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TIED TOGETHER THEY SINK

CHICAGO, July 7.—Dependent over financial difficulties which have come falling in on him James G. Smith, formerly a prominent real estate dealer of Waukegan, Mich., was committed suicide, taking his wife with him. The bodies of the two were found today by a boat swimmer who discovered the bodies when they washed ashore. The right wrist of the husband was tightly bound to the left wrist of the wife by means of their handkerchiefs.

The son of the dead man ascribes the death to suicide induced by dependency. His father lost very heavily in the pioneer property, a gold mine of Bull Frog, Nevada, and other troubles have since followed.

On traces near the scene of the tragedy the hats of Mr. and Mrs. Smith were found under an umbrella. It looks as though after they had tied themselves together they floated helplessly in the water until beyond their depth.

HOT WEATHER'S HEAVY TOLL

CHICAGO, July 7.—Temporary relief from the heat wave that has been prevailing in this city and throughout the east came tonight when a heavy breeze sprang up, causing the mercury to drop from 90 to 75 in a few hours. A little later, however, the wind from Lake Michigan died down and the heat again became excessive.

Today's toll is ten dead and 22 prostrations, while the after effect will be even more terrible as heat crazed dogs, presumably affected with rabies, bit 15 persons.

Yesterday afternoon three hundred thousand men, women and children left town, hoping to get some relief at the nearby summer resorts.

MANY ENJOY PIONEER PICNIC

To the strains of the Fairbanks band engaged for the occasion, the steamer Tana, chartered by the Pioneer of Alaska for the first annual picnic, pulled out from the water front this morning shortly before noon. The destination being the beach a short distance below Chena.

To accommodate the crowd of a couple of hundred the Tana took along her launch which was used as a dancing pavilion during the journey up and down the river.

There was plenty in the launch and refreshment line taken along by the masters of the steamer to provide for the comfort of the holiday crowd.

OLYMPIC'S GEER DAMAGED

NEW YORK, July 7.—The White Star liner Olympic, which went ashore yesterday off Ellis Island, after veering her course to avoid collision with the yacht Viking, was quickly surrounded by tugs and pulled off unharmed.

She started on her way to Europe but had to stop off Staten Island as her steering gear was found not to be under control.

ROBERTS COMPANY AGAIN TONIGHT

The performance of "The Rider" last night by the May Roberts company pleased a not too large audience at the Auditorium last night. The bill was one of the very best ever put on in Fairbanks and Miss Roberts was seen at her best. Her gown was stunning and, as usual, her stage manner was intensely pleasing. She received most enthusiastic support from her company and those

DISTRICT VISITED BY SEVERE QUAKE

The Tanana district seems to have migrated the earthquake zone temporarily or having passed over the camp Saturday night with fatal results to one person, while it was followed by repeated shakings of the earth's crust during the next 24 hours.

DRILLING CONTEST TONIGHT

The big drilling contest will take place tonight in front of the grand stand, and it is probable that four teams at least will contest. Lou Conway telephoned in yesterday that he had secured a satisfactory rock act that he would have it in line for the big event scheduled for 9 o'clock tonight.

After paying the extra expenses incurred through the postponement of the contest on the fifth, which will amount to nearly two hundred dollars, and of the receipts will be turned over for the benefit of the boys who got hurt in the horse races.

It is expected that there will be a big crowd in the stand as the event is sure to be an interesting and exciting one.

TANANA BRINGS TWO ENTRIES IN DELEGATE RACE

The political brigade arrived on the Tanana last night and from this time on until the thirteenth of August the campaign will be waged in earnest. Two of the candidates, Kasie Kraenzmas and Robert Jennings were passengers, as were also, Tom Marouma and Charles E. Heron, who are interested in the candidacy of Mr. Gilmore, the regular Republican entry in the delegate race. All are enthusiastic regarding the campaign so far as it has progressed.

Both Mr. Jennings and Mr. Kraenzmas report having met with much encouragement in Southeastern Alaska and each is satisfied that when the ballots are counted on August 15, it will have been found that a majority of the votes have been cast in their favor, while Mr. Heron, for the Nome candidate, says he has no doubt as to all that Mr. Gilmore would be elected were it left to the district so far canvassed. In Sevard, particularly, he says, Gilmore is a decided favorite, while in the Nome district, where he is known, there is no doubt he will carry the greater part of the support that formerly went to Vickersham.

Mr. Kraenzmas, the Socialist candidate, is more than pleased with the support accorded him since he began his campaign, and he is confident that he can carry the territory. At all of the Southeastern Alaskan towns he met with a hearty reception and many promises of support, while at Tanana, the only point in the interior at which he has yet spoken, he was given an ovation at his meeting. He has expressed a desire to enter into a joint debate with any of the candidates on the issues of the campaign, but so far has not been given the opportunity to do so.

The Socialist candidate will hold a meeting early in the week in Fairbanks and later will visit all of the creeks. He will afterward leave for Nome, and if time permits, he will journey down the coast to Southwestern Alaska.

Mr. Heron will be in town for but a few days, he being here more for business than political reasons. He says that Mr. Gilmore's campaign is in the hands of the local committee and that it is altogether unlikely that he will be called upon to take any part whatsoever in it. He asks, however, that he is confident that the Nome man will easily win out, for he is meeting with the most enthusiastic support wherever he goes.

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Celebration Proves to Be a Great Success

It was a great Fourth of July, all agree, the celebration starting with the Harmonie ball Wednesday night, and not concluding until about midnight on the fifth, while there was something doing most of the time. The celebration was handled by the Commercial Club this year, which thoroughly acquitted itself in the new role. In particular the parade and motor boat races were the features, never before brought into prominence, which deserve special mention.

The Harmonie society proved itself a good host at the big annual dance held Wednesday evening at the roller rink when almost 200 couples attended and danced the hours away until 4 a. m. on the morning of the Fourth. There was plenty in the way of refreshment provided, while a five piece orchestra furnished the music.

The parade was more elaborate than ever before, the prizes offered, particularly for the children, having attracted many. Of the floats made by the citizens, the first went to "The Foundation of Fairbanks," a miniature stamp mill attended by a number of youthful miners. "Home Rule or Bust" got second prize. "The Water Wagon" was third. Two little eskimos were awarded a prize as the most original character. Two Witches were adjudged the most comical, and "George Washington" was given a prize in the absence of Uncle Sam.

Of the parade as a whole, the first prize went to the children's float, "The Foundation of Fairbanks." "The Japanese Tea Garden" came second, "Big Chief Callahan" and his braves were third. Other prize winners were "Sailor Girls," "John, the Bear Hunter," "Young Alaskans," "Excursion Yacht," "Texas Rangers," "Veterans of the Civil War," "Barthel's Brewery," "The Alaska and Cascade Landries."

The parade came to a close in front of the grand stand where Louis Stringer made a most stirring 4th of July oration, coupled with the reading of the Declaration of Independence.

The bicycle race on Front street was won by Bud Courtemanche who took the second and third heats from Vincent Butovich.

Four jockeys were injured in the horse races on Front street Friday afternoon, these being Blair Murray, who was riding Montana when a stirrup broke and the horse swerved, throwing him and stepping on his face, breaking his jaw and knocking out his teeth. In the second heat Dave Fenton riding

who defeated the Eagles 19 to 8. The game was close enough for a few innings to be interesting while in the last inning the Eagles started a batting rally that brought in five runs and provided plenty of thrills.

The lineup for the game was as follows: Eagles—Goodman, rf; Conway, lb; Geis, ss; Leomburger, p; Douze, c; Kennedy, 2b; McDonough, 3b and cf; Hardin, cf and 3b; Green, lf; Van Dycks—Wood, ss; Koon, 1b; Myers, c; Stroecker, p; Wagner, 2b; Taylor, rf; McMullen, cf; Bennett, 3b; Hamilton, lf.

Score by innings: Eagles ..... 0 0 2 1 0 0 0 4—8 Van Dycks ..... 0 0 0 2 0 2 3 x—10

Blizzard was thrown and stunned, while John Burns riding Dan went down when his horse collided with another horse and he was severely injured in the hips. All three were removed to the hospital.

During the second heat of the pony race Tolkat ran away throwing Alha, the rider, but not injuring him severely.

The pony race was won by Fannie, owned by Barthel, with Heath up, while Billy, owned by Willis, and ridden by Curry was third. Toklat, owned by Ringseth, was third. The horse race was won by Chocolate, owned by Keeler, and ridden by Dolan. Blizzard and Dan divided second money.

In the motor boat parade Anderson brothers and Nerland carried off the first prize, with Al Paul second, Fred Lewis, third, and William Thies fourth. These were awarded for the best decorated boats.

There were eight entries for the handicapped boat race held on the waterfront Friday night immediately after the boat parade. Of these the Democrat of Martin Harris, and the Greyhound of Julius Anderson were the scratch boats, the others starting at varying intervals up to 20 minutes ahead of the two. The time of the winners taken from the time of the scratch boats started was as follows: Greyhound, 37½ minutes. Ellapoppin, 39½ minutes. Ferro, 41¾ minutes. Democrat, 43 minutes. Bonita, 56 minutes. Snoqualmie, 1 hour 19 minutes.

COLLIES TEACH MALEMUTES

SEATTLE, July 7.—Included among the cargo of the steamer St. Helens now en route to the north is a complete church which is to replace the one which was lost a year ago when the schooner Redfields was wrecked as she was transporting a similar cargo. This church is for the Congregational Mission.

In addition the St. Helens carried other unusual supplies, such as magazines for the Federal officers, teachers and Eskimos who are not in touch with any of the larger settlements.

The most unique thing, however, in the shipment was a half dozen collie dogs being sent north by the department of education with the idea of being used to teach malamutes to herd reindeer.

BRITISH REPORT ON THE WRECK

LONDON, July 7.—A report on the Titanic wreck, very much like that of the congressional committee, has been made by the British Court of Inquiry, presided over by Lord Mersey. This report, like that of the other committee which was so severely criticised by the press of England excoriated Bruce Ismay, president of the White Star line, from any hand in the navigation of the ship or her rate of speed.

Lord Mersey states that these were responsibilities which rested with the captain alone and which could be delivered to no one else.

The Duff-Gordons are not mentioned in the report for having paid money to get away from the ship, but Simonds, a seaman, is severely censured for not returning to those drawing.

TOURNAMENT TO END WEDNESDAY

This week will mark the end of the tennis tournament, the present intention being to wind up the play some time Wednesday, after which will come the awarding of the prizes, which are on exhibition at the Shaw House.

The mixed doubles were concluded Saturday, when Mrs. Hursley and Mrs. Goodman won from Miss Holgate and C. W. Williams, the scores being 2-6, 6-0, 6-4, 6-0.

This morning the tournament for the Curtis consolation cup starts; Mrs. Frank Clark being matched against Mrs. John Clark at 9.30, while at 10.30 Miss Miller plays Miss Waite.

This evening at 7.15 the semi-finals of the women's doubles are to be played. The first game will be between Mrs. Hurley and Mrs. Cathart one side and Mrs. Kelly and Mrs. J. E. Clark on the other.

FIRE FIRST GUN ON WEDNESDAY

SEA GIRT, N. J., July 7.—The first big gun of the present presidential campaign will be fired here Wednesday when Governor Wilson is to be officially notified of his nomination by the Democratic party. Such is the decision of Woodrow Wilson and Senator Elihu Root, in conference here today.

The speech of acceptance now being prepared will be a broadside launched at Theodore Roosevelt who is already claiming that the platform and policies of the Democratic party do not deal with the vital issues now before the people.

"The high cost of living is the only burning issue before the people today," said Governor Wilson, indicating the trend of his mind. "At its heart lies the high protection tariff."

A great many of the trust goods of the time are the outgrowth of the tariff. Consequently if you take up the tariff you must take up the trust problems because these are so interlaced that they must be considered as one. This is what the Democratic party intends doing."

ROCK DRILLING TONIGHT

At Chatanika Thursday night Colin McGillivray and Gus Ehrling won the drilling contest from Ed Keys, Jr., and Charles Nelson, the former team drilling 23½ inches and the latter 23 inches. In the singles Ehrling drilled 16 inches and Nelson reached a depth of 12½ inches. Friday night on Front street of

Fairbanks Ed Keys and Inches penetrated 22 inches of the granite while McGillivray and Ehrling went down 27 inches. The Keys brothers followed, but the rock split five times so the contest was called off until tonight when a new rock will be in readiness for the big match.

Many attend celebration. The crowd attending the celebration this year was much larger than a year ago for all day long on the third and throughout the morning of the fourth the creek people were arriving.

Managing Joynt of the Tanana Valley railway reports that he moved 25 per cent more persons this Fourth than he did a year ago. Friday and Saturday six loaded cars moved out from the depot and on Saturday two cars of freight had to be left behind because the locomotive could not move them.

Sports on front street. Thursday, July 4, 2 p. m. 100-yard Dash (open) — Fred Pauli, first; Wallace Cathcart, second.

50-yard Dash (boys under 12) — George Rickler, first; Morency, second. 100-yard Dash (boys under 18) — Tom Walker, first; Dorman Baker, second.

50-yard Dash (girls under 12) — Muriel Herring, first; Grace Carey, second. 50-yard Dash (open) — Fred Pauli, first; Wallace Cathcart, second.

100-yard Dash (boys under 14) — George Herring, first; George Rickler, second. 220-yard Dash (open) — George Hamilton, first; Wallace Cathcart, second.

Running Broad Jump — George Lonsbury, 17 feet 10½ inches, first; Fred Pauli, 17 feet 6 inches, second. 100-yard Dash (men over 200 lbs) — H. Hardin, first; Milo Saulich, second.

50-yard Dash (boys under 18) — Tom Walker, first; Vic Fleischman, second. Pole Vault — George Lonsbury, 9 feet 3 inches, first; Lee Green, second.

Three-legged Race (50 yards, boys) — Dorman Baker and Vic Fleischman, first; Boden Davis and R. Callahan, second. Running High Jump (boys under 18) — Dorman Baker, first; W. H. Holston, second.

Running High Jump (open) — George Lonsbury, first; Lee Green, second. Obstacle Race (boys under 18) — Al Morency, first; R. Greerty, second.

Thursday, July 4th; 9:30 p. m. Wheelbarrow Race (loaded barrels on planks) — Pete McMullen, first; Mike Slabin, second.

50-yard Dash (boys under 12, 50 yards) — Norman Russel, first; George Rickler, second. Finding Shoe Race (girls under 12, 50 yards) — Frances White, first; Ruth Logan, second.

Sack Race (girls) — Amata Hanzel, first; Muriel Herring and Hazel McIlroy, tied for second. Sack Race (boys under 12) — Dan Morency, first; Adrian Woodridge, second.

Boys' Bicycle Race — Clifford Smith, first; Jack Martin, second. Married Women's Race (50 yards) — Mrs. Landerkin, first; Mrs. Linke, second.

Ladies' Nail Driving Contest — Mrs. J. H. Patten, first; Mrs. Schon, second. Pie Eating Contest — Al Burglin, first; Dan Morency, second.

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