

AN AWFUL TRIP DOWN FROM NOME

A Story of Criminal Carelessness or Criminal Greed.

CRAZED FROM WANT OF FOOD

Two Passengers Died From Starvation On the Schooner Hera-- The Others Were in a Terrible Condition--They Praise the Nome Country.

SEATTLE, Oct. 24.—After a voyage down which time two men died of starvation and others were half-crazed from want of food and water, the schooner Hera arrived in port this morning with nearly 200 passengers on board.

News of the wretched plight of the Hera's passengers was brought here Sunday night by the steamer Lakme. The revenue cutter Grant and the tug Sea Lion immediately started after the schooner. They found the schooner yesterday about 50 miles off Cape Flattery.

J. S. Ryan and George Lamby, through want of nourishment and confinement in ill ventilated quarters, died on the way down.

The passengers state that the agent of the ship at Nome guaranteed them plenty of good provisions on the way

down. They were charged \$50 for their 28 days from Cape Nome, during which time two men died of starvation and others were half-crazed from want of food and water, the schooner Hera arrived in port this morning with nearly 200 passengers on board.

When they were a few days out, meat, sugar and butter ran out. The meat consisted of salt horse and a small supply of canned mutton. There was a little dried fruit on board, but only enough to supply the table three times with dried peaches and twice with dried prunes. From this time on for nearly 24 days their food consisted of flour and coffee. Water was also short.

When the Hera anchored in the stream a majority of the men were so weak they could not carry their gold dust ashore without assistance. Several passengers were crazed from their terrible experiences, and had to be cared for. The passengers unite in declaring Nome to be the greatest camp on earth.

ABANDONED WOUNDED.

General Yule's Abandonment of Dundee Was Very Hasty and Urgent.

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—A special cable to the Chicago Tribune from London says: The position of General Yule at Glencoe is causing considerable anxiety, which is not allayed by Lord Wolseley's summary of the situation read in the house of commons to the effect that large columns of Boers were Monday morning advancing from the north and west, obliging General Yule to fall back from Dundee and concentrate at Glencoe Junction. This operation appeared so vital that it was necessary to leave the wounded at Dundee.

News from Glencoe and from all points at the front is of the meagerest sort. A special from Ladysmith says: "An Englishman named Reddy says that when he was leaving Dundee camp on Saturday night the Boers were shelling the town and camp with heavy guns and that the English guns were unable to make effective return for the reason that they could not reach the Boer batteries."

"This is the reason why General Yule shifted his camp a mile away, so as to be out of reach of the Boer guns, which were directing their fire against his magazine."

Kimberly is still panic-stricken and continues, through Rhodes, to call for help, but how it is to be secured is at present a puzzle for the war department.

The Indian transport Palatia arrived at Durban on Monday, and disembarked a squadron of the Fifth Dragoons. These may go to Kimberly, but it is unlikely, in view of Yule's predicament at Glencoe.

More troops are expected at Cape Town daily.

Captain Chichester has gone there to arrange for the military balloons brought by the Palatia to be sent to the front.

BREVET MAJOR GENERAL.

Funston Will Have a Rank Much Higher Than His Actual Promotion.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 24.—A despatch to the Journal from Washington says: Brigadier General Frederick Funston is to be breveted major general and Colonel Wilder S. Metcalf, of the Twentieth Kansas, is to be breveted brigadier general, by the president shortly on account of the gallant and meritorious services in the Philippines. The promotions have been recommended by Major General Arthur MacArthur and approved by Major General Elwell S. Otis, commanding the eighth army corps. The letter of recommendation of General MacArthur reads as follows:

"Frederick Funston, brigadier general, U. S. V., to be major general U. S. V., by brevet, for gallant and meritorious services throughout the campaign against the Filipino insurgents from February 4 to July 1, particularly for displaying courage at the passage of the Rio Grande de la Pampanga, May 27, while colonel of the Twentieth volunteers."

Wilder S. Metcalf, colonel of the Twentieth Kansas volunteers, to be brigadier general by brevet for gallant and meritorious services through the campaign against the Filipino insurgents from February 4 to July 1, during which period he was wounded on two separate occasions.

WHEN BRYAN IS ELECTED. Filipino Newspaper Says They Will Then Get Their Independence.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—A dispatch to the Herald from San Isidro, via Manila, says:

General Lawton is now giving his personal attention to getting the boats containing subsistence and ammunition stores up the Rio Grande, but they are still four miles away. It is a serious problem to undertake to supply the troops here, as the water is too shallow for launches.

Some 20 American prisoners are reported to have been moved north from here two days ago.

A Filipino newspaper makes the statement that independence will be given to the islands in December, when Bryan will be elected president of the United States. The newspaper also makes the statement that the American casualties have been 23,000 since last February, and that the policy now is a retreating fight.

A Filipino officer who had been captured in an interview said he had no wish to return to camp, as they were short of ammunition.

This town is to be put under a civil administration.

One hundred men of the Thirty-fourth are coming to San Isidro to act as scouts.

A reconnaissance at Santa Rosa, eight miles away, revealed a small force of the enemy entrenched. The bridges on the river at that point are down.

THE W. C. T. U.

Army Canteen Question Causes an Extended Debate.

SEATTLE, Oct. 24.—The national convention of the W. C. T. U. passed a series of resolutions today, some of which caused hours of discussion.

The main fight was over two resolutions, one censuring the general government and the president, Attorney General Griggs and ex-Secretary of War Alger, by name, for their action on the anti-canteen law, and the other denouncing the war in the Philippines.

A resolution protesting against the seating of Congressman Roberts of Utah was adopted with cheers. All the national officers were re-elected today.

OUT OF COMMISSION.

Several Battleships Will Be Laid Up and the Crews Sent to Manila.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Secretary Long has determined to meet the demand for officers and men in the Philippines by placing several of the battleships on the home stations out of commission.

The Indiana, which is now at the Brooklyn navyyard, and the Texas, at Norfolk, will be the first to be laid up, and it is possible that others will follow. Captain Sigbee of the Texas, will be ordered to duty at the navy department. Captain Dickens of the Indiana will probably get some other sea command.

Many of the officers and men on these two ships will be ordered immediately to the Philippines. Those whose term of sea duty have nearly expired will be transferred to other ships on the home station in place of those who have nearly a full term of sea service before them.

TESTING MARCONI'S SYSTEM.

Naval Vessels to Be Fitted Out for Trying the Experiment.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—The navy department is to give Marconi's wireless telegraphy a practical test on Thursday. The cruiser New York and the battleship Massachusetts are being equipped for the experiments of Signor Marconi.

Both ships will be fitted with additions to their masts, making them 150 feet above the water line. The test will be made at sea. Signor Marconi will send messages from the New York at sea to his assistants on the Massachusetts, as well as at the Highlands and Sandy Hook.

Rear-Admiral Parquar, commander of the North Atlantic squadron, will personally watch the tests and upon the success of the experiments will the adoption of the system by the United States.

SHOULD STAND BY ENGLISH COUSINS

DUTY OF THE UNITED STATES

Ex-Minister Breckenridge Says Other Nations Should Not Be Permitted to Embarrass Her Mission in South Africa

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

Clifton R. Breckenridge, United States minister to Russia during the second Cleveland administration, in an interview states that in case any nation or combination of nations should attempt to embarrass England in the present war in South Africa, it would be the imperative duty of the United States to take the part of Great Britain and sustain her with our whole moral and material strength. He said:

"Great Britain's action in South Africa is in line with the duty and development of the Anglo-Saxon race. In her present struggle she deserves the unflinching support of the American people. In case other European nations should through international jealousies attempt to retard her in the clear and simple duty she is performing at this time, the conduct of the United States should be determined by consideration mightier than mere political expediency and political precedence.

"We should be enjoined by every sentiment of patriotism and every tie of racial kinship to stand shoulder to shoulder with our brethren across the sea."

FUNERAL OF A VETERAN.

One of Sherman's Men Who Was Highly Endorsed by the General.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y. Oct. 24.—The body of Colonel John B. Yates, who died at Amesburg, Ont., was brought here for burial. He was 64 years old and had a fine record as colonel of the First Michigan engineers. The regiment was the main reliance of General Sherman for bridge building during his march from Atlanta to the sea. In a letter to the war department written from his headquarters at St. Louis, Sherman said:

"I well remember the First Michigan engineers and its colonel, Yates. That regiment had not only to make its marches with the army, but very often had to work breaking up railroads and

building bridges all day and catch up at night. Its journal of operation during the campaign in Georgia and the Carolinas would illustrate the absolute limit for man for physical labor. I have some times reproached myself for cruelty in imposing, or allowing to be imposed, on it such such hard and constant labor and now desire to indorse this paper with an emphasis that will show that I was conscious of the fact."

COAST JOBBERS ORGANIZE.

Propose to Protect Themselves Against the Encroachments of Eastern Men.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 24.—The Pacific Coast Jobbers' and Manufacturers' Association has been organized in this city. Wakefield Baker is treasurer and Thomas P. Smith secretary. On the executive committee are prominent merchants of this city, Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, Sacramento, Los Angeles and Marysville.

The new association will endeavor to protect jobbers on this coast from the competition of St. Louis and Chicago firms, and will ask the inter-state commerce commission not to reduce the existing rates on less than carload shipments. An attempt will also be made to secure the appointment of a Pacific coast man to fill the present vacancy on the commission and the association will favor W. R. Wheeler for the place.

NEW OPERA PRAISED.

California Composer Makes a Hit in the Estimation of San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 24.—All the morning papers highly praise "The Conspirators," the new opera by H. J. Stewart and Clay M. Green, which was produced at the Grand opera house last night.

The Chronicle says the Stewart's music, especially in the concerted pieces, is of the highest class, and yet sure to become popular. A duel in the first act had to be repeated four times. The plot is interesting, and the situations replete with humor.

The Examiner praises the singing and acting of Miss Edith Mason and William Wolff, who assumed leading characters, and had a good word for the chorus.

The Call says: "Mr. Stewart struck a fortunate lead when he chose the light, merry vein of composition. And, notwithstanding its ear-tickling tendencies, it is of very good quality. The orchestration is very artistically worked out, and shows the ability of the composer in the direction of harmony."

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