



THE WEATHER.
Forecast made at San Francisco for thirty hours ending midnight, September 16:
San Francisco and vicinity—Cloudy Friday; fresh west wind.
G. H. WILSON.
Local Forecaster.
Temporarily in Charge.

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THE CALIFORNIA

THE THEATERS.
Alcazar—"The Second in Command."
California—"Marta of the Lowlands."
Central—"Only a Shop Girl."
Clites—"Vanderville."
Columbia—"Babies."
Fischer—"Anheuser Busch."
Grand—"Princess Pan Tan."
Masonic—"In the Palace of the King."
Orpheum—"Vanderville."
Tivoli—"The Toreador."

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SMUGGLING OF CHINESE INCREASING

Yellow Horde Pouring In From Mexico.

Situation Alarms Commissioner of Immigration Sargent.
Federal Official Will Strengthen His Forces Along the Southern Boundary.

Special Dispatch to The Call.
CALL BUREAU, HOTEL BARTON, WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—One purpose of the inspection trip on which F. P. Sargent, Commissioner of Immigration, departed is to strengthen the Chinese exclusion service along the Mexican border. It is reported that hundreds of late with the purpose of stealing across the border into the United States. The scene of action of the Chinese for frauds has largely changed from Canada to Mexico. Speaking of this to-day, Sargent said:
"We are having more trouble along the border in the south than ever before and it probably will increase. Instead of going to work in the southern and central parts of Mexico, for which their importation was intended, the Chinese are congregating along the American line, simply waiting for an opportunity to get into this country."
"We are having the greatest trouble in Lower California, however, and we have increased our men there. The peninsula is thronged with Chinese and they are making their way over the hills and mountains into Tia Juana and thence north to San Diego. It is hard work locating the culprits in this sort of territory."
Regarding the conditions as serious, Sargent will visit all of the southern stations and end his trip up along the Canadian border. Mexico has been encouraging Chinese immigration and has thus increased the danger for the United States in that direction.

M'GEOGHEGAN IS ACQUITTED

Special Dispatch to The Call.
SAN JOSE, Sept. 14.—After a half-hour's deliberation this afternoon city Treasurer Thomas J. McGeoghegan was acquitted by a jury in Judge Tuttle's court of embezzling the sum of \$323.67 from the city.
This practically frees McGeoghegan of any wrongdoing in office, as the only charge against him now is made against him is that of falsifying the records. There is some doubt whether he could be convicted on that. The verdict to-day was received with applause.
McGeoghegan was city Treasurer for five years. About the first of last March a shortage was found in his office, and he was at once suspended by Mayor Workwick. Later he resigned. Nearly \$1,000 of license money collected by McGeoghegan was missing. When accused of taking the money he denied it and protested his innocence all along. McGeoghegan was not allowed a deputy in the office and he employed one himself. This deputy during the trial also denied taking the money.
A suit is now pending against the United States and American bonding companies, which were on McGeoghegan's bond, for the amount of the shortage in the treasury.

MEN WHO LYNCHED NEGRO INDICTED BY GRAND JURY

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., Sept. 15.—The Madison County jail is guarded to-night by Companies G and K, Third Alabama Infantry, Captain Lucien Brown, because threats have been made that persons indicted by the Grand Jury for connection with the lynching of Horace Maples and placed in this jail would be taken out by their friends and set at liberty. Ben Hill, one of the alleged lynchers, was captured and lodged in jail to-day, and the officers are looking for nine others who were not indicted.
Solicitor Peters denies the rumor that Sheriff Rogers and Mayor Smith have been indicted. The only foundation for this report is the fact that the Grand Jury has asked for instructions as to how to proceed to bring about the impeachment of these officers if such action should be deemed advisable.

Death Calls Noted Geologist.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Sept. 15.—Clarence L. Herrick, former president of the University of New Mexico and one of the best-known geologists in the West, died to-day at Socorro, N. M., of consumption. He was also a leading geologist and had spent the last few years doing mining expert work in Old and New Mexico.

GALE PLAYS HAVOC WITH SEA CRAFT

Great Damage Along the Atlantic Shore.

Number of Small Vessels Wrecked in Chesapeake Bay.
Serious Damage to Growing Crops in the Western Districts of Maryland.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 15.—Reports from down the Chesapeake Bay indicate that last night's storm was unprecedented in its fury and long continuance. For nearly ten hours last night and early this morning the bay was swept by a rain and wind storm which evidently was more severe farther down the bay than at its head.
The storm played havoc with shipping, in the northern part of the bay particularly. The wharves at both Betterton and Tolchester were partially washed away, while sail boats, steam launches and all light craft around Tolchester, Havre de Grace and Betterton were badly damaged. In many cases the boats were washed away and lost.
The steamship Joppa, from Easton to Baltimore, tried in vain to make landings on the bay shore. Her cargo listed and for hours she pitched and rolled with water dashing into her cabins and drenching panic-stricken passengers. She reached this city safely after several hours delay.
On the Lower Susquehanna a schooner and yacht were blown ashore and a tug sunk and in the bay a dozen "bug-eyes" and smaller craft were driven ashore.
In this city to-day William Norton was killed by coming into contact with a live wire blown down during the storm.
Dispatches from Western Maryland report serious damage to growing crops and fruits by the wind and rain. The rainfall during the prevalence of the storm for seventeen hours was 5.08 inches.

MANY LIVES ARE LOST.

Tug Is Swamped and Eight Persons Are Drowned.
NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—A number of lives were lost, much property damaged and several ships wrecked in a storm which ravaged the Atlantic coast last night and to-day.
The greatest loss of life was near Wilmington, Del. The tug Israel W. Durbin, with a crew of six men and four other men, employees of the American Dredging Company, was swamped in the Delaware River early to-day, during the height of the storm. Eight of the ten persons on the little craft were drowned. From farther down the coast near Jacksonville comes the report that five men were drowned off Charleston. This report was brought in by one of the coast liners. New York suffered comparatively little. The wind and rain and thunder and lightning were done. A little actual damage was done. Nineteen coal barges went adrift in the bay and to-night their wreckage strewn the shore from the Battery to the Narrows, but no lives were lost. Several small vessels also went ashore on various parts of the coast near New York. One fatality was reported in this city, when a piece of cast iron fire escape was blown from a building and struck Carl Hertzog, killing him instantly. A fishing steamer, the Joseph Church of Greenport, N. Y., struck on Pecks Hill bar to-day and was smashed to pieces. The captain and crew of twenty-one men were saved.
From Wilmington, Del., to-night comes the news that great destruction was caused by the storm. Trees were uprooted, houses flooded and crops ruined.

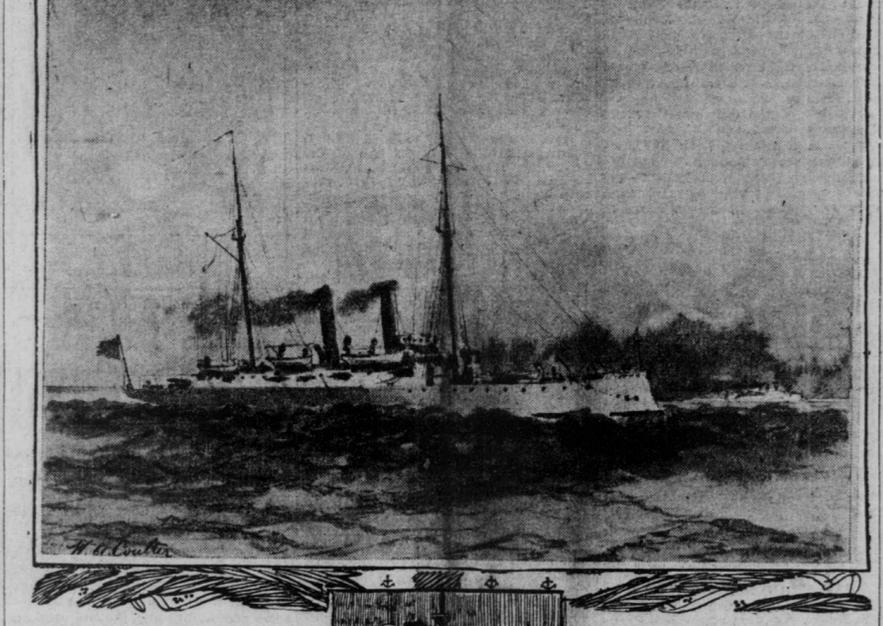
GOVERNMENT FORCES DEFEATED BY THE REBELS

Paraguay Revolutionists Make Winning Fight—Peace Negotiations Fall of Their Object.
BUENOS AYRES, Sept. 15.—There has been a complete failure of the negotiations between the Paraguayan Government and the revolutionists, owing to the persistent demands of General Escobar.
The rebel vessel Sagonia attacked the port of San Antonio this morning. General Ferreira making a simultaneous attack by land with cavalry and infantry after a reconnaissance in the direction of Lierona, where a considerable number of Government troops were encountered. The combat lasted three hours and resulted in the defeat and dispersal of the Government forces. The extent of the losses is unknown.

LUCK TURNS AND LEITER WINS BACK A FORTUNE

Millionaire Plays Faro and, Though Once Behind \$72,000, Stays and Quits Winner by \$4000.
SHERIDAN, Wyo., Sept. 15.—Joe Leiter, the Chicago millionaire and one of the proprietors of the big "U" cattle outfit near Clearmont, came up from the ranch last night. Shortly after midnight he dropped into Fred Littleton's saloon and began playing faro. There is no limit to the game there and Leiter was soon deep in play. Bets of \$7000 were made and lost of a single card until the Chicago millionaire was \$72,000 to the bad. Then luck began to turn and when the game broke up at 4 o'clock this morning Leiter was a winner by \$4000.

RUSSIAN CRUISER KOREA SIGHTED AND ESQUIMALT SHIPS PREPARE FOR SEA



Cruiser Boston in Quest of Japanese Fleet.

The United States cruiser Boston left port early yesterday morning in command of Commander John Hubbard, with orders to patrol up and down the coast to locate, if possible, the Japanese warships that have been reported or are supposed to be in this vicinity. Admiral Goodrich, in view of the many rumors of the presence of foreign warships, deemed this action necessary in the interest of the merchant marine. The rumors that have come from all sources and channels regarding the appearance of Japanese warships off the heads had caused much consternation in marine insurance circles. Marine insurance rates threatened to advance as high as 3 percent on outgoing ships and their cargoes. All day long the Boston kept in close communication with the shore by means of her wireless telegraphy system.

Slav War Craft Is Off Vancouver Island.

VICTORIA, B. C., Sept. 15.—Members of the crew of H. M. S. Grafton, just returned from Comox, report the presence of the Russian auxiliary cruiser Korea in the Pacific off the northern coast of Vancouver Island, steaming slowly southward. They expect that the Korea will come to Esquimalt or Victoria. She is described as a larger vessel than the Lena and is commanded by an officer of high rank in the Russian navy.

President Orders Dismantling of Lena.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—Acting Secretary of State Adee to-day gave out the following statement regarding the Russian ship Lena, now at San Francisco:
The President has to-day issued an order, through the acting Secretary of State, directing that the Russian armed transport, Lena, now at San Francisco, be taken into custody by the naval authorities of the United States and disarmed. The main features of the conditions prescribed are that the Lena be taken to the Mare Island Navy Yard and there disarmed by the United States Government and both the belligerents and the armaments shall be removed to a drydock for such reasonable repairs as will make her seaworthy and preserve her in good condition during her detention; that she may be so repaired at the navy yard if the Russian commander should so elect; that while at a private dock the commandant of the navy yard at Mare Island shall have custody of the ship, and the repairs shall be overseen by an engineer officer to be detailed by the commandant, and that, when so repaired, if peace shall not have been concluded, the vessel shall be taken into custody until the end of the war.

How Tokio Accounts for the Presence of the Lena.

TOKIO, Sept. 15.—The presence of the Russian warship Lena in San Francisco is exciting keen interest here, although the motive of the trip is not understood. One theory advanced is that the Lena, while engaged in scouting, called at Korsakovsk, found the wreck of the cruiser Novik, learned of the scattering of the Port Arthur fleet and the defeat of the Vladivostok squadron, took the Novik's crew on board and fled to San Francisco.
The telegraphic reports of the Lena's crew and numbers of guns on board indicate abnormal conditions for a ship of her class.

ASKOLD INCIDENT NOT CLOSED.

Japan's Demand That Crew Remain on Board Yet Unanswered.
SHANGHAI, Sept. 15.—The taotai still delays giving a formal answer to the Japanese demand that the crews of the Russian protected cruiser Askold and the Russian torpedo-boat destroyer Grozovik be confined on board these vessels, but it is understood that the Japanese cruisers will frustrate any endeavor to ship the crews away from here. The disarming of the Askold is concluded.

ASKOLD INCIDENT NOT CLOSED.

The Korea formerly belonged to the Danish-Russian East Asiatic Steamship Company and was according to advices from Copenhagen August 31, together with the same company's Kitai, equipped as a Russian auxiliary steamship. The vessel, it was stated, would be attached to the Baltic squadron.
The Korea's dimensions are given as follows: Length, 409 feet; beam, 43 feet, and depth, 13 feet. Her tonnage is registered as 3357 and her horsepower as 567. The Korea was built in 1899 at Flensburg, Denmark.

FIERCE FIRE VISITS CITY OF HALIFAX

Flames Destroy Property Worth \$500,000.

Dynamite Is Used to Stay the Progress of the Conflagration.
Wharves, Hotels, Warehouses and a Number of Retail Stores Consumed Before Blaze Is Controlled.

HALIFAX, N. S., Sept. 15.—A fortunate shift of the wind saved Halifax from destruction by fire to-day. Nevertheless the city suffered a loss of a half-million dollars in the business part of the water front, and the progress of the flames was stayed only by the dynamiting of a dozen buildings by the sailors from the fleet and soldiers from the garrison.
Between 3 and 4 o'clock this afternoon, when the fire was at its height and a fearful southerly gale was pushing it straight toward the heart of the business center, consternation reigned throughout the entire city. Shortly after 4 o'clock, however, the wind shifted and turned the flames along the wharves and warehouses.
There the fire raged on lower Water street practically beyond control until 7 o'clock to-night, when two hundred sailors with torpedo apparatus landed and with the assistance of two hundred troops checked further progress by removing, with the aid of dynamite, a dozen small buildings.
The fire consumed six wharves, two coal piers, two hotels, a dozen warehouses and a number of retail shops.
During the fire a large tree fell, killing three men, 23 years old, and wounding two others.
Admiral Sir Archibald Douglas personally directed the sailors in protecting imperial property, and two hundred marines patrolled the streets.
One fireman was fatally injured by a live wire, and another was badly hurt by falling stairs.
The burned district, which covered about two acres, was one of wooden buildings three and four stories high, many of them built years ago when Halifax merchants dealt heavily in fish.
Crowds of people who had rushed down Smith wharf found themselves hemmed in with the fire on one side and the harbor on the other, and had to be taken off by launches from the wharves. By this time the entire city had begun to realize the gravity of the situation. At half-past 3 it looked as if nothing could stay the progress of the flame from the main residential section of the city and into the waterfront. Every effort on the part of the firemen to stay the flames was futile.

MAY HEAR AND SEE ON TELEPHONE

Portland Man Makes a Remarkable Discovery.

Sense of Sight Adds to the Utility of Long-Distance Talking.
Device Permits the Persons Who Are Conversing to Be Plainly Seen by Each Other.

PORTLAND, Sept. 15.—A telephone arrangement by which those speaking may also see the face of the person at the other end of the line has been invented by a Portland man, J. B. Fowler of 115 Russell street.
That the apparatus does what the inventor claims for it is best proved by a visit, for as he has no patent upon it as yet, scientific explanations are lacking. Ever since 1878 Fowler has been working upon a device by which two persons at a distance might see one another's features.
Two months ago he hit upon the idea, which, followed out, has resulted in the apparatus exhibited by him to-day for the first time. A newspaper man made so thorough an investigation of the apparatus this evening that fakes is impossible. How far it will be possible to see faces over the wire must yet be ascertained, for Fowler has kept the entire line within his own residence.

PARIS EXCITED BY QUEER RACE

PARIS, Sept. 15.—Everybody is talking about the proposed automobile launch race across the Atlantic. It is the one absorbing topic of conversation in automobile circles. Opinion is first almost entirely skeptical as to the possibility of one of these frail craft pushing her way from Havre to Sandy Hook, is now beginning to veer. The question being asked now is not if it can be done, but what is the best month to try.
I was able yesterday to get the opinion of Anthony Drexel on the subject. Drexel remarked that May had been suggested as the best month in which to attempt the voyage. This he considers too early and the month too treacherous. It is his opinion that June or July would give the venturesome helmsman the best opportunities of succeeding.
Yesterday two further entries were made. The first was M. Garcia, and was dispatched from Marseille. M. Garcia is the owner of the launch named Bohemian.
The second, and by far the most sensational entry up to the present time, is that of Fred M. Thubron, owner of the vessel Quatre M. Charley tells that M. Thubron intends to send this boat across with the others.
M. Vedrine also announces his intention of risking the perils of the deep in an attempt to win M. Charley's \$50,000 francs.

FIVE YEARS IS SENTENCE OF AN ENGLISH SCAMP

Felon Who Allowed Another to Go to Jail for His Crime Is Punished.
LONDON, Sept. 15.—William Thomas, alias John Smith, who pleaded guilty at the Old Bailey yesterday to the charges against him, including the admission that he was convicted of a crime under the name of John Smith and served a term of five years' imprisonment for obtaining money and jewelry from women under false pretenses, was to-day sentenced to five years' penal servitude.
It was in mistake for William Thomas that a man named Adolf Beck served two terms of imprisonment on the charge of obtaining money and jewelry from women under false pretenses, owing, it is asserted, to police conspiracy.

CROWN PRINCE NOT EXEMPT FROM THE DISTRICT TAX

Officials Decide That Frederick William Must Pay an Assessment on His Income.
BRESLAU, Prussia, Sept. 15.—The appeal of the Crown Prince Frederick William against paying taxes on his estate at Oels was decided against him to-day by the district tax administrators, who upheld the judgment of the cantonal authorities, that only the sovereign and not members of his family is exempt from taxation. The tax administrators assessed the Prince \$1250 on his income from the estate of \$131,500.

PRINCE OF PIEDMONT IS LITTLE ONE'S TITLE

Queen Helene of Italy Is Delivered of a Son at the Royal Palace.
RACONIGLI, Italy, Sept. 15.—Queen Helene was safely delivered of a son at 11 o'clock to-night at the Royal Palace here. Both mother and child are doing well. The infant has received the name of Humbert and the title of Prince of Piedmont.

EAGLES IN POSSESSION OF THE CITY OF BALTIMORE

Streets Are Illuminated in Honor of the Presence of Grand Aeris of the Order.
BALTIMORE, Sept. 15.—The Eagles were in possession of Baltimore throughout the day. Grand Aeris members devoted their time to-day to business, but the visitors from distant cities spent the time in sightseeing. To-night a constant stream of pedestrians, men, women and children, lined the sidewalks of the principal thoroughfares, which were illuminated by thousands of electric lights.
The Grand Aeris of the order will continue in session until late Friday night and possibly may remain over Sunday. At to-day's session it was declared to be the sense of the Grand Aeris that State conventions should be permitted and a constitution adopted providing for such conventions, pending them to organize as State aeris and pass laws not in conflict with Grand Aeris powers.
It was resolved that persons more than 50 years of age may become social but not beneficiary members of the order, and that an applicant must have been a resident of a community at least six months before becoming eligible to membership.

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