

STORM OF THE YEAR.

Terrible Amount of Destruction on the Atlantic Coast—Vessels Delayed.

Havoc Wrought in the Vicinity of New York—The Pleasure Resorts.

New York, Oct. 13.—The great storm of 1896 has not as yet been relegated to the annals of the past. The story has not yet been told. No one has so far been able to estimate the damage wrought by the winds and the waves, or to say how far reaching was the fury of the gale blowing. Far as the eye can see from any point along the shores of Long Island, along the Jersey coast, in over the lowlands and, in some instances, over the highlands—wherever one may turn, there are the evidences that a hurricane has been passing through this section of the country. For two days and a night the gale blew with ever increasing fury. The result was a steady downpour of rain to add to the miserable devastation already done.

Thousands have spent the day at the beaches to view the work of destruction and to look upon the piles of twisted rafters. Handsome houses that have beautified the grounds of the hotels of the beach have been torn up like ploughed fields, and yesterday when the storm was at its height the huge structures themselves in many places were threatened by the waves. One hotel did go down, unable to stand the force against it. That was the Brunewick, on Sea Isle, the finest structure of its kind in this section. Nor was it along the coast alone that the fury of the gale manifested itself.

Jersey City was in places practically inundated. Boats were a valuable acquisition to-day, both for purposes of removal and locomotion. The railroads in that section of New Jersey at times such as these are unfortunate enough to be located close to the shore, and were sufferers to the extent of suspending business for a period. Many of the smaller towns in the state had to contend with a lonesome existence, which in some instances continues, for all traffic in and out of those places was stopped. The wires to Sandy Hook were down for many hours, and when communication was again established it was only to learn that never before had such a hurricane been experienced. But Coney Island was the greatest sufferer. One may not stroll about the well remembered beach from the farthest corner of Manhattan to way beyond the end of the Bowery at West Brighton, a point that marks the end of a long line of amusement places—one and all have fallen. Seidel's concert hall is among the latter. The ruins of two walls are all that mark the huge structure, which yesterday crashed in under the terrific force of the water hurried against it. It is believed that several hundred thousand dollars would not cover the value of the places destroyed. Yesterday the tide was higher than anybody had ever before remembered it to be, but early this morning, long before the sun rose, it had again reached a maximum still higher than at the previous flood. It only needed this to complete the devastation along the beaches.

Several belated steamers from European ports arrived at quarantine to-day and report the recent storm as being very severe one. All these steamers experienced strong westerly winds until approaching the coast, when the wind shifted to the northeast and blew with almost hurricane force, accompanied by a huge and furious sea. The steamers made good headway and ran before the wind and sea until approaching Sandy Hook lightship, when they were compelled to proceed slowly.

Pilots were taking board vessels with difficulty, owing to the heavy sea running. The barometer gave ample warning of the approaching storm, the glass fell slowly, but steadily, for about twelve hours, and then rose slowly again. The officers of the various steamers arriving to-day were nearly all worn out from constant work on the bridge, several of them not having slept for over forty-eight hours.

A Pretoria despatch to the Daily Telegraph says that it is reported that a crisis is imminent at Capetown, involving the resignation of the premier of Cape Colony, Sir James H. Fisher. The Chronicle and Standard despatch which says that a Spanish woman named Blanc poured vitriol on the face and body of her lover, a Frenchman named Bonnard, then tried to poison herself. Bonnard is dying from effects of the vitriol. Both of them were recently from America.

CASE OF THE CASTLES.

LONDON, Oct. 13.—In Marlborough street police court to-day, Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Castle, of San Francisco, arrested at the Hotel Cecil on Tuesday last, charged with stealing a quantity of furs, etc., from various dealers, were arraigned on remand and, after a short hearing, were again remanded for a week, bail being allowed in the sum of \$15,000. Mrs. Castle sobbed violently while in the dock and kept up such a chief to her face. When the first witness was called, Mrs. Castle became hysterical. Mr. Castle put his arm around his wife, supporting her and doing his utmost to pacify the suffering woman.

Mr. Avery presented for the treasury. He detailed the circumstances attending the arrest of the prisoners, and said he was informed by officials of the United States embassy in San Francisco. He produced a long list of articles found among Castle's effects. Continuing Mr. Avery said it was not a case of wealthy persons buying goods which they had not intended to pay for, but asserted it was a regular case of shoplifting. Counsel for the treasury added, he would not read the whole list of articles which it was claimed were

stolen, but begged to call the attention of the magistrate to the following: Eighteen tortoiseshell combs, seven hand mirrors, two sable boas, two neckties, seven gold watches, nine brooches, seven tortoiseshell eyeglasses, two plated coat racks marked "Hotel Cecil," and a large number of smaller articles of less value.

During the reading of this list Mrs. Castle appeared to be upon the point of losing consciousness. Frequently she ejaculated, "Oh, dear," "Oh, dear," and finally closed her eyes and sank moaning feebly upon her husband's shoulders. Mr. Harris, of Jelfs & Harris, furriers, Regent street, was the first witness called by the prosecution. He testified that Mr. and Mrs. Castle, accompanied by their son, 10 years old, who was arrested at the same time as his parents, but subsequently released, visited the store together upon three occasions. Mrs. Castle, he added, did most of the talking and the party stayed while in the store, going to different counters. After the departure of the Castles, witness continued, some sable boas and some chinilla skins were missing, and the suspicion of the members of the firm were aroused.

Several witnesses were called who corroborated the statements made by counsel for the prosecution. Counsel for the Castles said to a reporter of the Associated Press that the conclusion of the hearing that Mrs. Castle was completely prostrated. On leaving the court room she drove with her husband to some friends in order to see her son, who is being cared for by them. The meeting between Mrs. Castle and her son is described as being most affecting. She is now under a doctor's care. Continuing the counsel said, "I do not believe it to be a case of kleptomania," but, he added, an conviction that the woman is not in her right mind."

STABBED BY HIGHBINDERS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 13.—Chung Luk Duck, a Chinese junk dealer, was seriously stabbed by highbinders last night. He was sitting in his room in Jackson street, when his assailants entered by means of a skeleton key. Without a word of warning one of the Chinese stabbed him in the left side, the blade penetrating the lung. In defending himself from further attack Duck was also cut in the wrist and arm. The scream attracted the attention of a special officer, but before he reached the help of the highbinders had fled. It is doubtful if Duck will recover. The police have the names of his assailants and every effort will be made to apprehend them. As a means of quelling the disorder and vendetta spirit in Chinatown the police have decided to do everything they legally can to do out of the revenue of the highbinders and the hatchet men, believing that once this is done the source of much of the trouble will be gone. It is notorious that the gambling houses and other vicious enterprises pay heavily into the coffers of the highbinders. A determined effort to break these up, so far as possible, is being made. Every entrance to them is being guarded and the patrons are being arrested wherever it can be lawfully done.

"DEVILS AND ANARCHISTS."

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—Edward Lauterbach, chairman of the Republican county committee, in a speech before the Union Republican club at the club rooms in this city, characterized the men who formulated and are supporting the Democratic national platform as "Devils and Anarchists" and described the platform itself as "infamous, communistic and socialist." Then in a vehement peroration he threatened revolution and declared that if Mr. Bryan were by any chance elected and the provisions of the Chicago platform were endorsed by the people at the polls the Republicans of New York "would not abide by that decision." "You are fighting to-day," said Mr. Lauterbach, "for just as important a principle as did those brave men in 1861. But it is a bloodless fight. No blood will be shed, at least not yet, but if they attempt to subvert your Supreme court, if they should succeed at any chance in foisting upon you these blood-red doctrines—anarchistic, socialistic and communistic, whatever their platform, adopted by this populist brood, conclusion—we will not abide by that decision."

A DETERMINED SIEGE.

HAVANA, Oct. 13.—The Cuban forces in Eastern Cuba, under Gomez and Garcia, have taken the field, and meagre accounts have just been received of a determined siege by them, lasting thirteen days, of Cascorris, in the Eastern district of the province of Puerto Principe. The official report of this affair is just given out and is as follows: "The thirteen days' siege of Cascorris by the insurgents has been broken by General Castellanos. The troops taking part in these engagements numbered 5,000, including 1,800 infantry, 800 cavalry and two pieces of artillery. The insurgents fired as many as 219 shells during the siege. On October 8 another engagement occurred, in which the insurgents were defeated after four hours' fighting, their loss being unknown, but it is presumed to be large. The troops in this engagement lost five killed and two chiefs, three officers and 51 privates being wounded."

PROSPECTIVE TROUBLES.

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—Speaking at the closing meeting of the Christian Missionary Alliance at Carnegie hall on Sunday night, Rev. Dwight L. Moody said: "Never since the time of the war has this country so needed the earnest support of all Christians to pray for help. The trouble that is springing up between the two political parties cannot be seen so easily here in the East, but out in the West, where I have been twice during the past month, it is assuming a very alarming aspect."

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BLEAK HILLS FAR AWAY RUSSIA PREPARING.

Miners Return From the Famous Yukon District Wiser But Not Wealthier.

Scarcity of Supplies at Circle City—Grave Doubts About Their Replenishment.

Five months' journeying and two months' mining make up the experience of John Lucas and R. Bothwell, Victorians who left here in March last to seek their fortunes in the upper Yukon. They returned to the Sound on the steamer Lakme last week, and are among the last out from the Yukon this year, as when they were descending the river there was but one more steamer to follow before the extreme frosts of the Arctic winter shut off all communication with the outside world. The steamer Weare, the little river boat which carried them down to St. Michael's had 150 miners on board, none of whose wealth ranged very high and but few of whom, if any, left with the intention of ever returning. At St. Michael's the Lakme was met but, as the vessel just returned from the South heavily laden with freight for the upper Yukon, a delay of nine days was necessitated. During this time the John J. Healey, the new steamer which is to be in service on the Yukon, was completed and an convict loaded the Lakme's freight was about ready to start on her 2,000-mile run up the river, as the former was leaving for the South with the miners and the carpenters employed in her construction. The Lakme called at Unalakleet on her way down, and met the U. S. Steamer Bear, thirteen sealing vessels and two trading craft, all of which had sailed before the steamer continued on her way South. The Bear was intending to make one more cruise in the sea.

Of the Circle City miners Mr. Lucas says there are but two creeks that are being worked profitably, the Eagle and the Yukon. Between 700 and 800 men will winter in the place, however, many of them simply because they have not sufficient means to help themselves, while others, expecting to leave, will wait in vain for the later part of Circle City than the Alice, the steamer which followed the Weare down the river. With the Healey, the new craft built at St. Michael's, there are three steamers bearing supplies up the river, and should they arrive at Circle City they will be plenty of food for the miners, but should they never reach their destination this winter, Mr. Lucas says the miners will have to go short of provisions, as at present there are but three weeks' supply almost unstocked. The furthest up the river that the Bertha and Arctic are likely to reach is Forty-Mile, while the Healey, it is thought, will winter at Fort Yukon, the water in the river by that time being too low for the boats to proceed further. Prices for everything are very high on the Yukon. Lumber still costs from \$250 to \$300 per thousand; sugar remains at from 50 to 85 cents per pound, and rice runs from \$10 to \$175 per 50-pound sack.

From the time Mr. Lucas left here early in the spring he has four months reaching the mines. On arrival at Junction City, where a little steamer which had accommodation for three men, besides towing two schooners and a scow loaded with other fortune seekers, the steamer took all to Dyea, the head of navigation for the winter, and the trip overland was commenced. To Sheepscamp, four miles from the foot of the summit of the Chilcot Pass, the journey was tedious and slow. A delay of nearly three weeks was experienced at the summit waiting for favorable weather. Snow storms are almost continuous on the summit, and to be caught in one often means death. On such occasions a cloud envelops the elevation, and the trail is no longer visible, but shut in by darkness but is blinded by the cutting snow and, losing his path, wanders about until he succumbs to the extreme cold. The ascent to the summit takes an hour after a liarter, but the descent occupies hardly the same time, as that part of the trip requiring a great deal of care is done by coasting guided by a staff which follows a train while the manipulator lies flat on his back. The dog sleighs, while generally lowered by ropes, are often allowed to find their own passage, frequently coming to grief. When the lakes are reached travelling is facilitated by means of a sail on the sleighs, which the wind drives along sometimes unaided at a rate with which it takes hard running to keep up. There were three parties joined on the west arm or wind arm of Lake Tagish, and scows were built there for the purpose of crossing the water and a sail hoisted, a start down the lake was made behind a team of eight dogs. Where the ice gave way the water of the lake became very swift and the shooting of many rapids in quick succession was one of the most exciting experiences of the whole trip, as it is here that miners frequently lose their whole season's provisions and sometimes their lives. Consequently, in making the trip, every man on the scow stands prepared to swim at less than a moment's notice. From this until the journey was ended there is little of interest in the travel, except that huge mosquitoes and the shooting of many rapids in quick succession was one of the most exciting experiences of the whole trip, as it is here that miners frequently lose their whole season's provisions and sometimes their lives. Consequently, in making the trip, every man on the scow stands prepared to swim at less than a moment's notice. 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