

NOT ALL ROSY

Are Reports Brought Back From Alaska

THE MINERS AT ST. MICHAELS

ARE LIKELY TO STAY THERE TILL NEXT SPRING

One Expert Whose Head Is Fastened on Doubts the Richness of the Klondike Claims

Associated Press Special Wire.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Information received at the Treasury Department from Captain Tuttle of the revenue cutter Bear, now cruising in Alaskan waters, does not paint a rosy description of scenes and prospects in the Klondike region. Writing from St. Michaels September 16th, Captain Tuttle says:

"There are in port seven sea-going vessels and six river steamers, with one steamer and one barge in process of construction on the beach. About 300 people are encamped on the beach, awaiting the completion of these vessels. At least seven vessels are expected to arrive, many of them with passengers. There is no possible chance of these people reaching the Upper Yukon this season, and they must winter here or at some point inside the mouth of the Yukon. While there will be an abundance of provisions, the trading companies having their main depots here, trouble is likely to arise from those who have no provisions and means to purchase them. This, however, is a small matter, when taken into consideration with matters above Fort Yukon on the Yukon river."

"On September 15th the river steamer Milton returned from its up-river trip, having been unable to reach Circle City. Captain Hill reported the river so low as to prevent the steamer from reaching its destination. His cargo was landed on the river bank. The steamer J. J. Healy, P. B. Weare, Alice, Bella and Marguerite are now up the river, but the prospects are that they will not be able to reach Circle City or Dawson."

"Laws in regard to the inspection of steam vessels are entirely disregarded, and no inspectors of Hulls or Boilers have visited this place. At least sixteen of such vessels are now running in this part of the Yukon. If I should seize them, starvation would ensue to those who are depending upon these vessels to bring them provisions. At the same time hundreds of people are traveling on these vessels, which are without the safeguards to life that the law provides they shall have."

"A Deputy Collector of Customs is stationed at St. Michaels, who is required to attend to all customs business. Frequently there are several vessels in port discharging bonded goods at the same time. It is impossible for one man to attend to all the goods, and the result is that St. Michaels there is no customs officer in charge of these goods. Vessels frequently get aground, and it is necessary to discharge the cargoes before they can be floated. Great opportunities are afforded to defraud the customs. There should be a customs officer on every vessel carrying bonded goods, and provision should be made to have the vessels inspected as the law requires."

SOME RICH CLAIMS

MARYSVILLE, Mo., Oct. 12.—An interesting letter has been received by Henry Alexander of this place, from his son, E. G. Alexander, who has been in Dawson City since 1895. The letter is as follows:

"I have been spending most of this summer at Dawson City, but will leave shortly for the mines on Bonanza creek where I will remain until next spring. A new creek was struck this summer, known as Dominion creek. It is tributary to Indian creek. I succeeded in locating a claim on it in a very favorable location. There were two discoveries on the creek and my claim is between them. I succeeded in holding my Dominion creek property this summer. The ground averaged after I bought it one ounce, or \$17, a day to the man for shoveling in. They are getting as high as \$25 to the pan on Eldorado creek and 3000 ounces, or \$51,000 was taken out of one claim alone in about a week's shoveling at a total cost of perhaps \$500. At that rate there will be at least \$4,000,000 in the claim."

A CAUTIOUS EXPERT

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.—Henry Bratton, the mining expert who is known throughout the United States from his connection with the Exploration Company of London, has returned from the Klondike. His mission was to ascertain if an opportunity presented itself for investment. He says: "I found some very good placer mines, but not as sensational in their richness as has been reported. In many cases the claims are comparatively poor, although most of them will pay wages."

"Because one claim is very rich is no reason why an adjoining one should be equally good. On the contrary, the near neighbor of a rich claim is generally not worth much. There are few summer diggings in the Klondike; that is, those which can be worked by the ordinary sluicing process. Most of the bed rock is eighteen or twenty feet below the surface and the ground is frozen solid, except that lighter inches or two feet thaws in the summer."

"On the whole the Klondike may be classed as very good diggings, and I should say there is a good chance for other discoveries this fall. As to quartz mining, I consider it impossible at the present time, owing to the difficulties to be overcome. I do not think there is much danger of starvation at Dawson."

SHEEP FOR DAWSON

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.—C. W. Matthews, ex-Sheriff of Ashland, Wis., has returned from a trip to the Klondike for the purpose of ascertaining whether sheep and cattle could be shipped to the mining districts of Alaska and the Northwest Territory with profit, and he is now on his way East to perfect arrangements for sending a flock of 2000 sheep to Dawson in the early spring.

THE LAST ARRIVAL

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 12.—The schooner Bering Sea arrived here today

from St. Michaels, which place she left September 20th. The Bering Sea brings no news of importance beyond what has already been reported. When the schooner left, the Eliza Anderson expedition was preparing to start up the Yukon. The sensational stories about threatened lynching of Mayor Wood of Seattle and D. K. Howard, manager of the Eliza Anderson party, are said to be without foundation.

A SPECIMEN

PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 12.—J. C. King of this city has received remarkably rich specimens of quartz from his brother, W. C. King, who is now on Stuart river, Alaska.

Mr. King says: "My brother shipped down 400 pounds of ore taken from his claim on Stewart river and I had it sent to the Selby smelter at San Francisco. It shows \$731 in gold, 247 ounces of silver per ton; 20 per cent in lead and 11 1/2 per cent copper. The ledge is about nine feet in width."

"My brother also writes that there is any amount of quartz in that region, but most of it is low grade, free milling ore. The base ores are the rich ones."

TURF AND TRACK

Winners of Harness Races at Lexington—Running Results

LEXINGTON, Ky., Oct. 12.—The racing was exceptionally brilliant today. After the rain of Monday the track was in perfect condition and the weather warm and clear.

2:14 class, trotting, \$1000 (two heats trotted Monday)—Cald won in straight heats, Emily second, Captain Jack third; best time, 2:11.

2:09 class, pace, \$1000 (four heats paced Saturday and one Monday)—Sherman Clay won, Kansas second, Choral third; best time, 2:08 1/2.

Walnut Hill cup, 2:17 class, trotters, \$2500—The Monk won, Eagle Flannigan second, Woodford C. third; best time, 2:11 1/2.

2:29 class, trotters, \$2000—The Abbot won, Pearlina C. second, White Pointe third; best time, 2:13.

Lexington stakes, for 2-year-olds, value \$2000—Limerick won, Wilma second, Charley Herr third; best time, 2:19 1/2.

2:05 class, pacing, \$1500—Heir-at-Law won, Planet second, Bumps third; best time, 2:07.

2:18 class, trotting, purse \$1000 (unfished)—Mackey and Horne Wilkes each won one heat; best time, 2:15.

AT WINDSOR

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 12.—Results at Windsor:

Six furlongs, Scully race—Katie B. won, Major Tom second, Dad's Daughter third; time, 1:21.

Five furlongs—Olney won, Jim Lisle second, Earl Fouse third; time, 1:06.

One mile—Alvin W. won, Van Kirkman second, Anger third; time, 1:48.

Seven furlongs—Elmsmere won, Blackling Brush second, Hartford Boy third; time, 1:34.

Five and a half furlongs—Margaret Easton won, Bouquet second, Jim Armstrong third; time, 1:24.

AT HARLEM

CHICAGO, Oct. 12.—Results at Harlem:

Five furlongs—Ruskin won, Denial second, Sir Hobart third; time, 1:08.

One mile—News Gatherer won, Muskalong second, Rewarder third; time, 1:51.

Five and a half furlongs—Gath won, B. and W. second, Imp third; time, 1:24.

Aspirant stakes, \$1200 guaranteed, six furlongs—Napamux won, Daily Raceway second, Sackett third; time, 1:24.

One mile—Sir Vassar won, Big Knight second, Box third; time, 1:46.

Five furlongs—Lady Irene won, Marto second, Ada Russell third; time, 1:04 1/2.

Seven furlongs—Peacemaker won, Old Center second, Celtic Bard third; time, 1:33.

AT AQUEDUCT

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—Results at Aqueduct:

About seven furlongs—Ortolan won, Lambert second, Campana third; time, 1:25 1/2.

One mile—Knight of the Garter won, Squan second, Her Own third; time, 1:44 1/2.

Five and a half furlongs—Tinkler won, The Cap second, Rappahannock third; time, 1:09.

One mile and a sixteenth—James Monroe won, Daigrett second, Ray del Terra third; time, 1:50 1/2.

Five and a half furlongs—Hand Press won, Pontenancie second, Ella Daly third; time, 1:10.

One mile—Endeavor won, Anson L. second, Proteen third; time, 1:45 1/2.

ON THE WHEEL

The Southern End of the National Circuit

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 12.—The southern end of the winter circuit opened here today for the touring cyclists. Summary:

One mile professional, 2:05 class—Seaton (Louisville) won, Walthour (Atlanta) second, C. S. Wells (San Francisco) third; time, 2:10.

Half-mile handicap, professional—Con Baker (30 yards) won, C. S. Wells (35 yards) second, W. Coleman (25 yards) third; time, 1:00 3/5. Tom Cooper (scratched) was fourth; Cooper's time, 1:00 2/5 is a record.

Two-mile handicap, amateur—E. W. Peabody (Chicago, scratched) won; time, 4:42 3/5.

One mile, open, professional—Tom Cooper (Detroit) won, Walthour second, N. Butler (Cambridge) third; time, 2:07 3/5.

A New Liquor Trust

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—A whisky trust of tremendous proportions is about to be formed. If all the whisky distillers who have been asked to join it do so, it will represent more than \$50,000,000 capital.

Queen Lil's Health

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—There is no truth in the report that Queen Lil, Luakani of Hawaii, is critically ill. She is in excellent health, and last evening took a walk in the vicinity of her hotel.

BALLOTS CAST

And Republicans Conced Defeat

THE FREE-SILVER DEMOCRACY

ACCEPTS AID FROM GOLDBUG BRETHREN

Municipal Elections in Indiana and Tennessee Show Very Decided Democratic Gains

Associated Press Special Wire.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 12.—This city will today elect a Mayor, a City Clerk, a Judge of the Police Court, six Councilmen at large and fifteen ward Councilmen. The contest for Mayor lies between Thomas Taggart, Democrat, incumbent, and William Harding, Republican. Independents, Citizens, Prohibitionists and Socialists also have tickets in the field. The Democrats have a free silver plank in their platform, but the question is not in any sense an issue in the campaign, as the gold Democrats are supporting the re-election of the candidate.

At 10 o'clock tonight the Republicans conceded the election of Mayor Taggart (Democrat) by some 5000, and the rest of the Democratic ticket by the same margin. It is hard to figure gains and losses on account of the recent changes in precinct boundaries. Ex-President Harrison's precinct shows a large Democratic gain, in fact the Democrats made heavy gains in Republican strongholds.

Later—Thomas Taggart, Democrat, defeated W. N. Harding, Republican, for mayor by a plurality that will reach 5000. The Republicans gave up the fight early in the evening. Following the Democratic victory of from 3000 to 5000. At 11 o'clock 120 precincts out of a total of 195, gave Taggart a plurality of \$100. If this rate keeps up the official count will show clear gains for Mayor Taggart of 5000. The rest of the ticket, including six councilmen, is elected by a margin of from 3500 to 4000. The ward councilmen the Republicans will elect probably not more than four out of fifteen.

Mayor Taggart was deluged with telegrams tonight from all over the country. He is freely spoken of as the next Democratic candidate for governor. He was elected on a silver platform.

AT CHATTANOOGA

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Oct. 12.—The municipal election today resulted in an overwhelming defeat for the Republican ticket. Col. Ed Watkins, Democrat, was elected by 95 majority. Col. Watkins is a leading lawyer and promoter, and, the canvass being personal, attests his popularity among the people.

The Democrats elected six out of the eight aldermen. The city is nominally Republican by from 400 to 500, and the overwhelming reversal of the conditions is due to the apathy of the Republican voters and the disaffection of the negroes. There was a very light vote, only 3500 being cast.

A CABINET MEETING

Spanish Affairs and Alaskan Matters Receive Attention

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—The Cabinet meeting today was attended by all the members of the cabinet. After about an hour's session Secretaries Sherman, Alger and Long left the White House, and the others discussed with the President affairs in their respective departments.

Foreign affairs were discussed briefly, nothing of moment coming up. The escape of Gen. Cervera from a Spanish prison in Cuba was mentioned, but as there was nothing official in the State Department concerning the escape, the matter was not discussed seriously.

Among the papers which Mr. Bliss brought to the White House was a report from Sheldon Jackson, who is on the revenue cutter Bear and who has been investigating the conditions in Alaska. The report related largely to the securing to Alaska reindeer, which, he wrote, would serve the natives with both food and transportation. He recommended that the herd be located as near St. Michaels as possible.

NOT A FIDDLER

Queen Victoria Declines a John Brown Violin

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Oct. 12.—Several months ago John L. Highberger of Harper's Ferry, Va., constructed a sweet-toned violin of cedar wood from a tree growing on the old John Brown place. He conceived the idea of presenting the instrument to Queen Victoria of England, who, he was informed, had spoken in high terms of the character of the abolitionist. He accordingly wrote asking if the Queen would accept the gift if he sent it. The offer was respectfully declined in a note to the following effect:

"Sir Arthur E. Biggs is commanded to thank John L. Highberger for his kind offer contained in his letter of July 23, but at the same time to add that it would not be possible for the Queen to accept a violin as it is an invariable rule that offerings of this nature should not be received by her Majesty."

WELBURN'S DEFENSE

The Ex-Collector Is Not at All Nervous

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.—The cross-examination of O. H. Welburn, the deposed Collector of Internal Revenue, charged with embezzlement, occupied the attention of Judge De Haven and a jury in the United States District Court this morning. The defendant bore the trying ordeal coolly and calmly and made a decidedly favorable impression upon all who heard his story. Not once did he falter in his answers to the questions propounded by the prosecuting attorney, and while he did not go unneccessarily into details nor exhibit any desire to explain too fully the damaging evidence arrayed against him, he was betrayed no nervousness, but maintained

an air of easy confidence which was proof against the assaults of the examining counsel. At the close of his testimony the defense rested the case, and several witnesses were called in rebuttal by the prosecution.

STATE MINERS

Arrangements Making for the State Convention

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.—President Jacob H. Neff and Secretary Julian Sonntag of the California Miners' Association are completing arrangements for the State convention of the association, to be held at San Francisco, November 10th. The address invitations were also sent to Senator Perkins and Senator White and the other members of the California Congressional delegation. The Southern Pacific will announce a rate of a fare-and-a-third for the round trip to all delegates. The convention will begin its sessions on Monday.

The settled belief among the miners that Jacob H. Neff, after five years of continuous service as President of the organization, will refuse re-election, has occasioned much talk as to a possible successor. Ex-Superintendent of the Mint John Dargatz is among those named. Edward Coleman of this city and Assemblyman Harold T. Power of Placer county are also candidates. Geo. Stone, ex-President of the Union League Club, is the latest candidate for the office of Vice President, which Mark B. Kerr also desires. Edward H. Benjamin of Alameda would like to succeed Secretary Sonntag.

Holden Resigns
SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.—The board of regents of the state university today accepted the resignation of Director Holden of the Lick observatory. Prof. J. M. Schaeberle was named acting director until the expiration of Prof. Holden's leave of absence, on January 1, next.

The resignation was presented by Chairman T. G. Phelps, and Regent Slack moved its adoption, which was done without dissent. No reference was made to the charges against Director Holden brought by Prof. Colton, and which are still under consideration of a special committee consisting of Regents Rodgers, Foote, Jeter, Phelps and Slack. Prof. Holden and Prof. Colton are in the east, the former at the Lick observatory in California. The Lick observatory is at present under the control of Prof. Schaeberle, the newly appointed acting director. He is the oldest astronomer in the institution. After attending to several financial matters, the regents appointed Mrs. Mary Cheney secretary to President Kellogg, at a salary to be fixed later. Leave of absence for sixteen days was granted Frederick Sears, to attend the opening of the Yerkes observatory in Chicago.

Misused the Mails

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.—August F. Merten, member of the firm of Merten & Co., wholesale grocers, was arrested today charged with having violated the postal laws. Mrs. M. A. Keller of Pleasanton owed the firm for groceries furnished and failed to collect the account. Merten sent her a postal card upon the back of which was pasted a newspaper clipping giving an account of the arrest of a man for embezzlement. Merten had written the words: "This case is parallel to yours." Merten was placed under bonds in the sum of \$1000 for examination when required.

Ezra Not Interested

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.—Carlos Ezeta, ex-president of Salvador, who resides in Oakland, is indignant over the published report that he is assisting the Guatemalan revolutionists, and declares that he has not taken the least interest in the uprising. He says: "When I left Salvador much of my property was confiscated and my friends have been using President Guzman's name to raise money. The conditions are favorable that the government will do so. My enemies know this, and by charging that I am assisting the rebels, they hope to take the credit of my name. I regard this country as my home."

Troubles Over Tailings

TUSCARORA, Nev., Oct. 12.—Mining circles are greatly excited over the decision of the United States Supreme Court, which has ruled in favor of the Dexter Mining company, involving the ownership of several thousand tons of valuable tailings, running high in gold. The company has been using the property owned by Hugh Jones and Clarence Fuchs as a tailing pond. Jones and Buck now claim ownership of these tailings, and being in possession, are guarding the premises with a view to preventing the rival claimants from being considered inevitable.

Gibson Discharged

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—Emmett Gibson, the promoter, vice-president of the Akron Street Railway and Illuminating company, who said he had been in business with General Samuel Thomas and J. B. Clews of New York, who was arrested on the 7th inst. on a charge of attempting to pass a worthless check for \$100,000, was discharged today. The complainant, R. B. Stimson, auditor of the Hotels Netherlands and Imperial, said to Magistrate Hedges that he had not taken any interest in the case, and that he had no objection to Gibson had any intention of defrauding him.

Looks Like Him

UKIAH, Oct. 12.—Charles Meyers, who was brought up on the evening train from San Francisco by Sheriff Johnson, and who is supposed to be the partner who held up the Boonville stage September 23 and murdered J. R. Barnett, has been identified. John Crow, one of the parties who took the men supposed to be the robbers just previous to the hold-up, tonight said that Meyers looked like one of the outlaws. Sheriff Johnson determined to hold Meyers until tomorrow for further identification.

Arizona Gold Mines

YUMA, Oct. 12.—The steamer Mojave and barge Yuma depart up the Colorado river Wednesday morning, with a full cargo of stamp mill, mining machinery and supplies, most of which is for the free gold camp on the Arizona side at the new discovery of gold ore in a free gold group of mines in the Chocolate mountains. The ores are free milling and rich. Prof. Giles Otis Pearce, metallurgist of the Rio Colorado Gold Extraction company, is on board.

A Badge of Health

ALAMEDA, Oct. 12.—Within a few days alows which successfully pass the tuberculin test administered by the health authorities will wear silver buttons in their ears. Veterinary Inspector Carpenter says that the alows are the healthiest and most durable. It is the size of a half dollar. Upon its face is engraved an oak tree, surrounded by the inscription, "Board of Health, Alameda."

Tribesmen Surrender

SIMLA, Oct. 12.—A dispatch from Mamund announces that the Jorja tribesmen have surrendered to the British. The tribesmen, who were armed with spears, bows and arrows, and have solemnly sworn to maintain peace and drive out Umra Khan's followers. The troops forming the Mamund punitive expedition have destroyed twenty-six fortified villages, and have killed many of the insurgent natives.

The Madden Murder

YUBA CITY, Oct. 12.—The second trial of John P. Madden, charged with the murder of J. J. Bruce, began this morning. The jury has not yet been selected. In the former trial, which lasted two weeks, the jury disagreed.

SHERMAN MAKES REPLY

TO BRITAIN'S DECLINATION TO CONFER

The Government Views With Astonishment the Action England Has Seen Fit to Take

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—Secretary Sherman has written a reply to the note of Lord Salisbury expressing Great Britain's declination to take part in a Bering sea conference in which Russia and Japan are to participate. The essential features of Mr. Sherman's reply have been sent by cable to the British government and the reply in full is now on its way to the British authorities.

Lord Salisbury's note of declination, it can now be stated, bore date of Oct. 6, last Wednesday, so that the response is made with promptness. The answer states that the United States government views with astonishment the determination of Great Britain not to participate in a conference including Russia and Japan, and the statement is made that up to the 2d of last month the United States authorities had fully expected that the conference would proceed with Russia and Japan, as well as Great Britain, present. It is pointed out that aside from the written correspondence to which Lord Salisbury has called attention, there were verbal negotiations between Ambassador Hay and his lordship in which a specific reference was made to the participation of Russia and Japan. At one of these verbal exchanges it is stated, Lord Salisbury said he would advise with the officials of the foreign office concerning the subjects discussed, which include the participation of Russia and Japan. Subsequently, on July 29, Ambassador Hay wrote to Lord Salisbury saying the president hoped to have Russia and Japan participate in the conference. In view of these circumstances the United States had confidently expected that Great Britain would take part in the conference and that Russia and Japan would be represented, with the approval of Great Britain.

CARNEGIE'S WORKS

Largest Iron Producing Combination in the World

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Oct. 12.—Andrew Carnegie has perfected the largest iron-producing combination in the world by securing the lease of the Tilden mill. He will operate this big producer in connection with the Norris and the group of mines which he owns in the Mesabie range. Dr. Nelson P. Hulst, the well-known mining expert, has been placed in charge of all the Carnegie mining interests.

The series of operations whereby the Carnegie interests have come into control of the greatest group of iron-producing properties in America constitute the most important movement that has taken place in the iron trade for years. When Carnegie got his Mesabie mines there was a good deal of interest in the matter, but it was only since the Norris and the Tilden deals were announced that the importance and scope of the Pittsburgh concern's projects have become apparent. There are several mines in this combination, each of which can produce more ore than the Chapin.

Oakland Water Front

OAKLAND, Oct. 12.—It was announced that the supreme court has refused to grant a rehearing of the water front case on the city's petition.

"We have not much to say about the decision," said E. J. Pringle, one of the city's attorneys tonight. "The whole of the water front needed by commerce is taken from the company and given to the state and embraces nearly all the land that was in dispute. There is nothing to be done except to try the case again in the superior court, after which it will be decided whether or not to appeal to the United States supreme court. This will depend on whether we find there is any federal question involved, a point which has not yet been taken up."

Cruiser Not Needed

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—It was definitely announced this afternoon according to a Herald Washington dispatch that when the cruiser Baltimore leaves for Hawaii, probably next week, she will carry with her orders to the Yorktown and Wheeling to go to Mare Island. The withdrawal of these two gunboats means that the administration is satisfied that the Baltimore and Benington will be sufficient to protect American interests in the islands in the future. It indicates that the temporary need which called the two gunboats to Honolulu has expired and the president feels safe in directing their return.

May Be the Man

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.—Charles Meyers, who claims to be an Oakland carpenter, in custody here, upon suspicion of being one of the two men who recently held up the Ukiah stage and murdered J. R. Barnett, a passenger. He was arrested in a Kearny-street saloon last night and will be taken to Ukiah this afternoon. He refuses to make a statement and defies the officers to prove their assertions against him. This they will be able to do, as his movements have been traced from the scene of the hold-up to the time of his arrest.

An Editor's Woes

BISMARCK, N. D., Oct. 12.—An attempt was made last night to murder Editor Moffatt of the Settler, five shots being fired by an unknown assailant. This is the second attempt on his life. Three weeks ago his type and press were dumped into the Missouri river on account of the fight he made against the saloon element. Great excitement prevails, and if the shooter is caught he will be seriously dealt with.

A New Register

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.—The British steamer Barracouta arrived from Panama direct last night, and in a week or so will sail for Honolulu, where she will be placed under the Hawaiian flag in the same manner as was the China. Both vessels belong to the Pacific Mail Company.

Unrequited Love

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.—Early this morning A. Reno, a farm hand from Sakersfield, committed suicide at the Lick House in this city by shooting himself in the left temple. He was infatuated with a woman named Lottie Loman and was despondent because she rejected him.

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A Chicago Hotel Fire

CHICAGO, Oct. 13.—At 1:20 o'clock this morning fire broke out in the Sherman house, one of the largest hotels in the city, and although all of the guests and the servants escaped without loss of life, there was for a time a lively panic among them. Among those who were first in reaching the street were J. J. Staug, San Diego, Cal., and James I. Ward, stage manager for Mme. Modjeska. Tremendous flames shot from the fire control. The loss will not be over \$5000.

A Strange Suicide

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 12.—Nelle Norman, a pretty young woman, who came here from California two months ago, called at a residence on Olive street today and asked to be permitted to go to the bathroom. Permission was given and a few moments later the occupants of the house heard her fall and found her dying. She had taken carbolic acid and was dead in an hour.

The French Vintage

LONDON, Oct. 12.—The Times today publishes a number of letters from prominent wine merchants showing that the French vintage for the year is very bad, the production being only half the nominal requirements of France. The Spanish outlook is also bad. The Italian vintage, on the contrary, is exceptionally good in all parts of the country.

'Leven Didn't Come

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 12.—Twenty negroes in jail engaged in a desperate fight during the exercise hour today, when the "bull pen" was full of prisoners. Jailer Wager turned in an alarm to the police, who quelled the riot and placed the negroes in dungeons. The fight started over a crap game which involved 80 cents.

Robels Escape

TAPACHULA, State of Chiapas, Mexico, Oct. 12.—Fuentes and Morales, two leaders of the revolution in Guatemala, have reached here by traveling day and night, having abandoned their country on learning that Barrios had sent a large force against them.

Captain Perry Dead

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—Capt. William H. Perry died at Asbury Park, N. J., yesterday, aged 85 years. He was a cousin of Mrs. Hetty Green and a grandnephew of Commodore Perry. He served with distinction in the federal navy during the war.

A Triple Century

CHICAGO, Oct. 12.—The first triple century whist tournament in the world has been held by Edward G. Minnemyer, Jr., of this city, his time being 35 hours and 48 minutes, just within the L. A. W. limit of 36 hours.

Compulsory Insurance

BERNE, Oct. 12.—The National Council, by a vote of 101 to 9, adopted a bill making insurance against sickness compulsory in the case of all persons not having independent means.

Has Joined Andree

EAST-BOURNE, Oct. 12.—Charles Pollock, a nephew of Baron Pollock, started in a balloon this morning to cross the English Channel.

Consul at Cartagena

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—The President has appointed Israel Madrigal of Maryland Consul at Cartagena.

Congress of Authors

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 12.—There was a large attendance at today's session of the congress of authors and artists at the Tennessee centennial exposition. Rev