

FROZEN TO DEATH IN THE PASSES

Many Lives Reported Lost in an Alaskan Blizzard.

Binding Snowstorm Descends Upon Crowds of Argonauts.

Score of Men Said to Have Perished on the Skaguay Trail.

GALE ALONG THE SHORE.

Vessels Compelled to Remain at Juneau Until the Hurricane Abated.

JUNEAU, Alaska, Feb. 8 (by steamship Rosalie, via Seattle, Feb. 14).

During the last four days a terrible blizzard has been raging along the coast from the head of Lynn Canal to Fort Wrangel.

The steamer Chilkat, from San Francisco, while on her way to Juneau, was caught in the storm.

The steamship City of Topeka lay here thirty-six hours.

Old-timers say it was the hardest wind they ever experienced in Alaska.

A sensational report has reached Juneau, coming down on the small boats, that many persons were frozen to death on the summit of White Pass and on the trail beyond.

Accounts differ as to the number of the blizzard's victims, varying from seven to twenty-seven.

It is no exaggeration to say no small steamer has dared to venture out, the captain of each fearing that the wind would lift it up bodily and drop it ashore.

Skaguay is comparatively quiet. The action of Governor Brady in asking the President for sufficient reinforcements to preserve order and protect the real property has had a wholesome effect on the rough element.

United States Marshal Shoup will leave Juneau to-night for Skaguay. He came over on the last boat from Sitka.

Eddie Fay, the bartender in the theater, who killed Rowen and McGrath, claims that he did not know the former was a United States Deputy Marshal when he killed him.

The Governor will make a show of force at the head of Lynn Canal. He will shortly make his annual trip of inspection to Yakutat, aboard the Wheeling, now at Sitka, and he is expected to drop anchor before Dyea and Skaguay on the way.

Mr. Dole Slightly Ill. RIVERSIDE, Feb. 14.—President Sanford B. Dole of Hawaii, who arrived in this city Saturday, has not moved about much since, and is slightly indisposed.

Sovereigns From the Antipodes. SYDNEY, N. S. W., Feb. 14.—The Oceanic Steamship Company's Moana sailed for San Francisco to-day, carrying 300,000 sovereigns (\$1,500,000).

China and Germany.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—A special dispatch from Shanghai says the relations between China and Germany are strained over the latter's fresh demands.

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THE OREGON PUTS BACK TO ASTORIA WITH FIRE TO RAGING IN HER HOLD

A Conflagration Starts on the Alaska-Bound Vessel and Creates Almost a Panic Among Her Six Hundred Passengers.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 14.—But for the timely discovery of a fire in the hold of the Alaskan steamship Oregon, the vessel might now be a mass of raging flames, at the mercy of the waves and winds.

The Oregon sailed from her dock in this city at 12:30 o'clock to-day, carrying 600 passengers and as much freight as it was possible to place aboard.

While the Oregon was on the way down the river from Portland and Andrew Hill, one of the waiters, seemingly lost his reason and ran amuck.

The fire was at the bottom of the coal and it was necessary to put back to port. The steamer arrived at her dock at 5 p. m.

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The Oregon will sail in the morning. She carries about twenty passengers and a gunboat—are arrayed against a few Indians.

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IT WOULD CONSUMMATE A CRIME

Senator Pettigrew's Protest Against Annexation.

Taking Hawaii Means the Final Act in a Great Conspiracy.

This Government Has No Right to Secure the Islands Without Consent of Natives.

OVERTHROW OF RULER. Lillooia's Downfall Due to Intrigues Backed by the United States Minister.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

Call Office, Riggs House, Washington, Feb. 14.

The Senate devoted almost four hours in executive session to the consideration of the Hawaiian treaty.

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not regard their seizure by some other power as an offense against this country. We could not play the dog in the manger, refusing to accept the territory ourselves or to allow others to take it. He attempted to controvert the statement of Senator Pettigrew, that warships could not carry sufficient fuel from Hawaii to make them effective either for or against the United States in case of hostilities, and quoted statistics to show the contrary view. He said that if it were even true that a vessel could not carry sufficient coal itself, coaling vessels could be taken along for that purpose. He thought the essential importance to the United States, both for the purpose of offense and defense.

During the session, Senator White of California attempted to ascertain from Senator Davis, in charge of the treaty, whether there would be any early attempt to secure a vote upon it. The California Senator stated his opinion that there ought to be at least three weeks' delay in order for a vote for the arrangement of pairs. He stated that he would be compelled to be absent from the Senate for the next three weeks, and expressed a desire to know something of the plans as to bringing the discussion to a close.

In reply, Senator Davis simply stated that he could not at present say when the debate would cease, or when the Senate would be prepared to take a vote.

RACE FOR A JUDGESHIP.

Many Candidates for a Vacancy in Del Norte County.

EUREKA, Feb. 14.—The contest for the appointment of a successor to the superior Judge James E. Murphy, deceased, of Del Norte County, has interested several members of the Humboldt County bar.

It appears that the Democratic county Central Committee of Del Norte does not agree upon a candidate for that county. There are three Del Norte candidates—District Attorney C. Cooper, Samuel T. Porter, and John L. Childs, the latter being a Republican.

Many of the leading Democrats of Del Norte have decided upon F. A. Cutler of this county, and he will accept if he will not doubt recommend his appointment to Governor Budd.

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CHINESE HATRED OF FOREIGNERS

Epidemic of Attack and Riot in the Empire.

Isolated Ruffians of Many Provinces Are on the Rampage.

Robbery and Murder Among the Daring Crimes Now Committed.

PIRATES ON THE RIVERS. European Missionary Woman Held Up by Thieves and Her Boat Plundered.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

Call Office, Riggs House, Washington, Feb. 14.

The House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries held a meeting to-day, going over the proposed changes in the navigation laws to remove troublesome problems arising in Alaskan commerce.

The bill is framed to meet new conditions created by the gold discoveries in the Yukon River and its objects and effects are explained in a comprehensive report made to the committee by Secretary Gage. It strengthens and makes explicit the laws declaring our general policy that the coasting trade (including the trade between the rest of the United States and Alaska) shall be reserved exclusively to American vessels, and removes all doubt in this situation. Seagoing vessels can proceed to St. Michael, near the mouth of the Yukon. The Yukon is very shallow, in some places only four feet deep.

Transfer of cargoes and passengers from deep-draught seagoing vessels to river vessels drawing little water is therefore necessary at St. Michael. Substantially the same is true of Stickeen River and Wrangel near its mouth.

The essential amendment, as pointed out by Secretary Gage, is on the question as to whether American goods consigned to Alaskan ports from Seattle can be carried in American vessels to Victoria, a distance of only 72 miles, and at Victoria be put on British vessels to be carried to Dyea, about 900 miles, or to St. Michael, about 2000 miles. The Treasury Department has ruled that this is a violation of the laws reserving the coasting trade to American vessels.

The policy of the United States, Secretary Gage says, is to confine carrying by water "for the whole voyage" between American points to American vessels, and section 1 of the bill is believed to explicitly affirm this policy, and removes all doubt. The committee has increased from \$100 to \$200 the penalty for each instance of a foreign vessel transporting a passenger between ports or places in the United States, either directly or via a foreign port.

From Soo Chow, in Central China, comes the authoritative information that in the collection of rentals in and around Soo Chow, the men of a persistent refusal on the part of the natives, and that an altercation occurred in which a woman was killed and others injured. The native Magistrates themselves, when attempting to hear the case, have been mobbed and fled with mud and compelled to flee from the court of justice.

In Canton, from the very south of China, where most of the travelling is by river and canal, steam launches carrying foreigners have been repeatedly held up by bands of ruffians, and recently a European woman missionary was brutally treated, her boat being held up in the river. The men overpowering her coolies, boarded it by force, and robbing her of her money left her in a sorry plight. From Formosa, just off the coast of Central China, authentic reports come that the whole of the country is disturbed. Repeated attacks by armed bands of robbers are being reported day by day. Travel in the interior is unsafe at the present time.

From the Province of Chuen, one of the provinces nearest the highlands of Tibet, authentic information comes of riots instigated and led on by military forces, and of the destruction of property.

In the well-governed city of Shanghai and the European section there are confirmed reports of insulting treatment of foreigners by Chinese. A prominent lady riding upon a wheel passing the west gate, was insulted by a Chinaman who spat in her face. Chinese soldiers, even in Shanghai, have attempted to throw foreigners from their carriages. Boys in the streets are set by older people to follow at the heels of prominent European residents of the city, throwing mud and calling indecent names.

In view of the fact that the treaties are soon to throw sections of Japan open to foreigners, there are interesting reports of the Buddhist and Shinto priests assembled in one of the principal provinces to discuss the situation. They have promulgated the following four resolutions and request all Japanese to be governed by them.

1. To cultivate feelings of abhorrence of foreigners and to refuse in principle to sell or buy of them anything whatever.

2. To refuse absolutely to rent their houses or lands to foreigners.

3. To refrain entirely from using foreign terms in speaking and writing.

4. To positively decline to listen to Christianity.

Amigo Vespucci's Birthplace. ROME, Feb. 14.—A long-continued search has resulted in the discovery of the birth record of Amerigo Vespucci in the Church of San Giovanni in Florence. The date is March 15, 1492.

Mourning in St. Helena. ST. HELENA, Feb. 14.—Mrs. Lila Kenyon, the wife of Edward Kenyon, died at her home here last night. She was one of the best known women of St. Helena and a prominent worker in religious circles.

Advertisements. Commencing Monday, February 21, we inaugurate our initial sale of Clothing, Gents' Furnishings and Hats in our new store. To commemorate the occasion we will make reductions unheard of before, same to be announced in Sunday's papers and goods displayed in our show windows. Public goodwill grows slowly. When secured it is a treasure without price, to be carefully guarded and judiciously fostered. Therefore we keep a constant eye on goods and prices, and see to it that prices advertised are exactly in accordance with facts. S. N. WOOD & CO. (Columbian Woolen Mills), 718-722 Market street.

MINERS WILL BE PROTECTED

Important Provisions in Railroad Right of Way in Alaska.

No Duty Must Be Collected on Outfits of Ingoing Gold Hunters.

And the Dominion Government Must Live Up to the Laws Relating to Trading Vessels.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

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Senator Hansbrough to-day offered the following amendment to the House bill pending before the Committee on Public Lands extending the homestead laws and providing for railroad right of way in Alaska.

That permission to enter goods under bond or to place them in bonded warehouses at the port of Wrangel, in the district of Alaska, and to withdraw the same for exportation to any place in British Columbia or the Northwest Territory should be granted until the proclamation by the President of the United States that no exclusive privilege of transporting through British Columbia