FUN IN PLENTY AT PLAYHOUSES

"The Girl From Kansas" Is Winning Favor for Miss Olive May at Orpheum

GALA NIGHT AT TIVOLI

Farewell to "Robin Hood" Brings a Demonstration of the Public's Pleasure

The Orpheum presented another excellent bill last night, the applause being about equally divided between the hold-overs and the new numbers. Miss Olive May, who made her first San Francisco appearance in the sketch, "A Girl From Kansas," scored the hit of the evening. The sketch is admirably suited to the talents of Miss May and she is well supported by Messrs. Albaugh and Kavanaugh, who take the parts respectively of a young Mexican who despises Americans and a subservient innkeeper. The imitation of a political speech with feminine interjections by Miss May is particularly fetching.

McCabe, Sabine and Vera, in the "Arrival of Kitty McCarthy," do some good work in which a liberal display of lingerie plays a prominent part. The Hughes Trio gives a good musical entertainment, using violins, banjos, cornets and some instruments with the names of which the general public is not familiar. "Les Olopas," an equilibristic musical novelty, is also a new attraction of merit. Among the holdovers are Marcus and Gartelle, Decker, Russo and Abramoff, the Empire Comedy Four and Charmion, the daring trapeze performer. The new moving pictures are very good.

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"The Buffalo Mystery," a melodrama dealing with a thrilling tragedy which occurred some time ago in Buffalo, was presented at yesterday's matinee and evening at the California Theater. At each performance there was good evidence that the business of the week will be all that the management would wish.

There is domestic treachery enough to lead up to any kind of tragedy. The mortified and broken-spirit of an erring husband and the sorrow of a wronged wife are but two of the many incidents that go to make the melodrama a startling story of play.

But far ahead of the tragic side of "The Buffalo Mystery" is the comedy element, which, before by a Dutch waiter, an Irish policeman and a Dutch maid, kept the audience in a constant state of merriment. Harry Llewellyn as J. W. A. McCullough, a broken-down and exceedingly seedy thespian, was particularly entertaining, while Lloyd Ingraham's Larry Murphy, with a couple of rattling good songs, deserved all the applause he got.

"The Buffalo Mystery" will run through the week.

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"Robin Hood," after a most prosperous run of some weeks at the Tivoli Opera-house, had its farewell performance last evening before a large audience. The tuneful light opera has been heard by many thousands of the patrons of the Tivoli during its run there, and a more complete performance has never been given under the Tivoli management.

Last night's presentation was a gala one in every respect. There were flowers for the principals and encores and recalls for the entire cast. Barron Berthald, who sang Robin Hood so artistically, retires from the company and heard to-day for his home in New York. Later on he will go to Bremen, Germany, to join a grand opera company in that city. Edith Mason also retires temporarily from the Tivoli forces.

To-night the Tivoli will present "The Toreador," which comes here with a record of long runs in London and New York City.

The company will include Kate Condon, Mary Young, Carrie Reynolds, Dora de Filippe, Bessie Tannehill, Willard Simms, John Dunsmure, Teddy Webb, Melville Ellis, John P. Kennedy, William Schuster, George Chapman, Joseph Fogarty, Carl Formes, Charles Wendell and Marcel Perron. The famous beauty chorus of the Tivoli will have more opportunities for the display of their charms and talents than in any piece ever presented at this theater.

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"Shenandoah" has lost none of its old-time popularity, judging from the large and enthusiastic audience that greeted the Neill Company last night at the Grand Opera-house. The production, settings and ensemble are quite a triumph for the company. Mr. Neill as Kerchival West has another part for which he seems to have been born. He gave a virile portrayal of the heroic lead. Miss Chapman had a long and hard part in Gertrude Ellingham and gave a remarkably smooth second performance. The hearts of the playgoers were won by the work of Donald Bowles as Captain Heartsease and Katherine Gilman as Jennie Buckthorn. Bowles' work as the captain is as good a performance as he has yet given. Miss Gilman was pleasing and clever and will be heard from in the future. Sheldon Lewis was excellent in the difficult part of General Haverill. Reginald Travers was miscast as Captain Thornton. The rest of the company, with the exception of John Burton, George Bloomquest, Frances Slosson, Faye Wallace and Lillian Andrews, was mediocre.

Next week, "A Parisian Romance."

RESTAURANT PROPRIETOR IS BEATEN BY ROUGHS

Vasalis Salavis, proprietor of a small restaurant at 437 Hayes street, was badly beaten by three rowdies shortly after 9 o'clock last night. The restaurant man wound up in the Emergency Hospital, where he was treated for several ugly cuts about the head and body. One of his alleged assailants, Callahan by name, was later arrested.

According to Salavis' tale, the three men entered the restaurant and began to create a disturbance. He tried to reason with them, but instead of heeding his advice the trio attacked him, hitting him on the head with a cigar cutter and other weapons that were at hand. Salavis was knocked down several times and would probably have been seriously injured had not the blowing of a police whistle frightened the three roughs away.

LOCKOUT IS PREDICTED.

NEW YORK, July 31.—It is asserted here to-day that if the members of the unions who are held responsible for the strike in the subway do not adjust matters promptly a general lockout will be ordered by the Building Trades Employers' Association, to be followed by an attempt to establish an open shop.

If a general lockout be ordered between 25,000 and 30,000 men in Greater New York will be affected.

CHILD ACTRESS SEEKS PRISON

Margaret Sullivan, Fourteen Years Old, Wearies of Dancing in Music Halls

FLEES TO THE POLICE

Girl Has No Home and Demands a Chance to Lead a Clean and Normal Life

"Take me and put me where I can be good." That was the plea made last evening by pretty Margaret Sullivan, 14 years old, to the desk sergeant at the City Prison.

The tale she told was a pitiful one. She was a "child actress"—a poor little waif of the cheap music halls. When she should have been sleeping soundly she was dancing on tired little feet and shouting with all the strength of her childish lungs in foul cellars, where youth and innocence should never be found. Her pale little face was daubed with rouge and she was bidden to ape the experienced denizens of these resorts.

For a while she was a novelty and pleased the flotsam that drifts through the haunts of the Barbary Coast. But the life told on her health, and her pitiful attempts to amuse were brutally laughed at.

She had been living with a sister, Mrs. Lizzie Brady, at 221 Eleventh street. This woman is also a variety actress. When Margaret became too worn out to perform her little dances at the music halls the sister, so the child says, treated her harshly. She was told that she must remain "on the stage" or go hungry.

So the poor waif, wan and weak from being in the foul cellar "theaters," sought the police and begged for an opportunity to lead a healthy, normal life. She was taken in charge by the prison matron.

An effort will be made by the police to find a home for her away from the sickly glare of the footlights and the tawdry finery she dislikes.

"I feel happy already," said the child when told that she might remain at the jail. "I don't want to be an actress. I would sooner be dead. My head used to ache and I was so tired. Then my voice got squeaky, and one night I fell down. I was so worn out. The men all laughed. Oh, it was awful. I will never go on the stage again, even if I starve."

NOTED JURIST'S SON A BANDIT

Best of Legal Talent Is Engaged to Defend Man Who Shot Detective O'Reilly

Special Dispatch to The Call.

MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., July 31.—It transpires that John Tracy, the captured Westchester outlaw, is the son of a distinguished jurist now sitting, or formerly sitting, on the Supreme Court bench. He will have the best of legal talent to defend him against the charge that he attempted to kill Detective O'Reilly.

With much mystery, there came a telephone message to-day from New York, engaging former Judge Charles W. Sinnott as principal counsel for the defense. The message, it is admitted, came from a very prominent lawyer of New York City and in his brief conversation enough was said to acquaint the Judge with many details of the prisoner's antecedents and his life. Upon all this the seal of professional silence was placed and the Judge tonight said that he was not at liberty to reveal anything about the client.

Whatever was said must have been convincing, however, for immediately afterward the Judge summoned Dr. Weiss, a prominent physician, and engaged him to restore the prisoner to health. The two men at once drove to the jail, where the Judge talked with the man for some time, after which the physician made a thorough examination.

Dr. Weiss said that the highwayman was very weak, but with care and good treatment would pull through. His visit greatly cheered the prisoner, who at once consented to accept nourishment, after having refused all food.

The assertion is made that O'Reilly, the detective, in attempting to arrest the prisoner, repeatedly kicked him on the stomach without provocation until, to save himself from being killed, the young man was obliged to use his revolver.

PERSONAL.

Dr. R. B. Cory of Fresno is at the Grand.

Edward R. Smith, a stockman of Los Angeles, is at the Grand.

Major George B. Rodney, U. S. A., and wife are at the Palace.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Bradley of Beaumont, Tex., are at the St. Francis.

John Markley of Geyserville, former Bank Commissioner, is at the Lick.

W. F. Knox, a prominent lumberman of Sacramento, is staying at the Grand.

Count de Montaign of the French army arrived from Paris yesterday and is registered at the St. Francis.

A. von Stebral, who has been attending the St. Louis Exposition as a representative of Germany, arrived at the St. Francis yesterday.

George W. Root, formerly Clerk of the State Supreme Court, who is now engaged in mining in Grass Valley, is at the Lick with his wife.

J. V. Coleman, the well known capitalist, who has been visiting his mining properties for several weeks, returned to the city yesterday and is staying at the St. Francis.

Dr. R. M. Green of Oroville, representing the Sacramento Valley Development Club on the California Commission to the St. Louis Exposition, arrived from the East last evening, and is staying at the Lick.

Dr. W. J. Younger arrived in San Francisco yesterday after an absence of several years. He came from Paris to attend the midsummer high jinks of the Bohemian Club, and to meet old-time friends in California. He attended the first outing, and many subsequent expeditions, of the club to the redwood groves. In his profession Dr. Younger has achieved eminent success in San Francisco, Chicago, New York and Paris.

The Marquis de Gouvion Saint-Cyr, who died recently in his eighty-ninth year, was the last survivor of the peers of France.

ULTIMATUM IS SENT TO VENEZUELA

Germany Demands Payment of Interest Due.

Diplomatic Relations Will Be Severed Unless Coin Be Forthcoming.

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WILLEMSTADT, Island of Curacao, July 31.—It is reported that Herr Pellkram, the German Minister at Caracas, has delivered an ultimatum demanding the immediate payment by the Venezuelan Government of the interest on the amount of the award to be paid to Germany as stipulated in the protocols signed by Herbert W. Bowen, representing Venezuela in February, 1903. If this demand is not complied with, the report says, the Minister will leave Caracas on August 4.

PORT OF SPAIN, Trinidad, July 31. The British Minister at Caracas has strongly protested in the name of the English bondholders against the seizure by the Venezuelan Government of the asphalt lake at Guanaco, the property of the New York and Bermudez Asphalt Company, maintaining that the interests of the bondholders will be menaced unless the lake be immediately restored to the company.

To-day's steamship brings news from Caracas that a serious conflict is imminent in the Venezuelan capital, in consequence of the hostile attitude of the Government toward all foreign legations. This is especially true of the English, German, American and French legations.

The stock market is falling fast, because of the situation, business men remembering the last blockade of Venezuelan ports.

WASHINGTON, July 31.—Not a little surprise is evinced here over the news from Willemstadt, as the general impression has been that President Castro was meeting the demands of the protocols signed by Bowen, Germany, Italy and Great Britain, according to the decision of The Hague tribunal, were to have preferential treatment in the payment of their claims against Venezuela, after which the non-blockading powers were to be paid. All the payments were to be made out of 30 per cent of the customs receipts of the ports of La Guayra and Porto Cabello, which were to be set aside for that purpose.

There has been a feeling of dissatisfaction among some of the members of the diplomatic corps at Caracas over various acts of President Castro, and some reports which have reached here have intimated that a full 30 per cent of the receipts at the ports named was not being set aside for the payment of the claims, as provided for in the protocol. This may have a bearing on the action which is said to have been taken by the German Minister.

At the same time, provision also was made that if Venezuela failed to keep the terms of the protocol the Belgian Government was to take charge of the customs at the ports named and administer them until the claims of the powers were settled along the lines agreed on. This, the officials here believe, should remove the necessity for any arbitrary action by any of the powers signatory to the protocol.

The Navy Department is getting a light-draft warship ready to go to Venezuela, should Minister Bowen's report show that American rights have been interfered with in the asphalt seizures.

UMPIRE RALSTON'S AWARD.

Announces Findings Upon Italian Claims Against Castro Government.

WASHINGTON, July 31.—Jackson H. Ralston of this city has just signed his final award as umpire of the Italian-Venezuelan Commission and this completes the labors of all the recent Venezuelan mixed commissions. About 260 claims, aggregating $6,000,000, were filed with the Italian commission, there being many more Italian claimants than any other nationality and the aggregate awards were about $400,000.

The largest claim presented was that of the Cervala heirs for more than $3,000,000. The original claimant was born in Sicily, but passed a large part of his life in Venezuela, going abroad at different periods in various capacities for that country. The umpire held that he had forfeited his original citizenship by his diplomatic employment and his heirs therefore could not be heard before the Italian commission.

Another case of importance was that of Martini & Co., which held a concession for coal mines and the railroad from Guanta to Barcelona. The company claimed $1,800,000 because of interference with business by the paper blockade and closure of the port of Guanta, etc.

The umpire held that under the terms of the concession the port should have remained open and that the paper blockade, or blockade by proclamation only, was illegal and that Venezuela was liable for damages directly resultant therefrom, granting the company $95,000.

Several cases of expulsion from Venezuela came before the commission. The umpire recognized the governmental right of expulsion, but found in particular instances that it had been exercised in disregard of the law and granted damages. For the unlawful killing of two Italians, by or in the presence and with the sanction of Government officials, awards of $8000 and $10,000 were given.

The question most debated before the commission was as to the responsibility of Venezuela for the acts of unsuccessful revolutionists. The umpire, following many precedents, held in a number of cases that such responsibility did not exist.

GETS DIVORCE DECREE AND $50,000 ALIMONY

Wife of Broker Sidney C. Love Proves Her Charges of Extreme Cruelty.

CHICAGO, July 31.—After a minute hearing yesterday Judge Honore found Sidney C. Love, the well-known broker, guilty of "extreme and repeated cruelty" and granted Mrs. Minetta C. Love a decree of absolute divorce and $50,000 alimony. Thus in comparative secrecy and without any publicity ended a case which has been talked of in social circles for some months.

FATAL "HOODOO" ON THIS BANK

Father, Son and Grandson Concerned in Its Management Meet Violent Deaths

DOORS ARE NOW CLOSED

Investigation Is Expected to Reveal the Cause of a Series of Probable Suicides

Special Dispatch to The Call.

GRINNELL, Iowa, July 31.—Three men—father, son and grandson—were victims of the First National Bank of this city. There is mystery in the violent deaths of these three men, all of them intimately concerned with the management of the bank, which was closed on the day after the last named two died—whether by accident or suicide may never be known.

Twelve years ago C. H. Spencer, founder and president of the bank, died by his own hand. His son, Henry C. Spencer, the cashier, succeeded to the management and his son in turn was bookkeeper and confidential man.

Ten days ago this father and son went in their launch to the middle of the little lake on the edge of the town and jumped into the water. Both were drowned.

The next day the bank closed. With a Government examiner in charge, absolutely nothing official as to its condition can be learned, but one story is that the original Spencer, when he gave up the struggle twelve years ago, left the bank insolvent and that his son and grandson, covering up the fact, have struggled twelve years to restore solvency and save the family honor, finally giving up and committing suicide together. This is the belief of most residents of Grinnell.

Another story is that the son and grandson, succeeding to the control of the solvent bank, forged great amounts of paper, merely to show the examiners, in order to keep up an appearance of prosperity for a bank that in fact did little business.

The bank is credited by its last statement with about a quarter of a million dollars of deposits. The best information is that if it really had such an amount there will be immense losses. Sensational developments when the receiver makes his report are certain.

PLANTERS FEAR LABOR FAMINE

Make Frantic Efforts to Secure Men to Pick Banner Cotton Crop of South

Special Dispatch to The Call.

MERIDIAN, Miss., July 31. — The threatened scarcity of labor to gather the banner cotton crop of the South has forced the big planters of Mississippi, Texas, Louisiana and Alabama to co-operate in frantic haste. They have dispatched many labor agents to New York, Chicago, St. Louis and other large cities to induce laborers to aid in the harvest. Arrangements have been made to bring 2000 miners and their families from the troubled districts of Colorado to the cotton fields. Their transportation is to be paid.

The Department of Commerce and Labor has informed the Mississippi representatives that within six months more than 150,000 immigrants seeking employment will land in the United States.

WILL APPEAL TO LAW.

Attorneys Are Engaged in Drawing Complaint for Deported Men.

DENVER, July 31.—Attorneys H. O. Hawkins and John H. Murphy, counsel for the Western Federation of Miners, are devising ways and means to enable the deported Cripple Creek miners to return to their homes. Papers are being drawn and application will be made to some court, possibly the Federal court, for an injunction restraining the Citizens' Alliance and mine owners from interfering with any deported men who return to the Cripple Creek district.

STEAMSHIP ENSHROUDED IN METALLIC VAPOR

Remarkable Experience Terrorizes The Mohican's Crew Off Delaware Breakwater.

PHILADELPHIA, July 31.—When the British steamship Mohican, Captain Urquhart, from Ibraila, Roumania, which was in this port to-day, was making for Delaware Breakwater, it had a most remarkable experience, which terrorized the crew, played havoc with the ship's compass and brought the vessel to a standstill for nearly a half-hour.

For that length of time the Mohican was enshrouded in a strange metallic vapor, which glowed like phosphorus. The entire vessel looked as if it were on fire and the sailors flitted about the deck like glowing phantoms. The cloud had a strange magnetic effect on the vessel, for the needle of the compass revolved with the speed of an electric motor, and the sailors were unable to raise pieces of steel from the magnetized decks. The captain says:

"The seamen were in terror. Their hair stood straight on end, not from fright so much as from the magnetic power of the cloud. They rushed about the deck in consternation and the more they rushed about the more excited they became. I tried to calm them, but the situation was beyond me.

"For a half-hour we were enveloped in that mysterious vapor. Suddenly the cloud began to lift. The phosphorescent glow of the ship began to fade. It gradually died away and in a few minutes the cloud had passed and we saw it moving off over the sea."

Death of a Pioneer.

HAYWARDS, July 31.—Charles Neudeck, one of the pioneers of this region, died Friday evening at his home in this city. He was 67 years of age and had been failing for some time. Mr. Neudeck came to Haywards nearly forty years ago and was a member of the old butchering firm of Strobel & Neudeck. Mr. Strobel died a few years ago and Mr. Neudeck had practically retired, the business being carried on by the sons of the two partners. Neudeck leaves three children, Carl, Lizzie and Mamie Neudeck.

RUSSIANS COME TO CALIFORNIA

Three Hundred Families of the Czar's Peasantry Are on the Way to Los Angeles

SEEKING NEW HOMES

If the People Are Satisfied Other Emigrants From Slav Domain Will Follow

Special Dispatch to The Call.

LOS ANGELES, July 31.—Three hundred Russian families, more than a thousand of the Czar's former peasantry, are now on their way to Los Angeles from the East.

They are not allied with any organization, but are simply humble, hard-working agriculturists, fleeing from oppression in their native land.

None of the men possess over $600 and many of them do not have even this much. At their head is Boris Lycurgeff, a leader of peasantry throughout the south of Russia, who has forsaken all in the cause of liberty and whose life has been hounded from principality to principality by the secret agents of the political chiefs dominating the Russian ministry.

These simple people will come to California just as they left Russia, with all their Russian habits and quaint customs intact. Lycurgeff, who is on his way to western America, has been one of the most picturesque figures in the spread of education among the peasantry of his land. Himself a man of powerful physique, he served for years in the Russian infantry and gained there a knowledge of arms which is reputed to have stood him in magnificent stead in many a fray.

Several large tracts of land have been investigated by advance agents of this band, but if any purchases were made no announcement of it has been made. It is probable that the Russians will divide into a number of small communities. If they are satisfied in their new homes twice as many more of their countrymen will follow them next year.

CALIFORNIANS IN LARGE NUMBERS VISIT THE FAIR

ST. LOUIS, July 31.—The following visitors from California have registered at the California building:

San Francisco—D. F. Fitzpatrick, M. T. Nilsen, J. Mallett, P. S. Long and wife, C. Stienfels, M. C. Stienfels, W. Holland, J. L. Holland, M. A. Bryte and wife, Mrs. H. I. Sheehan, E. J. Sheehan, Leo Lagl, A. T. Pierce, C. N. Nordt, M. Marcuse, Hae Yin Wing, C. Flumber, F. G. Worcser, G. M. Stolys, F. C. Berg, A. A. Jacobs.

San Jose—J. H. Harrenstein and family, V. B. Losse, A. P. Murgotten, L. Anneel, H. H. Plate, J. P. Beemaker.

Oakland—W. H. McOscar and family, J. A. Sinclair, M. I. Rhodes, Mrs. T. Wolter, W. B. Greer and wife.

Fresno—J. Johnson, K. J. Johnson, N. A. Johnson, Mrs. G. L. Johnson, C. Z. Irvine.

Sacramento—O. W. Noack and wife, L. P. Martin, L. M. Barnes.

Miscellaneous—E. D. Stonewood, Merced; W. Leuchland, Lodi; P. A. Chita, Concord; W. J. Hoipin, Concord; M. Wente, Livermore; E. Knipbein and wife, Concord; M. Poehl, Santa Monica; S. E. Knox and wife, Sonora; W. N. Stratton, Lemoore; A. D. Richardson and wife, Watsonville; Fr Smith, Lodi; E. R. Lamb, Concord; Mrs. H. C. Henney, Santa Cruz; H. C. Henney, Santa Cruz; H. Fenington, Benson; J. W. Duffy, Galt; C. Wente, Livermore; G. L. Meserole, Eureka; C. W. Getchell, San Andreas; R. Patterson, Farmington; J. McElroy, Hopland; Mrs. J. P. Forbes, Alameda.

FATAL SHOOTING THE RESULT OF DRUNKEN ROW

MONTEREY, July 31. — William Unfeet shot and probably fatally wounded Tom King during an altercation at Seaside at noon to-day. The men were members of Gardner's gang of Western Union linemen and had been drinking heavily during the dinner hour. King reached across the table and assaulted Unfeet with a beer bottle, laying open the scalp. Unfeet drew a revolver and fired, the ball entering near the left nipple. King will die.

Swedish Ladies Picnic.

The Swedish Ladies' Society gave its eighth annual day and moonlight picnic at Shell Mound Park yesterday. A large number of friends accompanied the members to the grounds and took part in the many games and entertainments provided for their pleasure. Races for ladies, gentlemen and children were held, which resulted in many close finishes. About 100 prizes were distributed to the lucky winners at the contests and gate prizes.

The committees which had the affair in charge were composed of the following members: Mrs. Mathilda Pehrson, president; committee of arrangements—Mrs. Charles Sandahl, Mrs. Fred Nelson, Mrs. F. Ingmarson, Mrs. Peterson, Mrs. C. Gardellus and Mrs. Nils Cronfelt; floor manager, Otto Sjogren; floor committee—Miss Gerda Nelson, Miss Selma Nelson, Miss Esther Hogberg and Mrs. A. Forsell; reception committee—Mrs. G. R. Lindberg, Miss Anna Stenberg, Miss Nelson, Mrs. A. Christensen, Miss A. Anderson, Ch. Armstrong, Fred Nelson, Aug Lund and F. Ingmanson.

FLOODS CAUSE BIG WASHOUTS

Cloudbursts Along Line of the Santa Fe in Arizona Greatly Damage Railroad

BRIDGES CARRIED AWAY

Repair Forces Sent to Scene and Trains Are Run Over Southern Pacific Tracks

Special Dispatch to The Call.

LOS ANGELES, July 31.—Officers of the operating department of the Santa Fe have been working night and day over the big washout in Arizona, which was the largest and most sudden of the kind that every occurred west of Albuquerque. Los Angeles was called upon for material and men with which to close the trackless stretch and span the bridgeless ravines.

Two trains left this city early this morning, one bearing two bridge-building gangs of twenty-five men and the other having about twenty cars of ties and track material. Chief Engineer R. B. Burns of the Santa Fe coast lines left on the first train.

The greatest damage was between Hackberry and Truxton, a distance of twelve miles. The road in this district winds back and forth across the canyon, there being twelve or fifteen bridges. Of these bridges only two were washed away. Most of them were eighty-foot steel bridges built, it was supposed, to withstand any torrent that might come roaring down. But such a flood as that in the Crozier Canyon just before daylight on Saturday morning was something which all the ingenuity of man could not successfully combat. One of the big bridges was picked off its piers and carried 150 feet down stream. Between Bagdad and Danby five oil cars were washed off the track. There are over 300 men working in Crozier Canyon between Needles and Goff and sixty between Goff and Bagdad. The officials expect to close the gap by Wednesday.

Meanwhile eastbound trains are sent out over the Southern Pacific tracks and nearly all the westbound trains have ben annulled, but the passengers are being well cared for.

GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO BUILD GREAT DAM

Plans Under Way for Vast Impounding Reservoir in the Northern Part of State.

REDDING, July 31.—The Government is considering the advisability of building a restraining dam across Pit River in a deep, rocky canyon between Bieber and Fall River Mills. This would result in a storage reservoir of between fifteen and twenty miles square. Besides being the means of reclaiming a vast amount of arid land through irrigation possibilities, it is held that the reservoir would in a large measure relieve the pressure on the Sacramento River, of which the Pit is a tributary, during the periods of devastating floods. The land that would be flooded by stored waters would have to be condemned.

Engineer J. S. Evans and a crew of surveyors are now running lines to determine the best location for the dam. They hold that the most advantageous natural site on the Pacific Coast for the reservoir is in Big Valley, Lassen County, just over the line from Shasta County. The Pit River flows at that point through a deep canyon of solid rock, and the distance between the rock walls of the canyon is but 400 feet. The watershed comprises practically all of Modoc County except Surprise Valley.

CHINESE REBELS ARE AGAIN UP IN ARMS

Governor of Province Admits That He Is Powerless to Cope With the Insurgents.

TACOMA, Wash., July 31.—Mail advices from Canton, via Hongkong, says that the Kwangsi rebels are again engaging in wholesale slaughter and robbery. A number of desperate battles have been fought, the rebels being opposed sometimes by imperial troops and sometimes by clans of country people, whose crops are being destroyed.

Viceroy Hsum, who assumed the Governorship of Kwangsi and Kwengtung last year with the expectation of subduing the rebels in short order, now admits his total inability to suppress them. He has memorialized the imperial throne to recall him and hand over to the Board of Punishments in Peking.

French Admiral Jonquieres visited Canton a month ago, inspecting the French river gunboats. At the same time the French are mobilizing many troops on the Tonkin frontier, with the apparent object of seizing a portion of Kwangtung and Kwangsi if the Chinese rebellion offers an excuse.

PHILADELPHIA, July 31.—The four buildings of the Ornamental Terra Cotta Works at Wissahickon avenue and Bristol street were totally destroyed by fire to-night. Loss $130,000.

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ASSETS.

Real Estate owned by Company	$140,000 00
Cash Market Value of all Stocks and Bonds owned by Company	[illegible]
Cash in Company's Office	[illegible]
Cash in Banks	102,377 01
Interest due and accrued on Bonds and Mortgages	10,675 28
Premiums in due course of collection	497,810 83
Due from other Companies for reinsurance on losses already paid	179 76
Total Assets	$3,400,487 83

LIABILITIES.

Losses adjusted and unpaid	874,727 74
Losses in process of Adjustment or in Suspense	144,431 45
Losses resisted, including expenses	44,762 34
Gross premiums on Fire Risks running one year or less, $2,008,289 01; reinsurance 50 per cent	1,004,134 50
Gross premiums on Fire Risks running more than one year, $1,325,125 75; reinsurance pro rata	842,779 37
Due and accrued for Salaries, Rents, etc.	500 00
Commissions and Brokerage due and to become due	79,394 53
Return Premiums and Reinsurance Premiums	119,394 59
All other Liabilities	2,033 03
Total Liabilities	$3,002,988 06

INCOME.

Net cash actually received for Fire premiums	$2,806,982 80
Received for interest and dividends on Bonds, Stocks, Loans and from all other sources	95,347 78
Received for Rents	7,000 00
Received from all other sources	8,600 25
Total Income	$2,919,930 83

EXPENDITURES.

Net amount paid for Fire Losses (including $147,805 46, losses of previous years)	$1,079,028 90
Paid or allowed for Commission or Brokerage	391,122 90
Paid for Salaries, Fees and other charges for officers, clerks, etc.	131,429 43
Paid for State, National and Local taxes	79,818 48
All other payments and expenditures	717,610 62
Total Expenditures	$2,349,009 43
Losses incurred during the year	$1,118,890 13

Risks and Premiums.	Fire Risks.	Premiums.
Net amount of Risks written during the year	$293,971,941	$3,896,879 13
Net amount of Risks expired during the year	245,973,411	2,954,618 43
Net amount in Force December 31, 1903	308,283,111	3,823,964 79

GEO. W. BABB, Manager.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 27th day of January, 1904.

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