

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

For the District of Columbia, partly cloudy weather, with prospects of light local showers Monday afternoon; variable winds.

NO. 1,224.

THE RUSH FOR KLONDIKE

Four Hundred Gold Seekers Leave Seattle for the Mexico.

JOAQUIN MILLER AMONG THEM

Thirty Women in the Company—Six Vessels Will Sail From Seattle This Week and Carry Away About 1,500 Men—McGraw Represents a Big Syndicate.

Seattle, Wash., July 25.—The event of today was the sailing of the steamship Mexico for Alaska. There was a crush on the Ocean dock such as has never been seen in Seattle. The vessel cast off lines at 11 a. m., with 400 Klondike and Yukon passengers aboard, all apparently joyful and happy. It was anticipated that 100 more gold seekers would join them at Port Townsend and Victoria this evening.

Conspicuous among those who took passage here was Joaquín Miller, the poet, who goes to Klondike as a representative of a San Francisco journal, and beside him were five other correspondents of California newspapers, including one woman. All professions and trades were represented among the passengers and many of the men would do credit to any community. There was not a drunken man in the crowd.

There were also many miners and prospectors who have been in every mining stampede from Pike's Peak to Cariboo, and just as eager as in their younger and more vigorous days. There were also thirty women, wives of miners, a number of them going to join their husbands already at the mines, and even four or five children. This is the largest crowd that has gone from this port and they go well provided with provisions, horses, blankets, bedding, boots, and everything necessary. They go via Dyea and Skeena gate passes and anticipate a quick trip. On the weather in the North is now at its best, while trails are in excellent condition. It will probably take them two weeks after arrival at Dyea to pack their goods over the divide to the lakes. Six vessels will sail from Seattle this week and will carry about 1,500 men. At the office of the Canadian Pacific 250 Seattle passengers are booked to sail on Tuesday on the Islander, and she will carry as many more from Vancouver and Victoria. She is a British ship.

The steamers Albatross and Cleveland, on their way from Portland and San Francisco, also have a large number of passengers waiting their arrival here, while the Topeka, of the regular Alaska line, due to arrive tomorrow, will sell on Wednesday. On the latter, a transcontinental railway line, which have their terminals in Seattle, complaint is made and trouble experienced by reason of valuable men throwing up positions for the purpose of going to the Klondike fields.

Since the departure of ex-Gov. McGraw for the Klondike, it is asserted that he has gone as the representative of a New York syndicate of \$5,000,000 capital, clothed with almost unlimited power. The Klondike excitement has saved the lives of thousands of hardy bronchos and causes mining with the prospect of big pay in central Washington and southern Oregon. In the latter State they were being slaughtered by thousands and potted for French consumption, but the sudden demand for tough little horses on the Yukon and Klondike has saved them from the slaughter and has rapidly advanced prices, and the animals are in active demand.

An estimate of the cost of outfitting a crowd of passengers such as sailed on the Mexico today has been made and conservatively placed at a quarter of a million dollars.

FIVE HUNDRED FROM 'FRISCO. Sail Through the Golden Gate for the Klondike.

San Francisco, July 25.—The steamer Unadilla, chartered by the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company, sailed this afternoon for Juneau with 500 passengers, though her complement is 290. Many passengers will bunk in the dining saloon and the stowage will be crowded as never before. Great crowds thronged the wharf and cheered the gold seekers as the vessel steamed out into the bay. She will touch at Victoria and from that point will go direct to Juneau. Most of the passengers had full outfits and most of them carried boats in sections which they carried to sea after getting over Colwood pass. Much interest continues to be shown here in new routes to Yukon.

MRS. CRAVEN SUSPENDED.

Troubles of the School Teacher Who Claims Part of Edw.'s Millions.

San Francisco, July 25.—The board of education has suspended Mrs. Nettie R. Craven, principal of the Mission Grammar School, pending investigation of charges of unbecoming conduct. Mrs. Craven had two young men arrested on the accusation of having tried to rob her in the street, but never pressed the charges. Several reputable witnesses are ready to swear that Mrs. Craven is under the influence of liquor. Mrs. Craven is the woman who is contesting the late Millionaire Fair's will and who has produced deeds in her favor to property worth a million and a half, and which, she asserts, he made to, as well as a contract of marriage with her. The Fair heirs declare all these documents are forgeries.

For some months the board of education has been seeking legal pretexts for dismissing Mrs. Craven, as the testimony in the Fair will case showed she had close association with the notorious local political boss, Martin Kelly, and that her actions in the Fair case were not such as to make her a good example to children.

MAY COMING TO MEET HIS LOVE.

It Is Said He Will Marry Miss Belknap in New York.

San Francisco, July 25.—Paul May, secretary of the Belgian legation at Tokio, was among the passengers on the China steamer yesterday. He goes to New York, where, it is said, his marriage will take place, under Jewish rites, to Miss Alice Belknap, daughter of the ex-Secretary of War.

May would not admit that he was going East to marry Miss Belknap.

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JOHN SHERMAN'S RETIREMENT.

Whitehead May Succeed Him as Secretary of State.

Several weeks ago it was pointed out in The Times and widely copied by other papers throughout the country that it would only be a matter of a few months before Secretary Sherman would be compelled to retire from the Cabinet. A number of persons have been mentioned as likely to succeed him, the latest being Whitehead Reid, editor of the New York Tribune.

Secretary Sherman's friends deny that he is to surrender control of the affairs of state and say that he will return to the city in a month to resume his official duties. This statement, however, is contrary to the general opinion that prevails in official circles. The report connecting Mr. Reid's name with the succession is seized upon as indicating the desire of Mr. Sherman's family and friends that he retire from active life.

Mr. Reid is said to be bargaining for the Washington house of Ambassador John Hay.

GEN. REGO RALLIED HIS MEN

The Cuban General Snatches Victory From Defeat.

A Fierce Hand-to-Hand Fight—A Sharp Skirmish in Santa Clara—Cruel Murders.

Havana, via Key West, July 25.—One of the hottest engagements of the war took place on Wednesday last at Santa Clara. Burros and Los Enanos, three small villages in the middle of estates of the same name, were the scene of a fierce battle. The Spanish forces were the battalion of Saboya, and the Cubans were led by Gen. Alfredo Rego. About 2,000 men fought on each side.

The Spanish were going to attack a Cuban hospital, near Los Enanos, when Gen. Rego came to its defense. After brief firing the Spanish made a dash, bayonet charge on the Cuban vanguard, and the Cubans retreated.

Had it not been for Gen. Rego's courage the fight would have ended in the utter defeat of his men and the capture of the hospital. The Spaniards reached the hospital itself, but there Rego, collecting his men again, ordered them to charge "el machete." The Cubans then poured from all sides upon the Spaniards, and in the hand-to-hand fight which ensued drove their foes back in disorder.

Rego's shouts to his men and the fierceness of his attack decided the victory. Gen. Rego declared that the Spanish behaved bravely until the order to charge with the machetes was given to the Cubans. Then they weakened, and in their flight left in the hands of their foes ninety-two rifles, 700 rounds of ammunition and their killed and wounded.

The Cuban losses, as officially declared by Rego, were twenty-four killed and fifty wounded. The Spanish, forty killed and sixty-four wounded.

THE SPANISH LOSSES.

Official Statement Admits 22,700 Killed in Battle.

Havana, via Key West, July 25.—An official declaration of the Spanish losses in engagements with the Cubans has been published. Since February 24, 1895, 22,700 Spaniards have been killed on the field.

At Santa Clara city horse meat is sold in the market because there is no beef. The population is starving.

At Meridiana and Tortuga, Pinar del Rio province, the insurgents have used transmits with deadly effect on the battalions of Luchana and San Cecelano.

GATHERING IN DESPERADOES.

More Tramps Concerned in the Train Hold-Ups Arrested.

Omaha, Neb., July 25.—The Federal authorities are making a determined effort to stop the holding up of trains along the Omaha road, and the prospects are that the local jail will not be able to accommodate the prisoners, who will be picked up this week. At midnight ten more hold-ups were brought in by the deputies and jailed.

Yesterday the armed deputies started on a special train up the Omaha to gather in the tramps. A bright young fellow captured in the big raid Friday has been won over to the side of the Government and he accompanied the special. Whenever a gang of tramps were seen, the train was stopped and the prisoner was sent into the bunch to pick out those with whom he had been associated in holding up trains for a week. In this manner he was arrested. The train proceeded in this way fifty miles north. The same program will be carried out tomorrow and until the desperate characters have been scared away from the State.

The company is using the utmost vigilance to prevent their trains being wrecked, as they have received notice from several sources that some of the passenger trains would be ditched in revenge for the severe measures of the company. Armed guards man the track for many miles and the trains are run on slow time along the threatened places. Obstacles have been placed on the rails in several instances, but the patrol established has prevented wrecks. The situation is becoming very critical. Forty tramps are in jail here awaiting their trial, which will occur tomorrow.

GO WHERE IT IS COOL.

Speculators to Virginia Hot Springs, Greenbrier, White Sulphur, and other health resorts, high up in the Alleghies. Trains leave 3:20 p. m., and 11:10 p. m., daily. Via Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. Ticket offices 513 and 1431 Pennsylvania avenue. Jy23,26,29

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TWO COUSINS DROWNED

Sad Fate of William and Palmer Lauxman in Eastern Branch.

NEITHER MAN COULD SWIM

Both Well-Known and Respected in Washington—Went Down in Sight of a Crowd at Their Boat Club—Heroic Efforts to Save Them—Search for the Bodies.

A peculiarly sad drowning accident, by which two young men lost their lives, occurred in the Eastern Branch near Benning Bridge yesterday afternoon. William Lauxman, twenty-five years of age, and Palmer Lauxman, twenty-one years of age, cousins, were the unfortunate men who were drowned. While in bathing, having gone out in a skiff, the skiff was upset, and the men lost their lives in spite of the efforts of nearly a dozen people to rescue them.

Neither of the young men could swim. They belonged to Benning Boat Club. After lunch at the club the Lauxmans said they were going out to take a plunge. Several of the members, who knew the young men could not swim, cautioned them about going out too far, as the water at that point is known to be thirty feet deep. They, however, threw off their clothes, placing them in the boat, and pushed the boat out into the stream.

Suddenly those in the boathouse heard a scream. "Good God! those fellows are drowning," shouted somebody, and there was a rush for boats. Will Lauxman was then near the overturned boat, struggling desperately. Palmer was not to be seen. Mr. Thomas Williams, plunged into the water, and he was followed by a number of the club members. As he reached Will Lauxman the unfortunate man wildly attempted to clutch hold of him. He kept away and succeeded in catching the drowning man by the wrist. But Lauxman seemed maddened with fear, and Williams was obliged to release his hold. No sooner had he done so than the struggling man went down for the last time. Men dived, but in vain; the water was too deep.

Mounted Policeman Island telephoned to the Ninth precinct police station, and the patrol wagon was sent out to the scene of the accident. The police steamer also went up the river as far as possible, and boats were sent on the scene with all necessary dragging apparatus. For more than five hours the search for the bodies was carried on by the police, and it was then decided to give it up for the night. The bodies and clothing belonging to the unfortunate young men were taken by the patrol wagon to the Ninth precinct station, and the news was communicated to the families of the dead men.

Will Lauxman lived at No. 1625 Benning road, with his parents. Palmer Lauxman, merchant, lived at No. 1038 New Jersey avenue northwest. Neither of the young men was married.

A VICTIM OF CONDITIONS

Young Boy Deprived of Educational Advantages Commits Suicide.

A Fourteen-Year-Old Communist—His Only Regret at Departing From the World.

New York, July 25.—Benjamin Simon, a fourteen-year-old boy, drowned himself today because he failed to pass his entrance examination for the College of the City of New York, and because his parents were too poor to allow him to continue his studies so as to enable him to pass it later.

Benjamin was a very ambitious boy, and he united to his studies a studious disposition. He was always poring over his books at home, and when his parents, who live at No. 80 Suffolk street, advised him not to study too hard, the boy would go to the East Broadway Library and study harder than ever. Benjamin had also very pronounced ideas for a boy on the labor question. He was an ardent advocate of the Socialist labor party's program, and used to try and instill his ideas into his schoolmates. Louis Simon, the father of the boy, is a peddler. The body of the boy was found at the foot of East Seventy-ninth street by Police Kennedy today and taken to the West Eighty-eighth street station-house, where the unhappy father identified him.

The following is the letter sent by Benjamin to his parents, dated July 23:

"My Dear Parents: I notify you that I will commit suicide. The reasons are that I had no opportunity to carry out my resolution to study on account of my circumstances. I have very regrets at parting with the world at such an early age. The most important is that I have not held my resolution to agitate among the working masses for the emancipation of wage slavery by the overthrow of the capitalist system, and for the establishment of the co-operative commonwealth. I am grieved at the fact that I will give up, although the hand that wrote this will then be stiff and cold. The resolution to commit suicide, though long delayed, will at last be executed. I cannot write more, my hand is trembling, but if you want to do the last thing of your son, who is now dead to you and the whole world, grieve not. I am prepared to die the death I myself have sentenced. Your son, "BENJAMIN SIMON."

KNIGHTS DENOUNCE POWDERLY.

The Vigorous Resolutions Adopted by District Assembly 49.

New York, July 25.—A meeting of District Assembly 49, of the Knights of Labor, this afternoon at Brevoort Hall, denounced the appointment of T. V. Powderly as commissioner general of immigration. Resolutions were passed condemning the appointment and praying the Senate for not confirming it. This was ascribed to the influence of the protests sent by organized labor against the appointment. Powderly was referred to as a traitor and a renegade.

SENIOR SMITH'S LATEST ACQUISITION.

New York, July 25.—The control of the Newark Telephone Company has passed into the hands of syndicate of New Jersey capitalists, among whom is United States Senator Smith.

The new controller, Dr. W. P. Carr, was notified by the hospital authorities. He will view the remains this morning, after which the body will be dressed by an undertaker and expressed to Hagerstown later in the day.

The deceased was aged about forty-four years, and leaves a wife and several children.

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THE RESULTS OF THE SESSION.

FATAL FALL FROM A CAR

Wm. H. Schamel the Victim of a Peculiar Accident.

HEAD STRUCK THE PAVEMENT

Was Riding From Georgetown When He Made a Mistake and Plunged to the Street—The Dead Man a Prominent Merchant of Hagerstown, Md.

William H. Schamel, a well-known merchant of Hagerstown, Md., fell from a moving Capital Traction Company car on M street, near Thirty-fifth street northwest, late yesterday evening, and struck on his head on the pavement, receiving injuries which resulted in his death at the Emergency Hospital an hour later. The accident occurred about 6:10 o'clock, and was witnessed by but few persons. In fact, the only eyewitness seems to have been Mr. J. W. Cook, of No. 1718 Corcoran street northwest.

Mr. Schamel left Hagerstown yesterday and came to Washington on the Sunday excursion train over the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. In the evening he rode over to Georgetown in an Avenue cable car, expecting to go to Cabin John Bridge and Glen Echo, but discovering that he would not have time to make the trip started to return on Capital Traction car No. 12, traveling east. He had not ridden more than fifty yards when he arose from his seat, and standing tried to take some money for his car fare out of his trousers pocket.

In doing so, instead of placing his right foot upon the floor, as he had no doubt intended, he placed it upon the outer footboard of the car. The mistake caused him to lose his balance and he fell to the street, striking the ground with his head, breaking his jawbone and shattering the base of his skull.

He was picked up unconscious and never regained his senses. The car was stopped and a number of persons, among them Mr. J. H. Kettner, the conductor, living at No. 1217 Thirtieth street, Georgetown, Mr. J. W. Cook, a fellow passenger, and the motorman, hastened to the man's assistance. Blood was flowing freely from the back of his head and from both ears. Officer J. Passeno and Detective F. Burrows were also soon on the spot, and sent in a call for the Seventh precinct patrol, in which the injured man was at once removed to the Emergency Hospital, where he died at 7:45 p. m.

Schamel was neatly dressed, and was a man of excellent physique and good proportions, and was also possessed of a good face and well rounded features. On his person were found a black stone seal ring, with a large gold "8" in the center, a patent case gold watch, pendant from a heavily carved gold chain, several dollars in money, some papers, among them several bill heads of his grocery business, and a return ticket to Hagerstown.

Sergeant Perry at police headquarters telegraphed to Chief Benner, of the Hagerstown police, notifying him of the accident. At 10 o'clock a message was received from John D. Schamel requesting the authorities to ship the body of the deceased to his home at night.

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A YOUNG WOMAN MURDERED.

Strangled by an Unknown Person, Presumably a Tramp.

Crystal Falls, Mich., July 25.—Within a mile of this place last evening Miss Pearl Morrison, a respected young woman, was foully murdered. She had spent the afternoon visiting friends at Great Western Mine, and left the residence of the Misses Brooks about 5 o'clock to return home. She never reached there, and three large parties started out to make a search. They had hardly entered upon their work when they were met by Miss Brooks, who reported that a tramp whom she had given supper to the evening before, had returned to her house shortly after dinner today and said that he had found a dead girl in the woods, and guided her to the spot where she found her friend and guest, Miss Morrison. The dead girl's face was badly battered, and her throat showed the finger marks of the man who had strangled her. The tramp who claims to have discovered the body is being held on suspicion.

STRIKE CRISIS APPROACHING

Great Battle Between the Opposing Forces in West Virginia.

Operators and Labor Leaders Agree That Today Will Probably Decide the Issue.

Wheeling, W. Va., July 25.—Operators and labor leaders of the Monongahel district agree that a crisis in the strike in West Virginia is approaching, and that tomorrow will determine whether the miners of central West Virginia will give the aid for which President Hatchford and Eugene Debs have worked so earnestly.

Today there were visible indications of an unusually chaotic condition among the Monongahel district miners. The persuasive efforts of the agitators are expected to produce something of vital importance. The operators say if the men can be induced to return to work Monday all is saved. In the southern portion of the State the strike has not materially affected any district, except that of the Norfolk and Western Railroad, which is said to be almost tied up.

Charges are made that the railway officials have been exercising a press campaign, refusing to handle matter unfavorable to the operators. In spite of these charges there is no apparent diminution of the output of coal from that quarter of the State. Debs, accompanied by President Mahon, of the street railway organization, is on his way to Wheeling and will arrive tomorrow in time to talk to a mass meeting of miners. Efforts will be made to induce him to renounce for the meeting of the labor leaders on Tuesday.

In this connection it seems the general understanding that Debs is about to attempt a concerted movement of organized labor in behalf of the miners. With a handful of Pullman strikers he effected a partial paralysis of the trade and traffic, and it is argued that in the strike of 100,000 miners he hopes for a realization of his doctrine that all labor must stand as one or fall together.

Pittsburg, July 25.—It was reported to the office of the New York and Cleveland Gas Coal Company that 2,000 strikers had formed a marching body, and had decided to make a decent on the mines, arriving there in time to interrupt the miners as they go to work tomorrow.

Following this report W. P. De Armit engaged eighty deputy sheriffs and they went out to the mines tonight. Trouble is expected.

SOUTH CAROLINA SENSATION.

An Editor and Two Politicians the Central Figures.

Atlanta, Ga., July 25.—M. B. Tyson, editor of the Douglas Leader, is lying in a hotel here seriously injured and William Crawford and A. J. Cooper, two prominent men in local politics, are in jail charged with assaulting him. The case is surrounded with a great deal of mystery.

Tyson claims that Crawford and Cooper, whom he never met before, enticed him to a suburban resort and attempted to kill him. He thinks they were selected to do this by men who were his political enemies.

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