

TORNADO OVER ILLINOIS TOWN

NEARLY A DOZEN PEOPLE KILLED—PROPERTY LOSS, \$2,000,000

Large Factories and Public Parks Demolished by the Wind—Railroad Bridges Partially Wrecked—Wires Down—Houses Unroofed—Struck Mendota.

Streator, Ill.—Five persons were killed and 19 fatally injured and property loss estimated at \$2,000,000 was caused by a tornado here. The dead: Larry Doyle, N. H. Bevine, Richard Purcell, Charles Snyder, William Brown, negro.

The fatally injured: George Doyle, Mrs. Doyle, Bessie Boucher, Charles Snyder, Fred Crone, fractured skull; Mrs. Crone, Mrs. Smith, Miss Smith, Captain Peabody and wife, Ralph Boucher, Mrs. Henry Pease and baby, George Hunter, George Doyle's little child, three children of A. J. Dougherty, and a man employed on the latter's farm.

A score or more are reported to have sustained broken bones.

Factories Suffer.

The first building struck was the Western Vulcan works, which was entirely destroyed, causing a loss of \$150,000. The 50 employes had left the place. Only one man, Richard Purcell, the night watchman, was in the factory and he was killed. About 100 people were employed there, but all had left half an hour before. Next the tornado caught a number of small houses, wrecking some, turning others halfway around, twisting huge trees and breaking them off at the base.

Three Parks Damaged.

The baseball park, the street railway park and the driving park were next in the storm's path. All the buildings, fences and grandstand, including a \$15,000 amphitheater in course of erection, were destroyed. At the driving park about 50 carpenters had just stopped work. There were four persons killed outright and about 15 injured. At the dairy farm of A. J. Dougherty, on the edge of town, a house was blown down and several who were in it at the time were badly injured. The Indiana, Illinois & Iowa bridge, costing \$1,000,000, was partially wrecked and the hoisting works and buildings at Spring Hill shaft were ruined. Many buildings in Kangley, four miles west of Streator, were blown down and several persons were injured there. Many houses were unroofed and otherwise damaged. Wires are nearly all down and details are meagre.

At Emington several houses were utterly demolished and four persons were badly, if not fatally injured. At Campus one man was killed, while two others were injured so badly that their hurts may prove fatal. The tornado was accompanied by a terrific rain storm, which washed out bridges, culverts and thousands of feet of railroad track. The loss of crops is very heavy.

Four Killed at Mendota.

Mendota, Ill.—Four persons were killed and 10 seriously injured by a tornado that struck the northern part of this city. The path of the storm was about eight miles in length. Everything in the storm's track was leveled to the ground.

Spokane's Star Pitcher Dies.

Spokane, July 22.—A few moments after 6 o'clock Monday night Ernest Nichols, the star pitcher of the Spokane baseball club, crossed the home plate for the last time. His life's score book is closed, and his last inning is over.

For "Nick" is dead. His death is thought to have been caused by heart failure, brought about by indigestion. During the afternoon, in company with nearly all the other members of the team, he went bathing in the pool at Natatorium park.

Bold Holdup in Spokane.

Spokane, July 22.—Two bold masked highwaymen, both armed with wicked looking guns, made the best haul secured by thugs in several months last night about 9 o'clock, when J. K. Schoonmaker, a traveling salesman, was robbed near Johnson's mill, at the corner of Boone avenue and Jefferson street. The robbers secured \$175 in cash, a diamond ring valued at \$175, a smaller diamond ring valued at \$40 and a woman's gold watch.

Hail as Large as Walnuts.

Pueblo, Col., July 20.—A special from Vineland says: One of the heaviest hailstorms ever experienced in this county has visited Vineland, accompanied by a high wind. The hailstones were as large as walnuts, and the ground was covered with ice to a depth of three inches.

Coast Wheat Report.

Portland, Ore.—Walla Walla, 70¢; 78c; bluestem, 80c; valley, 78¢/79c. Tacoma, Wash.—Steady; bluestem, 82c; club, 78c.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Harvest in Whitman county has begun. Ellensburg women are raising \$1250 for a public fountain. Crop reports are a little more gloomy than they were a little earlier in the season.

Rev. G. Tsuruda is pastor of the Spokane Japanese Methodist church, organized recently.

F. A. English has sold his fruit farm, four miles north of Farmington, for \$16,000. An Iowa man is the buyer. The Weyerhaeuser syndicate has purchased 14,700 acres of land in Snohomish county, for which it paid \$88,740.

T. J. Pitzer, a Garfield grocer, is missing. He has not been heard from since he left home a week ago for Spokane.

The first catch of sockeye salmon of the season has reached Seattle port. It consisted of 9000 fish taken on the San Juan island banks.

Seattle was chosen by the labor commissioner as the field for the first inspection of bakeshops under the law passed by the last legislature.

Mrs. Annie Mull died at Seattle suddenly a week ago and her infant daughter 36 hours later. An autopsy indicates poison by carbolic acid or similar drug.

The route lies through the Methow, the Okanogan and the Spokane valleys to Spokane. It taps Mt. Baker, Slate Creek and the Methow Valley mining country.

Elvin Nicholson, 24 years old, of Ellensburg, committed suicide at North Yakima recently by shooting himself in the head. He leaves a wife at Ellensburg.

The personal property of Whitman county is assessed at more than \$500,000 more than last year, nearly every line of property assessed showing a marked growth for the year.

The official call for the next meeting of the transmississippi commercial congress at Seattle, has been issued by Secretary Arthur F. Francis. The dates fixed are August 18, 19, 20, 21, 1903.

Miss Edna I. Warner, Miss Nina Solomon and T. V. Foster were drowned in the bay at Everett last Sunday by the capsizing of their sail boat. There were no witnesses to the accident.

Grief over the sudden death of her husband, followed almost immediately by the confinement of her daughter in an asylum for the insane, has caused Mrs. F. C. Yonnie, a well known resident of Tyler, to lose her mind.

The body of Fred Payne, drowned recently off the steamer Chelan at Wenatchee, was found near Rock Island. He was about 30 years of age and unmarried. Charles Hare was also drowned in attempting to rescue him.

The ninth annual fair of the Whitman County Fair association has been decided upon, and it will be held in the fair grounds west of Colfax, beginning Monday, October 12, and closing Saturday, October 17, being in operation for six full days.

Herbert Bolster, one of the best known citizens of the Inland Empire, a pioneer of Spokane, and for several years manager of the Spokane fruit fair, died last week at his home. For many months Mr. Bolster suffered with a nervous malady, which baffled the skill of physicians.

John Dexter, a harvest laborer in the employ of Frank Kaiser of Waitsburg, was drowned while bathing at Teal bridge. The unfortunate man was wading in four feet of water when he suddenly stepped into a hole over nine feet deep. He was unmarried and came recently from Oregon.

A novel sight recently was that of Misses Alice Mullen and Minerva Foley, respectively business manager and operator in the telephone office at Republic, climbing a telephone pole to put a new cable fuse in the box. Owing to the linemen's strike now on, no man could be found to do the work.

The greatest irrigation enterprise in the northwest was set on foot when the Yakima Development company, capitalized at \$250,000, filed articles of incorporation. The scheme is the development of every foot of desert land in the Yakima valley, the water to be taken from the Yakima river, its tributaries and storage lakes.

Amended articles of incorporation have been filed with the secretary of state and the Whatcom county auditor by the Bellingham Bay & British Columbia Railroad company. The articles were amended at San Francisco July 2, and propose an extension of the line to Spokane, a distance of 295 miles. This will be the shortest, most direct route from Spokane to tidewater on the Pacific, 19 miles shorter than the Great Northern.

One of the most horrible accidents recorded in the annals of Clarke county occurred recently at Flatwood, 12 miles north of Vancouver, in which an estimable mother lost her life. Mrs. Asa Sturgess and husband were riding upon a load of hay, when a portion of the load slipped off, precipitating Mrs. Sturgess. A three tined pitchfork fell from the load at the same time, tines upward, and upon this Mrs. Sturgess fell, all three tines piercing her body, the middle one her heart, killing her instantly.

MINES AND MINING NOTES

SUMMER BRINGS ACTIVE WORK IN EVERY SECTION.

Items of Interest Gathered During the Past Week—New Discoveries in B. C.—Coeur d'Alene District Making a Great Showing—Numerous Mining Accidents and Personals.

Net profits of practically \$1,500,000 were made by the Coeur d'Alene mines during 1902.

BRITISH COLUMBIA MINES.

In order to provide funds for the opening up of a road to the property and the driving of a still deeper tunnel, the Fisher Maiden-Troy Mining company, operating in the Slokan country, has decided to reorganize on an assessable basis, and a meeting for that purpose has been called at Rossland for August 11.

Greenwood Miners' union, No. 22, W. F. of M., is preparing to hold a celebration at Greenwood on August 19, that date being the anniversary of the institution of the union at Greenwood. It is stated that the Kootenay railway men have considerably arranged to postpone for a week their excursion to Rossland, so as not to clash with Greenwood's celebration.

All trace of the disaster in No. 6 mine at Cumberland, near Victoria, has been cleared away, and the mine has resumed work. The list of dead now totals 15, two more victims having succumbed to their injuries and another can not recover. The fire must have been very severe while it lasted, for in many instances the flesh of the Chinamen was burned clear through to the bone. The accident is now attributed to a foul shot.

With the past week the various mines of the Boundary have shipped over 300,000 tons of ore this year, and the tonnage sent out to the smelters is the greatest for several months, being above 15,000 tons, as follows: Granby mines, to Granby smelter, 7344 tons; Snowshoe mine, to Sunset smelter, 1950 tons; Mother Lode, to Greenwood smelter, 3131 tons; Sunset, to Sunset smelter, 1150 tons; B. C. mine, to Greenwood and Sunset smelters, 810 tons; Emma, to Granby smelter, 240 tons; Oro Denoro, to Sunset smelter, 270 tons; Athelstan to Sunset smelter, 175 tons; total for week, 15,050 tons; total for year, 301,332 tons. This week the Granby smelter treated 8343 tons, making a total of 168,405 tons treated this year.

Reports to hand at Rossland from the Slokan and East Kootenay silver-lead camps indicate that the passage of the federal bounty on lead is already having the desired effect of stimulating activity in mining.

About \$500,000 has been spent in developing the water power of Kettle river at Cascade, and up to a month ago the Granby mines and smelter were the only users of it. Now the Snowshoe mine is also utilizing this electrical energy, brought some 20 miles, to run its large hoist.

The rush to Popular creek and Rapid creek, down Gerard way, seems to have no effect on the crowds of men now pressing into Ferguson looking for steady work and getting it within an hour from their arrival.

The zinc reduction and refining plant of the Payne is progressing favorably and is expected to be in operation by the 15th of August. The plant is the first of its kind in British Columbia. Much interest is being taken in the erection of it.

The Sandon mines are steadily increasing their forces, but labor is scarce.

MINING NOTES.

Between 60 and 70 men from Missouri have arrived in Denver under agreement to work in the Globe smelter of the American Smelting & Refining company. Upon arrival a portion of the men refused to work in the smelter, claiming that the situation had been misrepresented to them.

A crew is being employed at the Storm King group, in the Cable Cove district, Ore., getting out timbers and lagging for the mine. Three drifts will be opened on this property this fall and fully 1000 feet of development work done on the three ledges. Assays from the Eureka ledge, on the same group, give values of \$80 to the ton.

The first decisions of the conciliation board, which relate to some of the grievances in the Hazleton, Pa., coal region, have been made public. Only three of the 19 grievances submitted by President Defrey of that district were decided. Two favor the contention of the men and one is against them.

One hundred and fifty men left Dawson by steamer on a big stampede to the new gold fields 100 miles west of White Horse. Governor Congdon has sent Mining Recorder Burwash to the seat of the new find and the latter will record claims on the spot. Mounted policemen have also been sent to the new fields. White Horse is said

to be almost deserted in consequence of the stampede.

The Black Ball liner Dolphin reached Seattle last week from Skagway with 80 passengers and \$259,900 in Klondike gold. A number of the passengers were from the interior. The vessel left Skagway on July 13.

Rumors of a copper strike about 10 miles northeast of Pierce, Idaho, is the latest, and J. B. Collins, one of the discoverers, and H. E. Ellsworth, who has examined the find, say it is on Elk mountain, at the head of Elk creek, a tributary of the Oro Grande, and 10 miles due northeast of Pierce, or about 16 miles by the old Moose City trail. The ledge has been traced through seven claims. It is a blind lead and has been run over for years by prospectors, who have found the float.

William Martin, familiarly known in the west as "Uncle Billy" Martin, an old time placer miner and argonaut, died recently at Missoula of paralysis, aged 76. He was in Alder gulch in 1863 and was sheriff of Kootenai county, Idaho, from 1882 to 1886.

The milling plant being erected at the California mine, in the Cable Cove district, Ore., is rapidly approaching completion. The machinery for this plant was delivered last fall and winter and is therefore ready to be installed as soon as the building is ready for it.

Negotiations are now pending for a settlement of the difficulty existing between the large mineowners of the Coeur d'Alenes and Shoshone county, regarding the taxes of the different properties. It is now confidently expected that a compromise will be effected before the present session of the county commissioners adjourns.

J. White, a member of the syndicate owning the Clarence group in the Buffalo Hump section, states that 25 men are at work on the Big Buffalo group in the Hump. Work has been recommenced on the tunnel on the Oro Fino claim. When Charles Sweeney and associates first became interested in Buffalo Hump, the original plan of development for the claims was through a tunnel 4000 feet long, where work is now progressing. The present development is taken here to mean that Mr. Sweeney has decided to pursue that plan of permanent development on the Big Buffalo group which he decided on when the properties were first purchased.

Preparations are being made to resume work on the Effie R. claims, in the Pierre Lake district, Washington. The Effie R. comprises three properties, situated east of the First Thought mine. Much shaft and tunnel work has been done on these properties. Gold is the principal ingredient of the ore.

Ore from a blind ledge in the lower workings at the Opal mine near Chewaw, Wash., gives values as high as \$500 in gold. The ore is four feet wide and is running in the same direction as the tunnel.

John Boyd is in New York and is said to be arranging for the installation of a 3000 horse power electrical plant, and a half of a 55 drill air compressor, which is to be placed at the Palmer Mountain tunnel at Loomis, Wash.

On account of the shortage of Crow's Nest coke it was found necessary to close another furnace at Northport smelter. No. 5 furnace will be changed to a side feeder, and will start up in 10 days. The intention of the management is to run four furnaces until the coke famine is released.

According to Colonel James O'Leary, secretary and treasurer of the Hidden Lake Mining company of Butte, construction of a 100 ton concentrator will begin shortly. The Hidden Lake company has 16 quartz claims, three placer claims, three millsites and two warm springs creek. Considerable free gold is to be found in the company's properties. The predominating ore is a sulphide of iron, which carries varying values of the yellow metal.

The Old Dominion concentrator at Colville, Wash., with a capacity of 60 tons of ore per day, which has been idle for the past six years, has been thoroughly repaired, and has started with two shifts of four men, and will continue indefinitely. The ore bodies heretofore opened up on the Old Dominion have been uncovered. W. F. Kyle, the lessee of the property, has had 22 men busy during the spring and early summer months opening up and timbering the old tunnels and underground works in various parts of the mine and in starting new developments where it was deemed necessary. The latest and most important development in the Old Dominion group is the opening of three feet of chloride ore in the old Ella shaft, rock from which carries 6000 ounces of silver to the ton.

The Rapid river district, in Idaho, is the scene of considerable activity and development. A gigantic hoisting plant has been ordered for the properties of the Iron Springs Mining company and is due to arrive in about a week.

Montana Mines.

A vein of coal has been discovered in a claim owned by a syndicate, composed of Chinook people, within several miles of Chinook. A tunnel has been run in on an incline for 200 feet and in the surface of a drift a vein of coal 42 inches across has been cut.

POPE LEO'S LAST SUNDAY

LIES IN A STATE OF COMA—DOUBTS AS TO RECOVERY.

His Pulse Is Steady but Weak—Death Looked for Any Moment—Intervals of Delirium—President Roosevelt's Telegram of Sympathy Received—Deeply appreciated by Authorities.

Rome, July 19, Midnight.—The pope lies tonight in a state of coma and there are grave doubts in the minds of his doctors whether he will ever completely emerge. His immediate dissolution seems only to be diverted by the activity of his heart. His pulse, though weak, continues steady. Shortly before midnight, Dr. Lapponi said to the correspondent of the Associated Press:

"The pope at the present moment is in a state of coma, which may be called a condition preceding the last agony, the duration of which it is impossible to forecast, although everything leads to the belief that his condition can not last. To be more exact, he is still in a state of torpor and stupor, from which, however, he rouses occasionally when he hears sharp sounds, as, for instance, the insistent voice of one of his familiars calling loudly to him. Left alone, he relapses immediately into a condition of torpor. At intervals he murmurs in his sleep, continuing to have forebodings that he is being abandoned by his valet, Centra, and myself. These are the symptoms of incipient cerebral anemia and general exhaustion. He can no longer turn in his bed without assistance and is being kept alive by artificial stimulants. During the last 24 hours he has had two injections of camphorated oil, three of caffeine and two of hypodermics of salt water, besides drinking stimulants."

Mgr. Bisolotti, master of the pope's chamber, said earlier in the evening, that the pulse of his holiness had not yet shown any signs of becoming intermittent, so, despite his extreme weakness and coma, he believed the pope would survive the night and possibly tomorrow. Both the Italian government and the authorities of the vatican have made final preparations for the pope's death. The government is rigidly censoring all telegrams and telephonic communications between Italy and the rest of the continent. At this hour but few people remain at the vatican. Dr. Mazzoni and Dr. Rossoni and the cardinals have gone to their homes to await the last urgent summons.

President Roosevelt's telegram expressing his sympathy for his holiness in this hour of extreme anxiety and asking to be informed of the condition of the venerable patient, has been received. The vatican authorities are deeply appreciative of this expression of the president and recall the cordial personal exchanges between the president and the pope when the volumes of presidential messages and papal encyclicals were exchanged. Cardinal Rampolla sent an answer, which contains the thanks of the vatican authorities for the solicitude expressed by the president and also the latest information concerning the condition of the pope.

TRADE REPORT.

Well nigh perfect summer weather helps crops, increases fall trade and stimulates railroad summer resort business. Lower prices for many staples are really an encouraging development. The present railway business is the largest ever handled for a midsummer period. The salient features in trade reports are the better tone of trade advances from the southwest, where the feeling grows that a large business will be done. The wool market is strong, with more doing, both in the raw material and in the manufactured product.

Wheat, including flour, exports aggregated 3,652,884 bushels. Business failures in the United States numbered 173.

Aldrich for Vice President.

The New York World says that United States Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island is Senator Thomas C. Platt's nominee for vice president, and that the nomination was made at the Oriental hotel, Manhattan beach, and that Senator Platt also named Chicago as the convention city. Senator Platt is widely known as a maker of vice presidents and that he named Mr. Roosevelt for second place in 1900.

The Royal Visit to Ireland.

London, July 22.—The official program of the visit of King Edward and Queen Alexandra to Ireland shows that it is the intention of the royal couple to circumnavigate the island, set foot on all four provinces and stop at the principal towns of each.

Ethnologists are of the opinion that when America was discovered there were not on the continent of North America any more Indians than exist now.