

ESKIMOS FLEE FROM PLAGUE. Missionaries Send Harrowing Appeal for Assistance.

Disease Destroys Half of Alaska's Native Population.

Special Dispatch to The Call. SAN JOSE, Feb. 22.—Rev. J. S. Suchel, in charge of the Holy Cross Mission in Alaska, has made an appeal for aid for the plague stricken and destitute Eskimos, who were great sufferers from the plague that swept over northern Alaska last year. The letter, which was addressed to Father Kenna of Santa Clara, and which was more than four months on its way, is as follows: Holy Cross Mission, Kootenay Postoffice, Anaconda, October 3, 1901. Rev. R. E. Kenna, S. J.—Rev. and Dear Father in Christ: The Alaska Mission of the Yukon finds itself in sore need of help, owing to a devastating plague, which has raged long and hard among the Eskimos, and which in a short time carried off one-half of the population. It would be impossible to describe the tale of horror witnessed by the missionaries during the plague. Suffice it to say that the well-to-do fled from shelter from food and from home, abandoning the sick to their fate, amidst the unburied remains of the dead and exposing themselves to the danger of ending their own lives. The missionaries exerted themselves to the utmost in nursing the sick, in burying the dead, and in distributing with unflinching hand every means at command, leaving the mission in a desolate and wretched condition, struggling to keep on with its work and its schools. We cannot think of abandoning the field or of sending the orphan wards whom the fearful plague left upon our hands, but we shall continue the work begun in confidence in God's providence and trusting in the efficacy of this appeal to your generosity. Hoping you will contribute something and pray for the conversion of these natives, I am sincerely yours in Sacred Heart of Jesus, REV. J. S. SUCHEL, S. J.

CHECKS SMALLPOX PLAGUE. Dr. Mary Chisholm's Good Work Among the Hoonahs.

TACOMA, Feb. 21.—Dr. Mary Chisholm has just returned to Juneau from Hoonah, where she went at the request of Governor Brady to stamp out smallpox, which has been epidemic there for a number of months. She attended nine cases of virulent smallpox and vaccinated nearly 150 members of the Hoonahs. She has also seen deaths while she was there. Under her direction every house in Hoonah was scrubbed and thoroughly disinfected. She and the Hoonah Indians are very clean, and have well-arranged houses and are well advanced in matters of civilization. This she attributes to the small number of deaths occurring since the tribe contracted smallpox from the Sitka Indians early last summer. She was bravely assisted in her work by Rev. John Carie, a missionary who is devoting his life to the betterment of the Hoonah and surrounding tribes.

On the Sunday before Dr. Chisholm left the Indians celebrated their escape from the epidemic with a tribal ceremony, which included the marriage of five couples and the baptism of six other couples.

Ohio Criminals Captured. ELKO, Nev., Feb. 21.—William Shanks, who was indicted by the Grand Jury at Cadiz, Ohio some time ago on a charge of grand larceny and escaped from jail, was captured five miles west of here, near Fallsdale, yesterday by Constable McCoy and lodged in the Elko jail. Last night he, with another prisoner, attempted to escape, but their plans were frustrated by a "trusty," who informed the jailer, Shanks admits he is the man wanted and Sheriff Carvin of Cadiz is now on his way hither to take him back to Ohio. He has already served one term in the Ohio penitentiary.

Clarence Eddy Visits Stanford. STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Feb. 21.—Clarence Eddy, conceded to be America's leading organist, visited the university today and during the noon hour played on the large pipe organ in the memorial church. Mr. Eddy expressed himself as particularly well pleased with the instrument, and may return to give a recital at Mrs. Jordan's request on March 10. He left this afternoon for Los Angeles.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Hunter Baltimore Key. The American Gentleman's Whiskey. The First Sought and The First Bought. For Stomach Disorders, Cough and Dyspepsia DRINK VICHY CELESTINS. Best NATURAL Alkaline Water.

RAILROAD ENGINEER ACCUSED OF FELONY. S. Basset Arrives From Guatemala With a Pretty Young Girl Whom He Claims as His Lawful Wife, and Both Are Arrested.



S. BASSET AND THE GIRL AGOSTINA MORALES.

SHIPBOARD gossip caused the arrest yesterday of S. Basset, a railroad engineer, 46 years of age, on the very serious charge of importing a woman into the United States for immoral purposes. Basset arrived here last Monday from San Jose de Guatemala on the steamer Luxor. He came with a young woman, whom he introduced as his wife, she being a Guatemalan of prepossessing appearance and unable to speak a word of English. On the Luxor she was informed an employe in the customs surveyor's department that Basset had said that he had paid \$100 for the young woman. The incident was reported to the Immigration Bureau by Deputy Surveyor St. John, and Immigration Commissioner North went before the United States District Attorney and made complaint for Basset's arrest. Deputy United States Marshal de Lencle brought the couple to the United States Marshal's office and they were afterward removed to the City Prison. Basset was indignant because of his arrest. He declared that he married the girl in Guatemala three months ago, a padre performing the ceremony, and that he returned to visit his children, who he deceased wife, they being in an orphan's home in Oakland. He denied having made the statement attributed to him and claimed that the charges had been inspired probably by one of the officers of the steamer, who had attempted, he said, to force him one night into the company's stateroom. Three years ago Basset was sent to Guatemala by the Southern Pacific Company to repair some engines and after he had completed his contract he remained in the country. The girl, who is named Agostina Morales, is a carpenter and they have known me for years, he added. The girl stated in a report in an interview that she was a native of Guatemala, 16 years of age, that her maiden name was Agostina Morales.

INSURANCE EMPLOYEES DINED BY MANAGER. Attaches of New York Life Company Are Guests of Ernest R. Smith.

The banquet given by Ernest R. Smith, agency manager of the New York Life Insurance Company, to the employees of Golden Gate branch of that company in this city in the conservatory at the Palace Hotel last night was a most enjoyable affair to all present. Covers for forty were laid. A rich menu was discussed and throughout the dinner music was furnished by the Fachutar mandolin orchestra. Manager Smith served creditably as toastmaster. Arrived responded to the toast, "Our Honored President, John A. McCall," and E. Frost spoke of "The Father of Our Branch Office, E. E. Keenan, George W. Perkins." Miss Zillah E. Smith recited in good style, "King Volmer and Elsie," and B. F. Ledford spoke of "The Only Real Fraternal Organization." Other speakers were: C. F. Kamman, L. W. McGlaulin, Dr. W. E. Smith, C. Cajal and C. W. Riffe. Those present were: Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. McGlaulin, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hrough, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Cajal, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Galsdale, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Frost, Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Keenan, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Keenan, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Ledford, Mr. and Mrs. F. Kamman, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Sunderland, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Stinson, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. E. Ward, Miss Zillah E. Smith, Mrs. A. J. Mills, Miss May Wyckoff, A. Arnold, Miss Evelyn Froje, George W. Smith, J. B. Adams, J. N. Power and Miss Thompson.

Charged With Larceny. John Keenan was arrested last night by Detectives Regan and O'Connell and charged at the Southern station with grand larceny. About a week ago two valuable lifting jacks were stolen from a foundry at the Potrero. The officers located them in Curtin's junk store at 115 Market street, and last night they arrested him.

Architectural Club Lectures. Henry A. Schulte lectured before the Architectural Club at 14 McAllister street last night on "General Office Practice." The lecture was the first of a series that will be given to the club members by architects and senior draughtsmen and scientific men.

To Preach on Unbelief. Rev. M. P. Smith, C. S. P., will preach the second of his series of Lenten sermons at St. Mary's (Paulist) Church at the 11 o'clock mass to-morrow. His remarks will be based on the subject "Unbelief."

Mobile Company in Trouble. SAN JOSE, Feb. 21.—The California Mobile Company, which recently organized here and promised to revolutionize suburban travel, has come to grief and suspended operations, temporarily at least. Orlando Stevens and Colonel Cotton of Oakland were the promoters of the company and they procured a dozen large automobiles from the East. R. C. Kirkwood, a capitalist, has come to grief and advanced \$12,000 and \$15,000, it being understood that other moneyed men were ready to invest in the enterprise. No more money was obtained, however, and a crisis in the affairs of the company occurred this week. It is said that Kirkwood, who is the only one who advanced money, refused to allow the machines to be used until more stock was sold. Now the machines are in the hands of the bank, worth about \$14,000, and stored there away in a stable on South Second street, where the smaller machines have been shipped to Oakland.

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SPENCER COMMENCES HIS CLOSING ARGUMENT FOR DEFENSE. Alturas Lynching Case Will Not Go to the Jury Until Next Week.

Special Dispatch to The Call. ALTURAS, Feb. 21.—Judge E. V. Spencer commenced the closing argument for the defense in the Lookout lynching case to-night. Spencer characterized the case before the court as the most remarkable trial that had ever taken place in this country. His opening remarks were confined to a discussion of the American jury system, expressing his great appreciation of the system which so safeguarded life and human liberty. He spoke of the responsibilities of jurors, of the regrets in after life of the jurors who neglect to do his duty, and expressed the hope that none of those sitting in the case of the People vs. James W. Brown would have anything on their consciences after the verdict was rendered. Spencer discussed the indictment under which Brown was held for the murder of Martin Wilson and claimed that it was not a proper one, because John Hutton and George Morrison had been indicted for the murder of Martin Wilson. Said he: "Those men are the only guilty men we have found during the nine months elapsed since the crime. Before the closing argument I will show there was not one iota of evidence against Brown. We will show you he did not have anything to do with the murder of Martin Wilson. I shall even show you that the American jury system is the only one to do with that murder. The prosecution made these men its witnesses, and by their testimony has accused this defendant of the crime he is accused of." Spencer had not concluded when to-morrow morning a court adjourned until Monday morning.

Boyd's Closing Argument. District Attorney James W. Boyd of Lassen County, one of the counsel for the prosecution, commenced his closing argument this morning. Before taking up the discussion of the evidence Boyd addressed himself to the jury in part as follows:

Any errors in law that may have been made here will be rectified by the Supreme Court of this State. Notwithstanding the odium heaped upon the prosecution and the accusation that we are head-hunters, we do not ask you to deprive this man of a single right. He stands before you an American citizen, and he is to be judged by his peers, and it is against the grain of any American citizen to take advantage of a man simply because he is accused of a crime—and we claim to be American citizens. Answering the queries of the counsel for the defense conducted by the judge, I will say I have a license from the Supreme Court of the State of California, which is the highest of this State. I have no apology to make as to my being here. Whether I am here at a pleasure or not, I do not know. I am here through with my argument. I want the blood of no man upon my soul. All you have to do is judge the evidence before the light of the law. I have no objection to your acquitting 'Jim' Brown.

Plotted Before the Arrests. The prosecution in this case asserts that no matter whether the processes for the arrest of the girl claimed she went to the hotel on good grounds or bad, the manner in which those processes were executed showed a malignant heart and showed from the first that the purpose was to destroy those people. They had them hanging in their hearts on the 25th of May, when they made the arrest, and they put the strap around the neck of Martin Wilson and the neck of Agostina Morales. They abiding citizens do not take a 18-year-old boy and put a strap around his neck and say that he is a murderer. They do not take a girl, such as this defendant now demands.

There is no evidence before you as to infidelity on the part of the girl, who is claimed by Mr. Harris and Mr. Raker. If those men had any evidence of infidelity or infamous and damnable thieves for so many years, why did not Mr. Raker, when he was District Attorney, call upon her mother? Previous to discussing the testimony of witnesses in the case Boyd asserted emphatically that during his argument he would not discuss the character of the girl. In many instances, to the disadvantage of witnesses, Boyd claimed that both Basset and the girl were in the same room at the time of the lynching. He said that he had more the jury in this case; that in reading the testimony they cut out material and heart and showed from the first that the purpose was to destroy those people. They had them hanging in their hearts on the 25th of May, when they made the arrest, and they put the strap around the neck of Martin Wilson and the neck of Agostina Morales. They abiding citizens do not take a 18-year-old boy and put a strap around his neck and say that he is a murderer. They do not take a girl, such as this defendant now demands.

Much Contradictory Testimony. Boyd analyzed the evidence of many of the principal witnesses, and pointed out the many contradictions and many discrepancies in their testimony. He pointed out that Richard Nichols, Samuel Parks and Isom Eades with that of other witnesses for the defense, apparently disproving the testimony of the prosecution. He pointed out that the testimony of Judge Myers was reviewed, and Boyd declared that the official transcript of the proceedings of the lynching almost a week before the crime was consummated. "Jim" Brown's statements to Myron Ayles and Charles Lambert made the night of the lynching were placed by her son, Edward Piercy, which she allows no one to visit her. Judge Hyland will hear the case on February 28, to Irving Carpenter, as testified to by Carpenter. Speaking of Brown's statement that he had been a secretary for that night of the lynching and lighted a cigar, Boyd brought his argument to a close by urging appeal to the jury to do its duty.

gentlemen, the match "Jim" Brown struck on that porch the night of the lynching lit a poor little candle which was blown out by a breeze, and lighted "Jim" Brown's torch on his way to the gallows. It is a sad thing to see a man who has been a secretary of his life, or may be his liberty. But it is not a matter of remaining quiet and doing nothing. We are here to return a verdict according to the evidence. We are here to do nothing unfair to this defendant, not to deprive him of any right, and we are here to do nothing that will abide by the evidence and follow the instructions which will be given to you by the court.

To-Day's News Letter. The San Francisco News Letter has gotten out a rarely good number this week. As it is published on a Washington day, it contains a humorous satirical poem addressed to the ghost of Washington. W. O. McGeehan has an excellent and interesting article on "The Alimony Adviser," by V. Shaw, is a humorous story of a rich man who was too lazy to choose his meals and had a secretary for that purpose. "Human Fallings" is a gentle lampoon on some of mankind's follies. The News letter on the other hand, is a right against Chinese exclusion. The Town Clerk department fairly sizzles, and the Lookout is no longer and better than usual. Every department is ably handled.

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EGYPTIAN DEITIES CIGARETTES. is the "blend" of the Turkish tobaccos of which they are made! Each kind of tobacco contributes something individual and separately characteristic to the perfect harmony of this blend. Most Turkish cigarettes sold in America are made of tobaccos bought here in the open market. Every ounce of the fourteen different kinds of tobacco that are used in making DEITIES is selected by our resident buyers in TURKEY and "no better" selection for quality is possible. For this reason "No better TURKISH cigarette can be made." EGYPTIAN EMBLEMS Amargyres are the same as DEITIES but with cork tips. This signature is on every box.

PIERCY FAMILY FEUD IS ONCE MORE IN THE COURTS. Piercy Family Feud Is Once More in the Courts.

Special Dispatch to The Call. SAN JOSE, Feb. 21.—The trouble in the Piercy family has taken a new phase, and the love feast which had been arranged has turned into another feud. To-day Andrew J. Piercy filed a petition in the Superior Court asking that he be appointed guardian of the person and estate of his mother, Mary Piercy. The petitioner asserts that his mother is 86 years of age and is feeble of mind and body and unable to care for her person; that she is mentally incompetent to manage and care for her property and estate. He says Mrs. Piercy is possessed of property in San Francisco which produces an income of \$200 a month, real estate in this county which yields a revenue of \$500 a year and money unaccounted for in the hands of Ed Piercy, a son, which amounts to many thousands of dollars. The total value of Mrs. Piercy's estate is placed at \$100,000.

Andrew Piercy declares his mother is now confined to her bed in the Stanford lodging-house, which produces an income of \$100 a month, and that she is unable to care for her person, and that she allows no one to visit her. Judge Hyland will hear the case on February 28, to Irving Carpenter, as testified to by Carpenter. Speaking of Brown's statement that he had been a secretary for that night of the lynching and lighted a cigar, Boyd brought his argument to a close by urging appeal to the jury to do its duty.

JUDGE JOSEPH H. BUDD'S ILLNESS BECOMES CRITICAL. Aged Jurist Gradually Yielding to a General Breaking Down of the System.

STOCKTON, Feb. 21.—Judge Joseph H. Budd is critically ill and his friends and family fear that he will never again ascend the bench. The judge is far advanced in the seventies and his ailments are more due to a general breaking down of the system than to any specific cause. His mind is clear and bright and in spite of his weakened condition he has kept in touch with the affairs of his department. He is virtually sustained by his wonderful will power. Judge Budd was quite low yesterday, and though he rallied some to-day, the worst is feared. Twice during the last two months he went in a hack to his court and while his mind was as keen as ever his weakened physical condition caused him to return home. The judge fully realizes his position and views its possibly fatal termination with complacency.

White Missionary Barely Escapes Murder at the Hands of a Native. VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 21.—From the islands of the south seas the Mowat day brought news of further intertribal fights between the blacks. The steamer Mambare, which arrived at Sydney from an island cruise, reported that while she was at Santo a fight occurred there. A party of head hunters stole into the village of the home tribes at night and slaughtered a number of natives, carrying away the heads, as is the custom, in revenge for this attack a march was made by the villagers through the bush to the village from which the first expedition came and seven men were killed and eaten. The Mambare reported that Mr. Anderson, assistant to Dr. McKenzie, the missionary at Santo, was attacked while visiting a native village and had a narrow escape. He was without a few yards of one of the huts when a native stepped out and pointed a gun at him. The native pulled the trigger, but the cap was damp and the gun missed fire. Mr. Anderson took to his heels and escaped.

REPORT FALSE SAY ACCUSERS GOES TO SAN QUENTIN FOR FIVE YEARS FOR KILLING GRIFFIN. Report False Say Accusers Goes to San Quentin for Five Years for Killing Griffin.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 21.—A third warrant was issued to-day for Frank C. Andrews, vice president of the City Savings Bank, which is in the hands of a receiver, on a complaint charging him, together with another officer of the bank, for whom a warrant was also issued, with making a false report on the bank's condition. Andrews was arraigned in the Police Court and his counsel asked that he be released under this charge on his personal recognizance, in view of the fact that the ball on the two former complaints against him totals \$25,000 and is ample. Judge Whelan declined to grant the request and fixed the bail at \$50,000. This was not furnished. Andrews' examination was set for February 28, the date of his examination on the other two complaints. The complaint made to-day alleges falsification of the report which was supposed to show the condition of the bank at the close of business on February 1, 1901. The complaint charges that the loans and discounts in the alleged falsified reports were \$23,000, whereas the true amount was \$23,325. The report stated that the overdrafts the report stated that the amount to \$138 85, whereas the books show, according to the complaint, that the overdrafts were \$138 85. The complaint recites that the report set forth that there was \$30,850 74 in bank deposits in the bank, whereas the true amount was \$23,325 85. The report states that there was in other banks \$35,750 67, when the complaint states, there was but \$13,750 67. The report states that in exchange for clearing-house there was \$37,500 00, and of checks, cash items, interest and revenue account there was \$28,222 50, whereas the complaint declares the true amount for these two items should have been \$32,368 74.

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Mining Men Believe the Deposit to Be the Largest in the World. TACOMA, Feb. 21.—J. J. Davis and other mining men have uncovered a deposit of crude arsenic in the Cascade Mountains, which is believed to be the world's largest of its kind. The ledge is fifty-six feet thick and has been stripped for 700 feet. The deposit is believed to extend further. The ledge is on Mineral Creek, fifty miles southeast of Tacoma. Local mining men assert that no such body of arsenic ore has ever before been discovered in any part of the world. Davis, who has been investigating the property, believes that the arsenic is a water deposit, forced up between the rocks during past ages by immense pressure from Mount Tacoma, when that mountain was an active volcano. For many years the world's supply of arsenic has come from Cornwall, England, where arsenic is found mixed with tin and copper. During six years the supply there has lessened and values have risen.