

NATIVES FROM MANY SURROUNDING ISLANDS WILL PADDLE IN THEIR CANOES TO PAPEETE TO HELP CELEBRATE FALL OF THE BASTILE

Steamship Australia Will Make a Special Trip to Tahiti That Tourists May Witness Four Days' Novel Programme in Which the Marquesans Take Part, Their Weird and Primitive Customs Being Highly Interesting

"This will be a grand opportunity for Americans and all tourists to witness the celebration," he said yesterday. "The steamship Australia, which leaves here on June 26, will call at the Marquesas Islands, which is a point that steamers never touch. A stay of nine hours will be



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THIS year's celebration by the Tahitians at Papeete of the fall of the Bastille will eclipse all previous ones. Great preparations are being made for the event, and a fine opportunity will be furnished white people to see the savages from all the South Sea Islands gathered together in one big powwow.

The Oceanic Steamship Company will dispatch the Australia to Tahiti on June 26 on a special trip to give residents of this city a chance to witness this novel native celebration. It is claimed that these gatherings of the natives are the most primitive in the world. The natives start from the small islands several weeks before the celebration and all journey to Tahiti in their canoes.

Four Days of Celebration. This year's celebration will last four days, and the programme is replete with novel and impressive events. The most interesting is the Hymene contest. The natives of each island have beautiful songs and chants. The songs are sung by choirs composed of men, women and boys, and the effect is awe-inspiring. They sing in competition for prizes, and the members of the winning choir are heroes. Prizes are also offered for the most artistic and prettiest costumes. These costumes, though made of coconut fiber, are both handsome and of soft texture. There

are canoe races and native sports, the funniest being the walking on the greasy pole for a live pig.

Curios can be secured without number, the natives at the present time not appreciating their value. The climate is not too warm there at this time of the year, and a large passenger list is expected to go down on the Australia. Passengers buying tickets will be allowed to remain on board the steamer while she lies at Tahiti, and the steamer will return to San Francisco immediately after the celebration. The entire trip will be made in less than thirty days.

Business Lively in Tahiti. A. Goupil, Vice President of the Council General, the Civil Parliament of Tahiti, who arrived here recently, is most enthusiastic over the celebration.

SHOWING SOME OF THE ATTRACTIONS FOR THE EYES OF TOURISTS WHO HAPPEN TO BE IN PAPEETE DURING THE FALL OF THE BASTILE CELEBRATION.

GROUP OF DANCERS BEFORE GOVERNOR'S HOUSE

SHOWING CELEBRATED REVERA IN THE HAIR

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OKLAHOMA IS SWEEPED BY TORNADOES

Trails of Ruin and Death Mark the Storm's Progress.

Farm Houses Destroyed and Lives Lost in Several Localities.

In Noble and Kay Counties Nearly Every Building Is Damaged by the Fierce Winds.

WICHITA, Kan., June 8.—The most disastrous storm which has ever visited Oklahoma prevailed in Kay County last night. A tornado struck Billings, Eddy and Tonkawa and its influence covered a stretch of country ten miles wide and thirty-six miles long.

The following are known to have been killed at Eddy: MRS. MAUDE MCGATHEY. LOUIS MCGATHEY. BOB MCGIFFIN.

The injured—Charles Goldsmith, skull fractured; John McBrain, leg broken; Hugh Frather, nose broken; Jud McWilliams, head crushed; Howard Hamagan, head badly crushed; Rhyby Higinbotham, face crushed and internal injuries; A. D. Evans, leg broken.

Many Farmhouses Wrecked.

Nearly every farm house in Northwest-ern Kay County is more or less damaged. Not a wind mill has been left standing, and the face of the country is covered with debris. Blackwell suffered considerably. Practically every piece of glass in the city has been broken. If the loss reported is correct, including the damage to crops from wind and hail, it will be more than \$100,000. The tornado was the worst at Eddy, where Bob McGiffin was killed and his mother fatally wounded. A telephone message from Enid to-night says the fatalities at Eddy were seven persons, but the report cannot be confirmed.

It is also reported that two were killed at Billings, but that city cannot be reached by telephone as the wires are down. Very little can be heard from the country places.

Three Separate Storms.

It is evident that it was not the same tornado that struck all the places. It is probable that three separate storms prevailed at practically the same time. At Eddy only two houses remain standing. It was a small town. The prevalence of cyclone cellars undoubtedly saved many lives. It is estimated that not less than 150 houses in Blackwell, Eddy, Billings and Tonkawa were injured.

The office of one tornado insurance company out of forty-three doing business in Oklahoma received eleven telegrams to-night announcing the losses. They claim that their losses will not fall far short of seventy-five houses in Kay County, and that the total losses of the forty-three companies will be something enormous.

Vanarsdale Brothers, hall insurance agents, doing business here, are receiving claims for total losses. The smallest claim they have received is for a 50 per cent loss. Kay County is said to be the banner single county in the United States for wheat. Heavy hailstorms struck Blackwell, Ponca City, Lilyvale, Deer Creek and Perry.

Worst Storm in Years.

ENID, O. T., June 8.—The worst storm in years swept over the Territory last night. It was particularly severe in Noble and Kay counties. The gale commenced at 10 p. m., and by 1 a. m. was blowing at tornado speed, carrying everything before it. At Billings, Noble County, much damage was done. Seven people were killed and many severely injured. A cloudburst occurred near Hennessey. Kingsfisher county, and Kingsfisher City suffered severely.

GUTHRIE, O. T., June 8.—A special to the Capital from Tonkawa, O. T., says a terrible wind and rain storm struck here at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon and lasted two hours, causing great damage. Wires were blown down and communication was only established this afternoon. Two big church buildings are damaged and twelve houses were torn down and blown away and thirty residences badly wrecked. The streets were flooded by the rain that followed the wind and hail. One person was injured—Mrs. John Martin—who was hurt by falling on a stone as the storm moved the house off its foundation. The Salt Fork River is full of rubbish of houses and furnishings.

Killed by Lightning. BLACKWELL, O. T., June 8.—A destructive hail and rain storm visited here last night, killing three persons and doing much damage to property. J. H. Crawford, a prominent contractor, was killed by lightning. Eddy, a town twelve miles southwest of here, was blown away. At that place two persons were killed and several others injured. The names of the dead and injured are not yet obtainable.

raising a relief fund and remitting as a first installment the sum of twenty thousand American dollars to afford immediate relief. We are extremely grateful to the Americans, whose liberality and beneficence make no distinction of race or country. I have fully informed by telegraph the Imperial Government and the Governor of Shansi.

"LI HUNG CHANG." SHANGHAI, June 8.—An imperial edict issued June 6 announces that owing to the hot weather and the advanced age of the Dowager Empress the return of the court to Peking has been postponed till September 1, which the astrologers announce to be an auspicious day to commence a journey.

DUEL BETWEEN LASSEN COUNTY MINING PARTNERS THE RESULT OF A LONG-STANDING QUARREL

Benedick Wisenberger Declares Aged Thomas Watson Began the Fight That Ended in the Latter's Death—A Witness Says Slayer Was Aggressor



VICTOR AND VANQUISHED IN A SENSATIONAL DUEL TO THE DEATH BETWEEN TWO MINING PARTNERS ON A RANCH IN SOUTHERN LASSEN COUNTY.

SUSANVILLE, June 8.—Conflicting accounts of the duel that occurred on Thursday afternoon between Benedick Wisenberger and Thomas Watson on the ranch of the latter, near this place, leave doubt as to which was the aggressor. Wisenberger remains in the Lassen County Jail here, awaiting his preliminary examination. He declares that he was fired upon twice by Watson before he brought his shotgun to his shoulder and fired the charge that instantly killed the old man. On the other hand, it is said that Frank Watson, a son of the dead man, will testify at the hearing that Wisenberger was the aggressor. The fact that Wisenberger armed himself and followed Watson when the latter went to cut the ditch supplying their mine with water is against him, as indicating his intention to prevent the act by force.

The duel between the two partners came as no surprise to those who have known of the bitter feeling between them. When Wisenberger and Henry Vogt entered into an agreement with Watson to work a mine upon his land it was stipulated that the water supply available should be used first in the mine and then to irrigate the surrounding ranch land.

This season, having need of the water for irrigation, the rich old rancher sought to abrogate the agreement, which would mean the closing of the mine. There was a protest from the other partners, and their differences continued to grow more bitter until the climax came on Thursday, when Watson went from his home with a spade and a rifle with the avowed intention of cutting the ditch conveying the water and turning the stream upon his land. Wisenberger followed him and the duel to the death resulted.

Watson was past 70 years of age and a man accustomed to having his own way. Several times previously he had declared he would cut the ditch, but each time his eldest son, George Watson, interposed and induced him to forego his intention. George Watson has constantly acted as peacemaker between the warring partners and had been at home on Thursday the tragedy probably would have been averted.

Henry Vogt can congratulate himself upon the fact that the shooting was not a three-cornered affair. When he heard the reports of Wisenberger's shotgun and Watson's rifle he attempted to arm himself and start for the scene. His wife held him and implored him not to go. By the time he had freed himself and reached the scene of the shooting Watson was a corpse. Young Frank Watson, following the Miller of his father, picked up the latter's rifle and fired three shots at Wisenberger, but the latter escaped unscathed, and mounting a horse, rode at reckless speed to this place to surrender himself.

Estate of Playwright Hoyt. NEW YORK, June 8.—The estate of Charles H. Hoyt, the playwright, after paying all claims, amounts to \$132,106.

TEXAS RAISES THE RIDICULOUS QUARANTINE AGAINST THIS CITY

After Investigation Governor Sayers Decides to Annul an Order That Works a Great Hardship.

AUSTIN, Texas, June 8.—Governor Sayers, after a thorough investigation of the situation, to-day issued an order authorizing State Health Officer W. F. Blount to raise the quarantine which Texas has been enforcing for the past several months against San Francisco on account of the alleged existence of bubonic plague in that city. The inspections that have been in force at the Texas line, El Paso, and at the Red River crossing of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railroads, were discontinued to-day. This quarantine has worked a great hardship on the railroads, particularly on the Southern Pacific, and caused the traveling public much inconvenience.

MODOC YOUTH IS SLAIN BY AN ASSASSIN

Bullet Fired Through a Window Kills Guy Williams.

Crime Follows Bitter School Election Contest Near Alturas.

Suspicion Points to a Man Who Was Worsted in a Fight at the Folls.

ALTURAS, June 8.—Alturas was thrown into another fever of excitement this morning when, following so closely upon the Lookout quintuple lynching, came the news that Guy Williams had been murdered at his home about twelve miles east of Alturas.

At the school election held in that neighborhood yesterday there was a bitter contest and much ill-feeling was created. Captain Jones got the worst of a fight that occurred there in the evening. This morning, while the Williams family were seated at their morning meal a shot was heard and their eldest son, Guy Williams, fell to the floor with a bullet through his brain. Reports reaching Alturas have it that Captain Jones fired the shot, but whether this is authentic is not yet known.

Guy Williams was a steady-going young man of about 23 years and well liked. He was to have been married next month. His father is a well-to-do sheep owner of this county. Coroner J. M. Pierce and Dr. H. T. Risdon left Alturas this afternoon for the scene of the murder.

WIFE OF PRESIDENT RESTING COMFORTABLY. Dr. Rixey Says There Has Been No Material Change in Her Condition.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—Dr. Rixey left the White House at 11:30 to-night after a visit that extended over two hours. He said:

"Mrs. McKinley's condition is about the same as reported in this morning's bulletin. She has rested comfortably to-day. There has been no material change, though possibly there has been a barely perceptible improvement. She is now sleeping soundly."

The feeling at the White House to-night was a little more hopeful as to the outcome. The fact that Mrs. McKinley has been resting much better than usual in the past few days has been an important factor in fighting the disease. There have been no developments during the day of an unfavorable nature. Dr. Rixey stayed a half hour longer than usual to-night, spending considerable time with the President in discussion and explanation of the case. The President saw no callers to-night, but a number of persons left their cards and made personal inquiries. The President spent an hour or more during this afternoon with Jefferson Reynolds of New Mexico, a relative of Mrs. McKinley.

SAYS ITALY WILL NOT BE ANY POWER'S PUPPET. Signor Guccardini Urges Deputies to Make a Vigorous Stand on Albanian Question.

ROME, June 8.—Signor Guccardini, the reporter of the budget committee, speaking in the Chamber of Deputies on the Albanian question, said it was, in his opinion, critical, as the movement in Macedonia might precipitate a surprise at any moment. Italy, he declared, could not be the puppet of any power, whether of the first or second rank. She had already suffered at Biseria, but she could not accept another Biseria at Valona or Durazzo. He cited a series of incidents, which, he claimed, went to show the propaganda was carried on in Albania by Austria-Hungary, and asked whether such a propaganda was reconcilable with the declarations made at Vienna and Rome regarding the maintenance of the status quo, which, in his opinion, was unstable. Other speakers referred to the unrest in the Balkans.

These utterances, taken in connection with Count Goluchowski's recent speech, indicate that the statesmen fear that trouble is imminent in Southeastern Europe. The Foreign Minister, Signor Prinitti, had been expected to make an important speech to-night, but his address was postponed.

DREYFUS' UTTER LACK OF GRATITUDE TO LABORIE. But the Distinguished Advocate Remains Loyal to the Persecuted French Captain.

LONDON, June 8.—The visit to England of Maitre Laborie, the distinguished French advocate, has developed the fact that the relations between himself and Dreyfus have greatly changed since the Rennes drama. M. Laborie's friends say that Dreyfus has treated his "savior" shamefully. They declare that the last time Dreyfus stayed in Paris he never went near M. Laborie and has in other ways shown what they stigmatize as an utter lack of gratitude. M. Laborie does not conceal his appreciation of these circumstances, but is as ardent as ever, declaring in private that Dreyfus was wrongfully convicted and the slightest suggestion to the contrary is sufficient to send the advocate into a passionate fit of denunciation of Dreyfus' detractors, and whatever may be the personal relations between himself and the former prisoner of Devils Island, he certainly has not lost any ardor in behalf of his famous client.

GREEDY POWERS PROLONG THE NEGOTIATIONS CONCERNING INDEMNITY DEMANDS ON CHINA

CALL BUREAU, 1408 G STREET, N. W., WASHINGTON, June 8.—Again the suggestion that the Chinese indemnity question be referred to The Hague tribunal for determination has been advanced by the United States. In resubmitting this proposition, United States Commissioner Rockhill has practically confessed that little progress of importance has been made in reaching a solution of this vexatious feature of the Chinese negotiations. In fact, it is positively known that instead of the powers having determined upon \$37,000,000 as the amount of their claims, as has all along been believed, they are still far from an agreement on this point. It is also stated that no agreement has been reached regarding the method China shall be required to adopt to satisfy the claims of the powers. The indemnity question may therefore be regarded as being in the same stage it was when its consideration first began. It may be that some of the powers propose to submit larger claims than hitherto reported. The United States will strenuously oppose such action. Rockhill desired to avoid further breakers upon which the negotiations might be wrecked by securing a reference of the whole question to The Hague. Had the suggestion been adopted when first advocated it is believed in Washington that a settlement of the Chinese trouble would have been reached before the present time. It is feared here that Germany and other powers, which have large claims and desire a continuance of the present conditions in China, will not cease their opposition to the adoption of the American proposal. The Chinese Minister, who has been lending his co-operation to the movement for raising an American relief fund for the famine-stricken people of Shansi province, a few days ago cabled Li Hung Chang that Louis Klopsch of the Christian Herald had by cable placed at the disposal of the relief committee formed by American missionaries in China a preliminary contribution of \$20,000. To-day Minister Wu received the following acknowledgment, dated Peking, June 8: "Your cable of June 5 received. The famine in Shansi is causing great suffering and distress to people there. The benevolent people of America, through the Christian Herald, are very kind in