

PLACER MINING WITHOUT WATER

Invention of Edison Is Declared to Be Successful.

Opens Vast Possibilities to Gold Seekers in Arid Districts.

ORANGE, N. J., April 28.—Tracts of land in the western and southwestern parts of the United States containing valuable deposits of gold are to be opened as a result of the latest invention of Thomas A. Edison, who has perfected a device for separating gold from placer gravel without the use of water.

NEW YORK MERCHANT IS SHOT THREE TIMES

Wounded Man Says That He Is Unable to Account for Murder.

NEW YORK, April 28.—Leopold Wertheimer, a wealthy merchant, was shot three times at his home in West One Hundred and Fifteenth street early today.

The police have arrested Joseph Simpson, 30 years old, of East One Hundred and Twenty-first street, and charged him with the shooting.

The injured man is 32 years of age and a member of the firm of Aaron & Wertheimer, dry goods merchants, who recently were burned out at their place of business in Third avenue.

The motive for the shooting is a mystery, both to the police and the Wertheimer family. Simpson, who was very cool when arrested, refused to make any statement.

Since the shooting occurred in the hallway of the house, after which Simpson walked away and later was arrested, all Simpson would say was that Wertheimer owed him money for something he had done and refused to pay him.

Wertheimer denied this, but said Simpson had demanded money from him as a brother Mason.

GOVERNOR OF WYOMING DIES OF KIDNEY TROUBLE

DeForrest Richards Passes Away at His Home in Cheyenne After a Short Illness.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., April 28.—Governor DeForrest Richards died at his home in this city at 5 o'clock to-day of acute kidney disease.

Governor Richards was born at Charleston, N. H., August 6, 1846. His father was a Congregational minister. After finishing his schooling at Phillips Andover Academy he went to Alabama and engaged in cotton raising.

He was elected Mayor of the town, then State Senator and in 1898 was elected Governor on the Republican ticket, succeeding himself in 1902. The Governor's chair now falls to Fenimore Chatterton, Secretary of State, as there is no Lieutenant Governor in Wyoming.

The funeral of Governor Richards will be held probably on Friday, under the auspices of the Masons, of which he was past grand master.

COMMERCIAL WEAPONS PREPARE FOR BATTLE

Strenuous Opposition to Hill's Scheme Is Manifested.

Harriman Thinks Transport Service Will Remain at This Port.

Pacific Mail Company Is Expected to Send List of Bids to the War Department.

James J. Hill, the railroad magnate, will soon learn that his plans for quietly removing the army transport business to Puget Sound are not running along very smoothly.

E. H. Harriman, his old adversary, has taken a hand in the game and will make himself a potent factor in the settlement of the question.

When the smoke of battle has all cleared away the commercial men expect to find Seattle still the tail of the San Francisco kite.

The exclusive publication of the news of Hill's latest move in yesterday's Call has stirred these interested to action and this city's business men are not going to let the grass grow under their feet in the pursuit of the rich transport prize.

It is now fully realized that freight to the Philippines can be shipped more cheaply from Seattle than from San Francisco. It is known that Hill is willing to sacrifice a great deal of money in order to carry his point.

His last bid for the transportation of men and supplies was exceedingly low and he will undoubtedly offer a cheaper rate this time. He is thought to be very close to Secretary of War Root and has an advantage over the commercial men of this city in that respect.

Harriman, however, assured a Call representative yesterday that the transport business is all right so far as San Francisco is concerned, and he ought to know. Several conferences among the members of the commercial bodies were held yesterday.

Investigation was made as to the probable rates that local steamship lines might be able to offer in a pinch. It was discovered that with the new boats of the Pacific Mail the carrying capacity to the Orient from this port will be increased enough to permit of the offering of a considerable part of the Government business.

George Newhall, president of the Chamber of Commerce, stated yesterday that he expected to confer with Harriman to-day. Vice-president and General Manager Schermer of the Pacific Mail will return to the city within a few days and he too will be visited by representatives of the commercial interests.

Both he and Harriman promised last December that they would do all in their power to retain the transport service at this port.

FAVORS PRIVATE LINES. In accordance with laws passed at the last session of Congress Secretary Root cannot dispose of the army transports without the consent of Congress.

He has openly advocated the disposal of the Government boats, however, and the adoption of the system of transportation now in practice between the Eastern States and Cuba and Porto Rico.

His supposed purpose in calling for bids at this time is to give an opportunity to transfer a good part of the business to private parties in order that Congress may learn how cheaply it may be done his way. In reference to the cost of the maintenance of the present transport system, Major Devol said yesterday:

Each sailing of a transport, all expenses included, costs something less than \$70,000. We carry on an average more than 100 men every trip. I think the business is being conducted more cheaply than could be done by contract with a private line. We do not see why it should cost the Government more to run a line of boats than it does private parties. We are beating Hill's former bid right along. We are beating Hill's former bid right along. We are beating Hill's former bid right along.

They can beat us on freight in the north, to be sure, but at present we can average better on the entire traffic. If Hill can cut his first bid in two, he will beat anything we can do here. I should think that the commercial men of this city ought to do something toward having a reasonable bid presented by local lines. We have cut down expenses as much as possible and we are getting along very economically.

President Harriman of the Southern

STREET CHARGES FISCHER OF RIVERSIDE FORMALLY ACCUSED OF CRIME

Officers Seek Details of the Prisoner's Eastern Record.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. RIVERSIDE, April 28.—F. C. Fischer has been formally charged with the murder of his wife, Clara Fischer. The complaint reads in part that Fischer on April 23 "did willfully, unlawfully and feloniously and with malice aforethought kill and murder one Clara Fischer, a human being."

Fischer stood immovable as a stone while the somewhat lengthy complaint was read to him. When it was over he thought a few moments and all he said was: "Well, I'm here."

Fischer will have his preliminary hearing before Justice Stephenson some day this week. There is little doubt but he will be held for trial in the Superior Court on a charge of murder. He apparently takes little interest in the proceedings.

"I suppose the court will appoint some one to defend me," he said yesterday to the Sheriff, and that is as far as he has gone in the matter of an attorney. During the past two days he has eaten but little. He says he is in pain and that he does not feel well. The officers are looking up his Eastern record.

Steamship Agents Heavily Fined. HONOLULU, April 22.—In the United States District Court yesterday a verdict of guilty was returned against H. Hackel & Company, agents for the Pacific Mail, Occidental and Oriental and Toyo Kisen Kaisha steamship companies, charged with allowing twelve Japanese immigrants who had been rejected and ordered deported to escape. The Japanese got away from Quarantine Island and fled through the sewer. The minimum penalty in the twelve cases is more than \$15,000, and appeals will be taken.

Archbishop Condemns Labor Leaders. ST. JOHN, N. B., April 28.—In a pastoral letter the Most Rev. Paul Bruchesi, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Montreal, condemns labor leaders and organizers and advises the laboring classes to pay no heed to strike agitators, but look for arbitration on just and reasonable demands.

Pacific was interviewed yesterday in reference to the retention of the transport service at this port. If he is asked about the matter he discloses all traces of fear when discussing the subject publicly. When asked if he thought that the commerce of the port of San Francisco was menaced by being outbid by the Hill combine he said: "I do not think so."

"There is no need to worry about the transport business; we will come out all right. After this strictly characteristic speech he refused to discuss the subject further.

From a railroad standpoint the matter is strictly in the hands of William Sproule, freight traffic director of the company. He has received from the quartermaster's department of the army the specifications for the bids to be tendered today that as yet he had not compiled any figures, but that he would take the matter up at once.

In railroad circles it is generally conceded that E. H. Harriman is a stronger man in Washington than Hill and that when the actual battle is commenced the first named will win out. As a strong politician and lobbyist Harriman is credited with having few equals in this country.

Mr. Harriman has entered into and appointed J. C. Stubbs traffic director of the great system of roads. Stubbs, with the exception of Paul Morton of the Santa Fe, is considered the foremost traffic man of American roads. He has never lost a fight that he has entered into and his representatives at all transcontinental trade meetings usually close up the business on the docket with a little the best of the bargain. In this case he is already fully conversant with the situation.

SAN FRANCISCO MUST WIN. In discussing the matter yesterday a prominent railroad official said: "I have no fear of the result. The whole question will be settled in Washington and the people of San Francisco can rest assured that Mr. Harriman will use every effort to win this city at heart, will use every effort to win the present transport business at this port."

As The Call mentioned yesterday morning, one of the great freight steamships that Hill has caused to be constructed at Groton, Conn., opposite New London on the Thames, is off the ways and is one argument for active defense of this port by the merchants and manufacturers.

But there were other reasons that have not heretofore been mentioned in public, which are in the nature of spurs to local enterprise in the possible emergency that may shortly arise and indeed is in sight already.

This does not count in the second huge steamship capable of carrying a vast amount of freights from the Pacific coast to the Orient and Philippines, but the second steamship must be counted on as a factor in making it possible for Hill to meet the Government's freights and soldiers across the Pacific. Regarding the situation a prominent wholesaler said yesterday:

It is this condition of facts that the people must consider. Hill is just as strong on the coast as he is in the East. He knows the railroads that he controls the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific, as he will be on the coast when his steamships are actually on the coast and ready to begin their strong competition with the transcontinental lines and steamship companies that are centered at this port. The northern lines are not only strong in themselves, but also in the peculiarly important connection with their geographical situation and the peculiar products of the northern soil.

NORTHERN HAY IS BETTER. It has been much debated that the northern hay is preferred by the Government. The northern hay grows wheat and barley hay, but is not a large product of the States known as timothy or grass hay. There is no question that the army officers, for some reason, least strong, is timothy or grass hay imported from abroad. Now the Northwest grows this variety of fodder in abundance. The bearing of this to the transport question is that it affords a great bulk to fill up the steamships that may be run from the north.

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THE EMPORIUM. THE SPECIAL DEMONSTRATION NEMO "SELF-REDUCING" CORSETS ENDS SATURDAY NIGHT. Big Special Sales Overcollars and Silk Remnants on Thursday. 75c Headrests, 49c. Our large transactions make our little prices. 5 O'clock Teas, 77c. A good sized brass Tea Kettle, with asbestos packed alcohol lamp (whole outfit stands 10 inches high) convenient and economical for heating water for tea, shaving, or in the sick room, worth regularly \$1.25, to-day only 77c.

A Wash Goods Demonstration To-day. Thousands upon thousands of yards of desirable new wash materials in the height of their season (the heavy buying has just begun) are offered to-day in the main a/c and in the wash goods section at these unmatchable special sale prices. Fine Madras—Almost a yard wide, in stripes and solid colors, the most useful of materials for waists, negligee blouses and cutting purposes, each sack of the 15c and 20c kinds, to-day only 10c Yard. Bedford Cords—These much-in-demand heavy skirts and waists, in many dainty striped effects, all of them this season's printings, made to sell at 20c, to-day only 10c Yard. Printed Batistes—Open-work fancy weaves, fine textures, all new patterns, per yard 15c. India Linon—A small lot of 12 1/2 yards, made for a manufacturer of fine waists, in a specialty width (42 in.), bought by us from the mill much underpriced, on sale to-day only 12c Yard. Fancy White Goods—In a choice reverse open-work weave, several styles of these very pretty and desirable waisting materials that never sell less than 20c, to-day only 14c Yard. Good Cheviots—A lot of 50 pieces, dark patterns for Boys' Blouses, Aprons, Wrappers; a 10c value; until sold, yard... 7 1/2c.

Sale Silk Suits. Wool Dress Skirts, Etc. One-quarter less than our regular low prices for a line of beautiful Silk Dresses, produced by three of the most exclusive makers of women's gowns in America. The illustration shows one style—there are many others in the lot. Splendid Novelty Silks, made and finished in the best possible manner—in many of them sample productions upon which every care possible has been bestowed. There are browns, greens, gray and black dresses in solid colors and changeable effects. If we have the dress that suits you it will cost you not but little more than half what others ask for similar costumes. \$70.00 Dresses... \$32.50. \$50.00 Dresses... \$25.00. \$60.00 Dresses... \$30.00. \$75.00 Dresses... \$37.50. \$45.00 Dresses... \$22.50. \$65.00 Dresses... \$32.50. \$80.00 Dresses... \$40.00. \$4.45 Dress Skirts \$4.45—Many short lots in all-wool cheviot, broad-cloth and vicuna, in brown only; some just plain tailor stitched, others neatly trimmed with taffeta, pearl de sole or moire bands; some of them are lined; all are full 7-gore flare skirts, and have been sold during the season at \$7.45; to-day and Thursday only, special sale price... \$4.45. \$4.95 Dress Skirts \$3.45—Made of excellent gray chevrons or hosiery; pretty summer skirts, most unlined, some plain, some neatly trimmed with taffeta bands—skirts that have sold during the season at \$4.45 and \$4.95, priced for the special sale Wednesday and Thursday... \$3.45. Owing to deep cut in prices any alterations will be extra. Novelty Four-ard Dresses \$18.50—In dark and medium blues, black or white grounds, in dainty polka dot or fancy mottled effects. They are beautifully shirred, tucked or finished with fancy fagotto stitching; one of the prettiest dresses produced for summer wear... \$18.50. Pongee Silk Box Coats—Daintily new; has box pleat down back and small cape, daintily trimmed with 3 rows of Mexican stitching. This ultra-stylish garment has a full shirt waist edge, elaborately pleated and steepled; all at the unmatchable low price \$12.50. SECOND FLOOR.

\$5 Trimmed Hats Biggest of Values. Bureau Scarfs The 85c kind, 52c. 50 dozen handsome Swiss Bureau Scarfs, in three of the newest patterns, finished with pretty linings in red, yellow, pink, blue or green, worth 85c each, are offered for Wednesday only... 52c. Liquors to-day. Whiskey—Cutter's, A 1, to-day, bottle 78c. Whiskey—Old Globe, to-day, gallon \$2.05. Wines—Angelica, Muscat or Tokay, all choice old sweet wines, to-day, gallon \$1.05. Gin—Genuine Red Cross, to-day, bottle 83c. Tonic—Pabst Best Tonic Malt, to-day, per dozen \$2.25. Brandy—Good quality, to-day, bottle 65c. Claret—Choice table wine, gal on 40c. (5 gal on lots above Claret, \$1.85). Whiskey—Old Kentucky, distilled by Nel-on Distillery Co., gallon... \$3.00. Port or Cherry—7 years old, gallon \$1.00. Writing Paper 15c & 25c kind, 10c. 5,000 boxes of Writing Paper and Envelopes, both linen and satin finish, in white, blue, violet and all leading colors, regular 15c and 25c values, to-day only, box of 24 sheets with 25 envelopes for... 10c. Important Sale Tea Gowns. High Grade Cashmere Tea Gowns and Wrappers, at from one-half to one-third off the prices we always ask for this grade of goods. Some simply made, others elaborately designed and trimmed, big assortment of colors—\$4.95 to \$25.50 Wrappers, now \$3.30 to \$15.67. \$12.00 to \$35.00 Wrappers, now \$6.00 to \$17.50. SECOND FLOOR.

Wilton Velvet Carpets 98c--Royal Wilton Velvets \$1.37. 10 Recruit Cigars for 25c = 50 for \$1.25 = 100 for \$2.50 = Sale all the Week.

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nothing at all, and a multitude of cars that are coming back empty to the Northwest. Mr. Harriman, who has the freight and the situation is described.

These cars that are "empties" on the Atlantic coast, with seats for their destination, will not be hauled back empty to any marked degree if Hill can help it. The rates that he may use to make it to get the business to insure profit in moving the cars westward, as well as eastward, will not be advertised in large type through the glare of a brass ad, but they will be made by the astute Hill to meet the situation.

As an object-lesson of what Hill is actually doing at this time, and as indicative of his intentions and general plan of operations, the Duluth may be quoted. Eastern milled flour is brought by Hill across from the points named to Seattle at \$4 per ton. The rate across the Pacific is a half greater than that. Millers on the coast of the Northwest are in a great state of mind over the Hill rates.

Some mills are preparing to shut down. The output of others has been curtailed and will be further curtailed, but still Hill persists and gets the freight. The inference is plain that he will make steamship rates to get business as he does rail rates. Therefore, considering all things, the interest that the local merchants and manufacturers are now manifesting in the transport question is not only a matter of Hill in relation thereto is justified by the facts. They have views to do their best.

These views were echoed in various quarters. While the fact is generally recognized that the real struggle must be made by the Harriman interests and the Santa Fe Railroad system in their own behalf as carriers of freights on the long haul to San Francisco, it is also seen clearly that the moral influence of the great city of San Francisco is a potent factor in the final distribution of awarding the transport service for another period.

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DREAD TYPHOID CAUSES DEATHS

Stanford Student and Palo Alto Girl the Victims.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CALL. STANFORD UNIVERSITY, April 28.—The typhoid fever situation on the campus remains practically the same, but two deaths have been reported among the patients.

Miss Minnie Blake, daughter of James Blake, proprietor of the Stanford Meat Market, succumbed this morning. She was 18 years of age and a student in the Palo Alto High School. The other death was that of a Japanese student in the university, Jimpo Kanada, '06. Kanada was taken sick with fever at the home of Professor A. G. Newcomer in Palo Alto and was removed to the Buddhist Mission in San Francisco, where he died. He entered last September from Japan, registered in the department of philosophy and was earning his way through college by working for Professor Newcomer.

Dr. Black of Palo Alto says that this will be a critical week in the fever situation. Two new cases were reported today, the victims being L. P. Emerson and H. Anderson, residents of Palo Alto. No further cases have developed among the students.

OF INTEREST TO PEOPLE OF THE PACIFIC COAST. Patents Issued to Inventors for Mechanical and Labor-Saving Devices.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—Postmaster commissioned: Oregon—Andrew J. Ritter, Keating, Naval officer; Lieutenant H. N. Jensen is detached from the New York and granted a leave of absence for one month.

Army orders: Captain Douglas Settle, commissary, goes from the Philippines to San Francisco for further instructions.

Captain Harry E. Williams, commissary, on his arrival at San Francisco will proceed to Washington.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—The following patents were issued to-day: California—Theodore O. Bailly, Nellie, cutting apparatus for mowers, etc.; Joseph Behm, San Francisco, cement and gravel separator; John J. Brink-

EDITOR HEARST TAKES A DRIVE

Marries Miss Millicent Willson and Sails for Europe.

NEW YORK, April 28.—Congressman-elect William Randolph Hearst, proprietor of the New York American, New York Evening Journal, Chicago American and San Francisco Examiner, was married here to-day to Miss Millicent Willson, daughter of George H. Willson, president of the Advance Music Company of this city.

The ceremony was performed in the chantry of Grace Church, Bishop Potter officiating. A number of the personal friends of the couple were present. Mr. Hearst's best man was Orrin Peck of San Francisco and the witnesses were S. S. Carvalho and P. J. Mar.

The newly married couple sailed on the Kaiser Wilhelm II this afternoon for Europe.

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