

RAID AN OFFICIAL'S TREASURE

Burglars Break Into the Gold Commissioner's Cabin

AND SECURE DUST AND NUGGETS.

New Stories of Impending Starvation at Dawson Are Brought Down.

FEARS FOR THE SAFETY OF THORP'S PARTY.

Men Who Are Driving in Horses and Cattle Are in Danger of Perishing.

Special Dispatch to THE CALL.

SEATTLE, WASH., Oct. 10.—No roseate hue of promise, such as is commonly supposed to hover over the El Dorado of the Upper Yukon...

On board were two more pilgrims from the land of gold to the land of grub. They are C. A. Brown and James Clarke. These men are the last two to arrive from Dawson City.

Clerk and Groven bring the news that on August 25 the office of Gold Commissioner Fawcett was entered by burglars and a sum of money approximating \$4000 was stolen.

Clark says that every effort is being made to locate the thieves who robbed the Gold Commissioner. Thus far the efforts of the police have been unsuccessful.

Returning Klondikers report that bad luck has overtaken the Thorp party, which left here on the steamship Farallon on September 3. According to the narrative given THE CALL correspondent to-night, the Thorps were camped on the summit of the terrible Chilkat Pass on September 28, with snow to the depth of more than a foot on the ground for miles in front of them.

Three men who accompanied the Thorps turned back at the summit, convinced that they were throwing their lives away if they attempted to proceed further. They were E. A. Throckmorton and L. R. Radcliffe, two newspaper correspondents, and C. A. Hoffman, whom they employed to help them pack their outfits to the Klondike. They say that there is no possible chance for Thorp to get his party and their outfits through this winter, and that if they persist in the undertaking they will surely perish in the blizzards that prevail in the inhospitable region from early in October until May.

The gravest fears are entertained for the safety of the Thorp party, which included Willis Thorp, a man 50 years of age, and experienced in traveling over the plains and mountain ranges of Alaska; his son, Edward Thorp; George Stewart of Tacoma; L. Winterton; W. C. Thorp and S. E. Thorp, the latter a member of the elder Thorp; A. Stewart of Puyallup, H. Fletcher, G. W. Roberts and L. Harding. The last three were employed by Willis Thorp. They drove with them a band of ninety cattle and sixty horses.

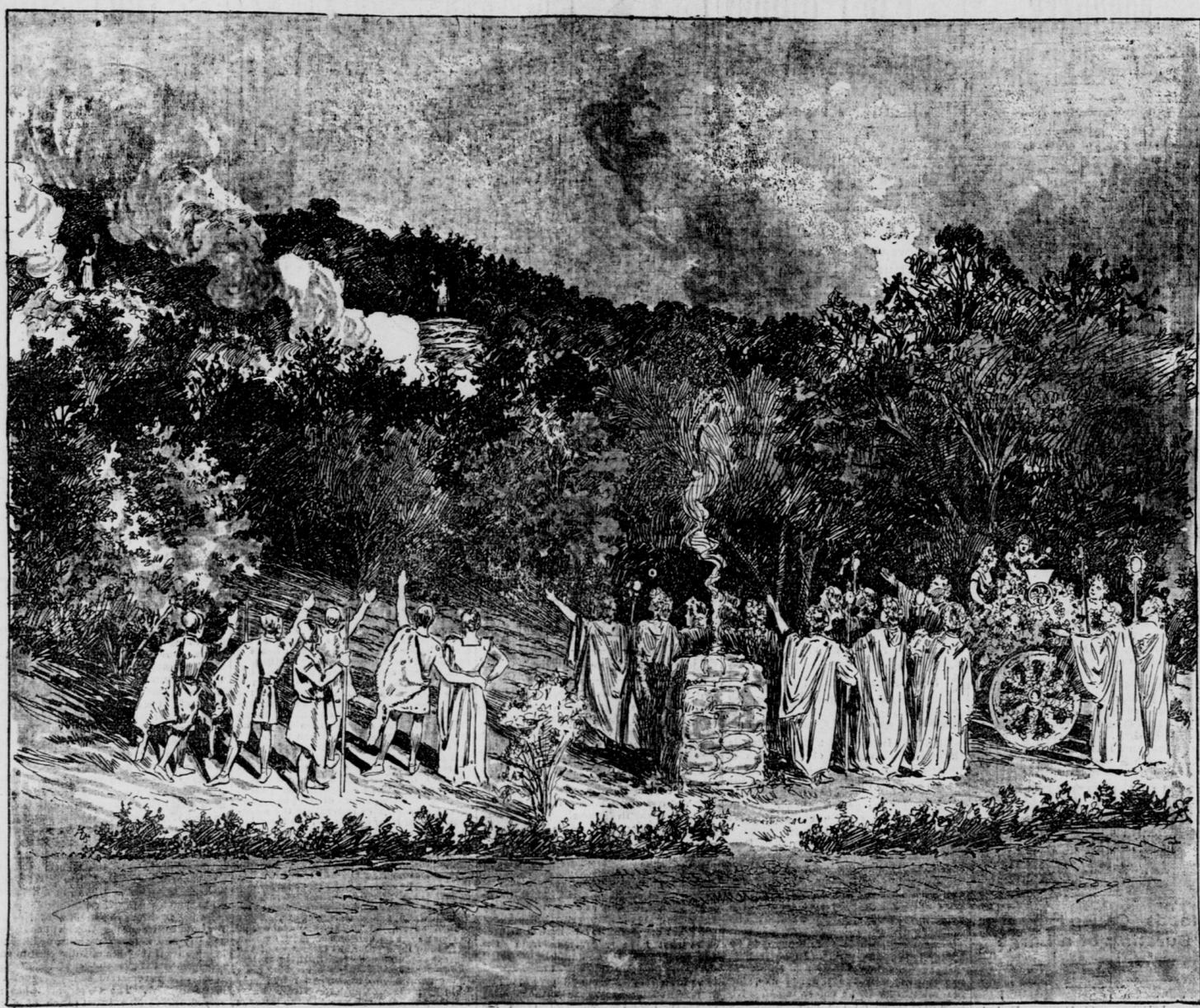
The cattle were fat heaves and cows, and the larger of the steers were to be used as pack animals. They took a quantity of provisions and feed for the horses, but depended on the stock grazing along the route.

Throckmorton and Radcliffe left the Thorps on the summit of the Chilkat Mountains September 28. They had then been out seventeen days. They had lost fifteen horses from exhaustion and eleven head of cattle had succumbed. Radcliffe and Throckmorton intended going through to Dawson. They were well supplied with pack horses and provisions. They sold the food and supplies to Thorp and made him a present of the horses.

It had snowed for several days before Throckmorton and Radcliffe determined to forsake the trail and return to civilization. On the summit was at least a foot of snow. They were told by the Galvin party that the snowline was extending for at least fifty miles beyond the summit, and was growing larger as additional storms piled up the drifts on the mountain sides. As the Galvin party came upon the Thorp party they were huddled behind the shelter of a peak and seemed almost distracted.

At Dawson City the situation grows more serious daily. The inhabitants of the place had maintained a vigil of weeks watching for the arrival of a steamer loaded with food that would save many a man from actual starvation. They did not know that the steamer Hamilton, on which they had based their hope, had gotten only as far as Fort Yukon and was there compelled to turn back to St. Michael.

At the Alaska Commercial Company's store at Dawson a crowd of men numbering some fifty were to be seen daily lined up in front of the doors, begging for an opportunity to purchase sustenance for themselves and their partners in the mines. As fast as one man was waited on the doors were unlocked and another would be admitted. Then the click of the latch would be heard, bolts would slide in



Scene in the Vale of Pansies on the Rhine Farm Near Sonoma During the Moonlight Production of Benjamin Weed's Grecian Drama.

AN ARCADIA IN SONOMA'S WOODLANDS

One Eve of Pleasure at the Beautiful Vale of Pansies.

NYPHS IN A LOVE ROMANCE.

Greek Mythology Given Life in a Moonlit Mountain Canyon.

OUTDOOR REVEL AT THE RHINE FARM.

Brilliant Theatricals Staged on a Greensward Between Wooded Steeps.

If you long for the peaceful joys of Arcadia take the Tiburon boat, which brings you to Sonoma at half-past seven in the evening.

It's a commonplace beginning. The boat will be crowded with hunters, very likely, and the train will stop every now and then to dump them off into some marsh or other. But the end is far from prosaic.

Step into an open carriage when you get to Sonoma town, drive along the sweet-scented, moonlit, tree-shadowed road for about two miles till you come to the mountains. You can't lose your way, for at irregular intervals many-colored lights gleam, now from one side, now from the other. The road winds beautifully in and out, across wooden bridges, up and down and around pretty, dusky corners, but ever ahead a green star or a red firefly twinkles invitingly. Follow confidently, for at the end of the road lies Arcadia.

That is to say, the pastoral city may be found up in the Sonoma hills, but only on one magic night of all the year. He who is seeking for Bacchus and the nymphs, melodious, poetic goatherds and vine-wreathed vintagers must wait till the vintage is over, till the grapes are groaning in the press, till the night is balmy and sweet and the moon fills all the valley with soft radiance—till October 9, in short.

Then for just one mad, moonlight night of all the 365 the god of wine and his nymphs hold sway and mortals become wise with the lore of the ancients, who taught that care was for him who sought her and pleasure for him who wooed not care.

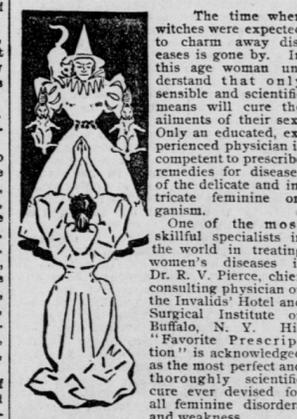
The English of it all is that Gundlach, Bundschu & Dresel own Rhine farm, the largest and finest vineyard in California; that the vintage is just over, and that these moonlit, tree-shadowed people annually invite their friends to celebrate with them the gathering of the grapes that have ripened and reddened in the great vineyard which stretches over miles of Sonoma's valleys and hills.

There's a clearing, a tiny valley on the vineyard, that nature intends for a stage. The acoustic properties are excellent. Back of it rise the rounded, thickly wooded mountains and it faces the gradual slope of the gentlest of hills.

Here on last Saturday night was produced the play for the entertainment of the vintners' visitors written by Benjamin Weed and presented by a company of amateurs.

The audience arrived in twos and threes, singly and in crowds. Husbands brought their wives and mothers brought their babies. For German is the language spoken in Arcadia and good nature is the

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place to make impossible a raid from the famine-stricken men, and a sack of flour would be doled out, together with a few pounds of bacon.

No one could secure more than barely enough to sustain life for a few weeks. To those who were preparing to leave, food enough was given them to last them over the trails to salt water. Everything possible was being done to encourage men to leave.

Clark and Brown bring out about \$5000. They have heavy interests on Burch Creek, and own a few claims on El Dorado and Bonanza.

They admit that the scarcity of food drove them from Dawson. When they left Dawson the people were looking daily for the arrival of the Hamilton. They did not know that she had been unable to go up the Yukon and that she would not in all probability reach Dawson until Spring.

Clark says that there will undoubtedly be starvation at Dawson this winter. William Mizner of San Francisco came down on the City of Seattle. He and his brother own claims on El Dorado and are worth at least a million.

Wuk Yap and Yon Yenz Yack, two Chinamen, came down on the City of Seattle from Wrangell. They have been mining for several years and brought down drafts on the Hudson Bay Company for \$40,000.

Mizner brings out about \$3000. His claim on El Dorado cost him \$90,000.

Wyatt Earp and wife, who went north on the Rosalie September 21, returned on the City of Seattle. Mr. Earp will make a flying trip to San Francisco and return north as soon as possible. It is his intention to build a sawmill at Lake Bennett and saw lumber and build boats for the spring rush into the Yukon.

The steamer brought down among other things the important news of the drowning of two men on Shallow Lake, September 30. Three men were taking their goods down by boat when a squall struck them, capsized their boat and threw them and their outfit into the lake.

As near as could be learned two men were drowned and the third managed to keep afloat and was picked up by another boat. The names of the lost were Conway and Adams. It was impossible at the time the City of Seattle left to get any of the details of the affair. Kelly is said to be the name of the man who was rescued. It was said that Adams was an arrival from Illinois.

Is Triennial Conclave. BALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 10.—The General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons will assemble here to-morrow in triennial conclave and on Wednesday the centennial anniversary of the founding of the Grand Chapter in the United States will be celebrated. Prominent Masons from all parts of the world will be present and the sessions will continue during the week.

EXPECT TO PURCHASE THE ROAD

Reorganizers Confident of Securing the Union Pacific.

CLARK TO REMAIN PRESIDENT.

However, There Will Be Other Bidders in the Field at the Sale.

CENTRAL PACIFIC MAY GO AFTER THE LINE.

There is a Prospect of Some Competition to Secure the Link in a Great Transcontinental Road.

Special Dispatch to THE CALL.

CLARK WILL BE THE NEW PRESIDENT

OMAHA, NEBR., Oct. 10.—General Manager Dickinson of the Union Pacific, just back from New York, says that the reorganization committee will buy in the road, and that S. H. Clark will be president. He added that the contract which the Oregon Short Line Company submitted for traffic has been rejected.

OMAHA, NEBR., Oct. 10.—The proximity of the force of the first and second mortgages of the Union Pacific Railway calls for an animated discussion in local railway circles nowadays about the future management and control of the

system. There is a widespread belief among the Western railroad men that the reorganization committee will purchase the railroad. The presence of three men on the committee, thought to be controlled by the Vanderbilt interests, is regarded as an indication of the ownership should the reorganization committee get the property at the approaching sale. Within the last few days, however, rumors of the purchase of the railway by an English syndicate have been rife. Some of these rumors are explained by the fact that much English capital is represented by the reorganization committee. A prominent railroader here this week vouchsafed another explanation of the stories of English ownership. He said: "The press dispatches state that the Attorney-General admits that he has received queries from the other side about the conditions of the purchase. That confirms an opinion I have long held, that the greater part of the lines of the Central Pacific is leased and operated by the Southern Pacific. It would not surprise me at all if the owners of the Central Pacific should, put in a bid for the Union Pacific at the sale next month. Whether they could outbid the reorganization committee is another matter. But if they get the road they would then own the greatest transcontinental railroad in the country, extending across the country in an almost straight line from Council Bluffs to within fifty miles of San Francisco."

It is generally believed, however, that the reorganization committee will get the Union Pacific at the sale. Some well-posted railroaders say that this committee will be the only bidder for the property. The question that now bothers the rail-road world is especially that part of it which is attached to the Union Pacific system here, is concerning the presidency of the road should the reorganization committee get possession of the property. There are three men whose names are frequently mentioned in connection with the position: S. H. Clark, Oliver W. Mink and Edwin W. Winter. Two months ago, when the health of President Clark appeared to be seriously bad, all indications pointed to another man for the presidency, but the best railroad men in Omaha to-day firmly believe that the new president will be the man who has been at the head of the road during its four years' receivership.

The friends of Mr. Clark here stoutly maintain that he can have the presidency under the reorganization if he wants it, and they believe that the only question is whether his health will permit his acceptance of such a tremendous undertaking as the reorganization of the Union Pacific. Lately his health has shown great improvement, and the few officials at the local headquarters say that Mr. Clark will surely be the man. This view may be construed as a thought that is fathered by a wish. Should Mr. Clark remain at the head of the road it is certain that there will be no great changes among the officials. Should Winter come into power it is admitted that a number of heads are likely to be dropped into the basket.

Oliver W. Mink has been the most active of the receivers for some time past and has come to the front during Clark's enforced withdrawal from active participation. There were several deaths, and in one instance the fatality occurred not long after

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SPREAD OF FEVER IN THE SOUTH

At New Orleans Yellow Plague Claims Fresh Victims.

FIVE DEATHS, MANY NEW CASES.

Little Prospect of Improvement Until the Arrival of Jack Frost.

GALVESTON BATTLES WITH THE DISEASE.

Government Expert Quarters Certain of the Deadly Fever in the Lone Star State.

Special Dispatch to THE CALL.

RECORD OF THE PLAGUE AT ONE CITY.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Oct. 10.—Official report of the Board of Health: Cases to-day, 37; deaths to-day, 5; total cases to date, 577; total deaths to date, 61; total cases absolutely recovered, 240; total cases under treatment, 276.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Oct. 10.—The fever situation here grew no better to-day. Early in the evening there was a promise that yesterday's record would be equaled, if it was not exceeded. New cases appeared in various portions of the city, many of them, however, being reported in houses where there was already infection. There were several deaths, and in one instance the fatality occurred not long after

the report of the case was brought to the attention of the board.

Three persons were reported sick in one family this morning. During the day one of them died. The second death among the cases in Algiers was reported to-day—Miss Caselar, who was reported sick with the fever several days ago. In the other fatal cases in Algiers the patient was removed to the isolation hospital and died there. Two of the deaths to-day were in Carrollton, which, relatively to population, has furnished more fatal cases than any locality in the city.

Among the new cases is that of Mrs. Sampson. Her husband, Dr. Sampson, and their son were taken ill two or three days ago, and the infection has spread in the premises.

Another physician is on the list of cases reported to-day, Dr. Otto Leech, but he is not reported to have a serious attack. Dr. Barnett and Dr. Howard O'Flaherty are reported to be progressing favorably toward recovery.

Among the new cases is that of A. W. Read, second engineer of the steamship Valleda. He was taken sick on the vessel and removed to the Touro Infirmary. The steamer has been disinfected and extra precautions taken to prevent a spread of the fever among the crew.

Miss Carrie Hecker, who died to-day, was only reported ill yesterday. To-night her mother was announced to have yellow fever. This is the record of new cases and deaths to-day:

Deaths—Armand Gauditz, Carrie W. Hecker, Miss Annie Casselar, John McEnroe, — Call.

New cases—Marie Gasieni, Dr. Otto Leech, Mr. Perry's child, Miss Leonine Billings, A. W. Read, Miss Corinne Apps, Miss Richard Call, Miss Bertha Call, Cicero Rosalie, Mrs. J. S. Simpson, Olive Bohie, D. W. Cohen, Henry W. Schwarm, Julius Schniedau, Harris Schniedau, Claud Harris, A. N. Victor, Mrs. Leroy, Mrs. Mary Call, Miss Belle Brown, Miss Junata Casey, W. B. Casey, Joe Mutti, E. P. Otis, John Morem, E. C. Rain, Davis M. Hoppel, John F. Foster, J. W. Emmett, Frank Lott, Mrs. A. Benjamin, Master Fred C. Berrmann, Frank Killeale, Mrs. J. P. Hecker.

MOBILE, Ala., Oct. 10.—Seven cases of yellow fever, two deaths in the city and one at Magazine Point, three miles distant, and three recoveries make the record for this city for the past twenty-four hours. Deaths: Jesse Patcher and George I. Brown. At Magazine Point: Max Zemler.

Total cases, 121; deaths, 20; recoveries, 63; remaining under treatment, 36.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Oct. 10.—Considerable alarm was caused here in the past twenty-four hours by the report that a mail-carrier named S ebens had died of yellow fever. A special meeting of the Board of Health was held last night, and after a microscopical examination to-day a statement was issued by the board announcing that Siebens' death was due to ptomaine poisoning. He had not been exposed to infection from fever and there is no reason to suppose that there is any yellow fever in town.

JACKSON, Miss., Oct. 10.—There are no new cases of fever at Nitta Yuma. At Edwards there are nine new cases, four of

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