Great Rush Now in Progress Almost Certain to End in Death.

Fifteen Hundred Men Now on the Dyea and Skaguay Trails.

DYEA, Alaska, Aug. 4 .- (Via Seattle, Wash., Aug. 12.)—The British steamers Islander and Gees have arrived with about 500 prospectors, which increase the number of the Dyea and Skaguay trails to fully 1,500. Later reports have come in to the effect that the Skaguay route is open, and that is about 45 miles long. It is a zigzag course over the mountains, and the road is very soft. There are 200 or 300 head of horses in the trail, and they will put the road in a deplorable condition.

The probability of one man in ten reaching the Klondyke is remote. Old Alaska prospectors, some of whom have wintered in the Yukon and know what to expect, are becoming frightened and turning back. Not that they fear the hardships, but that they are apprehensive of famine on account of so many men rushing headlong to the mines without enough provisions to last them two months

The best evidence that those upon the ground regard the sicuation with more or less alarm is the fact that many are paying 20 cents per pound to have freight packed across Dyea pass. There is an increase of 3 cents per pound since the sailing of the Alki, at which time 16 and 17 cents were charged. Twenty cents is the regular rate over the Dyea or Chilkoot pass route.

This increased and exhorbitant charge is due to a scarcity of horses. Without pack animals of some description, it appears to be next to impossible at this season to get freight and outfits across the divide

THE REPLY OF CANADA.

Maxim Guns to Enforce Law in the Klondyke Region.

TORONTO, Ont., Aug. 12.—A good deal of interest is being taken in Canada in the manner in which the American press and public receive the new mining laws passed by the government for the Klondyke district.

It is hardly necessary, says the Toronto World, to reply to the threats of Americans in the matter. The government of Canada has already made its reply and that reply is based on action, not on words. A large force of mounted police and two Maxim guns are now on the way to the Klondyke country, and if miners whom the United States journals are inciting to revolt only make the attempt, they will perhaps meet with a reception warmer than they anticipated.

Surely it is time that the country and especially the party in power began to consider the relations of Canada with the United States from an entirely new standpoint. Hitherto, the Liberal party has regarded this people as a friendly neighbor from whom Canadians might expect fair treatment, at least, while our habit has been to yield to them overmuch and rather to sup than stand upon our rights."

STRUCK ON THE ROCKS.

ner Mexico of the Alaska Fleet Goes to the Bottom of the Pacific.

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 12.—The steamer Topeka, which arrived here during the evening, reports that the steamer Mexico on Aug. 5, while going into Dixon Entrance from Sitka during a heavy fog, struck West Devil's rock. After two hours the steamer sank in 500 feet of water, stern first. The captain exhibited great coolness and with the officers did everything possible. The passengers and crew were saved with their baggage in small boats. The ship is a total loss.

The Mexico left Seattle on July 27 for Dyea with 263 passengers bound for the Klondike gold fields. She was on her return trip when the accident oc-

Sea Otter Hunters in Luck.

San Francisco, Aug. 12. - A private letter from Captain Smaling of the schooner Theresa, now in the Bering sea, gives news of the catch of the sea otter hunters up to July 8. The best of luck has followed the men, as the four schooners heard fom had killed 63 otters, the skins of which are worth from \$30,000 to \$40,000. The catch was as follows: Rattler 20, Herman 18, Kate and Ann 18 and Ephinger 7. As the season had just opened, it is expected that the otter hunters will come back as rich as Klondyke miners.

British After a Hawaiian Cable.

VICTORIA, B. C., Aug. 12.-H. M. S. Algeria, one of the survey ships of her majesty's navy, will soon arrive here to take part in the cable survey. Advices from Honolulu are to the effect that H. M. S. Penguin has completed a survey for the cable from Australia to Honolulu, and the Algeria will make the survey from here to Honolulu.

Iowa Pythians Adjourn.

CLINTON, Ia., Aug. 14.—The sessions of the grand lodge, Knights of Pythias of Iowa, closed with the election of officers. Council Bluffs get the next ses-

Six Prisoners Escaped. GREEN BAY, Wis., Aug. 14.-Six prisoners made their escape from the county jail by sawing the bars in the ste el cage in which they were confined. They were in for highway robbery and larceny.

HANNA'S YACHT SAFE.

Hauled Into Deep Water After Being Aground Sixteen Hours.

JACKFISH, Ont., Aug. 14.-Senator M. A. Hanna and a party of pleasure seekers accompanying him on a cruise of the Great Lakes had a thrilling experience on the northern coast of Lake Superior. Their yacht, the Comanche, a staunch steel vessel, went aground in Nipigon straits and stuck fast in the rocks that abound in that region for 16 hours. The accident occurred at midnight when the senator and his guests were comfortably stowed away in their berths. There was considerable confusion for a time but the captain soon found that the yacht was not in a serious position and all settled down to await the arrival of tugs which were ordered from Nipigon, 10 miles distant. The Comanche was hauled into deep water at 4 in the afternoon and resumed her journey with all on board well. Beyond a slight leak, the yacht was not harmed. The mishap was caused by the pilot getting the yacht out of the channel.

The party on board the Comanche included Senator and Mrs. Hanna and daughters Mabel and Ruth of Cleveland; ex-Governor and Mrs. Merriam of Minnesota, who were taken on at Duluth; Mr. and Mrs. Gosline of Teledo; Miss McCurdy and Miss Phelps of Cleveland, and Mr. Deery of Toledo.

Bonefit Life Association to Quit. Boston, Aug. 14.—The Globe says that the Massachusetts Benefit Life association will probably cease its corporate existence Tuesday, Aug. 17, on which date a petition will be presented to the supreme court for the appointment of a receiver. It is understood that there will be no objection to the

Had Ten Wives.

St. Joseph, Mo., Aug. 14.-Albert Knelland, the alleged bigamist, arrested in Mexico and brought here for trial, according to letters received, has 10 wives, nearly all of them living. They live in Ohio, Illinois and Missouri. Knelland is a traveling artist and was married the last time here about two vears ago. He was first married at Columbus, O. His fourth wife, living at St. Louis, is pushing the prosecution.

Tariff on Stope for Government Use. WASHINGTON, Aug. 14.-Unless the treasury department can be brought to modify its construction of the tariff law in respect to the duty on stone imported for government use, one of the largest engineering works now in progress in this country, the construction of the breakwater at Buffalo, will be brought to a standstill.

BRIEF BITS OF NEWS. ' Austria and Bulgaria are having a

quarrel over remarks of the Bulgarian premier.

Moses P. Handy, special commissioner of the United States to the Paris exposition, will sail for Paris on Aug. 28.

A Duluth woman has sued a dentist, whom she charges with having pulled two of her teeth againist her wishes, for \$3,000 damages.

The archbishop of Toledo (Spain), Mgr. Monsoillo Viso, is dead. He was born in Spain in 1811 and was created a cardinal in 1834.

Minnesota Chippewa Indians have filed a \$600,000 claim against the government for additional pay for timber sold on their reservations.

Tobacco Growers Heavy Losers

VIROQUA, Wis., Aug. 14. -The damage to the tobacco and other crops is even more serious than first reported. Fully one-half of the acreage of tobacco in the county was destroyed by hail and wind, and the loss to tobacco growers alone will foot up \$150,000. Many farmers are plowing up their tobacco fields.

Sensational Colorado Murder.

DURANGO, Colo., Aug. 14. - Will Arey, who has relatives in Chicago and New Jersey, was shot and almost instantly killed by Dr. W. H. Winters, one of the most prominent physicians in Southwestern Colorado and a former member of the legislature. Arey was accused by Winters of intimacy with the latter's

Grasshopper Plague in Iowa.

SIOUX CITY, Ia., Aug. 14.-Grasshoppers are doing considerable damage in this county. Millet, in particular, has suffered severely from their ravages. In many places the head of the grain is cut completely in pieces.

Reported Wreck in Texas. Dallas, Tex., Aug. 14.—It is reported that the Missouri, Kansas and Texas

northbound passenger train is in the

ditch at Caddo Mills. Something to Depend On.

Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ills., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into Hasty Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home, and to the surprise of all she began to get better from first dose, and half a dozen dollar bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free bottles at Wonneberg & Avis' Drug

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Former General Manager of the Union Pacific to Succeed E. W. Winter.

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Railroad Companies Anticipate a Great Business For the Year.

NEW YORK, Aug. 13.-C. S. Mellen has been elected president of the Northern Pacific Railway company. Daniel S. Lamont was elected director and vice

Mr. Mellen is the second vice presi dent of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, and was formerly general manager of the Union Pacific railroad. The office of president of the Northern Pacific was rendered vacant by the resignation of Mr. Winter. Hitherto there has been no vice president. Mr. Lamont, it has long rumored, was to fill some office in the company.

BIG BUSINESS EXPECTED. Roads Looking Forward to

Heavy Fall Trame. CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—Freight traffic of-ficials of all the leading Western roads report an improved condition in rates and a larger amount of business than at any time for several months. There is less demoralization in rates because there is enough business to prevent the roads from engaging in a grand freefor-all fight for the traffic. The freight agents say that when the grain crop begins to move in earnest all of the large roads will, for the first time in several years, have all that they can do to take care of their tonnage. In several of the offices as much tonnage has been contracted for as the roads carried during the entire year last year.

IMMIGRATION FALLING OFF. Number of Arrivals During the Last Fiscal Year the Smallest Since 188#.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18. -The tide of immigration is at the lowest point since the general government assumed juris diction of the subject in 1882. The number of arrivals from all countries during the last fiscal year was 230,882, a decrease as compared with the previous year of 112,483. The lightest immigration of any previous year was in 1895 when the number from all countries was 279,948. The year of heaviest immigration was the first of the period beginning with 1882, when arrivals numbered 788,992. During the entire period of federal supervision 7,482,016 have entered the United States. The arrivals of Russian Jews for the past year numbered 22,750 as against 45,187 for the fiscal year ended June 80, 1896. Italy furnished the greatest number of emigrants, 54, 481, a decrease of 8,629 from last year.

EUROPE'S EXTRA DEMAND. United States Must Furnish Twelve Per

Cent More Wheat Than Usual. LONDON, Aug. 13 .- The Times, in the course of its financial article, says: is estimated by persons in a position to form an opinion that at least 19 per cent more wheat than is usually needed by ing to the short Russian, French and Austro-Hungarian crops, the United States will be the only country able to meet this extra demand."

South Dakota Wheat

PIERRE, S. D., Aug. 13.-The government crop report for the week mys: In the most southern counties oats and spring wheat harvest is about completed, stacking is general and some little threshing has been done. As indicated in former bulletins, the wheat crop is very uneven; some very good, some fair and some poor, and some of the late will not be cut because of thin stand and encroachment of weeds during the recent wet spell. There is a general report, however, except in a few localities, that the berry is plump and of good quality.

Washington Wheat Yield. SPOKANE, Aug. 13 .- The Spokesman Review has crop reports from special correspondents. The estimated wheat yield, as given by the reports, is as follows: Washington: Spokane county, 4,000,000 bushels; Walla Walla, 4,000, 000, Adams, 3,000,000; Whitman, 13,-500,000; Lincoln, 13,400,000; Kittas, 400,000; Yakima, 300,000. North Idaho: Latah county, 2,000,000; Nez Perces, 1,000,000. Total, 41,600,000 bushels.

Northwestern Flour Output.

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 13 .- According to the Northwestern Miller the flour output last week at Minneapolis was 216,-920 barrels, against 243,100 the previous week, and 254,505 in 1896. Superior and Duluth mills ground 33,215 barrels last week, against 33,350 the week before, and 83,450 in 1896. Sales for the week in Minneapolis were 260,000 barrels, mostly to domestic trade.

Damage Mostly Repaired.

Hot Springs, S. D., Aug. 13.-The damage caused by the flood is now mostly repaired. Trains upon both roads are running regularly into the city. Water, light and telephone systems are all completely fixed and the big plunge is expected to be ready for business this week.

Giant Powder Explodes.

St. Louis, Aug. 13.—About 800 pounds of giant powder exploded in the St. Jose lead mine near Bonne Terre. William H. Waddern and Tylor Dodson were killed. Albert Morris and Joseph Miller were seriously wounded and Cal Gibson and Ed Forshee painOUR MERCHANT MARINE.

American Vessels Carry but a Small Percentage of Exports and Imports.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 .- According to the records of the treasury department British vessels are carrying over 55 per cent of the merchandise of the United States, both imports and exports. Examination of figures for the first six months of this year show the total imports in vessels to have been of the value of \$432,689,981 and of domestic exports in vessels, \$452,800,000. The percentage of imports carried in fereign vessels is 84.65 and in American vessels 15.35. The value of exports for the same period carried in American vessels was \$37,113,168 and that of fereign vessels, \$415,687,237.

The Attachment Released.

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 14.—The attachment against the Illinois Steel company to satisfy a claim of \$60,589 in favor of the Newport Mining company, was released upon the presentation of a guarantee in the sum of \$125,000 signed by Frank G. Bigelow and Charles F. Pfister. The attackment did not delay the operation of any part of the plant.

French Exports and Imports. Paris, Aug. 14.—The official returns just published show that the imports into France for the past seven months were 20,217,000 francs below those of 1896. On the other hand the exports foot up 177,687,000 francs more than during the same period of 1896. A decree has been gazetted temporarily admitting hard and soft wheat for milling purposes.

Slaughtered by Portuguese LISBON, Aug. 14 .- It is officially announced that the Portuguese troops surprised and routed the rebellious Mapaulinquines on Tuesday last, killing 28 chiefs and 298 of their followers, in addition to wounding many of the rebels. The Portuguese had two killed and four wounded. All the territory of the rebellious tribesmen has been laid

Overdose of Chleral.

JACKSON, Miss., Aug. 14.—Rev. W. T. Howe, son-in-law of Bishop Hugh Miller Thompson of the Episcopal church, took an overdose of chloral at the residence of the bishop in this city and died from its effects shortly after. Mr. Howe was well known in Omaha and other Northern cities.

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BRYAN AT BUTTE. Great Popular Demonstrations Responded

te by Short Speeches. BUTTE, Mon., Aug. 14.-Among the screeching of steam whistles and shouts of welcome from 30,000 throats William J. Bryan was received in Butte. House tops sagged under the weight of thousands and every window where a view could be obtained was crowded with

faces. At the depot the crowd was so immense the police could not cope with it. Reaching his hotel Mr. Bryan responded to calls of the people, and made a brief address. He referred to the fact that this day was the anniversary of the notification and speech of ac-ceptance at Madison Square Garden, New York.

"I had not thought," he said, "of celebrating the occasion in this place, but I am forcibly reminded of the material difference between the two cities I said on going to New York that I was going to the enemy's country. It would take a liar of big dimensions to declare that I was in the enemy's country on this occasion. I am pleased to meet my friends and especially to meet people who were so universally on our side during the campaign."

Later in the day Mr. Bryan went to Walkersville, a suburb of Butte, where a monster demonstration took place He also spoke at the race track. The track has been under the ban of labor unions because of a difference with the carpenters. Mr. Bryan declined to speak there until the boycott was declared off for this occasion. Mrs. Bryan, who is a guest of Mrs. Charles W. Clark, held a reception to the ladies in the McDermott hotel.

ARMY CORPS REUNIONS.

Dates on Which Comrades Will Get Together at the Buffalo Encampment. BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 14 -Dates for army corps reunions during encampment week have been arranged as fol-

Tuesday, Aug. 24: First and Fifth army ccrps, 3 to 5 p. m.; Second and Third army corps, 5 to 7 p. m.

Thursday, Aug. 26: Seventh, Eleventh, Twelfth and Twentieth army corps, 9 to 11 a. m.; Eighth and Nineteenth army corps, 11 to 1 p. m.; Sixth army corps, 1 to 3 p. m.; Ninth and Eighteenth army corps, 3 to 5 p. m.

Friday, Aug. 27: Fourth, Thirteenth and Fourteenth army corps, 9 to 11 a. m.; Fifteenth and Sixteenth army corps, 11 to 1 p. m.; Seventeenth and Twenty second army corps, 1 to 3 p. m.; Twentythird and Twenty-fifth army corps, 3 to

On the Charge of Bribery.

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 13 .- Charles Polachek has been arrested charged with attempting to bribe Alderman Elkert to vote for his company's interest on the city garbage contract matter. Mr. Polachek is a member of the state assembly. He was released on \$2,000 bonds.

Premiums For Good Farming,

In view of the experiments being made with the Campbell system of soil culture it will undoubtedly be of interest to the farming community along the line of the Northern Pacific railway to know that the Campbell Publishing Company of Sioux City, Ia., offer the following cash premiums for the largest yield of wheat, oats and barley grown on two square rods of ground, under the Campbell method of soil culture, which consists amply in thoroughly fineing and firming the soil at least eight inches deep, then drilling or planting the grain far enough apart to be cultivated during the growing season. They will pay \$20 cash for the largest yield of wheat, \$10 for the largest, \$5 for the third largest, \$2.50 for the fourth, and \$1 for the fifth. Th same premiums are offered on oats and barley. They offer a further line of premiums for the largest stool of wheat barles containing the largest number of grains grown from one seed. For the largest stool \$10, for the second largest \$5; for the third largest \$2.50; fourth largest 31; fifth largest 50c. These same premiums are offered for stools of oats and barley. A further premium is offered to any person that may succeed in winning any three of the above first prizes. Commence at once and send to the Campbell Publishing Co., for sample copy of Soil Culture with full particulars and full instructions for work with common tools with terms of competition. Try this. It may be worth many times the prizes to you. According to the terms of the above offer it is possible for one man to secure \$115 of these prizes.

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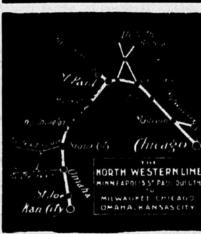
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