

THE WEATHER.
Forecast made at San Francisco for thirty hours ending midnight, March 21:
San Francisco and vicinity—Cloudy Monday, with showers; fresh west wind.
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SUPREMACY OF JAPANESE GUNNERY AND NAVAL TACTICS IS SHOWN IN GRAPHIC STORY OF PORT ARTHUR BATTLE BY AN EYE WITNESS

TRAINMEN SAVE LIVES BY JUMPING

Freighter Is Ditched by a Flood at Reeds.

Miraculous Escape From Death of Engineer and Fireman.

Overflow From Slough Undermines Track and Sends Engine, Tender and One Car Into Torrent.

Special Dispatch to The Call.
MARYSVILLE, March 20.—A north-bound extra freight train from Sacramento to Red Bluff went into a ditch near Reeds, six miles south of this city, shortly after 10 o'clock this morning, the engine, tender and freight car being completely over. At that hour water was running over the track and the embankment had been undermined. The engineer and fireman escaped by swimming to the shore, having jumped from the cab when they felt the engine leave the rails. Their escape from death is considered miraculous, about 500 feet of the track had been washed away, the current being very swift. Flood water from Reed Slough, which had overflowed its banks and was flooding that section for a distance of over a mile, caused the wreck. About 500 feet of the break in the south levee of the Yuba River also joins this stream and much of the track is inundated. It will be impossible to raise the engine and tender until the water recedes.
The Yuba and Feather rivers have reached high water mark again and are slowly rising. Marysville rests securely behind her magnificent levee system, but is shut out from all outside points by the waters that are flowing on all sides. No trains arrived in this city to-day excepting the south-bound Red Bluff local, which was unable to proceed farther on account of the washout. The bridge between this city and Wheatland. The Knights Landing and Oroville roads are inundated for several miles and washouts are reported. The company has large forces at work and a traffic will not be resumed until the water recedes.
Rain fell steadily to-day and the storm continues to-night. Much water is flowing through the break in the South Yuba levee and the country is a sea of water for miles. The damage from this will, however, be light. Water over the Fifth-street grade between this city and Yuba City is five feet deep and boats have taken the place of street cars. It is thought that the Yuba River will establish a new high water mark of twenty feet before she falls. No alarm is felt in this city at this time.

STORM VISITS PORTLAND.

Wind Razes Fences and Buildings in the Northern City.
PORTLAND, Ore., March 20.—The wind storm which occurred here yesterday did much more serious damage than was at first thought. About 600 feet of the fence around the Lewis and Clarke Exposition grounds was blown down and in some instances the boards were carried several hundred feet. The wind unroofed the grandstand in the baseball park, tore one porch from the club house and razed part of the fence. A house was blown down in South Portland and a large warehouse which had just reached completion on the east bank of the Willamette River was demolished. Shade trees were blown in every direction. Telegraph and telephone communication has been partially restored, but it will be several days before the damage is entirely repaired.

ENTIRE STATE DRENCHED.

Reports From North and South Show That Rainfall Is General.
SAN DIEGO, March 20.—Rain commenced falling in light, misty showers this evening at 8 o'clock, and though the wind was not right for a good rain, the barometer was down and the prediction was for a good drenching here morning. In the last twenty-four hours .14 of an inch of rain fell here, with the same sort of a fall throughout the southern portion of the county.
SAN RAFAEL, March 20.—The storm which has been in progress in Marin County for the last several days has done great damage in various sections. It has been raining for several days and the precipitation for San Rafael and vicinity during the last three days has been nearly eleven inches. To-day a severe hail storm was witnessed near Mill Valley, while to-night Mount Tamalpais is covered with several inches of snow. It has stopped raining and there is every indication that the storm is over.
The greatest damage has been done by creeks overflowing their banks and inundating hundreds of acres of young fruit and vegetable farms. All over the county thoroughfares have been greatly harmed by washouts and sinkholes. Both the California Northwestern and the North Shore railroads have been damaged by landslides. The precipitation for San Rafael and vicinity up to the present time is 41.42 inches, against

STEAMSHIP MEETS TWO ACCIDENTS

American Liner New York Has Narrow Escape.

After Running Aground She Collides With a Transport.

No Lives Are Lost, but Both Vessels Are Damaged and Are Laid Up for Repairs.

SOUTHAMPTON, March 20.—The American line steamship New York, Captain Young, from New York March 12 for Plymouth, Cherbourg and Southampton, met with two mishaps to-day, grounding off Cape La Hague, France, in the early morning and later coming into collision in the English Channel with the Peninsula and Oriental steamship Assale, under contract to the British Government and used as a troopship bound for Bombay with 500 troops on board.
The New York grounded while approaching Cherbourg at 2:30 o'clock this morning during a fog. The sea was smooth, however, and the tide was on the flood and within an hour and a half the vessel was floated without assistance. Her bottom was damaged and there was water in the holds, but she was able to proceed.
During the voyage up the channel a dense fog descended. When off Hurst Castle, England, the Assale suddenly appeared and it was found impossible to avoid a collision. The New York's bow crashed into the Assale's starboard bow, tearing a great gap in that vessel. The New York's bowsprit and figurehead were carried away and the latter was smashed into fragments. There was great excitement on both vessels. The boats of the Assale were lowered and the troops were mustered, but the bulkhead of the troopship saved her and the vessel was able to enter Southampton and the New York was docked at 6:30 o'clock for temporary repairs. Nobody was injured. It will be impossible to estimate the damage to the New York until she has been put into drydock.
It is believed that both vessels have been seriously injured. Another vessel will replace the Assale.
When the New York grounded at Cape La Hague the passengers, who were asleep, hardly felt the shock.
James Sellers, a passenger on the New York, says that while he was at luncheon there was a grating noise, followed by a tremendous shock. Every one, he says, ran to the deck and it was found that the New York's bow was firmly fixed to the side of the Assale. Sellers was close enough to observe the marvelous discipline aboard the troopship. Not a second was lost and there was no sign of a hurry and the boats were being prepared for launching, the soldiers were mustered with the precision of an orderly drill.
"As the vessels parted," concluded Sellers, "we saw a gaping hole in the Assale ten feet wide and sticking on our stem was a portmanteau and other portable property. There was no panic on our boat. Had we struck the Assale amidships she would have sunk."

SHIP AND CREW GO DOWN.

English Ship Lady Cairns Sunk in Collision With Bark Mona.

DUBLIN, March 20.—The German bark Mona collided with the English ship Lady Cairns off Dublin Bay this morning. The Lady Cairns sank in a few minutes. Her crew of twenty-two were drowned. The Mona, which was much damaged, was assisted into Dublin harbor.

The Lady Cairns was a three-masted ship of 1616 tons. She was commanded by Captain Levis and was bound from Liverpool to Timor, New Zealand. The Lady Cairns was built at Belfast in 1869 and was owned by L. Tulloch of Swansea.
The Mona was commanded by Captain Schwarzwitzing and was last reported at Adirson.

36.13 for the entire season last year. Up to this date last season the rainfall here was 31.76 inches.

STOCKTON, March 20.—The rain continues and the waters about Stockton are booming. Bouldin Island is reported safe this evening, but the men patrolling the levees expect to have a hard fight of it soon. Word from points to the east is to the effect that the water is rising in the Calaveras, Mokelumne and San Joaquin rivers, though they are not yet as high now as they have already been this season. The continued rain is a menace, however, and the keenest anxiety is felt.

NAPA, March 20.—Heavy showers of rain and hail visited here yesterday and to-day. The weather has turned considerably colder. The rainfall for the twenty-four hours preceding 2 o'clock this afternoon amounted to .30 of an inch. This makes the total for the season 27.22 inches, against 24.17 inches for last season to corresponding date.

SAN JOSE, March 20.—The rainstorm continues in this valley. The precipitation to-day was .32. The ground is thoroughly soaked and the streams are all running bank full.

MURDEROUS THUG SHOTS HIS VICTIM

E. J. Treese Receives Wounds That May Prove Fatal

Plucky Woman Stands by Her Escort During Trying Ordeal.

Police Believe That Revenge and Not Robbery May Have Been Motive for Crime.

Failure to comply with the peremptory command "Stand up" and an attempt to give battle to a footpad last night, may cost E. J. Treese, an iron molder, his life. As the result of the encounter he now lies in a precarious condition at St. Joseph's Hospital, with the middle finger of his left hand shot away and a bullet hole in his back.
This crime by one of the murderous crooks that now infest the city occurred in one of the thickly settled sections of the city, but as usual there is no clew to his identity and the police are working in the dark. The fact that his intended victim was accompanied by a woman did not deter the thug from attempting to carry out his plans. Shortly after 8 o'clock last evening while Treese and Mrs. A. Butler were walking down the south side of Twenty-second street, between Dolores and Chattanooga streets, a fellow wearing a white handkerchief across his face stopped out of a dark alley and ordered them to throw up their hands. Instead of complying with the request Treese, who is a powerful man, dealt the robber a blow across the arm with an umbrella, he was carrying.
ROBBERS FIRES SHOTS.
The robber backed to the edge of the sidewalk and said, "I told you to put up hands." Treese pluckily started to attack him again with the umbrella. The ominous snap of the hammer of the thug's pistol was heard, but the cartridge failed to explode. By this time both men were in the street, Treese advancing and the robber retreating.
Treese made a sudden lunge with the umbrella and as he did so he was a flash and report and the middle finger of Treese's left hand was shot away at the second joint. Treese whirled around and, as he did so, the thug fired a second time, hitting him in the back.
During the enactment of this tragic affair Mrs. Butler pluckily remained on the scene and followed the men into the street. Not for a moment did she lose her self-possession until the shots were fired; she admits that after that the only thing she remembers is running with Treese to a nearby drug store.
Upon being struck by the bullets Treese considered it foolhardy to battle further against odds and immediately turned and ran to the drug store at the corner of Twenty-second and Guerrero streets. There Dr. Joseph Brady made an examination of the wounds and applied a temporary dressing. Upon the request of the wounded man he was removed to St. Joseph's Hospital.
The shots caused intense excitement in the neighborhood. Officer J. T. Gallagher, who was in the neighborhood, arrived on the scene a few minutes after the shooting, but could find no trace of the footpad. Both Treese and Mrs. Butler agree on the description of the highwayman.

DESCRIPTION OF THUG.

He is described as a young man dressed in a black coat, black derby hat and dark trousers. Owing to the darkness neither Mrs. Butler nor Treese were able to give the police a description that might lead to the capture of the fellow.
At St. Joseph's Hospital Dr. Anderson ascertained that the bullet had gone through the left shoulder blade from the back, it was unable to locate it by probing. Treese's condition, although serious, is not necessarily fatal. Detective O'Dea, who is working on the case, stated last night that the case did not look like one of holdup and intimated that revenge may have played a prominent part in the crime.

Treese has been in the city for about seven months and is employed by Byron Jackson. Mrs. Butler stated at the hospital last night that she had only known Treese a month and knew of no one that would shoot him out of revenge. In telling her story she said that she did not see a pistol in the hand of the highwayman when he stopped them and it was only after Treese started after the fellow that she saw the weapon and so informed her escort. It is her impression that the letter he mailed there had been riding in the smoking car and got up while the train was moving rapidly and started toward the drug coach. As he stepped between the cars he was seen to hesitate and then disappeared. He was missed and the train was stopped as quickly as possible. 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