



THE WEATHER.

Forecast made at San Francisco for thirty hours ending midnight, February 3.

THE CALL



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THE THEATERS. Alcazar—"A Colonial Girl." California—"The Eternal City." Central—"East Lynne." Chutes—Vanderbilt. Columbia—"A Chinese Moon-moon."

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SAN FRANCISCO, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1904.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

FORTUNES DISAPPEAR IN AN HOUR

Tremendous Slump on New York Cotton Exchange.

Quotations Are Reduced Five and Ten Points at a Bound.

Day's Sales in Demoralized Market Are Estimated at a Total of Two Million Bales.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Heavy selling and a violent break in prices marked to-day's business in the Cotton Exchange.

RUMOR CAUSES A BREAK.

The day opened with a sharp break in prices, under the influence of a generally circulated rumor of settlements by short interests effected since yesterday.

FORTUNES ARE WIPE OUT.

The sensational decline continued apparently until it had spent itself. After it had been going on for about an hour and fortunes had been wiped out a few buying orders appeared and served to allay the storm of liquidation and short selling.

FLOOD OF SELLING ORDERS.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 2.—The repeated warnings and prophecies of conservative traders came true to-day and the cotton market showed a series of sharp breaks.

CHAMBERLAIN'S SON CHAMPIONS HIM IN HOUSE OF COMMONS



PERSONAGES WHO TOOK PROMINENT PART IN OPENING PARLIAMENT.

SICKNESS OF HANNA IS SERIOUS

Even Relatives Are Excluded From His Room.

CALL BUREAU, HOTEL BARTON, WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Senator Hanna has had another relapse and is now being cared for by a trained nurse.

BIG DAMAGES AGAINST THE CANADIAN PACIFIC

British Judge in Hongkong Fixes \$480,000 as Price of Gunboat Sunk by Company's Steamer.

DEMOCRAT ARGUES FOR THE CANAL

Clarke of Arkansas Praises Course of President.

Says Mr. Roosevelt Did His Plain Duty in Recognizing Panama.

Minority Party, He Asserts, Will Give Treaty Sufficient Votes to Insure Its Ratification.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—Clarke, the new Democratic Senator from Arkansas, made his first speech in the Senate to-day.

Dramatic Incident of Parliament's Opening.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—"My right honorable friend, the member from West Birmingham," as Austen Chamberlain described his father, was the central figure in the drama that marked the opening of Parliament to-day.

CHEERS HIS SON ON.

Joseph Chamberlain, who had sat unmoved under the ridicule of the Liberal leader, turned nervously toward his son, who now takes precedence over him.

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COLOMBIA'S FIRST BLOW AT PANAMA

Attack Upon Indian Allies of New Republic.

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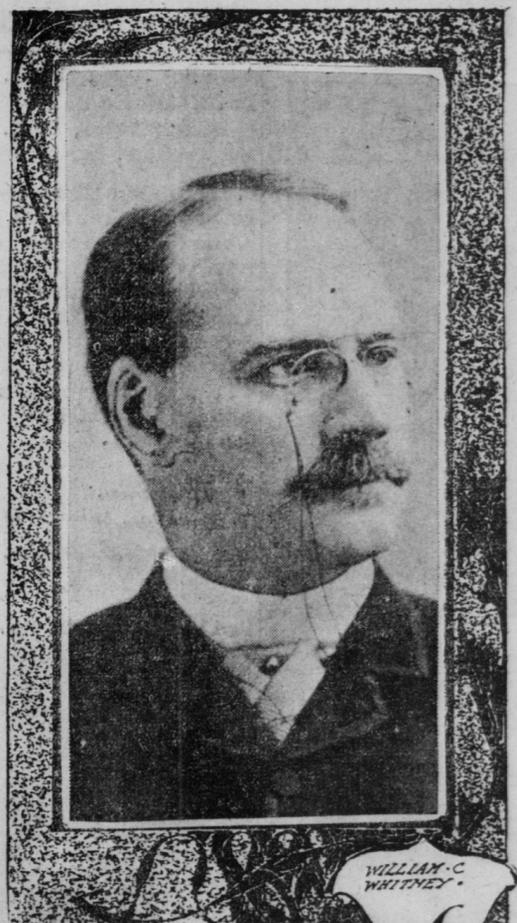
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