

THUNDER SOUNDS BUT SHOWERS ARE FEW ON SUN-SMITTEN LANDS

Great Corn Belt of the Middle West Suffers From the Destroying Heat--Deaths Are Reported in Kansas and the Forecasters Predict No Storm

WASHINGTON, July 24.—Scattered thunder showers in the northern tier of States in the Central West to-day gave some relief to that locality from the intense heat. These showers, generally light in character, occurred in the Dakotas, Southern Minnesota, Northwestern Iowa, the extreme northern portion of Illinois, in Minnesota and in Michigan. More of these showers and over a wider area are expected to-morrow. Their effect, however, will be temporary and warm weather is again predicted for Friday.

In the great corn belt the intense heat still continues, and there seems to be no immediate prospect of a general rain, though the fact that showers are becoming more general than for some days is encouraging to the officials here, who hope they may be the forerunner of a general break-up in the heat and drought conditions, although the forecasters will not say that this is a probability. For to-morrow showers are indicated for the region from the Dakotas eastward, and there is a possibility of showers in Nebraska, Iowa, Northern Illinois, Northern Indiana and Northern Ohio.

Light Rains in Cities.

Such rainfalls as occurred to-day and were officially reported to the Weather Bureau were none of them heavy in amount, the greatest being at Marquette, where it amounted to less than half an inch. In other sections also some rain fell, notably at Chicago, New Orleans, Salt Lake and Vicksburg. Temperatures will continue high to-morrow in the central valleys and in the Central West, and in addition to the localities already noted occasional showers are predicted in the Middle Gulf States, the Central Rocky Mountain region and the extreme Southwest.

There were also to-day some local thunderstorms in Oklahoma. The maximum temperature line of 100 degrees to-day again encircled the Upper Mississippi Valley, Lower Missouri Valley and Middle and lower Ohio valleys. St. Louis reported a temperature of 108 and St. Paul 107. Kansas City, both record-breaking.

KANSAS CITY, July 24.

For twelve consecutive hours to-day the Government thermometer here registered above 100. While the record of Monday was not touched, the day was the warmest ever experienced in Kansas City. At 11 o'clock this morning 101.5 was recorded, the highest mark ever touched so early in the day since the local weather bureau has been established. For seven hours after that the temperature ranged between 104 and 105.5. Still there is no relief in sight, either in Kansas City or any part of the Southwest. In the twenty-four hours the rain reported has been showers at Hayes, Central Kansas, last night, and at El Reno, O. T., at noon to-day. Five deaths directly attributable to the heat were reported in the two Kansas Cities to-day, with a total of over thirty prostrations. Several prostrations are also reported from the country.

Mercury in Kansas.

TOPEKA, Kans., July 24.—The heat record for Kansas was broken again to-day. This has been the regular announcement for several days past, but to-day the official record at the University of Kansas showed a temperature of 108 degrees. In Topeka the Government record gave it as 106 degrees, while good thermometers on the street registered 110 and 112 degrees. Manhattan reports 112 degrees, Emporia 112, Ottawa 110, Wichita 104 and Abilene 108. Numerous prostrations are reported, and in Abilene there were three deaths.

No rains of any consequence have fallen in the State during the day. Central Kansas was the only place having even light thunder showers. What rains fell yesterday served only to temporarily reduce the extremely high condition of the atmosphere. To-night no relief is in sight. There was some thunder early in the evening, but it looks now as if the threatened rain had passed over again, as it has done a dozen times within the past two weeks.

Everything is stifled with dust, and the people of Kansas are beginning to realize in all its fullness what a drought is. The financial part of the situation is lost sight of for the present, as the suffering of now is the extreme physical discomfort resulting from the heat, the alarming scarcity of drinking and stock water and the prospect of much sickness after the heated spell.

OMAHA, July 24.

Except in the record for July 23, 1881, which is equaled to-day with the thermometer registering 105 degrees at 4 p. m., all heat records for the past twenty-seven years are broken. Up to 4 o'clock to-day the severest prostrations had been reported officially.

POSTAL THIEF SAYS HER NAME IN LAW'S GRASP

Federal Officers Break Up a Gang of Criminals.

Successful Conclusion of a Long Chase for Box Robbers.

HELENA, Mont., July 24.—William Miller, alias E. H. Grant, supposed to be one of the most notorious postoffice box robbers in the United States, was arrested by Postoffice Inspector Salmon of Cincinnati and Deputy United States Marshal Michael Wall of Helena at Havre yesterday and brought here last night.

The Federal authorities are satisfied that they have the man they have spent months in trying to locate, and believe they have broken up one of the boldest gangs that ever operated on Government mails. Its field of operations was Cincinnati, Toledo, Cleveland and other cities east and west.

After having a large force of postoffice inspectors on the trail of the gang for a long time arrests were finally made last spring in Omaha. Two members of the gang, Prentiss Tiller and E. G. Grant, were taken into custody by officers. In Chicago they escaped, but Tiller was caught in Chicago within a few days and Grant was traced to Buffalo, where he was arrested about a month later. Tiller and E. G. Grant were sentenced for five years.

NAPLES, July 23.

Francisco Crispi, according to a bulletin issued to-day, is still in a critical condition, but there are some indications of improvement.

LOS ANGELES THE BATTLEGROUND OF GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES

Supporters of Thomas Flint Jr., Led by Former Senator Bulla, Believe Chances for Wrestling Control of Southern California From Gage Are Bright

Special Dispatch to The Call.

LOS ANGELES, July 24.—There is little doubt that former State Senator Robert N. Bulla will lead the forces of Thomas Flint Jr. against those of Governor Gage in the coming battle for supremacy south of the Tehachapi. Senator Bulla declared himself for Flint some weeks ago. Senator Flint will not say that he has selected his Southern leader. He says that he is "looking around" and is pleased with conditions as he has found them. Senator Bulla is equally non-committal, but those who are informed in things political are well aware that Flint is in the light and that Bulla is to be his prophet.

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conference with local Republicans. To-morrow he will return to the north. In the course of a short interview he had this to say: "I am not prepared to announce my candidacy. I am merely looking around and stating my things. I may say, however, that in traveling about the State, I have found affairs much more favorable to me than I had anticipated. I shall want to look over the field more thoroughly still before making any announcement and shall go north to-morrow for that purpose."

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band, who is living in Utah, and that Will Baker is young Bender.

Mrs. Ayres denies that she is Kate Bender, and declares that she will prove an alibi. She is about 50 years old. It is said that Edward L. Burton, a lawyer of Oswego, Kan., together with an old resident of Galena, who knew the Benders, are at present in Fort Collins for the purpose of making a positive identification of the persons suspected if possible.

Governor Orman is out of the city, but his private secretary says that the requisition papers mentioned in the Topeka dispatch have not yet been received.



CITIZENS SIDE WITH STRIKERS

Object to the Presence of Deputies in Port Costa.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

PORT COSTA, July 24.—The commencement of the second week of the warehousemen's strike has brought a new factor into the fight. Taxpayers of Contra Costa County held a mass-meeting last night, the object being to protest against the action of Sheriff Veal in bringing twenty-five deputies to Port Costa to protect non-union men brought in to work in the McNear warehouses. As the county is asked to defray the expenses of the Sheriff and his posse, amounting to \$175 a day, 1232 taxpayers have signed a petition protesting against payment.

The Warehousemen's Union last night issued a boycott against the Port Costa brands of flour. Circulars were sent to all unions in the State notifying them to cease patronizing the Port Costa flour mills at Vallejo.

Five hostloids of strikers sailed around to Eppinger & Co.'s warehouse at Crockett this morning and took away twenty-five barrels of flour. The strikers had been sent from McNear's warehouse to unload a barge. The Italians claimed they knew nothing of the strike and had they known, there was a strike here they would not have come. They were hired in San Francisco.

The stevedores, riggers and stationary engineers have gone out in sympathy with the warehousemen's strike. This will cause a tieup in all shipping.

Plague Victim at New York.

NEW YORK, July 24.—Dr. Doty, health officer of the port of New York, announced to-day that the illness of Babstine, the stoker on the steamer Hohenfels, who was reported to have been sent from Vallejo, has been diagnosed as bubonic plague. The Hohenfels came from Calcutta. Dr. Doty's case is a mild one. All of the crew of the steamer will be held at Swinburne Island for observation, and the vessel will be thoroughly disinfected.

Hot Weather Closes Parliament.

LONDON, July 24.—"The shade temperature in Madrid to-day was 103 degrees Fahrenheit," says a dispatch to the Daily Express from the Spanish capital. "The heat was so overpowering Monday that Parliament had to be closed hastily. In Seville, Cordova and Cadiz the shade temperature was 125 degrees."

TRUST TRYING TO BREAK STRIKE

Two Moves Are Made by Officials of American Sheet Company.

PITTSBURG, Pa., July 24.—Two moves, it is reported, were made by the aggressive officials of the American Sheet Steel Company to-day toward the breaking of the strike. One was the sapping of some of the non-union men that have been employed in the Vandergrift mills of the company to Wellsville to assist in the starting of the plant there. It was stated that the men were to be shipped to Wellsville during the early evening and would reach there after dark. As a consequence of this report there is suppressed excitement pervading Wellsville, which at any moment may break out into a serious condition. Both strikers and officials of the company are on the alert and ready for any emergency. The impression is strong to-night that the general officers of the United States Steel Corporation have become determined on the subject of an early breaking of the strike and to ultimately force the operation of all the idle plants.

Second Important Move.

The second move that is understood to have been initiated to-day is the starting of the long idle plant at the Pennsylvania American Sheet Steel Company. This plant was taken into the combination, purchased with objectionable contracts made by the former owners and has remained idle since. The long idleness of this mill has caused most of the men formerly employed there to leave Hyde Park for other places, and the company believes there would be less difficulty in starting this plant than the general Amalgamated Association has control.

It was apparent in Pittsburgh this evening that fresh and perfectly instructed developments in the strike of the steel workers were about to take place. At the Amalgamated headquarters the very leading officials of the association were absent during the greater part of the day. It was stated that President Shaffer was away on perfectly legitimate business and had nothing in hand concerning the strike. The absence of Secretary John Williams was also accounted for in the same manner. The conference, held on Tuesday night, which kept President Shaffer and Secretary Williams out until early this morning, was a very important one. None of these officials would give out any hint as to what had taken place aside from stating positively that they had not met any of the officials of the United States Steel Corporation. Whatever the object of the meeting, it is believed to have been constructive, and much of importance is expected to be developed from the conference.

Question of Injunctions.

The question of the manufacturers securing injunctions against the Amalgamated Association was discussed guardedly during the day. Assistant Secretary M. F. Tighe said he did not think the limit would be resorted to at this time. He was contemplating for a later day. There was practically no cause for such measure, and if there was he doubted if, under the conditions that exist at present, the courts would grant such orders. Farther in this case in Pennsylvania, in Ohio President Shaffer seemed to feel confident that such injunctions would not be granted. Those best acquainted with the feelings of the manufacturers say there is, in their opinion, little cause for believing that such measures will be resorted to at this time.

A few weeks ago Judge Currier denied a writ of injunction to restrain Bell from taking out ore on his claim adjoining the Reno Star on land upon which Bell held a United States patent. The decision was followed by the present suit, and in the interim Bell put up steam hoisting works and worked his claim to the limit taking out many thousands of dollars every week.

DEPARTURE OF RECENT VISITORS CAUSES THAT TIRED FEELING TO GET IN ITS DEADLY WORK

THE average San Franciscan at the present time envies the "Weary Willie" on the roadside, who wakes up in the morning refreshed, though his cot has been mother earth and his only roof the cloudless sky. He is ready for the adventures of the day and enters into them with a spirit of liveliness, especially so when through some event unforeseen by him it becomes necessary to take part in a hard race over fences with the farmer's bulldog. The average citizen just now is suffering from a bad attack of "tired feeling," entirely different from the "feeling" that comes "after meals," and which is curable, so the patent medicine ad reads, by liberal doses of somebody's renowned dyspepsia cure. He is tired and weary and longs for a rest. He yawns incessantly and lazily stretches himself as he thinks of how pleasant it would be to loll under a shade tree in the country with nothing to do but rest, rest, rest, and be as free from care as "Weary Willie."

The cause of the variegated movements now so conspicuously prominent in all circles, social, mercantile and otherwise, was the presence at one time in the city of two international affairs. One was the great Epworth League Convention, the other the annual shooting fest of the National Bund. They attracted many thousands to San Francisco, and the accommodation of the guests involved stupendous and costly preparation. The committees worked like beavers to render the stay of the visitors comfortable, and events showed that these efforts were not fruitless. The visitors had a royal time, but after it is all over everybody who has had anything to do with either affair is filled to the brim with a torrid, double-barreled, back-acting tired feeling that threatens to throw the entire community into an irredeemable state of lethargic desuetude.

The departure of the city's guests is an occasion for popular sorrow and rejoicing. Sorrow because of the sundering of social ties which the reception and entertainment of strangers necessarily created—rejoicing because in the fullness of time men become full of a good thing to the paradoxical point, and then they rejoice at the loss of that which for an interval caused them the keenest enjoyment. We are glad they came, and now we are settling back into our old accustomed grooves. The leaguers and shooters depart with the echoing cries of "bon voyage" ringing in their ears.

OLD VETERANS HANG OFFICER IN EFFIGY

Soldiers' Home Inmates Show Dislike for Their Quartermaster.

LOS ANGELES, July 24.—The peace and quiet of the Soldiers' Home near Santa Monica was disturbed to-day by a somewhat sensational occurrence, the hanging in effigy of Quartermaster J. H. Simson, one of the senior commissioned officers of the institution. A scarecrow made of old garments stuffed with straw and labeled "14 master" was "executed" some time during the night and left hanging to the cross piece of an electric light pole.

Quartermaster Simson, who has been an officer of the home about a year, ranking as major, has never been popular with the veterans. Recently the supply of olomazarine gave out and the veterans blamed Simson for it, complaining that had been negligent in not ordering a shipment in time. Another cause of action was the veterans' gallantry in espousing the cause of the quartermaster's wife in a matrimonial quarrel.

MOB ATTACKS JOCKEY BECAUSE HORSE IS BEATEN

"Cash" Sloan Has Narrow Escape From Death on a Track in Russia.

LONDON, July 24.—"Cash" Sloan, the American jockey, who has been riding in Russia, had an exciting experience at the Moscow races, where he narrowly escaped death at the hands of a furious mob. Sloan had been riding with such continuous success that his mounts were always favorites. On the occasion in question he rode a horse which had no chance of winning. The unsophisticated crowd, however, backed the American's mount as usual, and when he was beaten their indignation boiled over and a raging mob of males and females savagely attacked the jockey, who was rescued with difficulty by a military contingent and a powerful detachment of police.

ROBBED IN DAYLIGHT IN EAST PATALUMA

Intoxicated Farm Employee Temporarily Relieved of a Roll of Bills.

PATALUMA, July 24.—Dominico Corso, a Swiss dairyman, was the victim of a bold daylight robbery on Hopper street, East Pataluma, this afternoon. P. Martinelli, a fellow countryman, relieving him of \$500. Corso had been employed on the P. Sartori ranch at Reclamation for several years. This morning he quit work and drew the money that had accumulated in wages, about \$1400. Then he started on a good time and a good one, helplessly intoxicated. In the course of his wanderings Corso met Martinelli, who learned of the size of his pocketbook, and it was an easy matter to knock Corso down and take part of the money.

Corso soon recovered and notified the police. Officer Myers located Martinelli in a lumber yard, where he was counting the stolen money. He is now in the City Jail.

Corso claims there was \$500 in the packet taken, but Martinelli had only \$400 when arrested. Martinelli was formerly a deputy sheriff of Phoenix, Ariz., and has been here but a short time.

GEORGE AGNEW PROMPTLY ACQUITTED BY A JURY

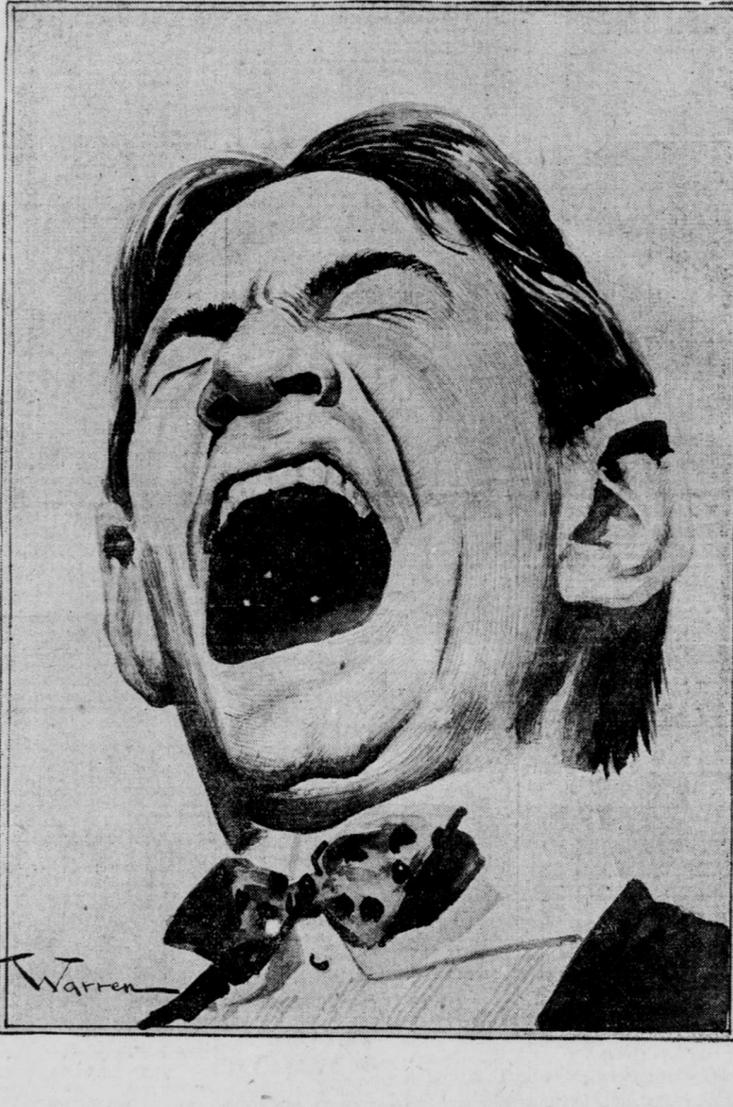
Fish Commission Fails to Prove Him Guilty of Violating the State Laws.

DECIDES IMPORTANT POINT IN MINING LAW

Locator of a Lode May Follow Its Dip Under Adjacent Patented Land.

VISIT STOCKTON

Special excursion via Santa Fe Saturday, July 27th. Rate \$2.00 for the round trip. Tickets good returning Sunday or Monday. Trains leave from P. M. depot, foot of Market st., 7:30 a. m., 1:30 p. m. and 8 p. m.



"Played Out"

Is one of the curious expressions used for worked out. Many a woman drops into a chair, in utter weariness "all played out," and wonders why she feels so weak. She has not yet realized that the general health is so intimately related to the local health of the womanly organism, that weakness must follow womanly dis-eases.

Restoration of the general health invariably follows the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It regulates the periods, dries weakening drains, heals inflammation and ulceration, and cures female weakness. It tranquilizes the nerves, encourages the appetite and induces refreshing sleep. There is no substitute for "Favorite Prescription" for there is nothing "just as good" for womanly ills.