

MOUNTAIN SIDE SINKS INTO LAKE

IMMENSE SLIDE ON A NORTHERN ISLAND

Disturbance Believed to be Due to Volcanic Action—Occurred Early in December.

Princess Royal Island, according to reports brought by the steamer Tees, has experienced a volcanic disturbance. There was on December 22 an immense slide on the shores of Surf Inlet lake, the side of Mount Peno falling into the lake and raising the lake level permanently.

According to the report the slide was preceded by what was regarded as having been a volcanic action of some kind. Mount Peno, named after a Frenchman who that name, rose from the lake shore almost perpendicularly. The mountain is several thousand feet in height.

The face of the mountain was carried down into the lake, causing a great commotion. Manager Tweedie, of the Surf Island mines, together with a party from the works, happened to be crossing the lake in a steam launch at the time. They were coming out to meet the Tees and were within view of the steamer when the slide took place.

Waves resembling those of the ocean were thrown up, and the disturbance was such as to completely shut out from view the Tees. Mr. Tweedie and his party had difficulty in saving their lives. The water in the lake was raised 12 feet in height. Since that time the waters have subsided, leaving the lake level only five inches above what it was formerly.

The Surf Inlet mines are about 15 miles from the scene of the slide. The waves resulting from the disturbance did not do any very great damage to property, as but few are living along its shores. A wharf at one point was carried away. Trees were carried down with the slide, and in many instances buried beneath the debris. As the latter subsides tree tops have been appearing at various points on the lake.

Those who were living near the lake attribute it to volcanic action, maintaining that a shock was felt before the slide occurred.

Mr. Tweedie, of the Surf Inlet mines, came to Vancouver by the Tees.

ESCAPED IN NIGHTCLOTHES.

Guests in Los Angeles Hotel Forced to Make Hurred Exit.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 24.—The Vannuys hotel on Broadway, one of the finest first-class hosteleries in the city, located in the heart of the business district, was ruined by fire to-day. One hundred and ten guests, most of whom were in bed when the fire broke out, escaped in their nightclothes, and nearly all suffered the loss of their baggage and personal effects.

Five women were injured by the collapse of a fire. Fire Chief Lippis was also seriously cut by falling glass. The financial loss was approximately \$200,000. The origin of the fire has not been definitely ascertained, though it is supposed to have started in the basement or engine room of the hotel. The flames spread with great rapidity, and in thirty minutes from the time the first alarm was turned in the whole building was ablaze. All of the guests were able to escape by way of the stairways and elevators, although the corridors were densely filled with smoke, and many were nearly suffocated.

FROM THE NATION.

Proposal to Open Subscription Lists For Purpose of Giving Miss Roosevelt a Wedding Gift.

THREATENED WITH DEATH.

Wealthy Man of Syracuse Received Letters From Members of "The Black-Hand."

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Charles M. Crouse, one of the wealthy men of Syracuse, has received two strange letters from some person, who pretends to be a member of "the black-hand," threatening to blow up his house if he did not place \$2,400 in cash in a cigar box on the curb in front of his residence to be called for in the night. The letters have been turned over to the police. The second letter threatened to dynamite the cigar box if Mr. Crouse refused.

PACIFIC MAIL CONTRACT.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The mail subsidy to the C. P. R. steamers on the Pacific has been renewed.

A South Tacoma street car jumped the track on the curve at Thirty-Eighth street, Tacoma, Saturday, and struck a man who was waiting to board the car. The man was ground to pieces under the wheels. At first it was thought that a dog had been killed, but finally a pair of boots, a mummy box and a five-cent piece were found. The car ploughed into the ground a foot deep and the skull and bones of the unfortunate victim were reduced to bits. Let the victim be identified as E. Arlot, of South Tacoma.

PREPARING FOR STRUGGLE.

Fight Over Closed Shops and Nine-Hour Day Expected to Begin Next Week.

New York, Dec. 26.—Final efforts will be made this week by the typothetae and typographical union in the fight over closed shops and the nine-hour working day in all book and job offices which is expected to begin on January 1st.

A representative of the union said: "The only demand we make is an eight-hour work day, the nine-hour rule having prevailed up to the present. The employers have refused the eight-hour demand and will try to introduce the open shop. The fight will be a bitter one. We are not afraid of the result. We have more than \$100,000 available now and can raise \$500,000 if necessary."

The Periodical Publishers Association has decided to stand by the typothetae, and members of this association which have their own printing plants will refuse the demand. In a statement on the preparations for the coming trouble, Wm. Green, president of the New York typothetae, says that his members are prepared to install competent non-union men and other machine printers in the composing rooms.

STRONG FEELING FOR WESTERN MAN

TO FILL VACANCY IN THE FEDERAL CABINET

Quebec Province Now Has One More Portfolio Than Usual—Speculation Regarding the Position.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Solicitor-General Lemieux is mentioned in connection with the vacancy in the cabinet caused by the death of Mr. Prefontaine, but Quebec has a portfolio more than the usual number at present, and there is a strong feeling here that the position should go to a western man.

When Hon. David Mills retired from the cabinet the portfolio of justice was given to Quebec, making an additional department to that province. The solicitor-general's position was also retained.

If the West does not get increased representation now there will be some dissatisfaction from that growing country.

THE NEW ZEALAND LINE.

The contract for the New Zealand steamship line will likely be signed today. Canada will make a fine exhibit at Milan, Italy.

FORTUNE AWAITS HIM.

J. A. Pratt, Heir to an Estate Valued at More Than \$1,000,000, Is Missing.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 27.—James A. Pratt, 40 years old, of Flushing, L. I., heir to an estate valued at more than \$1,000,000 and who disappeared from his home one Easter day leaving a wife and five children, is believed to be somewhere in Northern Minnesota, but so far the police of the state have not been able to find him.

Miss May Pratt, sister of the missing man, believes he has gone on further west, but she has asked the police to continue the search.

The father's will named the absent son as executor. In the codicil, however, the Brooklyn Trust Company is substituted. Since the death of the father the efforts to find the son have been more active, as the other heirs are anxious to have the estate settled without delay.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Annual Meeting of Young People's Society Will Be Held in February.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 27.—The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor will occur in February, 1906. It will be commemorated by the 70,000 societies and by the three and a half million members and by numerous Endeavor unions, local, county, state and national.

The next all-European convention will be held from July 28th to August 1st at Geneva, Switzerland, in connection with the World's Christian Endeavor convention.

INTER-COLLEGIATE FOOTBALL.

President Elliott Favors Stopping Game Until Rules May Be Modified.

New York, Dec. 27.—President Elliott, of Harvard, has declared himself in favor of stopping inter-collegiate football for one year in order that the game may be modified and a reasonable game devised and demonstrated in practice. He expressed his views in a letter to Chancellor McCracken, of New York University, in reply to an invitation to Harvard to attend the conference of colleges on football to be held here to-day.

The Bengal canal, 80 miles in length, is the longest artificial watercourse in the world.

NEMO

THE PERFECT FOOD

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Victoria 350.

FIGHT WITH SIX CHICAGO BANDITS

WHO TRIED TO ROB STREET CAR PASSENGERS

Police Arrived Before Robbers Completed Their Work and Five of Them Were Captured.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 26.—On a crowded Ashland avenue electric car at 36th street last night, six armed men fired a score of shots through the windows and roof, and were engaged in robbing the passengers, including several women and children, when the trolley pole was removed from the wire by the conductor, and the bandits were left struggling in the darkness. While the male passengers and the car crew were battling with the robbers, a wagon load of policemen arrived and five of the robbers were captured.

Two men boarded the front platform of the car at 36th street, and holding revolvers at the heads of the motorist, James Callaghan forced him to stop the car. Four accomplices then got on the rear platform, and while one of them covered James Link, the conductor, with his weapon, three entered the car.

Everybody hold up your hands. We want your money, and will shoot the first man who tries to stop us," said the leader of the band. Evidently hoping thoroughly to frighten their intended victims before risking the wholesale robbery, the trio fired repeatedly through the windows and the roof. A passenger, who escaped from the car informed the police, who came in a patrol wagon, entered the car and drove the robbers from it at the points of their revolvers.

The bandits exchanged shots with the police, but were overpowered. They were all taken to the police station.

FORCED TO RETURN.

Steam Schooner Charles Nelson Puts Back to Port—Seaman Killed on Scottish Lochs.

Port Townsend, Wn., Dec. 27.—The lumber carrying steam schooner Charles Nelson, which sailed from Tacoma for San Francisco on Sunday morning, put into port during the night having been driven back by severe northwest gales off Cape Flattery. Captain Preble said this morning that the weather was the worst he had ever encountered, and he admitted that the deckload shifted and the fire water tank burst, necessitating the return of the vessel. Repairs are also necessary in the engine room.

The Nelson had 14 passengers, and they say a vessel leaked badly, and the fire crew worked to their walis in water. They also say the damages in the engine room are greater than the captain will admit.

Oscar Carlson and wife, of Seattle, two passengers, left the vessel here, having their money refunded. The other passengers also asked for refund, which they say was denied them.

SCHOONER CAPSIZED.

Six of Crew Drowned—Mate Was Four Days Without Food.

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 26.—The three-masted schooner Sakata, of Parramore, N. S., has been wrecked and its entire crew, both of Parramore, John Cox of St. John, the steward and four seamen.

The wreck was reported by Captain Lesmond on December 23rd. He sent a boat with eight men to search for the schooner and five men to the wreck. The men found Mate Williams clinging to the vessel and he had been without food or drink for four days. Fonger had a tin of food, but ate a portion of his pilot-coat. Williams has practically recovered from his experience.

CANADIAN NOTES.

St. Catharines, Dec. 26.—Mrs. James and Mrs. Richard Woods, sisters-in-law, having married brothers, and life-time friends, were visiting at some of each other. The coincidence does not end there, however, for both ladies were born on the same day about 70 years ago, and both lived on Church street near one another.

Telegrapher's Invention.

Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—G. M. Kenzie, C. P. R. operator at Kenton, Man., has perfected an automatic device for calling another office which will do the work of a man in this respect. He expects it to greatly facilitate telegraphy.

Alleged Fraud.

Calgary, Alta., Dec. 26.—Latimer, of Philadelphia, was arrested here to-day charged with defrauding Mrs. Eliza Carpenter of Montreal out of \$100.

THE POOR OF LONDON.

Large Increase in Number Receiving Out-Door Relief.

New York, Dec. 26.—A cable dispatch from London says:

"Official figures relating to the legal poor of London show that the numbers in receipt of pauper relief in nearly every London district, in the month of August, have been greater than in any of the previous forty years comprised in the returns, with the exception of the period of 1871 to 1875. The ratio of pauperism to the population of London has been higher in most of the months of this year than in any previous year since 1874. Not only has there been a remarkable increase in out-door relief, but the numbers entering workhouses has continued. In no year of the history of the poor law has the population of London been greater than the present year, which has been greater than December."

A Leipzig firm has purchased the famous postcard collection of Mr. Lajos Richter, of Budapest. Its catalogue value is stated to be \$24,000.

CHINESE SITUATION CAUSES UNEASINESS

THE ANTI-FOREIGN MOVEMENT IS SPREADING

Success of Boycott of American Goods Has Encouraged the Natives in Their Agitation.

Peking, Dec. 27.—The most conservative and best informed foreigners agree in expressing apprehension at the constantly growing irritation of the Chinese against foreigners which for months has been gradually spreading throughout the country.

"China for the Chinese" are the objects of the movement, among the chief promoters of which are male students educated abroad and newspapers conducted by Chinese who have been educated in American and European cities which are beginning to gain real influence. The anti-American boycott has been followed by a discussion of Chinese wrongs at the hands of foreigners generally and a determination to redress them. The hostility first shown against Americans has now extended to all foreigners. The Chinese are pleased at the result of the boycott in producing conciliatory orders from President Roosevelt but the boycott is nowise ended and continues, it is asserted here, seriously to affect American trade in the Canton and Yanktee regions. The Chinese are so satisfied with the movement that they are talking of the boycott as a permanent weapon for the national armory.

The newspapers advocate the boycott of Indian opium because of the action of the British assessor of the mixed court at Shanghai in ordering the imprisonment of Chinese in the common jail instead of in the Chinese prison, which caused the recent disturbances.

VENEZUELA AND ASPHALT TRUST

REPUBLIC AD STRONG GROUNDS FOR ACTION

Judge Calhoun's Report Will Show That There is Nothing in Case Incapable of Settlement.

New York, Dec. 27.—A Washington dispatch to the Times says:

"It is reported here that Judge W. J. Calhoun's report will show that Venezuela had strong grounds for her action against the asphalt trust because of the latter's so-called failure to live up to its contracts and the alleged participation in the Matos revolution. President Castro will be vindicated on the charge of influencing the ministers of the powers having jurisdiction over the asphalt trust. The report will show that the company has equitable rights which should be respected and recognized by Venezuela, but that there is nothing in the case calling for war or incapable of being settled by mutual agreement."

There is no doubt that the aggressive spirit of the Chinese has been decidedly increased by the late war and the successful manoeuvres of the Japanese northern army in October. Japan's victory has encouraged the Chinese to believe that they could be equally successful. Foreigners living in cities where the government is strong are assured of protection, but the danger of the present situation lies in possible friction between foreigners and Chinese where officials are weak or indifferent. The proposed withdrawal of the remaining international troops from China in the spring has been meeting with opposition since the Shanghai riots.

ELECTORAL LAW.

Agitated in Russia—National Assembly Must Decide Question of Universal Suffrage.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.—The new electoral law was gazetted to-day and was accompanied by a statement explaining that in view of the fact that even some of the western countries do not possess universal suffrage, the cabinet could not assume the responsibility of decreeing it. The ultimate decision must be made by the national assembly itself. The election list will be published, for the date of elections will soon be announced, and as soon as the government receives notification that the members are elected the national assembly will be convened.

The extension of the suffrage proclamation to-day applies especially to the cities, where it is made almost universal. Besides the workmen in the factories and mills, who are especially provided for, the suffrage will include every owner of real estate paying taxes; persons conducting enterprises, like shopkeepers, paying licenses; persons paying a lodging tax or occupying separate lodgings; and persons in the government service, including railroad men.

All limit of rent paid by lodging holders as voting qualifications is removed; the indirect system of two degrees of voters in both the cities and country, is retained.

A new feature of the law is that the workmen, instead of being allowed a specified number of class representatives, have to take their chances in the electoral colleges with the other classes. Moreover, instead of the electoral colleges will be composed by the provinces. The workmen will choose an elector for every 10,000 men.

The result is shown in the case of the province of St. Petersburg, where the electoral college contains 14 peasant electors, 14 landlords, 14 city landlords and 24 workmen. By this method the workmen's electors are of the largest class, they will only be able to elect representatives in combination.

The new law is a great step in the way of progress. It contains elements which certainly will appeal to conservative opinion, but with the slogan of "universal suffrage" ringing in the popular ear, it will prove a great disappointment and is certain to furnish the proletariat organizations with a new weapon for agitation. They no longer want concessions. They are boldly proving that nothing but the complete overthrow of the autocracy and the establishment of a democratic republic will satisfy them.

A swiftness of speed has often been stated to be sixty miles an hour. Recent experiments prove that a steamer "the Lajos Richter" of Budapest, its catalogue value is stated to be \$24,000.

STREET CARS COLLIDE

Forty People Injured in an Accident at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 26.—Forty or more persons were injured last night in a collision of three street cars. The collision occurred at the corner of Second and Springs streets, one of the busiest spots in the business section of the city.

A West Second street car, descending the steep hill from Second and Olive streets got beyond control; the motorman dashed three blocks down the steep incline at a tremendous speed, and crashed into the end of another Second street car, shoving the latter car into a Hollywood car, which was at the moment crossing Second street at right angles on Spring.

The Hollywood car was struck almost in the centre, crushed like a shell, and was turned completely over. The Second street car, struck by the runaway and demolished at both ends, and was thrown from the tracks and turned half over. The runaway car was also badly smashed. Hardly a passenger on the three cars escaped, some of them being very seriously hurt.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE MINISTER

WARSHIP OFFERED TO BRING BODY TO CANADA

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—Lord Tweedmouth, first lord of the admiralty, cables to Sir Wilfrid Laurier as follows:

"We have heard with deep regret of the death of your colleague, Mr. Prefontaine, Canadian minister of marine and fisheries, with whom the admiralty have been recently in such cordial relationship, and I beg to offer His Majesty's own Dominion to convey the remains to Halifax, Nova Scotia. If agreeable to your government the Dominion will be at Cherbourg on January 12th for this purpose and reach Halifax on January 22nd. (Signed) Tweedmouth."

TOOK PHOTOGRAPHS DURING ECLIPSE

OBSERVER EXPECTS IMPORTANT RESULTS

Says It Will be Months Before Much is Known Regarding Recent Discoveries.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—Rear-Admiral C. M. Chester, the superintendent of the naval observatory, who went to the Mediterranean last summer as the representative of the observatory to witness the eclipse of the sun, returned to Washington last night. He said that while many good photographs of the eclipse had been obtained, the real results of the observations would not be known until these photographs are thoroughly studied. It will be two or three months before the results can be published. Continuing the admirals said:

"This observation should be the most fruitful of any in astronomical history. We are particularly hopeful that it will throw light upon the features of the corona, which play out into space with rapidly changing shapes to several times the sun's diameter. So far we are able to study the corona only during an eclipse. We must expect some entirely new discoveries which will raise new questions and open new fields for further investigation. That has been a result of every modern eclipse observation. The naval observatory stations in Spain and Algiers were the only stations where there was satisfactory weather. We obtained sixty photographs during the total eclipse, and several plates were exposed during the first and last stages of the eclipse. With each of our twenty-five principal instruments we obtained several exposures in totality. The spectroscopic plates are even more important than the telescopic pictures for upon these we depend for knowledge of the physical character of the different parts of the various prominences and radiations. The solar activity will of course take longest to read, for every spectrum line must be counted and compared."

WORK COMPLETED.

Japanese Mission Leaves China After Negotiating a New Treaty.

Peking, Dec. 24.—The Japanese commission, headed by Baron Komura, which negotiated the Sino-Japanese treaty left to-day on a special train for Tientsin on its way to Japan. At Tientsin the commission will be entertained with great ceremony by the Chinese government, and a detachment of Yuan Shi Kai's crack troops acted as a guard of honor.

The negotiation of the Sino-Japanese treaty makes it clear that Yuan Kai-shih has inherited Li Yun-shan's place as the mainstay of the throne, as he attended all the meetings of the commissioners and led in all the discussions, notwithstanding the foreign office nominaly conducted the negotiations. The Sino-Japanese treaty will take effect on January 28th, and the Japanese will evacuate that territory.

THREE FAILURES.

Trust Companies and Savings Bank Have Closed Their Doors.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 27.—The Merchants Trust Company has closed its doors and a receiver has been appointed. Felix T. Pope is president of the Merchants Trust. The institution has a capital stock of \$200,000. The American Savings Bank and the Savings Bank have also suspended business. These are small institutions allied with the Merchants Trust Company.

According to a recent statement of the Merchants Trust Company of Memphis owed depositors \$400,000 and the American Savings Bank and Trust Company owed depositors \$25,000.

FAILURE OF MANUFACTURERS.

New Bedford, Mass., Dec. 27.—Announcement was made last night of the embarrassment of Hathaway, Soule & Harrington, Incorporated, boot and shoe manufacturers of this city and Boston. At a meeting of the corporation it was voted to make an assignment for the benefit of creditors. Thomas D. Dillon, of Boston, was named as assignee. The firm is one of the best known in the shoe trade of New England.

FIRE AT TORONTO.

(Associated Press)

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Damage to the extent of \$45,000 was done by fire that broke out this morning in the printing establishment of Henry W. Froude, the Oxford University press, which is supposed to have caused the fire.

SITUATION AT SHANGHAI.

No Further Outbreaks. But Blue-Jackets Are Still on Duty Throughout City.

Shanghai, Dec. 26.—All is quiet here. A force of 250 men has been landed by the British cruiser Andromeda, and blue-jackets are maintained all through the foreign concession. The British assessor, T. Wyman, will resume the mixed court to-morrow. The Chinese officials have finally issued warrants for the arrest of the ringleaders of the riot who have escaped.

THE DEAD

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