THROUGH THE OLYMPICS.

Surveying the Route of the Victoria, Port Crescent and Gray's Harbor Railway.

The Line Will Run Through a Country Rich in Timber, Agricultural and Mineral Land.

The opening up of the much-explored but yet undeveloped Olympic mountain region has already proceeded so far that two railroads are being surveyed through it. The first of these is being conducted by the Victoria, Crescent Bay & Gray's Harbor Railroad Company. It runs from Crescent bay around Crescent lake, through a pass at the west end of the lake, along a tributary of the Solduk, through the Quillayute and Quinialt country almost due south to Gray's harbor. A party of surveyors started from Crescent bay and are now at a point about west of Mount Olympus.

This road is being surveyed under the auspices of the Northern Pacific railroad, and is about ninety miles long. It is proposed to run steamers across the straits to Victoria, where they will connect with the Nanaimo railroad. The scheme also contemplates the construction of a bridge across Queen Charlotte sound to the mainland at the narrowest. These straits are no wider than the Menai straits in Wales, which were bridged many years ago. Every mile of the road on this side of the Straits of Fuca runs through a country rich in either timber, agricultural and grazing land, or valuable copper and coal deposits.

The other contemplated railroad is the Port Angeles Central, of which Judge Wickersham, of Tacoma, is the ostensible head, though he is supposed to be backed by the Northern Pacific, as a leading official of that road has made large purchases of land along the proposed route. The surveyors for this road are now working up the Elwha river and are rapidly pushing southward. The proposed route turns to the southeast and the road will probably go up the Elwha river, traversing the canyon suspended on brackets such as those which the are wonder of the Denver & Rio Grande in the Royal gorge of the Arkansas river. The road will then run up the Elwha river from the head of the canyon and wind among the mountains to the base of the Three Brothers. There it will penetrate the main range by a tunnel under that triple peak a mile and a quarter long. Coming out on the headwaters of the Skokomish river, it will pass around Lake Cushman and down that river to a point about ten miles west of Union City, thence continuing southward to a connection with the Northern Pacific main line at Chehalis.

This road will pass through the rich grazing country in the interior of the mountains and will tap the rich veins of copper, iron and silver in that region, as well as the coal measures of the lower Elwha, near Port Angeles. It will also render accessible to the lover of nature's rugged beauties the wild canyon of the Elwha, the volcano of Mount Angeles, the black peaks to the east of them and the many rugged peaks, beautiful waterfalls, wild, rushing streams and unbroken forests of that region.—Post-Intelligencer.

WESTMINSTER SPECIAL.

The Baseball Match With the James Bays Declared Off—Official Inspection of the Armories.

(From our own Correspondent).

NEW WESTMINSTER, July 16.—The baseball match between the Westminster and James Bay clubs is declared off, the Westminster club having failed to organize. Some disappointment is felt by the players, who would like to see the club flourish.

A fisherman named Schseyer, at Ladner's, accidentally received a very serious cut in the foot from an axe in the hands of his brother. He is in the Royal Columbian hospital.

A surveyor named Burns cut his foot very badly with an axe at Port Moody this morning, and was brought to St. Mary's hospital for treatment.

Lieut. Col. Holmes is in the city making an official inspection of the armories and looking up a site for the new drill shed.

THE PACIFIC MAIL STEAMERS.

Geo. H. Rice En Route to Vancouver to Establish an Agency of the Company.

PORTLAND, July 15.—George H. Rice, of San Francisco, of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, was here to-day and left for the Sound to-night. It is understood that the object of his visit is to establish an agency at Vancouver, B. C. This arrangement is to be made as a retaliatory measure for the Canadian Pacific's plan of going into San Francisco. Railroad men here are disposed to regard the scheme as a big bluff to frighten the Canadian Pacific people out, and believe that the latter will have by long odds the best of them in connecting with Portland, and because the California local business is so much heavier than that of British Columbia. The Pacific Mail people will no doubt get some passenger business for the China on account of its speed.

THE ENGLISH LABOR QUESTION.

Cardinal Manning Expresses His Views in a Letter.

LONDON, July 14.—Cardinal Manaing has written a letter to the Paris Liberte on the English labor question, his study of which has undoubtedly been as thorough as that of any man in England.

The cardinal condemns the system of female competition with men in various industries as inimical to the interests of both. He also advocates the adoption of an eight-hour law, declaring that as long as employers are alone responsible for the duration of working days, workingmen will be unable to exist befittingly.

The communication has created a sensation as the utterance of competent and impartial authority on the matter treated.

THE AMERICAN SYSTEM

Of District Messenger Boys Introduced in the British Metropolis.

LONDON, July 14.—In the Royal Institution at Piccadilly, Saturday night, a singularly interesting exhibition was given of the advantages and working of the American District Messenger system which has just been introduced in this country. By meaus of the new messenger calls, boys, police, physicians, firemen or cabs may be summoned in a very few moments. In Saturday's exhibition there were many scientists and prominent practical men and women present, among whom were conspicuous, the Duke of Abercorn, who formally opened the exhibition with an admirable speech, made into a large phonograph presented to the meeting by Colonel Gourard. In this speech the Duke strongly urged the value of the electric call system, and advocated its hearty support by the citizens of London. Others present, included the Earl of Mount Edgecombe, Lady Mount Edgecombe, Lady Beatrice Anson, Marquis Hamilton, Lord Frederick Hamilton, and a goodly number of Americans.

A RAILROAD IN AFRICA.

One From Sierra Leone on the West Coast to the Nile Projected.

LONDON, July 14.—Commander Cameron, R.N., has written an article, which will appear on Wednesday next, advocating the construction of a railway from Sierra Leone, Senégambia, on the west coast of Africa, to the Nile. Such a road, he argues, would cost no more money than was required to complete the Central Pacific railway in America, nor would its construction involve any greater difficulty by reason of the physical characteristics of the country. Indeed, the undertaking would be of slight magnitude in comparison with many accomplished and projected engineering enterprizes in many parts of the world, while the results of the operation of the road would prove of incalculable value on opening to civilization a vast productive area of Africa, at present inaccessible.

BLOWN TO PIECES.

Particulars of the Terrible Powder Explosion Near the Ohio Factory.

Ten People Killed and Forty Injured—Many Buildings were Shattered—Grand Illumination.

CINCINNATI, July 15.—A terrible explosion occurred late this afternoon at King's powder mills, on the little Miami railroad, twenty-nine miles from this city. Ten persons were killed and thirty or forty seriously injured. Two empty freight cars were being rolled on to a side-track, where a car containing 800 kegs of powder was standing. When the cars struck there was an explosion, and immediately after another car with 800 kegs of powder exploded, making 1,300 kegs altogether.

William Frialie, a brakeman, was standing on one of the empty cars when the explosion occurred. No trace of his body has been found. Five other persons, supposed to be employes of the powder company, were killed. King's Powder Company, and the Peters cartridge works have buildings on both sides of the river along the railroad. The explosion occurred on the south side, and the destruction was enormous. There are a number of cottages occupied by workmen for the powder company and situated close to the track. These were shattered by the explosion, and their inmates injured.

Twelve or fifteen girls at work in the cartridge factory were crippled by the explosion. The railroad freight house, belonging to the Little Miami railway, together with all the adjacent buildings, were set on fire and totally consumed. The track and ties of the road are torn up and great holes plowed in the ground. The Peters' cartridge factory was burned to the ground, and nothing but a mass of blackened, smouldering ruins remain to mark the spot where the building stood.

As soon as the news reached this city a relief train was dispatched to the scene of the disaster, with Superintendent Pettit and a large party of surgeons on board, and relief was offered the sufferers as soon as possible. The work of searching for the missing and caring for the wounded is now progressing.

The force of the explosion demolished all the wires in the vicinity, and it was impossible to get any news from there till midnight, when a delayed Panhandle train arrived. Even the passengers could not say much, as everything about King's Mills was in too demoralized a condition when they left to learn much about the actual state of affairs. They described the scene in the vicinity of the explosion as awful. Buildings for hundreds of feet in all directions from the explosion were badly wrecked. The Peters cartridge factory is literally demolished, and fire from the combustible contents completed the work of destruction.

About thirty girls are supposed to have been at work in the factory at the time of the explosion, and most of them are thought to be badly hurt. Passengers who arrived on the train say ten persons were killed, and that it is possible more bodies are in the debris.

1 a.m.—A messenger of the Adams Express, says that when he passed King's Mills station at 11.30 it was bright as day all around. Everything combustible was burning, and people everywhere for a great distance around were fighting the fire. The roadmaster of the Little Miami had information that there were three families living in little cottages near the place of the explosion. Diligent search had failed to find any three of them. He says there was great confusion and such a thing as ascertaining the names was next to impossible.

An incident related by him was that the thirty girls in the cartridge factory saved themselves from the flames by catching hold of a rope that happened to hang from the house to the ground, sliding down this to the ground. His story is that more than ten are killed.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

The San Antonio & Arkansas Pass Railroad has been placed in the hands of a receiver.

Charles Ralston, a brakeman on the Aptos freight train, was badly injured near San Jose, Cal., while making a coupling.

The Santa Fe express was derailed at Dodge City, Kan., Monday morning, and Fireman Otis and a tramp were killed.

Four Italian railroad laborers were drowned at Lancaster, N. H., yesterday by the capsizing of a boat.

A passenger train on the James River division of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad collided with a freight train Sunday night near Gladstone, Va. Fireman Holt and a tramp were killed, and four trainmen seriously injured.

Jacoby and Utschig, members of the San Francisco Schutzen Verein, carried away twenty of the 500 prizes competed for by riflemen at the Berlin shooting festival. There were 15,000 competitors.

Hugo Blindslee, aged 50, and his two sons, aged 6 and 12 respectively, were struck by a train at Pauline street crossing, Chicago, Monday night, and fatally injured.

THE LAKE DISASTER.

A Rumor that the Officers and Crew of the Steamer Seawing Were Drunk.

The Women and Children were Locked in the Cabin of the Capsized Vessel.

LAKE CITY, July 15.—Nothing new has developed along the lake shore, no bodies having been discovered up to noon. It is probable no more bodies will be found for two or three days, and the hope is expressed that not over a dozen more are in the lake. But at Red Wing the number is placed at two or three times that figure. Captain Wetherop, who has not been seen here since yesterday noon, told a citizen of Red Wing that the number on board the steamer at the time of the disaster could not exceed 170. A Red Wing man denied the captain's figures as being over thirty below the truth, and accused both the captain and crew of being drunk and unfit to have charge of the boat at such a time. There is no proof of such a state of affairs. There were those on the barge among the passengers who had been drinking, and whose actions drove the women and children to the cabin. This fact may be the ground for the rumor.

Another rumor that caused indignation was a statement that the captain had ordered the cabin door locked and kept the people inside. Miss Aggie Barton, of Lake City, one of those rescued from the barge, says all the women and children were ordered into the cabin from the barge. It would be natural for the captain to do this, as it was intensely dark and the rain and hail made it extremely disagreeable to remain on the barge. On the other hand, both engineers say the captain thought the barge safer than the steamer and sent an order down to the cabin for the women and children to go on board the barge.

Instead of carrying in the order correctly, the man told them to stay in the cabin which they did, and then locked the door. Previous to that most of the women had left the barge for the steamer, telling the engineer that a party of men on the barge were drunk and had been acting in an objectionable manner and they would not stay there. Whether this be a fact or not is not certain. The doors were shut if not locked when the rescuers reached the steamer, and everything indicated they had been closed throughout the gale.

BURYING THE DEAD.

RED WING, Minn., July 15.—Sixty-six bodies were brought here yesterday and laid out in an empty store-room, and to this place of death came the mourning friends to claim their dead, or look in vain for the absent. All day long pine boxes that suggested heart-aches and heart-breaking were being carried from the store-room to the stricken homes of the city, and at many hearthstones but one or two survivors of a family awaited the coming of the mortal clay of their loved ones. This is a day of funerals, nearly all of the bodies so far recovered being carried to "God's Acre," where the last words of farewell and consolation are being spoken and the falling earth as it strikes upon the coffin lid beats also upon the hearts of many mourners.

COMING TO THE SURFACE.

LAKE CITY, Minn., July 16.—The close watch of the men who have been on duty since Monday in the hope that some of the bodies of the victims of the recent disaster would come to the surface, was rewarded by the finding of a total of 31 bodies since midnight last night. The gases which usually form in the human body after lying about 48 hours in the water were sufficient to give them the necessary buoyancy to bring them to the surface, and all day long the number of remains recovered has been increased almost hourly. Bodies have been coming to the surface in the near vicinity of the wreck almost too fast for them to be properly cared for. Twenty-four had been found floating on the surface of the lake by noon, and during the afternoon seven more men were found. The bodies were placed in boxes and packed in ice as fast as they could be taken to central point. At noon the twenty-four secured were taken to Red Wing, and as soon as the steamer could return the remaining seven were sent up to the same place. It is stated that 26 of the 31 bodies found have been identified. The list of their names is obtainable only in Red Wing. Two of the bodies were found to be those of parties whose names were not among the recently published lists of missing ones. A dispatch from Red Wing says that still nine people are missing from that city. Others are still missing from Diamond Bluff, nnd Trenton, Wis. Eight members of the First Regiment, N. G. S., are detailed for all night duty in the vicinity of the wreck to-night. The estimate made yesterday of 115 lives lost by the disaster will probably be verified.

CABLE NEWS.

Persecution of Russian Jews.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 15.—A story is in circulation among anti-Semitics that owing to the fact that some prisoners convicted in Paris of being implicated in a Nihilistic plot are Jews, stringent measures against the Jews are being prepared by the authorities. They include suppression of the Novosti, whose editor has been warned to settle his affairs and leave the country by July 22.

President Carnot's Assailant Insane.

PARIS, July 15.—The man who fired a revolver outside the Elysee yesterday, is insane.

American Girl Suicides in Berlin.

BERLIN, July 15.—An American girl, Josephine Neulendorf, who has been studying music in this city committed suicide to-day. Her mind is said to have been affected by over-study.

A Valuable Discovery.

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 15.—An English lady, long resident in Syria, reports the discovery in a village between Beyrouth and Damascus, of an ancient bedstead made of silver and richly inlaid with jewels, which an inscription states had belonged to Queen Eleanor of England, the beloved wife of King Edward I., who erected so many crosses to her memory. The bedstead was found stowed away in a recess dug in a natural cave, evidently hidden there for safekeeping when the monarch quitted the seat. The find has been confiscated by the Turkish government as treasure trove.

Bulgaria's Independence.

LONDON, July 16.—Prime Minister Stambuloff, who is the virtual dictator of Bulgaria, is said to be preparing another note to the Sultan more energetic than the former one, to the effect that Bulgaria will promptly assert its independence unless Prince Ferdinand is recognized, and repeating the demand for the religious autonomy of the Bulgarians in Macedonia. The Sultan, according to advices from Constantinople, has well-grounded suspicions that the Bulgarians mean to annoy Macedonia at the first opportunity.

Loss at Constantinople, $1,000,000.

CONSTANTINOPLE, July 15.—Losses by the great fire on Saturday last in this city amount to £1,000,000.

Female Smugglers Captured.

LONDON, July 16.—On the arrival of the steamship Majestic from New York at Queenstown to-day, four of her passengers were arrested by the customs officials for smuggling. The arrested were all women, and had concealed in their bustles parcels of tea, tobacco, spirits, etc. The contraband goods were seized and the women locked up for examination.

The Cholera in Spain.

VIENNA, July 16.—The Vienna board of health is informed that cholera has become prevalent in thirty-one communes in the provinses of Valencia and Alicante, Spain.

David Pugh, M. P., Dead.

LONDON, July 12.—David Pugh, member of the House of Commons, is dead.

Stanley Still Indisposed.

LONDON, July 13.—Stanley has not yet recovered from the prostration which threatened the postponement of his marriage. He was greatly fatigued on his arrival at Matchet Court and remained in bed all day to-day.

Mr. Gladstone is Ill.

LONDON, July 14.—Mr. Gladstone is ill and his condition is such that he was unable to attend a meeting of the procedure committee of the Commons to-day.

Cholera in the Punjaub.

BOMBAY, July 14.—Forty-four deaths from cholera have occurred among members of a battalion of Ghoorkas stationed at Dharmsala, in the Punjaub.

Those Sensational Dispatches.

LONDON, July 14.—The Dominion government has received official advices this afternoon from Victoria that the report about Canadian sealers fitting up there for offensive operations in Behring sea is without foundation. The state department was considerably exercised regarding the situation, but now all fears of any injudicious proceeding have been dispelled. That a feeling of bitterness exists against the United States executive is encouraged, but that disgruntled officials may mean to annoy Macedonia at the first opportunity.

Passed the Third Reading.

LONDON, 15.—The bill providing for the cession of Heligoland to Germany passed its third reading in the House of Lords this evening, with only a verbal amendment which in no way altered the sense of the measure.

The Transfer of Heligoland.

BERLIN, July 15.—Emperor William will arrange the ceremonies to be observed at the formal transfer of Heligoland to Germany during his visit to the Queen. A German council to advise on the matter will be appointed before the next session of the reichstag, the government desiring to be guided by its views.

Outside the Vatican.

ROME, July 15.—For the first time since 1871 the Pope was seen outside the Vatican grounds to-day. Pope Leo in an ordinary carriage, escorted by two of the guardia mobile, quitted the Vatican by the Fordamenta Gate, and drove to the Music Gate, through which he re-entered the grounds of the palace. Sentries presented arms as the pontiff passed and the workmen knelt.

CANADIAN NEWS.

Killed by Lightning.

MOOSE JAW, N. W. T., July 16.—Henry Battell, one of the oldest resident in this district, and Herbert McLean, about 12 years of age, the eldest son of Rev. Dr. McLean, were instantly killed by lighting while eating their supper at Mr. Battell's homestead, a mile and a half from town.

Death of a H. B. Co. Factor.

WINNIPEG, July 16.—Adam McBeth, one of the Hudson's Bay Co. factors, is dead. This narrows down the original Selkirk settlers to four.

The Middleton Banquet.

TORONTO, July 16.—At the Middleton banquet last night, Goldwin Smith said that when the truth was known it would be found that the General had not forgotten his friends in Canada who took part with him in the Northwest rebellion. Much good feeling seemed to prevail at the banquet. General Middleton left town to-day.

Serious, if True.

HALIFAX, July 16.—An evening paper prints the following dispatch, received from St. Johns by a private citizen; "The Newfoundland bait cruiser Fiona to-day fired on a French vessel which was taking bait." No particulars have been received.

A Writ Issued.

WINNIPEG, July 16.—A writ has been issued at the instance of Samuel Nordheimer vs. Ed. Gurney and J. Kerr, co-directors of the Federal Bank, to recover $75,000, and which he had to pay.

Death of a Prominent Methodist.

WINNIPEG, July 16.—Rev. Dr. Samuel Rose died this morning at the age of 74 years. He was one of the most prominent members of the Methodist Church.

An Embezzler Sentenced.

HALIFAX, N. S., July 16.—J. McD. Cromar has been sentenced to three years imprisonment for embezzlement from the People's Bank at Edmunston.

Returning to Quebec.

MONTREAL, July 16.—A party of about fifty French Canadians came from Massachusetts to-day to their old homes. This is the result of the repatriation policy of the Quebec Government.

John Belfs, the well-known English botanist, is dead.

James O. Simmonds was arrested at New York, Monday afternoon, charged with collusion in misappropriating bonds and securities of the first National bank.

The consul at Key West says that with the aid of the American police he hopes to capture the Cuban kidnapper, Manual Ramos.

CAPITAL NOTES.

The Daily Graphic Match at Bisley Won by Capt. Grey and Private Windatt.

Inland Revenue Receipts for June, One Million Eighty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars.

(From our own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, Ont., July 16.—Lieut.-Col. Prior cables to-day that in the Daily Graphic match at Bisley the prize winners were Private Windatt and Capt. Grey, five pounds each.

The inland revenue receipts for June were $1,082,500.

AMERICAN NEWS.

Breach of the Customs.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., July 15. — A telegram received to-day reports that the schooner Samuel R. Crane, of this port, has been seized at Cape Breydoir for landing without a permit, and has been fined $400.

Boiler Makers' Strike Ended.

PITTSBURG, July 15. — The strike of boiler makers in Pittsburg and Alleghany is practically at an end. Of nineteen shops eight have agreed to the nine hours per day proposition, and the others will doubtless give up the fight. Master Workman Evans says that by Thursday work will have been resumed in all the shops.

Bank Embezzlement.

NEW YORK, July 15.—James A. Simmons was arrested to-day charged with aiding and abetting President Claasen of the Sixth National Bank in the embezzlement of $60,000 in bonds at the time of the late bank wrecking operations. Simmons was arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Shields and held in $25,000 bail for examination.

Negro Riots.

CHARLESTON, S. C., July 15.—It is reported that in a riot near Kears, Barnwell county, to-day, between 300 negroes with rifles and 25 white men, one negro was killed and a number of persons wounded. Assistance has gone from the surrounding towns.

Row With Striking Miners.

SCOTTDALE, Pa., July 15.—Reports from the Smithson region are to the effect that a small riot has occurred there, and there are indications for a larger riot. The deputy sheriffs are already on the ground protecting the property of the Waverley Coal Co., whose men have been on strike for over three months. Fifty Italians were imported there yesterday to replace the Waverley strikers. The new men all went to work to-day. This so enraged the strikers when the Italians refused to quit work that they made an assault. The strikers are badly worked up, and bloodshed would cause no surprise.

A Nice Premium.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Secretary Tracy to-day officially accepted the U. S. S. Philadelphia. Mr. Cramp, the builder, receives $135,000 as a premium for extra speed.

The Winnipeg Cricketers.

BOSTON, July 15.—The actual score in the cricket match between the Winnipeg and Longwood teams to-day was: Winnipeg, 208; Longwood, 100. It was called a draw on account of lack of time. Longwood wanted to go in, and had only one wicket to fall when the contest was brought to a close. The home team was virtually beaten.

A Serious Shooting Affray.

NEW ORLEANS, July 15.—A special from Merrouge, Louisiana, to the Times Democrat says: On Sunday night 25 laborers from the plantations of A. Hegner, near Oak Ridge, Morehouse parish, and whose passage Heffner had paid from North Carolina, quit their houses and commenced under cover of the night to make their way into Chicot county, Arkansas. They were pursued by a posse of the friends of Mr. Heffner, and this morning were found lying in ambush in a dense thicket. When notified by the posse that they had surrounded them a party of men who would do them no harm, and only asked them to return to their homes, they expressed willingness to return, but when the posse went forward to meet them the party, led by one bold trouble maker, opened fire on the posse, and for a minute did some wild shooting. The posse returned the fire and the result was that five negroes were killed.

The Cape Flattery Cable.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 15.—At a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce this afternoon, a letter was read from the Chamber of Commerce at Port Townsend, asking the San Francisco chamber to extend its aid in securing the repair of the cable from Cape Flattery to Port Townsend, for which an appropriation of $8,000 had been asked for by the congressional delegation from the State of Washington. The chamber decided to send the letter to the California delegation, requesting the members to aid the Washington delegation.

Suicide with Morphine.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 15. — Maggie Andrews, a middle-aged woman, ended a dissolute life this morning by suiciding with morphine.

Instantly Killed.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 15.—James Curtis, a laborer, 28 years of age, fell into the caisson of the sea wall this morning and was instantly killed.

A Clam Bake.

BATH, Me., July 15.—The naval fleet were entertained this afternoon at a clam bake at Fostera Point. To-morrow there will be a parade of sailors and marines. The fleet will probably sail for Bar Harbor on Thursday.

The Seized American Schooner.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 15.—A letter from Capt. Mockle, of the schooner Mattie L. Dyer, seized at Ounalaska, has been received. The captain says that nothing had been done at the time of writing, as the officer was waiting for the Mattie to get instructions. The officer in charge of the seizure tried to get the crew to swear that the schooner had caught seals, but this they refused to do. It was not customary to carry a copy of a bond, for lack of which the schooner was seized, unless arms were landed in Alaska. The captains in port declare that the deputy collector had gone too far in the case. He is a new man there, having come from Sitka. The captain says he does not see where they have any chance to do anything with the schooner, as a hunter, whom he took on board at Sanaka, could prove where the last seals were caught by the schooner, and his word must be taken, as he is not on the articles, and is only a passenger. He will be able to swear that no seals were taken in Behring sea, and not less than thirty miles off shore in the Pacific.

The Clock Makers' Lockout.

NEW YORK, July 16. — The great clock makers' lockout is virtually over. At a conference of the various committees to-day it was agreed to sign a contract binding the manufacturers to take back all their union hands and to discharge any man now in their employ who would not join the union. There was not, however, perfect harmony, for the clock operatives through their representative refused to sign the agreement unless the manufacturers consented to an unconditional discharge of the non-union workmen. This the manufacturers refused to do, so the clock operatives still remain out while the cutters and contractors, having signed the agreement, will return to work as one, they having gained all their demands from their employers.

Serious Railroad Washouts.

PITTSBURG, July 16.—Several serious washouts occurred on the Wheeling division of the Baltimore and Ohio railway about 11 o'clock to-day. The serious damage occurred between the White Hall and Gastonville stations, a distance of 10 miles. In this distance are washouts at intervals of about half a mile. Several bridges were washed away. That over Peters Creek, about one hundred yards long, is a total wreck. The damage will amount to thousands of dollars, and traffic over the division will be suspended for several days. A report has reached the city that the McKeesport and Bellew Vernon railroad has suffered damage of over $100,000 from washouts. It is said that about four miles of tracks and bridges have been swept away by last night's storm.

An Unpopular Appointment.

WASHINGTON, July 16.—When the news was formally announced at the navy department this morning that Secretary Tracy had appointed Prof. Soley as his assistant secretary without consulting naval officials or even giving them the slightest intimation of his purpose, there was a very audible and distinct whisper of condemnation discernible, which grew more audible and emphatic as the day progressed. Little groups of disappointed officers gathered in various parts of the department discussing the all absorbing topic. The line officers generally manifested the greatest disappointment, for while appointments from the forehatch of the United Press dispatches a few days ago, little credence was given the statement by "the regulars" in active service. The duties of the chief of bureau of navigation, being next in position to the secretary, are varied, and among other duties he is called upon to act as secretary of the navy when the latter is absent from the city or otherwise. This is looked upon by the men as a great concession to them, and in that position the "regulars" have received many advantages. Now, however, under the new regime, the assistant secretary will naturally act in the secretary's absence, and both being civilians, it will a rare occurence when a line officer is again called upon to act as head of the navy department. The line officers looked forward and were confident that the secretary would select some one from the service for this position, hence they were greatly chagrined and disappointed over the secretary's choice.

Another Bad Storm.

MINNEAPOLIS, July 16.—Reports of a cyclone at Stillwater prove unfounded. The force of the storm was spent at Marine and New Richmond, Wis., to which points no wires are yet in operation. In North St. Paul the works of the Acme Chair Co. were blown down. Considerable damage to property is reported in Anoka county, but so far as known no lives have been lost.

Killed by Lightning.

SCOTTDALE, Pa., July 16.—Considerable damage to property and a number of accidents are reported, caused by the heavy storm of last night. A house, in which five men were sheltered, was struck by lightning, Andrew Zeubur was instantly killed and two others were fatally injured. The building was splintered. A farmer named Brown was struck by lightning and badly hurt. At Bellevue, Miss Addie Reno was struck by lightning and now lies at the point of death. A number of barns and houses were struck and either burned or badly damaged.

Advance in Binding Twine.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., July 16.—The burning of 525 tons of binding twine here yesterday will cause a sharp advance. The amount burnt represents about seven-eighths of the entire amount in the twin cities, and prices will go up from ½ to 4 or 5 cents a pound. This will affect the whole country.

A Murderous Indian.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, July 16.—This afternoon James Larney, an Indian from Indian Territory, serving a 10-year sentence in the Ohio prison for manslaughter, grabbed an axe and began to tomahawk his companions in the prison. He split open the head of Jacob Gross, a colored prisoner, who will probably die. He cut on the head Ted Cunningham; broke the shoulder of Charles Greeves, and cut in two the top of Mike O'Hara's head. The deputy warden, hearing the Indian's yells, rushed, in and with the aid of prisoners disarmed the assailant and took him to a cell. The murderous Indian is thought to be insane.

Another English Investment.

FORT DODGE, Iowa, July 16.—To-day an English syndicate bought through Rosenbaum Bros., of Chicago, all the elevators owned by the firm of Gregory & Son, one of the largest grain-buying firms of the north west. The elevators are located all through the northwest of Iowa, and the firm controls a large share of the grain trade of that state. The elevators in this vicinity are at Fort Dodge, Clarion, Vincent and Lehigh.

A Family Burned to Death.

VALPARAISO, Ind., July 16.—The residence of John Hamlett, near here, was burned this morning. Mrs. Hamlett and four children, the eldest about eight years, were burned to death. The house was totally consumed. Nobody knows how the fire originated. Mr. Hamlett was absent, being at Chester. He has arrived here and is crazed with grief.

BLACK BART'S BUSINESS.

A Bold Robber "Holds up" the Cariboo Stage Successfully on Monday Afternoon.

He Refuses to Take $2,000, but Accepts the Safe with Double that Amount.

"Stage robbed of $4,000 at 73 Mile Post at 5 o'clock last night."

Such was the very laconic dispatch received by Mr. S. Tingley, manager of the B. C. Express company, yesterday morning. Mr. Tingley has been in town for several days past, and the telegram came from the company's manager at Ashcroft. No further particulars were given, and after wiring for more complete information, Mr. Tingley had a long consultation with the attorney-general. The result of the conference was that Hon. Mr. Davie at once telegraphed instructions to the case to Mr. Sones, the government agent at Ashcroft.

Having ascertained the meagre facts in the possession of Mr. Tingley, THE COLONIST wired to Ashcroft for a special, and early this morning received the following:

"The most daring stage robbery chronicled in the history of British Columbia was perpetrated on the B. C. Express Co.'s stage which runs from Cariboo to Ashcroft on Monday evening at about 5 o'clock, involving a loss of about $4,000. On the road at the 97 mile post a masked man met the stage and, at the muzzle of a Winchester, called a halt, demanding the treasure. The driver offered a bag with $2,000 in it, but the robber refused to take it. He said he wanted the safe and didn't intend to make a third request, so he was allowed to take the iron safe. After throwing it from the stage, and saluting the driver and single passenger with mock politeness, followed with a volley of the most profane language, the robber ordered the stage to drive on. Usually the stage is not worth much, but as it is washing up time now, the man knew his game and took a good time to make his attack, indicating a thorough acquaintance with the neighborhood and the arrangements of the express company. A posse of Indians and a white leader are on the hunt, and Constable Burr, of Ashcroft, he joined in the chase. There is no news of the robber yet. Mr. Sones, the Government agent here, is working hard, to run the villain down."

The depositions of driver and passenger were taken last night, and the result of the manhunt is now eagerly awaited. The method pursued by the robber is exactly similar to that of the celebrated Black Bart. Monday's makes the third stage robbery of the same kind on the old Cariboo road, but on the previous occasions two men instead of one did the work. Their identity has never been discovered, but it is supposed that they were residents of the locality, encouraged to crime by temporary impecuniosity.

Chicago's Population Exceeds 1,000,000.

WASHINGTON, July 16.—Superintendent Porter to-day received from Supervisor Gilbert the final figures of the population of Chicago, which places that city at 1,101,263.

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