



THE WEATHER.

Forecast made at San Francisco for 30 hours ending midnight, July 28, 1904: San Francisco and vicinity—Fair Thursday, cooler; light southwest, changing to brisk westerly winds.

THE CALL

THE THEATRES.

Alcoba—"Support of Kenton." Matinee To-Day. California—"Just Struck Town." Central—"The Gates of Justice." Columbia—"Mice and Men." Chutes—Vaudeville.



CONFERENCES OF VAST IMPORTANCE TO THE CITY AND STATE ARE BEING CARRIED ON BETWEEN RAILWAY AND BUSINESS MEN

ASSASSIN DYNAMITES VON PLEHWE

Russian Minister of Interior Is Slain in St. Petersburg.

Bomb Is Thrown Under His Carriage on Way to Railway Station.

Body of the Statesman Is Terribly Mangled by the Explosion of Deadly Missile.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 28 (10:55 a. m.).—Minister of the Interior von Plehwe was assassinated this morning while driving to the Baltic station to visit the Peterhof.

A bomb was thrown under the Minister's carriage, completely shattering it. M. von Plehwe was terribly mangled. The crime was committed at 10 o'clock.

TAGGART FAVORS THE GAMBLERS

Special Dispatch to The Call.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 27.—Thomas Taggart, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, is at the head of the French Lick Hotel Company, which owns the big hotel property in French Lick Springs, Indiana, and also the establishment there in which gambling is conducted.

There has never been any denial that gambling is carried on at the French Lick resort and that big stakes are often played for in the establishment. One mile away is West Baden Springs, a rival of French Lick, and at that resort gambling has been carried on unobscured for years.

The French Lick Hotel Company was organized more than a year ago and is composed of several well-known business men of this city. Taggart was elected president and was placed in direct charge of the resort.

NEW CONTESTANTS IN DOLBEER WILL CASE

HOLYOKE, Mass., July 27.—W. A. Chase of Holyoke, formerly in the Legislature, will join with Mrs. Mary M. Knuschke and Charles D. Knuschke of Arlington, Rhode Island, Mrs. Eliza Davis of Holyoke and the San Francisco and New Hampshire heirs in an attempt to break the will of Miss Bertha Dolbeer, the young woman who committed suicide at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York recently.

NEGRO IS ADMITTED TO A COLLEGE "FRAT"

NEW HAVEN, Conn., July 27.—William Pickett, a negro, who graduated with high honors at Yale a month ago, has just been advised of his election to membership in the Phi Beta Kappa society. He is the only negro belonging to the society.

VAST FORTUNE IS LEFT BY WILLIAM C. WHITNEY

NEW YORK, July 27.—According to the schedules of the estate of the late William C. Whitney, which were filed to-day the estate is estimated at \$21,224,101.

A VASTLY important change in traffic conditions affecting the business men and shippers of the entire State of California will be the taking over by the United States Government of the Panama Railway. This means that the chains with which the transcontinental lines have bound the shippers have been loosened.

Government Control of Panama Railroad Offers Much Promise of Improved Conditions in Traffic.

Large illustration showing a train, a ship, and several men in suits. Captions include 'W.M. SPROULE', 'J.C. STUBBS', 'H.D. LOVELAND', and 'A.C. ROLIFSON'. Text describes conferences of importance to the commercial future of San Francisco.

REPRESENTATIVES OF LEADING COMMERCIAL ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN SECRET CONFERENCES WITH SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD AND PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY OFFICIALS WITH A VIEW TO OBTAINING LOWER FREIGHT RATES.

YOUNG SON OF WILHELM HAS CANCER

Growth Develops in Prince Oscar's Throat. He and His Brother Are Being Treated at the Heustrich Baths.

Swiss Newspapers Significantly Silent as to the Visit of the Two Lads.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

INTERLAKEN, Switzerland, July 27.—Two young sons of the Emperor, August Wilhelm and Oscar, are now at the Heustrich baths, Bernese Oberland. The newspapers here have not referred to their visit; in fact, there seems to be some sort of agreement among them not to speak of their presence at all, but all the same it is full of significance.

The younger son, Oscar, who is about 14 years old, is seriously ill with a pulmonary complaint that has developed to a growth in the throat similar to the Emperor's trouble. In the case of this lad it is stated on good authority that the growth is of a cancerous nature.

SOLDIERS WILL FOIL ATTEMPT TO RESCUE

Kentucky's Governor Orders Troops to Be Ready to Go to Scene of Hanging.

MEXICAN PRISONERS LIBERATED FROM JAIL

Woman Plies Guards With Liquor and Then Frees Her Friends.

PROPOSITION TO BOND OROVILLE IS DEFEATED

OROVILLE, July 27.—The proposition to bond Oroville was defeated at the polls to-day after a rather interesting campaign.

CLOUBURST CAUSES DEVASTATION IN UTAH

SALT LAKE, Utah, July 27.—A cloudburst to-day at New Harmony, a small settlement in the extreme southern part of the State, destroyed considerable property. An immense volume of water swept down the canyon, carrying buildings and fences in its path.

CROCKER FUNERAL CEREMONY PRIVATE

NEWPORT, R. I., July 27.—Private funeral services over the body of Mrs. George Crocker of New York and San Francisco were held at the Crocker cottage to-day. The body will be taken to Brooklyn, N. Y., to-morrow for burial in Greenwood Cemetery.

FAMOUS OLD TREE IS FELLED BY THE AX

MORISTOWN, N. J., July 27.—Washington's elm, a famous old tree, which has stood at the corner of Elm and Morris streets for more than 175 years, has been cut down. Washington had his headquarters here during the winter of 1779-80.

Killed by a Bolt of Lightning.

VISALIA, July 27.—Byrd Surby of Oak Flat, who was with the Government Fish Commission on the summit of Mount Whitney yesterday, was struck by lightning and killed. It is said to be the first death from lightning that ever occurred on Mount Whitney.

COLOMBIA'S WAR SPIRIT IS RAMPANT

Congress Annuls All Treaties With America.

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BOGOTA, July 26, via Panama, July 27.—Congress met to-day with Joaquin Velez in the chair as president of the Senate and Concha Perez Soto as speaker of the House. Lewis M. Cairo represented Panama. The Senate passed a resolution unanimously protesting against the separation of Panama and refusing to recognize in any way, shape or manner the declaration of independence made on November 3, 1903. A protest couched in energetic terms against intervention on the part of the United States was passed.

Admiral Cooper to Be Retired. WASHINGTON, July 27.—Rear Admiral Philip H. Cooper, commander in chief of the Asiatic station, will be retired on August 4.

MILITAMEN REFUSE TO GO TO CAMP

Company I of Grass Valley in Rebelious Mood.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SACRAMENTO, July 27.—The officers of the Second Regiment, N. G. C., are confronted by an interesting state of affairs. Orders have been sent out for the various companies to prepare for the State encampment, and a majority of the members of Company I of Grass Valley have decided that they will not go. The refusal of a company to go to camp when ordered to do so took the breath away from the regimental officers, and the alternative of arrest was suggested.

VATICAN'S REPLY SENT TO FRANCE

Document Is Now on Its Way to Paris. Loubet to Preside at Council Which Will Discuss the Note.

Breach Is Widened by the Departure of the Bishop of Dijon for Rome.

ROME, July 27.—The reply of the Holy See to the latest note of the French Government was handed to the French representative yesterday and is now on its way to Paris, where it is expected to arrive to-morrow evening.

PARIS, July 27.—The departure of Bishop Nordez of Dijon from Paris, at the summons of the Vatican, was entirely without the authorization of the French Government.

No answer, it is said, will be made to the Papal communication before the meeting of the French council of Ministers which will take place on July 29.

SALE OF SHIPBUILDING COMPANY IS ORDERED

United States Court Issues Decree of Foreclosure in Favor of Mercantile Trust Company.

HARTFORD, Conn., July 27.—In the United States Circuit Court to-day Judge Platt signed the decree of foreclosure and sale in the case of the Mercantile Trust Company as trustee and the New York Security and Trust Company as complainant against the United States Shipbuilding Company, James Smith Jr. as receiver of the shipbuilding company and the Eastern Shipbuilding Company.

OUTLOOK IS GLOOMY FOR CROPS IN GERMANY

Reports for Month of July Indicate Deterioration in Cereals and Sugar Beets.

BERLIN, July 27.—The German crop report for July 15 indicates a further deterioration since June 15. Winter wheat loses one point, summer wheat two points and summer rye one point. Clover and lucerne grass lose the heaviest.

DYNAMITE IS FOUND UNDER SANTA FE DEPOT

Culprits Arrange the Explosives So That a Heavy Jar Would Set Them Off.

EL PASO, Tex., July 27.—Eight large sticks of dynamite and two dozen percussion caps were found under the Santa Fe depot here to-day. The explosives were so arranged that it is thought any heavy jar would have set them off.

NOT AWED BY BRITISH LION'S ROAR

Russia Defiant in Face of London's Protests.

Will Continue to Seize Vessels Having Contraband Aboard.

Gunboats Being Sent to Replace the Volunteer Steamships in the Red Sea.

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ST. PETERSBURG, July 27.—Unmitigated surprise is expressed in governmental circles at the willful misconstruction which correspondents of English newspapers here, including Reuters Agency, display in the accounts sent out referring to the Malacca affair, according to which the Malacca was to be given up at once and promises given that no further seizures would be made in the Red Sea.

But I am authorized to say that Sir Charles Hardinge's message was a protest and in no wise an ultimatum and, further, that the right of search will be even more vigorously enforced in the Red Sea than elsewhere.

With vivacity he replied: "It is well known that, according to the international regulations of war, it is recognized as perfectly legitimate to forthwith sink any ship with more than half of its cargo composed of munitions of war."

SICKNESS IN SLAV CAMPS

Epidemics Due to Neglect of Ordinary Sanitary Precautions.

GENERAL KUROKIS HEADQUARTERS, Tuesday, July 26.—Reports from the Russian lines agree that much fever and dysentery exist among the soldiers. It is the opinion that the sickness is due to neglect of sanitary precautions in the Chinese towns occupied.

The first work of the Japanese upon entering towns which the Russians have abandoned is to thoroughly clean the streets and houses. Many of the houses are found in a filthy condition and are infested with swarms of flies.

WARSHIPS COAL AT SEA

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ST. PETERSBURG, July 27.—The mystery of the long cruise taken by the Vladivostok squadron is accounted for by a cleverly arranged system for coaling at sea. Russia has adopted the system of coaling ships at sea followed by the United States Navy Department after experiments made upon the battleship Massachusetts and the collier Marcellus.

VLADIVOSTOK SHIPS EIGHTED.

TOKYO, July 28, 9:30 a. m.—The Vladivostok squadron is reported off the province of Awa to-day. Awa is about 200 miles southwest of Yokohama and is at the eastern entrance of the Inland Sea.

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