



THE WEATHER

Forecast made at San Francisco for thirty hours ending midnight, July 12: San Francisco and vicinity—Fair Tuesday; fresh westerly winds. A. G. McADIE, District Forecaster.

THE CALL



THE THEATERS

Alcazar—"Hairsong." California—"The Honorable John North." Central—"Along the Mohawk." Chutes—"Vandeville." Columbia—"Gusta Kate." Fischer—"A Lucky Stone." Grand—"Mr. Barnes of New York." Orpheum—"Vandeville." Tivoli—"Robin Hood."



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HUNTED MAN WOO'S DEATH AT FUNERAL

Murderer Attempts Suicide at Grave of Victims.

Suddenly Appears After Posse Had Sought Him Vainly for Days.

Inflicts Moral Wounds Upon Himself Before Mourners Can Interfere

Special Dispatch to The Call.

OMAHA, July 11.—William Michael Zeller supplied a horrible culmination to the brutal double murder of his wife and her father on Saturday by appearing unexpectedly in the midst of the mourners at the funeral this afternoon and slashing himself twice across the body, disemboweling himself.

A large posse of deputy sheriffs and police officers, assisted by scores of neighbors and friends of the murdered pair, had been hunting the adjacent woods and fields for miles around for more than two days. Many of these men had temporarily abandoned the search in order to be present at the funeral ceremony.

Suddenly during the services Zeller emerged from a thicket on the cemetery grounds and attracted the attention of the mourners. He was still armed with the knife with which he had committed the murders. Those at the grave were dazed at sight of the man. Before they had time to cry out or run he drew the knife twice across his abdomen and fell to the ground.

City Physician Ralph, who happened to be near by, snatched the knife from his hands and prevented him harming himself further. But the wounds were serious enough, Dr. Ralph said, to cause the man's death.

Zeller was carried into his own home, only a stone's throw from the scene, placed in a comfortable position and left in charge of a police officer. To the officers Zeller was able to say a few words before he sank into an unconscious condition. It was gathered from his fragmentary sentences that he had lain out in the high brush between his house and the cemetery during the entire time and he said that several officers passed within six feet of him.

"What was the cause of the tragedy?" Zeller was asked.

"My sons abused me and my wife took their part," he said. "It had been going on for years. It hurts me to talk."

He afterward explained that it was because he was desperate to get a drink of water and something to eat that he came out of his hiding place.

Zeller is a market gardener, who had always borne a good reputation until Saturday morning, when he stabbed his wife to death and then killed his father-in-law, J. R. Burkamp, 69 years of age, who had run to his daughter's assistance. Both of his victims died in a few minutes, and Zeller then entered his dwelling, wiped the blood off the knife and struck out across a cornfield. It is the last seen of him until his dramatic reappearance this afternoon.

DISMISSAL FROM ARMY MAY BE OFFICER'S FATE

Loss of Straps, It Is Understood, Is Sentence Imposed Upon Second Lieutenant Pruyn.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Second Lieutenant John McE. Pruyn, Fourteenth United States Infantry, was recently court-martialed in Philippines on charges which included that of intoxication. The records of the case have reached the judge advocate general of the army, but it will not be disposed of until the return to Washington of the Secretary of War. It is understood that the sentence imposed by the court, of which Colonel C. B. Hall is president, and which was held at Calbayog, Samar, from April 25 to 28, is that Lieutenant Pruyn be dismissed from the service.

Lieutenant Pruyn, who has prominent relatives in Albany, enlisted in the Forty-second Volunteer Infantry in October, 1899. In February, 1901, he was appointed a second lieutenant in the Fourteenth Infantry and was later transferred to the Second Infantry and then back to the Fourteenth.

STOCK THIEF SHOTS BOY WHO TOLD OF HIS DEEDS

Member of Gang of Desperadoes Fatally Wounds Youth Suspected of Being an Informer.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., July 11.—Louis Padillas, a boy of Las Padillas, twelve miles south of this city, was shot and probably fatally wounded by a member of a gang of alleged stock thieves who suspected him of having given information against them. Officers from this city went in pursuit of the gang, which fled toward the Manzano Mountains. So far the gang has eluded the posse.

MALIGNED MAIDS PLY HORSEWHIP

Seven Utah Young Women Punish Defamer.

Rawhides Laid On Until Bleeding Vic'im Cries Out for Mercy.

Municipal Justice Afterward Refuses to Issue Warrants for their Arrest.

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SALT LAKE, July 11.—Because he is said to have made improper remarks concerning seven young women of Millford, John McKean, agent of the Continental Oil Company, was whipped last night by the indignant maidens until he cried for mercy.

McKean had made himself prominent in local society and had paid attention to a number of young women. It is said that each time he transferred his attentions to a new girl he made slighting remarks of her predecessor.

The feeling against McKean has been growing among the young women of the town for some time. It culminated last night, when seven of his former sweethearts met and agreed to punish him. The seven were Misses Ada Jennings, Lottie Barton, Josie Sherwood, Mollie Fergie, Marie Hutchins, Ella Hutchins and Rose Jones. Each girl equipped herself with a rawhide, or quirt. One of the number was sent out to locate McKean and reported that he was calling upon Miss Pratt.

The seven then stole quietly to the home of Miss Pratt and found McKean sitting on the porch. One of the girls asked him to come out, as they wanted to speak to him. McKean refused. At once the seven girls rushed upon the porch, dragged McKean from his chair and threw him to the floor. He fought desperately, but was overpowered, and while he was held down, the girls took turns in lashing him, unceremoniously brushing aside Miss Pratt and her mother and giving no heed to the screams of the two.

McKean's shouts failed to bring assistance and after he had repeatedly begged for mercy the girls let him up, with a warning to be careful in the future.

McKean was covered with blood from face and hands. After having his cuts dressed he sought to have the girls arrested, but the Justice would not draw complaints for him. McKean left town this morning.

"We all had grievances against him," said one of the girls, to-day. "He had been scandalizing all of us and we decided to give him a lesson. One young lady felt so badly over the way he talked about her that she moved away from town."

REPORT SHOWS GREAT INCREASE OF TRAVEL

During Last Fiscal Year Railroads in United States Carried Nearly 700,000,000 Passengers.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—The Interstate Commerce Commission to-day announced its statistics of the railways in the United States for the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1903. They show that the par value of the railway capital then outstanding was \$12,599,990,258, which represents a capitalization of \$63,126 per mile.

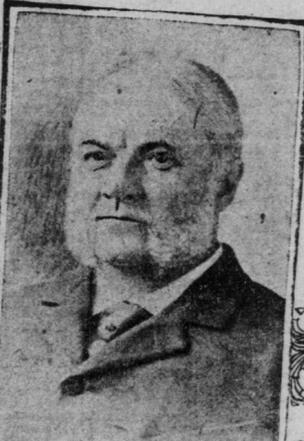
The number of passengers carried was 694,891,535, an increase of 45,033,030 over the previous year; the freight carried 1,304,394,323 tons, an increase of 104,078,536 tons. The gross earnings from the operation of the total of 205,313 miles of railway line, which is the aggregate single track mileage, were \$1,900,845,907, an increase of \$174,466,849; operating expenses \$1,257,528,852, an increase of \$141,290,105; net earnings \$643,308,055, an increase of \$33,176,335; income from other sources than operation \$205,587,480; net income available for dividends or surplus \$296,276,045. Total casualties 86,393 of which 9840 represented the number of persons killed and 76,553 those injured. Aggregate number of locomotives in service 43,871, increase 2646; cars in service 1,173,359, an increase of over 113,000 during the year.

EMIGRANT RATE WAR MAY END IN A FEW DAYS

Steerage Fare of \$10 Will Be Raised to Original Rate Unless Unexpected Obstacles Appear.

LONDON, July 11.—Unless unexpected obstacles are raised by the representatives of the steamship lines at a further conference to be held with the president of the Board of Trade, Gerald Balfour, the emigrant rate war will be settled within a few days. This means that the \$10 rate will immediately be abandoned and that emigrants bound for America must pay \$27 50, the rate charged before the struggle began.

SENATOR FAIRBANKS VISITS THE PRESIDENT AND PLANS FOR CAMPAIGN ARE MADE



WIFE FAILS IN ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE

Former Oakland Woman Deserted by Husband.

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ST. LOUIS, July 11.—Mrs. Walter Cowden, formerly Miss Frances Hall, who was married two years ago in Oakland, Cal., to-day swallowed carbolic acid in the presence of her husband. She was removed to the City Hospital, where The Call correspondent was informed late to-night that she might recover.

Cowden told her to-day that he intended going to Chicago and would send for her later. She insisted upon accompanying him and he agreed to permit her to do so, provided, as she claims, that she would pay her own fare. She tried to put her wearing apparel into his trunk. He slammed the lid down, hurting her shoulder, she says.

Going into another room, she procured a vial of carbolic acid and, returning, cried: "You may keep me from going with you, Walter, but you can't keep me from going off the earth."

Before he could stop her, she had swallowed the contents of the vial. Her life was saved by prompt work.

The husband has disappeared. Mrs. Cowden believes that he is en route to Chicago with his trunk, which she declares, contains about \$1000. He hoarded his money, she declared, buying nothing but food for her.

"If I recover," she said to-night, "I will take gas the next time. I am his fourth wife. He is divorced from the other three, one of whom is in an insane asylum."

YOUNG WOMEN BATHERS ARE DROWNED IN SLOUGH

Sad Fate Overtakes Daughter of Idaho Rancher and Her Guest.

CALDWELL, Idaho, July 11.—Miss Bertha Masterson, age 17, and Miss Ida Shuey, age 19, were drowned in a slough near the home of G. W. Shuey, about two miles from here, to-day. The bodies of both have been recovered.

Miss Shuey, whose home is in Kansas, was the niece of G. W. Shuey, and was here on a visit. Miss Masterson was the daughter of Dan Masterson, a rancher of Middleton. The two young women went to the slough to bathe. Just how the drowning occurred is not known. When they did not return search was made. Their clothing was found and immediately a search was made for the bodies, which was successful in a short time.

FUNSTON NOW COMMANDS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST

Kansas Soldier Ordered by War Department to Assume Charge of the Atlantic Division.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—By an order issued at the War Department to-day Brigadier General Frederick Funston has been detached from the command of the Department of the Columbia and placed in command of the Department of the East, a post temporarily held by Major General Corbin, who is in command of the Atlantic division, comprising the Departments of the East and the Gulf. Brigadier General Constant Williams, now at San Antonio, has been ordered to take command of the Department of the Columbia.

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FOURTEEN ADULTS AND TWO CHILDREN DIE IN WRECK

Official List of New Jersey Railroad Disaster Reduces Number of Dead by One.

NEW YORK, July 11.—Sixteen persons were killed and about three-score injured in the rear-end collision between trains on the Greenwood Lake division of the Erie Railroad at Middvale, N. J., yesterday. The official list given out here shows that fourteen adults and two children lost their lives. Many of the injured are seriously hurt and some of them may die.

The dead: Henry Becker, Hoboken; Walter Hodge Weddell, a child, Jersey City; Henry Kanzer, New York; Walter Kanzer, child, New York; Owen Murphy, Jersey City; Henry Kock, Hoboken; William Kane, Hoboken; Mrs. Agnes Lenkohl, New York; Ward McDermott, Hoboken; Henry Otterstedt, Hoboken; William Renz, New York; Henry Rohlfing, Hoboken; George Scheer, Hoboken; William Wiedemyer Jr., Hoboken; William Windeknecht, Hoboken; Mrs. Susan Palmer of New York.

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Vladivostok Ships Sail on Another Cruise.

Port Arthur Fleet May Dash Out to Effect Junctionure With Skrydloff.

Japanese Are Ready for the Final Assault Upon the Gibraltar of the Far East.

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ST. PETERSBURG, July 11.—The Vladivostok squadron has again put to sea and early news of its operations off the coast of Japan is expected.

LONDON, July 12.—Advices from Far Eastern points indicate that the time has arrived for the final assault upon Port Arthur by the Japanese and that, anticipating the fall of the stronghold, the Russian fleet will make a dash to sea and attempt to effect a junction with the Vladivostok squadron. Decisive battles on land and sea are imminent.

PARIS, July 12.—It is said that the Vladivostok squadron now consists of five warships, it having been joined by a battleship and a cruiser that escaped from the Japanese cordon at Port Arthur.

CHEFU, July 11.—There was heavy firing at Port Arthur from midnight until 3 o'clock this morning.

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Much smoke hangs over Port Arthur. On Monday morning the dispatch-boat Fawan ran in as far as it dared. Occasional firing was heard. Two heavy explosions were noticed at about 10:30 o'clock, followed by a cloud of black smoke, which rose above West Basin.

Many drifting mines have been seen on this cruise. One of these was a Russian electro-contact mine. Others were not familiar to the men on the Fawan. All of these mines were, in neutral waters. Apparently the Russians place no limit on their sending out of floating mines. It is almost impossible to see these mines in a heavy sea or when sailing against the sunlight. It is utterly impossible to see them at night or in fog. Many inoffensive junks have been destroyed by striking them. The Fawan passed a fragment of a blown-up junk to-day.

At Hwangchingtao Islands it is insisted that a warship painted white, with four yellow funnels, steamed out of Port Arthur at 9 o'clock on Thursday morning, and keeping a southeasterly course had the Miaotao Islands abeam when it perceived the Japanese ships, and turning back circled to the north of Hwangchingtao and then made off at full speed in the direction of Thok Island, pursued by eight Japanese torpedo-boats. One fisherman said that his boat was almost run down by the Russian cruiser, the decks of which were packed with men. The Japanese boats were seen returning at 5 o'clock.

While observing the firing at Port Arthur it was noticed that a bombardment was apparently being conducted from some distance inland. The shots averaged sixteen a minute. It was impossible to distinguish between the fire of the Japanese guns and the reply of the Russians. Allowing for five minutes as the fastest economical rate of discharge for each gun, it was estimated that the Japanese have now eighty siege guns in position.

COSSACKS SET AN AMBUSH

Squadron of Japanese Cavalry Runs Into a Trap Near Slanchen.

LIAOYANG, July 11.—At about noon on July 9 a Japanese force of six companies of infantry and two guns was observed marching southward from the Black Mountains in the vicinity of Sladama. At the same time a brigade of Japanese infantry with two batteries advanced from Wida Pass, concentrating at Sladama. Firing commenced in the afternoon and lasted until dusk, when the Russians retired. In this affair two Russian officers and fifteen men were wounded and four men were killed.

A company of Cossacks, during a reconnaissance near Slanchen, in the direction of Liaoyang and Salmaza, ambushed a squadron of Japanese cavalry. The Cossacks' losses were three horses killed. The Japanese lost twenty men killed or wounded.

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