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PACIFIC COAST ITEMS

A Condensed Report of the Important Happening During the Week

Committed Suicide While in the Embrace of His Wife—Schooner Burned to the Meters Edge—Robbed in Broad Daylight

The Supervisors of Sacramento county are in favor of oiled roads.

Charles Moore of San Diego, 16 years of age has killed the allowance of three deer this season.

At Robinson Ferry, near Angel's Camp, a forest fire surrounded a band of goats and over 100 of the animals were burned to death.

Miss Marion Reed of San Francisco was robbed of \$50 in broad daylight on the streets of that city. A sneakthief grabbed her purse, which was hanging from her neck by a chain, and escaped.

Daisy Grogan, a California actress who made a great hit on the New York stage, and recently inherited \$500,000 from an uncle, was married to a prominent dry-goods man in New York a few days ago.

Sacramento county shows an increase of assessment of \$203,000.

Thieves passing as gas inspectors robbed a San Francisco dwelling of \$300 in watches and jewelry.

The game warden at Santa Cruz has distributed 50,000 rainbow trout in streams throughout the county.

A miscreant spread arsenic on the Belgian hare farm of H. J. Lendholtz at San Rafael, and 150 blue-blooded hares were dead the next morning.

An Italian fisherman at Capitola caught a basking shark forty feet in length. It weighed five tons. The tail had a spread of over six feet.

George W. Witty, who was deputy sheriff of Tulare county, committed suicide in a San Francisco lodging-house. He gained notoriety from being one of the pursuers of Evans and Sontag, the Fresno county train robbers, and was badly wounded in a battle with the outlaws.

A Hanford man, while driving along the road from Tulare, noticed what he thought was a pack of greyhounds chasing a rabbit. It proved to be thirteen coyotes who had encircled a number of rabbits. The men drove up near the scene and watched the performance until the coyotes had killed twelve of the animals.

Dr. Charles Rene Gregory, the distinguished American scholar, who has for many years held a professorship in the German University of Leipzig, will deliver a series of lectures at the University of California next month on "Education and Social Progress in Modern Germany."—L. A. Times.

Redding, Cal.—John Whitehouse, a resident of Egg Lake, Modoc county, committed suicide Thursday evening while in the embrace of his wife. The tragedy was reported in Redding today. Returning from Lookout, where he is said to have been on a several days' spree, he called his wife to "come and kiss me good-bye." Little suspecting his awful intention the woman put her arms about his neck. Quickly drawing a pistol from his pocket he placed its muzzle against his forehead and sent a bullet through his brain, falling back dead from the grasp of the horrified woman he had just widowed.

Seattle, Wash.—In Fletcher bay,

Bainbridge Island, about eighteen miles by water west of Seattle, a two-masted schooner burned to the water's edge and sunk Thursday night, the owner of the schooner, Captain Hart, losing his life in the fire.

"Gentleman Burglar" Caught

San Francisco.—Policeman Hellbush arrested a fashionable attired young man as he was endeavoring to break into the residence of John Straunce. The burglar showed fight and the officer was compelled to use his pistol, wounding the burglar. When placed in the toils he gave the name of Stone, admitting that it was an assumed one. It is believed that he is the "gentleman burglar" who has been robbing residences in the fashionable section of the city during the past few months. He was well supplied with burglar's tools when arrested. He says he came from New York, but will give the police no information about his recent movements.

Lucky Miner's Child

Redding, Cal.—About a year ago the young son of Stephen Meeks, a poor miner, stumbled across a ledge of quartz while playing. He notified his father of the discovery, and Meeks, sr., commenced development work, disclosing ore of great richness. The property is of such value now that Meeks refused \$20,000 for it. The ore runs from \$30 to \$50 a ton, and the ledge seems to be getting richer as development work proceeds.

Rich Find of Ambergris

Salinas.—From Point Conception comes news that a valuable find of ambergris has been made there, the value of which promises to reach \$40,000.

F. W. Walraven, a bridge carpenter at work on the Southern Pacific road; T. J. Reddington, agent at Conception, and J. Bosby, night telegraph operator, found a large mass, about 140 pounds in weight, of a whitish, oily stuff, of which they brought specimens to Santa Maria, sending some to San Francisco for analysis. The report received proved that the substance was almost pure ambergris, and its value will probably exceed \$40,000.

Capitalist Hangs Himself

San Francisco.—Samuel Levy, a retired capitalist, aged 75 years, sought relief from asthmatic pain by hanging himself to a bedpost. He was dead when discovered.

Government Takes Whisky

Tacoma.—The Northern Commercial Company is reported by men who arrived at Skagway last week to have lost 10,000 gallons of liquor at Dawson through its seizure by customs officials, because the company had no permit to land it. The company made strenuous efforts to purchase a liquor permit, owned by Robert Lowe of White Horse, but failed, after using the telegraph wires vigorously for several days.

Knowledge of the situation became public through these telegrams sent to Lowe. The liquor in question was shipped from San Francisco to St. Michael last spring, and there transferred to the steamers of the lower river. Most of it was taken to Dawson on the Steamer Sarah.

Just why the company should have taken such desperate chances, when a permit could have been obtained by purchase cannot be understood on the Upper Yukon. Under the existing rules customs officials can take no other course than to confiscate the entire lot of whisky. They are now watching for a shipment sent up the river from St. Michael by Black Sullivan, a Dawson liquor dealer.

COLLISION WITH AN ICEBERG

Steamer Islander Sinks With Scores on Board

Boilers Explode as Vessel Goes Down and Many Perish Who Otherwise Might Have Escaped—Captain Dies at His Post

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 18.—The steamer Islander, the crack passenger steamer of the Alaskan route, and operated by the Canadian Pacific Navigation Co., of this city, struck an iceberg off Douglass island, at 2 o'clock on the morning of Thursday last, and went to the bottom, carrying down from sixty-five to eighty souls, including passengers and members of the crew. Some of the survivors arrived here this evening by the steamer Queen. They report that, as the vessel went down, her boilers exploded, causing the death of many who might have escaped. Capt. Foote was on the bridge when the vessel struck, and staid there and went down with the steamer.

Heavy Sum in Gold Lost

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 18.—There was \$275,000 in gold on the steamer, \$100,000 of which was carried by passengers. H. H. Hart, who has spent sixteen years in the Klondike, lost \$35,000 in dust. Some say that Capt. Foote reached a raft, but when he saw the extent of the disaster, he jumped overboard.

No accurate list will be available until the arrival of the purser on the steamer Farallon.

A Passenger's Story

F. G. Hinde-Bowker, late manager of the British American corporation of London, who was a passenger says: "My first intimation of an accident was the rushing of passengers on the deck, which woke me up. I was in a cabin with Mr. Maghten. I got up, went out of the cabin and saw the steamer sinking at the bow. I woke my partner up and we dressed. By this time she was still lower in the water. By the time I got out of the cabin the water was about the smoking room floor. I went on the upper deck, followed by my partner, and when I saw the boats were gone I went to a fall-hanging davit. By this time only the raft in the water with eight or ten people on it and slid down the rope onto the raft, and as soon as I got on, the stern of the steamer sank and sucked the raft and people down. We were some time under water, but I held on and when the raft came up, only two of us were left. We hailed two men and a Chinaman, who were swimming, and got them aboard. By this time the steamer had sunk out of sight. Many people hung onto the raft at different times, but it was not air tight, and we had much difficulty in keeping afloat. We were turned over once by others climbing on, but generally managed to right ourselves.

"The scene was heartrending. The boats were scattered and over-crowded and people were adrift, begging, pleading and crying for help. We gathered lumber and made our raft float. We were picked up by one of the boats returning from shore. I cannot speak too highly of the officers and crew."

Carriage Factories Combine and Discharge Union Labor

Cincinnati.—Over two thousand carriage workers were notified by seven shops here that their services were not needed now and that the places would open September 3 as non-union shops.

The following factories were closed: Ratterman & Luth, Anchor Buggy Company, Lion Buggy Company, Sees

& Seoville, George Enger Company, Hukay Buggy Company and the Souther Carriage Company.

Hundreds of girls and boys will also be thrown out of employment. Recently nine factories here combined under one incorporation and announced that they would employ whom they please, fix their own wage scale, settle the matter of apprentices, piece work and contract system.

German Embezzler Captured

Chicago.—Garhardt Terlinden of Duisburg, Germany, accused of forgery and embezzlement by the German government, was captured in Milwaukee by Chicago detectives and brought to this city for safe keeping. The prisoner is wanted by the German authorities for having forged and hypothecated 1,500,000 marks worth of charters and securities, the property of the Gerhardt Terlinden company of Duisburg, of which he was manager. The business was a land improvement and investment enterprise and it is said that a great number of poor persons were financially ruined by the defalcations of the manager. The American equipment of Terlinden's booty is \$375,000. He has a considerable amount of money on deposit in Chicago banks.

Boers Gain a Victory

London.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, August 16:

"While a party of fifty of French's scouts were proceeding to join a column near Bethesda they were surrounded in the hills by a superior force under Theron and surrendered. One was killed and three were wounded, Captain Bethelheim dangerously."

Lord Kitchener does not give the date, but the casualty list indicates August 8.

Reporting upon the engagement between Colonel Moringe and Commandant Kritzinger at Middleburg, Lord Kitchener says that the British commander drove the Boers north to Venterstad in confusion. He asserts also that General French's other column in Cape Colony is gradually driving the enemy northward.

Sixty Teachers for Manila Married at Honolulu

Carbondale, Ill.—A local paper prints the following: "Among the 400 American teachers who sailed on the transport Thomas from San Francisco to Manila, sixty of them on reaching Honolulu were married. The teachers had been chosen from the many normal universities of the country and were all strangers to each other. Their acquaintanceship and courtship extended over a period of less than ten days. The captain of the Thomas refused to permit their weddings while en route and the thirty pairs, upon the arrival of the transport at Honolulu, sought out clergymen and were all married. A boat was chartered and the thirty pairs made a tour of the bay. The information reached this city from one of the men who was appointed from this city."

San Francisco, Aug. 16.—Full credence is not given here to the report of the marriage of sixty of the school teachers sent to Manila by the government at Honolulu. Honolulu papers and press correspondence announcing the arrival of the Thomas contain no allusion to such an event.

Young Girls Spared

London.—A dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette from Constantinople says a body of 400 Kurds had been raiding the Delmisara district of Armenia and destroyed twelve villages, leaving nothing but smoking ruins.

Only the girls were spared. They were carried off to the harems. All the males were ruthlessly butchered.