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**Saturday Afternoon Fire Destroys Alaskan Town and Appeal Made for Aid.**

## HEAVY RAINS IN CALIFORNIA

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## JUNEAU, Alaska, March 26.—(Special)—

A special despatch has been received that the town of Wrangel was burned to the ground Saturday afternoon. The fire started in the Pioneer house and swept up and down Main street, also burning out fully two dozen residences. The mayor and council appeal to Pacific coast points for assistance. All the leading stores, except that of the St. Michaels Trading company, are in ashes.

## Heavy Rains in California

Visalia, Cal., March 26.—(Special)—One-half inch of rain fell between midnight and 7 o'clock this morning, and one inch of rain is reported from the mountain districts. The rivers are steadily rising. The flood waters in the Visalia are spreading out into the fields, the water being over a foot deep near several schoolhouses. The St. John's levee, which protects the city, is being constantly patrolled.

## Floods Demoralize Traffic

Los Angeles, March 26.—(Special)—The heavy and almost continuous rainfall throughout Southern California during the past week has temporarily demoralized the traffic in the West. Last night's rainfall was the heaviest of the storm, and today all the railroads are running with a stop and go system, and without regard to their regular schedule, if at all.

## A Despatch from San Jacinto

San Jacinto, Cal., March 26.—(Special)—Barring down its course in the middle of the morning, a score of fire engines and their crews, accompanied by a score of firemen, left San Jacinto for the extensive ranching regions near by, and to many other places in the valley. The fire engines, which were sent to San Jacinto, were already in San Jacinto, and were being used to extinguish the fires that were breaking out in the main street of San Jacinto. For the first time in its history, the Hemenet dam is pouring from the sluiceways and augmenting the flood.

## Body Found in Trunk

Stockton, March 26.—(Special)—The body of a man which was found in a trunk among the baggage at the Stockton Pacific depot here Saturday night has been identified as that of Albert N. McVicar, an employee of the Southern Railway. The police today arrested at Antioch, Mrs. Emma Ledon, or Mrs. McVicar, as she is better known here. Ledon, on being arrested, promptly admitted her identity and said she knew what she was wanted for. She declared that carbolic acid was administered to McVicar on Saturday morning by Joe Miller. She does not go into details, but declares she had nothing to do with it, outside of assisting in putting the body into the trunk. Neither does she give the reason for the killing. Dr. Hull, one of the autopsy surgeons, stated this morning that a blow on the head, causing congestion on the inner lining of the skull, had caused death and there was no evidence of poison. There was also no evidence of carbolic acid and no odor of alcohol.

## Prisoner Known in 'Frisco

San Francisco, March 26.—(Special)—The police say that a man who is well known in the tenderloin district of this city. They say that his name is Egan Heald. The man referred to as being the murderer of McVicar is believed by the authorities here to be Joe Healy, a plumber, with whom she was seen last night in this city. Detectives are searching for McVicar's trunk.

## AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.

**Unfortunate Mishap at Vancouver Causes Bad Split.**

Vancouver, March 26.—(Special)—Harry Wright, M. P. P., wife and child were climbing a hill with an automobile today when the chain broke and the machine ran away. All the occupants were thrown to the ground heavily. Mrs. Wright and the child were uninjured. Mrs. Wright is confined to her bed with the severe shock, but was not seriously injured.

## WINNIPEG WIRINGS.

**Veteran "Railroader" Celebrates His Eightieth Birthday.**

Winnipeg, March 26.—(Special)—Gideon Swain, the veteran "railroader" and contractor in charge of the train which carried His Majesty King Edward through Canada in 1882, will celebrate his eightieth birthday here on Wednesday. Mr. Swain has been in active railroad work continuously until the past two years, when he was mentioned by the C. P. R. and is supposed to have aided his escape. No trace has yet been found by the police.

## SETTLERS AT SASKATOON.

Saskatoon, March 26.—This district is filling up with excellent settlers marvelously fast, as may be judged from the fact that within the past two weeks many cases of settlers' effects have been unloaded here.

## POST OFFICE BURGLARIZED.

**Safe Blown and Registered Mail Taken in Manitoba.**

Hartney, Man., March 26.—The post-office here was burglarized last night, the safe being blown. The registered mail was all rifled, but the exact amount of money secured is as yet unknown, although it is very considerable. A package of jewelry was also taken.

## A PANIC AVERTED.

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## "A CHARMING PERSONALITY"

**Expected to Reach Victoria on Wednesday on Way From Japan.**

ON Tuesday or Wednesday, probably Wednesday morning, the R. M. S. Empress of Japan will arrive at the ocean dock with H. R. H. Prince Arthur, Frederick, Patrick, Albert of Connaught, K. G., G. C. V. O., and suite, representing the Royal Garter Mission to Japan, from Great Britain to invest the Mikado with the order of the Garter. A guard of honor, furnished by Work Point barracks; perhaps the last local public parade of the garrison, which is soon to leave; will be placed on the pier, and the Prince and suite will be driven to the parliament buildings where the formal welcome will be given by the major lieutenant governor and other officials. The young Prince, nephew of King Edward, will be the guest of the lieutenant governor, Sir Henri Jolliffe, during his stay.

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