this France object in view congress will be asked to enact legislation providing for more frequent reports of the amount of cotton ginned.

WARM WAVE IS GIVEN SEVERE CHILL.

New York, Jan. 24.—The warm wave which have given this section of the country a touch of April in January was swept out to sea last night by a cold, brisk westerly wind and today winter again prevailed though mildly. There was a drop of 19 degrees in the temperature in twenty-four hours ending at 10 a. m. The thermometer at that time registered 39 degrees. Colder weather is prophesied for tomorrow by the forecaster.

GROCCERS IN ANNUAL MEETING.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Jan. 24.—Seventy hundred delegates were present today at the annual convention of the National Association of Retail Grocers. The reports of the officers show the past year to have been one of gratifying progress for the association. Pure-food legislation, railroad rate regulation, trading stamps and other matters of importance will be discussed by the convention, which will remain in session several days.

"Body crackers? Yes'm," said the country store keeper. "I've got 'em. Fill 'em—send 'em up to you." "Well," replied Mrs. Medders, "I did 'low to take 'em with me." "Yes'm, but, ye see, Bill Bruiser he's a dozin' on top of the bar'l jest now an' he ain't in the best o' humor today."—Philadelphia Press.

Philadelphia Press: "Why are you here, my poor man?" asked the prison visitor. "Through no fault of mine, sir," replied the convict. "No." "No, I ain't had a single chance to break out."

MURPHY DEFENSE IS LAYING PLANS TO APPEAL

Still On the Stand Today and Subject to Wearisome Cross Fire.

[Special to The Evening Times.] Fargo, Jan. 24.—Today has been the quietest day in the celebrated Murphy trial. Major Murphy sat on the stand and has undergone a searching examination but has come out of it better than he did yesterday. He has kept his temper and has given clear and straightforward testimony. On the defense case looks better this afternoon than it did last night at adjournment of court. The examination of Major Murphy will be concluded this evening, after being on the stand since Monday.

The defense has admitted a large amount of evidence on the cross examination which had not been brought out previously. It is evident that they are adroitly allowing enough errors to creep into the trial on which to base an appeal.

Murphy's 'Y's, h's, d's and a's.' This is the advice Major Murphy might well offer. It caused him several unpleasant moments in the district court at Fargo late Monday afternoon. It was on cross examination that the attention of the defendant was called to several tax receipts, exhibits in the case. He had admitted that he had signed the name of Harry Hardy to a receipt and was then asked if in doing so he had not attempted to disguise his signature.

"No, sir," was the emphatic reply. Then Attorney Townsend proceeded to analyze the handwriting in an attempt to show that the letters in the Harry Hardy signature had been formed in a different manner than it was the defendant's custom. Mr. Townsend succeeded in establishing that the letters y, h, d and a had been formed somewhat differently but on the thousands acres of public lands in North Dakota to aid in the maintenance of a school of forestry, to be located at Botnetau, was favorably reported out of the public lands committee this morning. The bill means much to the northern part of the state.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Of Illinois Holding Meeting at Capitol Today. Springfield, Ill., Jan. 24.—The annual meeting of the Illinois State Historical society opened this morning and will continue over tomorrow. The opening session was devoted to the business affairs of the society. The afternoon session opened with a paper on "The Mormons in Illinois," presented by Orville F. Berry of Carthage. At the public meeting tonight Governor Deneen is to welcome the members of the society and the annual address will be delivered by Prof. Frederick T. Turner of the University of Wisconsin. Prof. Turner has selected as his subject, "Sectional Influences in Western History."

GOVERNMENT CRITICISED FOR VALENCIA DISASTER

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 24.—A resume of the situation shows that at least thirty persons perished and perhaps as many as seventy. Something like a hundred persons are so far unaccounted for and are presumed to be clinging to the wreck. Bitter criticisms of the government and signal service were heard among the shipping men. The government wire from Tatoush Island to the main land has never been maintained. Had the wire been up yesterday morning, tugs could have been instantly dispatched to the scene instead of a whole day lost.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 24.—A heavy fog is preventing the rescue work of the wreck of the steamer Valencia. The weather is very bad with a tremendously heavy sea though the wind has died down. Nothing definite is known of the fate of those huddled on the deck of the steamer.

FOR PREFONTAINE FUNERAL.

Montreal, Que., Jan. 24.—The remains of the late Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, lying in state in the city hall, were viewed today by hundreds of persons. The coffin, surrounded by a guard of honor, was almost buried beneath a heap of floral tributes from the friends and colleagues of the late minister of marine and fisheries. The funeral tomorrow promises to be one of the largest and most imposing ever seen in Montreal. It will be attended by the governor-general and cabinet ministers from Ottawa and distinguished delegations from other parts of the Dominion.

WHEELER HOLDS HIS OWN.

New York, Jan. 24.—General Joseph Wheeler, who is ill with pneumonia at the home of his sister in Brooklyn, was reported as holding his own today.

REGULARS WIN IN HOUSE.

Washington Jan. 24.—The "regulars" opposed to the "rebels" in the lower house won in the first test of strength today over the joint statehood bill. The rule proposed by the rules committee governing the procedure in considering the joint statehood bill was adopted by a vote of 192 to 166.

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "She has no sense of humor. She never laughs at any of my jokes." "But don't you think you are partly to blame?" "How so?" "In not laughing them."



MISS ELOISE BREEZE, (American Girl Engaged to Wed English Lord.)

T. M'COSKER

And Wife Enjoying Sights at Washington—Wall Meets President.

Washington D. C., Jan. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. Terrence McCosker of Grand Forks have been in the city several days taking in the sights of Washington. They are enjoying their stay very much. Mayor Wall of Fargo is here and, accompanied by his brother and wife, was presented to the president yesterday. Mayor Wall has met the Northern Dakota delegation and been shown every courtesy. The party paid a trip to the capitol dome and viewed the beautiful panorama spread before the eyesight here. The former home of Washington and other points of interest will be visited. They are enjoying the sights to the full.

CONCESSIONS TO JEWS.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 24.—Further concessions, it was announced today, have been granted to the Jews in the governments of Russia, where they enjoy the right of domicile, by the addition of one hundred and thirty-three places in the country districts, where they will be permitted to reside without hindrance.

DEATH—A RECORD OF MANY FATALITIES.

Weston, W. Va., Jan. 24.—A heavy wind and rain storm resembling a waterspout passed over the southeastern portion of this state yesterday, flooding the Cherry, Holly and Elk rivers and carrying away bridges, houses and many million feet of valuable timber. In Richwood the water rose five feet in a house on Oakford avenue and three feet in the waiting room of the passenger depot. The total loss will be heavy. A report has been received that fourteen lives were lost, but this is not confirmed.

CHAMBERLAIN ELECTED.

Liberals Give Son of Former Chancellor Big Majority. London, Jan. 24.—The East of Brooms division of Wrocestershire has re-elected Joseph A. Chamberlain liberal-unionist, eldest son of Joseph Chamberlain and former chancellor of the exchequer, by the immense majority of over 4,000. Otherwise the election returns today continued to record liberal successes.

DECIDE ON MILWAUKEE.

International Association of Ticket Agents to Meet There. Chicago, Jan. 24.—The executive committee of the International Association of Ticket Agents met here today and decided that the next convention of the organization will be held in Milwaukee Sept. 6-8. It is probable that a trip through the Yellowstone park will follow the convention.

DECLINES PRESIDENCY.

Dr. Troop Refuses to Fill Chair of Lebanon Valley College. Lebanon, Pa., Jan. 24.—Dr. Heron Troop, who was yesterday re-elected president of Lebanon Valley college at Annville today stated that he would not accept the position.

LIVE TOPICS DISCUSSED.

Casper, Wyo., Jan. 24.—This was a busy and profitable day for the members of the Wyoming Wool Growers' association in annual session here. Topics ranging from the railroad rate problem to grazing on the forest reserves were discussed. Among those presenting papers or addresses were President Tisdell of the University of Wyoming, Col. E. J. Bell of Laramie, Commissioner J. A. Delfield of Lander, Dr. A. D. Melvin, chief of the bureau of animal industry at Washington, and Hon. Gifford Pinchot, chief forester, Washington, D. C. The meeting will continue and conclude its business tomorrow.

BISHOPS TO SPEAK.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 24.—As a fitting finale to the conference of Episcopal bishops of the middle west, which has been in session in this city since Monday, a big public meeting is to be held tonight for the discussion of the subject, "What the Episcopal Church Stands For." Bishop Leonard of southern Ohio is to preside and the speakers and their topics are to include the following: Bishop Anderson of Chicago on "The Doctrine of the Episcopal Church," and Bishop Seymour of Springfield, "The Work of the Episcopal Church."

PASSENGERS WHO REMAIN ON STORM WRECKED VALENCIA HAVE NO HOPES OF RESCUE—TERRIBLE TRAGEDY IS ANOTHER ADDITION TO RECORD OF WEST COAST HORRORS.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 24.—The steamer Valencia, Captain Johnson, of the Pacific Coast Steamship company, with ninety-four passengers on board and a crew of sixty was wrecked to the eastward of Cape Balon, on the Vancouver Island coast early Tuesday morning with a heavy loss of life, greater than any that has occurred near here since the terrible loss of life following the collision of the ship Orpheus, with the steamer Pacific when enroute from Victoria to Portland.

When the steamer Valencia left San Francisco at 11 a. m. Saturday the weather was clear but since his been thick and Captain Johnson had consequently to navigate by reckoning. The officers of the steamer thought they were near Umatilla reef lightship when the vessel drove in on the Vancouver Island coast. Soundings had been taken, thirty fathoms having been secured but a few minutes before the vessel struck. When she hit the rocks her engines were reversed and the steamer succeeded in backing off into deep water. She immediately began to fill and so quickly that the engineers and firemen were driven from the engine room and the only chance to save the lives of any one on board was to drive the vessel ashore. When the six survivors who have arrived at Cape Beale left the Valencia she was lying head on to sea and was about thirty yards from a high bluff on shore, with water over her main deck. What were left of the passengers, a large number having been previously drowned, were huddled in the saloon deck. When the boats were lowered soon after the vessel was driven into shore she began to fill, and there was great loss of life. Boats filled with women and children were smashed against the side of the steamer and all in them were lost. The lights had gone out by this time and the crew could not see to work. Several boats and three rafts were lowered. Only two have been heard from. There were thought to be about one hundred persons still on the wreck and survivors who have reached Cape Beale say that at least fifty were drowned along side the steamer before they left.

A southeast gale blowing at the rate of forty miles an hour is blowing over the wrecked vessel and a high sea is beating against the hull sending the spray high over it. Unless the boats which have been sent to the vessel's assistance, can arrive in time to save those who remained on the wreck, it is doubtful if any of them will reach shore for landing in such a place is extremely difficult, if at all possible.

TRAP OF DEATH

West Coast Where Ship Foundered Has Been Harbinger of Death—A Record of Many Fatalities.

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FROGS AND BUDS THRIVE IN OLD MARYLAND

Warm Weather Opens Throats and Budding Sprigs. Hagerstown, Md., Jan. 24.—The oldest inhabitant of western Maryland cannot recall such a spell of warm weather as now prevails.

Frogs are heard from the swamps along the Potomac river and farmers report seeing large caterpillars, ants and other insects that only come when spring fairly opens. The warm spell has forced the buds of fruit and shade trees to an advanced stage and maple trees are in bloom, while apple, peach, apricot and other early fruit buds are swollen almost to bursting. Fruit growers fear for the fruit crop that the buds may develop to such a degree and a freezing spell of weather follow and destroy the crop.

Warmer in Gotham. New York, Jan. 24.—It was warmer in New York today than yesterday. The thermometer at 10 a. m. today was 53 degrees, six degrees higher than yesterday.

EIGHT INCHES OF SNOW.

Madison, Wis., Jan. 24.—Eight inches of snow has fallen since yesterday, but the temperature is milder. Train service is badly crippled.

WON CUPID'S GAME.

"Jake" Stahl, Ball Player, Weds Society Girl. Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 24.—"Jake" Stahl, manager of the Washington team of the American baseball league, was married today to Miss Jean Mahan, daughter of Henry W. Mahan, a Chicago banker. The wedding took place at the winter home of the bride's parents and was attended by friends from Chicago, Washington and other points.

ISLE OF PINES TREATY.

Washington, Jan. 24.—The senate committee on foreign relations today voted to report the treaty with Cuba, ceding the Isle of Pines to that republic. The treaty was not amended.

Generally fair tonight and Thursday, with snow on northeast part of the state.