

**PENNSYLVANIANS
HIT BY DROUGHTS
WORST DRY SEASON IN MANY
YEARS GENERALLY**

**FOREST FIRES ADD TO SERIOUS-
NESS OF CONDITIONS**

At Shenandoah Farmers Bring in Water Instead of Vegetables, Selling it by the Gallon

[By Associated Press.] PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 19.—Practically the entire state of Pennsylvania east of the Allegheny mountains is suffering from one of the worst droughts in years.

In some parts of the state no rain has fallen in more than two months and rivers and streams are so low that many industries have been interfered with, and in some instances plants have been shut down for the lack of water.

Forest fires are burning in several sections and some localities report that crops will be entirely ruined unless rain comes soon.

At Shenandoah, in the anthracite coal region, the water supply is so low that farmers are bringing water to the residents in the town instead of vegetables, as there is more profit in hauling water than peddling produce. Water sells at 8c a gallon and many are compelled to walk three and four miles to get a supply, even at that price.

Several coal mines in that region have been closed because of lack of water to run power plants.

River Lowest in Century
At Duncannon, near Harrisburg, the Susquehanna river is lower than it has been in more than 100 years. In September, 1874, the river was lower than it had been since 1803, and a stone in the Susquehanna opposite Duncannon was marked and dated. Yesterday the stone showed that the river is now ten inches below the mark placed there in 1874.

In Philadelphia the Schuylkill river is lower than it has been at any time since 1869 and canal boats are stranded at different points in the river between here and the coal regions.

Forest fires which have spread from the railroad tracks to the timber lands are causing much excitement and considerable apprehension about Tobyhanna and other places on the Pocono mountains at the eastern edge of the state.

A careful estimate places the area already covered by the fires at 30,000 acres, and the loss sustained thus far by various property owners is great.

**FAR ARTIC NATIVES
TO LIVE IN SEATTLE**

Reach Puget Sound Metropolis with Tools, Sleds, Reindeer and Dogs. Will Reconstruct Village at Fair

[By Associated Press.] SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 19.—When the big Nome liner Olympia docked this evening she brought to the Arctic coast the first exhibit for the Alaska-Yukon exposition, to open June 1, 1909.

The vessel brought twenty-four natives of the Arctic region with their dogs, sleds, reindeer, carving tools and all else that goes to make up a complete reproduction of their native land. It was necessary to get the natives and the necessary equipment to reconstruct the village here this year, for they could not have been brought out before July 20 at the earliest next season.

They will be taken to the mountains if it is found that the climate is too warm for them here.

The natives range from 2 months of age to 64 years.

Kleehatzwah, a 5-year-old boy, was the favorite, and it is certain that he will be one of the biggest hits of the exposition.

The natives were totally absorbed in looking at the city last evening when the Victoria was coming into port, and they jabbered away in their own tongue in an excited manner, telling of the wonderful sights which were presented to them as the big steamer came slowly up to the dock.

**PACIFIC UNIVERSITY
PUPILS WIN FIGHT**

[By Associated Press.] PACIFIC GROVE, Sept. 19.—All cause for dissension among the students and faculty of the University of the Pacific was removed last night. At a session held here of the board of trustees of that institution J. H. Brush of Santa Rosa was elected president; Rev. A. J. Hanson, D. D., vice president; Rev. J. S. Milnes secretary and Jera Lister, treasurer.

Rev. M. S. Cross, who for two years has been acting president and at whose removal the students were up in arms, is retained as vice president with an increase in salary of \$300 per annum, while Rev. W. W. Guth of the Epworth church of Cambridge, Mass., is made permanent president, though at present holding an eastern pastorate.

Mr. Guth belongs to California, having spent his youth here as a student at the University of the Pacific and at Stanford.

**CHANCE OF SALVAGE SLIM;
AEON BREAKING TO PIECES**

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 19.—Inquiries by salvage companies regarding the possibility of saving the steamer Aeon wrecked on Christmas island, have disclosed the fact that the engines have broken away and the hull is breaking up. No hope of salvage is entertained.

The Canadian-Australian line agents say the steamer Manuka will undoubtedly call at Christmas island, as instructions to that effect will be cabled from Sydney, to which port the survivors of the Aeon will be taken.

H. M. S. Algerine, now at Esquimault, is preparing for a cruise to Christmas island, the scene of the Aeon wreck, and other islands of the south Pacific.

Until a few years ago, a cruise was made annually to the islands of the south Pacific to investigate the possibilities of castaways being found on uninhabited islands, etc. With the attention of the Algerine to the Pacific station, the practice is being revived.



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WITH A CRASH**

**BIG CHICAGO CONCERN IS
SUDDENLY INSOLVENT**

Sells \$1,250,000 Preferred Stock in Twenty Months for \$1,500,000, and Then Bubble Breaks

[By Associated Press.] CHICAGO, Sept. 18.—A concern in Chicago which has had twenty months of life, and which has sold \$1,250,000 of preferred stock to people all over the country at a price to yield \$1,500,000 or more, went into a receivership yesterday.

The receiver at once called on the officers of the company to turn over the assets. He got some engraved certificates of stock in "allied and subsidiary companies," and \$319.92 in cash.

The receiver will try to find where the other \$1,499,680.08 has gone, for he does not attach value to the certificates.

The concern, which has had this thrilling existence is the Mercantile Securities company, second in the chain of the Rhodes Bros. high finance corporations.

John C. Fetzer is the receiver. He is also receiver for the Central Life Securities company.

Appoints Receiver
Following a petition for an accounting filed by several stockholders and a number of hearings before Master in Chancery Guerin, Judge Tutill in the circuit court yesterday appointed Mr. Fetzer receiver for the Mercantile Securities company, which was placed

**ARMY OFFICER TRIES
TO COMMIT SUICIDE**

[By Associated Press.] SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 19.—While confined in the general hospital in the Presidio First Lieutenant Felix W. Motlow, artillery corps, yesterday attempted suicide by slashing his throat with a razor. He was discovered by one of the hospital corps soldiers and given immediate attention, but because of his enfeebled condition his recovery is said to be doubtful.

According to the statements of brother officers, Motlow has been brooding over the fact that his brother, Second Lieutenant W. G. Motlow, became mentally unbalanced a year ago, and has been confined in St. Elizabeth's asylum, Washington.

It is stated the younger brother feared that he was to be overtaken by the same fate.

FIRES THREATENING—New York state is threatened with forest fires, which may equal those of 1903, when several lives were lost and millions of dollars worth of property destroyed. The forest fires raging in the Adirondacks are spreading rapidly. They now extend over 1000 acres of land in the Adirondacks and nearly 100 acres in the Catskills.

**VICTIM HURLED
OVER PRECIPICE**

**BAY CITY MAN FOUND IN A
DYING CONDITION**

Pockets Turned Inside Out, and Police Suspect He May Have Been Robbed—Now Investigating Case

[By Associated Press.] SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 19.—Frank S. Carroll, who resides on Dolores street, was found unconscious early today at the foot of a cliff at Bernal avenue and Randall street.

A passing policeman found the man and immediately had him taken to the central emergency hospital, where an examination revealed that one arm, shoulder blade, collar bone and several ribs were broken.

The surgeons also thought that he had sustained a severe fracture of the skull, and declared that Carroll's chances for recovery are slight.

The cliff at the foot of which he was found is a sheer wall between forty and fifty feet high.

Works Which Interested Him
Bacon—He's a great reader, is he not?
Egbert—What makes you think so?
"He told me he was very much interested in Bacon's works."
"Sure he is. But the Bacon he referred to runs a distillery!—Yonkers Statesman."

**BIG TURBINE IN
TERRIFIC GALES**

**MAURETANIA EXPERIENCES A
BAD TRIP OVER**

Propeller Loosened, Waves Wash the Deck, Flooding Buckies and Then Vessel Hits Delaying Fog Bank

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—For more than half an hour last Wednesday the great turbine steamer Mauretania, with all her cabins filled with frightened passengers, rolled and pitched helplessly in midocean with waves constantly breaking over her decks.

She had run into the storm hours before, but had been kept under headway until one of her propeller blades flew off with a crash that alarmed nearly every one on board.

So tremendous was the force of the blow which the loosened propeller dealt the ship that the whole middle section seemed to rise, the flooring buckled until tacks from the carpet were hurled against the ceilings and passengers were thrown about the cabins.

The engines were stopped at once and the big ship, losing her way, began to wallow in the trough of the seas while the passengers besieged the captain, imploring him to tell the nature of the accident.

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