

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY GUARDED

Detectives Turn Out at Columbus in Full Force.

LETTERS CONTAINED THREATS.

But the Whole Scare Is Regarded Only as a Hoax.

THE VISIT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

Enthusiasm of the Reception Spreads to the Children at the State Fair.

CHICAGO, ILL., Sept. 3.—A special from Columbus, Ohio, says:

A threat to assassinate the President of the United States for appointing Terence V. Powderly Commissioner of Immigration alarmed Columbus to-day and urged the police to extra diligence.

Two letters, signed with cabalistic characters and giving no clue to the sender, were received—one by Mayor Black and the other by a well-known citizen, who turned the matter over to the Police Department. The one addressed to the Mayor is written in pencil, bears the Columbus postmark and reads as follows:

"Be on your guard; there is a plot against McKinley to make away with him, because he appointed Powderly. This plot is not in favor of anarchy; they're for organized labor and against monopoly."

The Mayor was at first inclined to regard the matter as the production of a crank, but suddenly remembered that the assassination of rulers is quite the thing these days.

The local police and detective force, assisted by detectives of Pittsburg and others, were instructed to watch every movement of the President during his stay in the city. Detectives were stationed at close intervals along the overhead bridge leading from the President's train to the waiting-room of the new central passenger station. Others were placed along the track upon which the train pulled in. When the President reached the station the officers fairly swarmed, almost crowding out the reception committee.

When the procession started south on High street, for the new Great Southern Hotel, many detectives and Chief Kelly in citizen clothes walked close to the carriage. This extreme care was maintained throughout the day, covering the President's every movement. When he left the hotel for the State fair grounds it was by the side exit, and the carriage was driven along a side street.

When the President returned the detectives were still with him, watching the crowd which thronged the hotel, and he will be under constant surveillance until he leaves the city at 10 o'clock to-morrow.

RECEIVES AN OVATION.

President McKinley's Visit to Columbus Causes Great Enthusiasm Among the Residents.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Sept. 3.—President McKinley and party arrived at 10 A. M. as guests of the Ohio State Board of Agriculture. James Wilson joined them here, with the President came Mrs. McKinley, Senator and Mrs. Hanna, Secretary and Mrs. Alger, Colonel and Mrs. Myron Herrick, Web C. Hayes and other personal friends.

It was variously estimated that between 75,000 and 100,000 were gathered on the State fair grounds this afternoon to greet President McKinley, but only a fraction of this number were able to hear the brief speech which he delivered. It was children's day at the fair, and thousands of little folks were scattered through the crowd. The Presidential party arrived at the grounds at 10 o'clock, where the Seventeenth Regiment, U. S. A., and Fourteenth Regiment, O. N. G., acted as escort. After visiting the Grant cottage the President held an informal levee in the office of Secretary Miller. There was great cheering when the President and his party appeared on the balcony at the east side of the main exhibition building.

After the applause which greeted the President had subsided the Fourteenth Regiment Band played "America," and the vast assemblage took up the familiar strain making a great chorus. Mr. McKinley first expressed the pleasure experienced by him on his return to the capital city of his State after an absence of eighteen months. Then, marking the presence on the grounds of 40,000 school children, he congratulated them on the exceptional opportunities for education afforded by the State Government of Ohio. Concluding, President McKinley said: "God bless the school children in America, and guide them to intelligence and virtue and morality and patriotism, and with these elements dominating our citizen-



BIRDSEYE VIEW SHOWING TAIGA INLET, WHITES AND CHILCOOT PASSES and the Lakes Beyond, With the Route Covered by Hal Hoffman, the "Call's" Correspondent, on His Remarkable Journey From Skaguay to Lake Bennett and Back to Dyea.

That the readers of THE CALL and the public generally might have an accurate report on the respective merits and demerits of the two trails from Skaguay and Dyea over Whites and Chilcoot passes, Hal Hoffman, THE CALL's representative, undertook to make the journey by the one and return by the other. This he has done, and with a display of pluck and energy not often to be found in a young man accustomed to the softer work incident to city newspaper life. Much praise and the thanks of all future overland travelers to the Yukon goldfields are most certainly his due.

While 3000 or 4000 men, presumably intent on reaching the Klondike, strung along the few miles of good road between Skaguay Landing and the first ridge, were hesitating to attempt the rugged and dangerous journey beyond and waiting for a pack train to help them across, Hoffman shouldered his pack, containing a sufficient quantity of provisions to last him through his journey, a small tent and other necessities, and started out alone to dare where but few had before ventured and thousands had quailed.

Easily covering the four miles of good road out from Skaguay, he crossed the river and began the arduous part of his journey over a muddy, boggy road, which led

him to the foot of the first ridge, the journey over which he describes as a scramble for either man or beast.

Over this ridge and down the equally bad other side, then up and over Porcupine, he followed the narrow, slippery trail, hanging over the sides of deep ravines, to the Box Canyon, through this and across the river beyond, a most dangerous passage, to the foot of the climb to the summit of Whites Pass, 2006 feet above Skaguay, and then to the much-coveted top.

Beyond the summit the trail grew better. Passing Summit Lake, Beaver Meadows, Middle Lake, and wading and climbing around the end of Shallow Lake for a couple of miles, he struck off to the northwest on the trail to the foot of Lake Linderman, which he reached after another tough tramp of eight or ten miles.

Not over thirty men had ever made the journey before him, and most of them took weeks where he took days.

Resting one day in the camp, he started on the 19th of August on his return over Chilcoot Pass to Dyea, where he arrived on August 22, having been the first newspaper man to give any account, from actual experience, of what a trip over Whites Pass means.

ship, our institutions are safe and our republic may be glorious forever. I thank you and bid you all good afternoon." (Great applause.)

At the conclusion of the President's speech he was the recipient of an ovation from the school children and assembled multitude.

The President was interested in the cottage in which Grant was born. It is enclosed in a building of steel and glass and is the property of the farmers of Ohio, being permanently located on the fair grounds.

The letter warning the Mayor against a plot to assassinate the President, "because he appointed Powderly," is regarded by the Mayor and director of public safety as a hoax. They both state that it was never considered seriously. General Alger to-night declared the publication of the letter was an outrage.

AGAINST THE AFRIDIS.

A Large Force of British Troops Will Be Sent to Subdue the Hill Tribes.

LONDON, Eng., Sept. 3.—Confirmation has been given to the report that the Government has sanctioned the sending of a large expedition against the Afridis. It is reported that General Lockhart, commander-in-chief of the Punjab, is recalled from Italy, where he has been on a furlough, to command the expedition. General Lockhart left Brindisi, Italy, today, on his way to India, where he will arrive in good time to command the expedition, which will be ready to move a fortnight hence.

General Lockhart's reputation and military ability and skill in their order of warfare will, it is believed, tend to overcome the tribesmen who have taken part in the uprising.

BOMBAY, INDIA, Sept. 3.—Little news has been received regarding the frontier. The expedition to the Tirah will invade the country of the Afridis by several different routes. The tribesmen in the vicinity of James are increasing in numbers and are threatening an attack.

WILL DISARM THE TUNKS.

The foreign Admirals Propose to Punish the Heedless Gunners.

CANEIA, CRETE, Sept. 3.—In consequence of the firing of several volleys by Turkish regulars at the Italian man-of-war Sardenga, off Candia, on the night of August 31, the admirals of the foreign fleet propose to disarm the Turkish irregulars. If permission to carry out this measure is refused by the commander of the Turkish forces in Crete the admirals will demand his recall.

David Lowell Dead.

LONDON, Eng., Sept. 3.—David Powell, ex-governor of the Bank of England, is dead. He was born in 1849.

MANY MEN AND HORSES ARE MIRED

Disgruntled Gold-Seekers Return From Crowded Dyea.

FEARFUL STATE OF THE TRAILS.

Carcasses of Dead Animals Sufficient to Cause a Plague.

VIGILANTES ARE ACTING PROMPTLY.

One Man Who Drew a Gun During a Squabble Fined Heavily by the Committee.

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 3.—In spite of the threats made by customs officials at Dyea, the steamer Danube arrived back this morning and brought another batch of disgruntled and disheartened miners. Engineer Lauderdale of the Danube, while the vessel was at Skaguay, took a walk over the trail to satisfy himself as to the exact state of affairs. He says traveling on the trail is slow, and the trail is so narrow that pack-trains cannot pass one another. In the event of a hitch in advanced trains it means that those behind must patiently wait until difficulties are straightened out. A few days ago as many as 250 horses and as many men were at a standstill for several hours owing to a horse in front becoming mired.

New trails have been cut, but they are so badly cut up in a day or two, owing to the state of the weather, that they are soon as bad as the old trail. The awful stench from the rapidly decomposing bodies of dead horses scattered along the

trail would cause a plague. Among the miners, he said, there is a general tone of harmony, and each is willing to help the other. Work on the trail had been suspended, but it was resumed shortly before the Danube left, under direction of Scovell, the correspondent of the New York World, who has just returned from Juneau with two tons of dynamite, with which he proposed to blast the dangerous portions of rock on the trail. The committee, which was organized recently at Skaguay, will not permit any pack trains to go over the trail until the work is completed. About 1000 men have agreed to work on the trail, and it is thought it will be ready in about ten days.

G. E. Gorgensen, who had been surveying the White Pass for the line of railroad to be built by the Duke of Teck's company, was a passenger down, having completed his work for this season. Snow fell on the summit of the pass on the 20th of August.

The vigilance committee at Skaguay has got down to work, having had two cases before it. In one case the committee imposed a fine of \$150 on a man named Johnson for having drawn his gun on another man in a dispute over the purchase of lumber. A theft of \$1400 in gold was also reported to the committee, but up to the time of the sailing of the Danube no trace of the culprit had been found.

On the trip down the C. P. N. boat passed the river steamer Eugene that has got herself into so pretty a tangle with the Canadian customs authorities and is now on her way to the mouth of the river.

After her little grandstand play in dipping her flag the Eugene ran out of port in the firm belief that the Bristol would follow and pick her up. The Bristol's skipper, however, telegraphed to his owners for explicit instructions, awaiting which he is still lying at Union wharf. His fear was that should he take the river boat as a consort, as originally intended, he would render himself liable to severe penalties. Without the Bristol the Eugene is about as helpless a craft as could be imagined in the rough waters of the north, particularly as she is in a condition that has already necessitated two dockings for repairs since leaving Portland.

The tug Hope was sent in pursuit of the Eugene from Union, but no results were known when the Danube left that place.

Will Build a Hotel.

CHICAGO, ILL., Sept. 3.—Seven men, most of them skilled carpenters, left for the Alaska goldfields last night under the leadership of Captain Barber. The men will build a hotel at St. Michael for the shelter of miners during the coming winter. The North American Trading and Transportation Company, which is sending the men, expects the hotel to prove a very important stopping-place on the route to the Yukon.

TWO FATAL EXPLOSIONS IN MINES

At the Old Sunshine Pit Twelve Delvers Met Death.

BODIES OF VICTIMS MUTILATED.

Physicians Hasten to the Scene of the Disaster to Care for the Wounded.

TRACKS ARE BLOWN UP AT CRIPPLE CREEK.

Dispute of Railways Over Right of Way Leads Up to a Mysterious Affray.

GLENWOOD, Colo., Sept. 3.—A coal-dust explosion in one of the chambers of the Sunshine Coal Company, the property of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company at Sunshine, some sixteen miles southeast of Glenwood Springs, killed eleven Italians and one American to-night a few minutes before 6 o'clock. The men were preparing to leave the mine on the day shift when the disaster occurred. A shot had been fired, and instead of its being a direct explosion, it was what in miners' parlance is called a "blowout"; that is, the powder created a flame, which shot backward and caught the dust that had accumulated in the chamber instead of dislodging the seam of the coal as intended.

At the time of the explosion there was a barrel of gunpowder in the chamber, which ignited and aided the disaster.

PLUNGES TO DEATH FROM A PULLMAN

W. Russell Ward Closes a Career of Wild Dissipation by Suicide.

JUMPS FROM A TRAIN AND IS MANGLED TO DEATH.

Strange Actions and Telegrams Indicate That the Desecrator of the Bradbury Home Had Become Mentally Unbalanced.

CHICAGO, ILL., Sept. 3.—W. Russell Ward is dead. The desecrator of Millionaire John Bradbury's home flung himself from the window of a train on the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad in Iowa early this morning, and was instantly killed.

The telegram was dated from Fremont, Neb., but bore no signature. The detective and Conductor Rounly then endeavored to gain an entrance into drawing-room B. The door, however, was securely locked on the inside and efforts to gain an entrance were without avail for the time. However, the train crew finally managed to get into room B through the annex, and when the detective was admitted the room was found to be empty. A pile of clothing which Ward had worn was found scattered about the room, but no trace of him could be found. It was soon decided that he had leaped through the window, and all his effects were taken in charge by the Pullman porter and taken to a room in the Union depot building.

In the meantime the police and officials of the Northwestern Railroad proceeded to find out the man's identity. They learned he had given the name of Ward to persons on the train, but they were not aware of his true identity.

Conductor Rounly told Broderick that the telegram received by Lieutenant Haas had been sent by the passenger who had occupied the drawing-room and that the passenger had disappeared. He discovered it when he went to check up his train between Geneva and Chicago this morning. The train dispatcher's office took up the inquiry by wire and ascertained that at 5 o'clock this morning the dead body of a man, clothed only in a night dress, had been found lying beside the Chicago and Northwestern tracks at Wheatland, Iowa. The identity was established when the station agent at Wheatland wired that in the pocket of the night dress were found a draft for \$450 made out to W. Russell Ward and a San Francisco hotel bill made out to the same person.

The overland express passes Wheatland between 3 and 3:30 o'clock in the morning and is thought to have been running at a speed of between fifty and sixty miles per hour.

Porter Callaway related his story to his

When the long line of cars pulled into the Northwestern depot this morning Detective Broderick leaped on board, met the conductor and produced the following telegram, which had been received by



FROM GAY ELOPER TO TRAGIC SUICIDE.

W. Russell Ward, who gained some notoriety and a cell in the City Prison here by eloping from Los Angeles with Millionaire John R. Bradbury's wife, leaped from the window of a palace-car in Iowa early yesterday morning and was instantly killed. That he was mentally unbalanced was shown by his peculiar actions in this City after Mrs. Bradbury rejoined her husband, and by the many telegrams he sent from the train upon which he was ticketed to New York.