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RUSHING OF WAVES

Strange Phenomena of Sea in Alaskan Territory.

WAS IT SUBMARINE VOLCANO?

Unaccompanied by Wind or Any Disturbance Surf Sweeps Town to Highest Point Ever Known—Great Damage to Property.

Nome, Alaska.—A terrific surf, unaccompanied by wind or disturbance in the air, swept the beach and across the Nome sand pit, destroying two houses and 15 cabins and doing great damage to shipping. Several schooners were wrecked. No lives were lost, but many persons had narrow escapes. The water swept far up the streets, those near the shore being completely inundated.

No one here is able to account for the phenomenon, which some attribute to submarine volcanic action and others to the recent eclipse. The water rose to the highest point ever seen here, reaching far above the marks made when Behring Sea and Norton Sound are lashed into a fury by the Arctic storms.

During the disturbance the schooner Mary Sachs was picked up from her moorings by the mighty rush of water and deposited in a pit dweller's yard. All the other boats laid up for the winter were swept far up on the beach by the waves.

Cellars in the stores on Front street are full of water and the stocks soaked. It was only by piling sandbags about the warehouse of the Pacific Cold Storage Company that the men were able to prevent the building from being carried away. The homeless are being cared for by their friends.

For several months Mount Bogoslov and Mount Shishaldin, near Unimak Pass, have been spouting fire and lava at short intervals and the Bogoslov Islands have been undergoing peculiar contortions.

LOVER KILLS HIMSELF.

Unable to Get Good Job He Suicides by Sweetheart.

Philadelphia.—Unable to find employment which would enable him to support a wife, Lafayette Maddox, aged 25, shot and killed himself while seated in a street car beside his 18-year-old fiancée.

He had fixed the 26th of this month as the date for the wedding but grew despondent at his continued failure to find remunerative employment. While on a suburban trolley car, with Miss Nellie Callahan, to whom he had been engaged for nearly a year, Maddox, it is said, endeavored to induce the girl to enter a suicide pact. She refused to consider such a proposition and did not believe he was serious.

Doctor Guilty Criminal Operation.

San Francisco.—Dr. Robert Thompson, charged with the murder of Evan Swan, was found guilty of murder in the second degree. The body of Miss Swan, who died as the result of an operation, was found two months ago buried under the basement floor of a deserted cottage.

Made a Record, But—

Washington.—The battle command practice of student officers of the coast artillery at Fort Monroe, Va., on July 21, during which 41 lives were sacrificed through the premature discharge of a gun, showed the best record from the standpoint of efficiency ever attained by the branch of the military service.

Stops Religious Establishments.

Madrid.—The Senate by a vote of 149 to 58 passed the "padlock bill," which prohibits the creation of further religious establishments in Spain.

A Crazy Butcher.

Cedarburg, Wis.—Louis Hoffman, a butcher, while temporarily insane, shot and killed his 12-year-old son Carl, wounded his wife, his brother Ernest and Ernest's son Walter. Hoffman was arrested.

P. M.'s Must Not Indorse.

Washington.—"Don't indorse your patrons" is the warning given to postmasters in an order issued by the Postoffice Department. It directs that in view of the difficulties arising through compliance with requests from patrons for indorsements, testimonials or guaranties as to their honesty, reliability, etc., postmasters, in their official capacity, should not write or sign statements of any such character. Postmasters will not object to these restrictions.

CONSOLIDATE SCHOOLS

The Hope and Prosperity of the Country Depend Upon Education of Country Boys.

Des Moines, Iowa.—"Consolidated village and rural schools, bearing three-fourths of the burden of formulating country life education, are the greatest factors in the establishment of verile morality and high ideals of every day life in this country," declared Assistant William M. Haynes, of the Department of Agriculture, before the Iowa State teachers' convention here.

Continuing, Mr. Haynes said that as the whole educational and moral structure of the country rested in the final analysis in country's life, the development of practical education in rural districts was the quickest and surest means of raising general standards of intelligence, morality and competency in the United States. In universal vocational education for adults as well as for youths, he saw the means for greatest capacity of development.

FLIRTED WITH WIVES.

Women Can't Keep Secret When Lovemaking Becomes Violent.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa.—Disguised in Halloween costumes, Mrs. Michael Hodack and Mrs. John Andrew, of this city, Halloween night followed their husbands downtown, flirted with them and were soon in their company, Mrs. Hodack being with Andrew and Mrs. Andrew with Hodack, so that their husbands would not recognize their voices.

For some time the two women had a lot of fun and then each of the men began paying so much attention to his companion that trouble was quickly brewed. There was a quarrel and then a fight, which resulted in the two men being arrested. They were taken before Alderman Donohue on the charge of disorderly conduct and their explanations followed, their wives forgave them, and after paying the costs they were released.

VALUE OF OUR IMPORTS.

Department of Commerce and Labor Shows There is a Decline.

Washington.—That the imports of the United States from various parts of the world during the month of September last showed a decrease over the imports of September, 1909, and that the imports for the first nine months of this year are in excess of the figures for the corresponding period last year are indicated in the detail of foreign trade which have been announced by the bureau of statistics of the Department of Commerce and Labor.

The imports for the first nine months of this year were valued at \$1,172,387,363 as against \$1,068,594,356 of last year.

The export trade for September shows an increase the total being \$168,861,293 compared with \$153,962,895 for September, 1909. The exports for the first nine months of this year also have increased over the same period of 1909, the former total being \$1,222,914,408 and the latter \$1,161,024,910.

Coffin and Tombstone Were Ready.

Enterprise, Ala.—After having purchased a coffin, which she kept in her home, and had an elaborate tombstone placed on her lot in a nearby cemetery, Miss Kate Marsh, an eccentric character, who lived alone in the country near here, was found dead on her porch. Her clothing was partly burned off and death is believed to have been accidental.

Appeal For a "Peace Sunday."

Boston.—The American Peace Society has issued an appeal to the clergy of all Christian churches of the country and to the leaders of all other religious organizations to observe the third Sunday in December of this and succeeding years as "Peace Sunday" and on that date to urge by prayer, song and sermon "the abolition of war, and the substitution of imperative, universal arbitration."

Broom Corn Sells For \$100 a Ton.

Wichita, Kas.—Farmers near Shattuck, Okla., have formed bands of night-riders and threaten prominent broom-corn dealers according to advices received here from A. F. Rales, a merchant of that place. He says he and other dealers have been ordered to leave the county.

Punished For Selling Bad Eggs.

Philadelphia.—The first prison sentence imposed under a recent act of the Legislature for selling eggs unfit for food was passed by Judge Barrett, when he sentenced George D. Ellis, a Water street commission merchant, to three months in the county prison. Thomas D. Ellis was fined \$500 and the costs of the prosecution. Abraham Staples, another egg dealer, who "made a practice of buying up decayed eggs and shipping them to New York bakers," was also sentenced to three months

THANKSGIVING DAY

President of The United States Issues Proclamation.

A YEAR OF GREAT PROSPERITY.

Some of the Things Which Have Contributed to the Happiness and Success of Americans—No Wars Have Disturbed.

Washington.—The vigorous growth and progress of the country is reflected by the records of population and harvests and the general conditions of international peace, are things for which thanksgiving is especially due for the year 1910, according to the annual Thanksgiving Day proclamation issued by President Taft. The proclamation is as follows:

"This year of 1910 is drawing to a close. The records of population and harvests, which are the index of progress, show vigorous national growth and the health and prosperous well-being of our communities throughout this land and in our possessions beyond the seas. These blessings have not descended upon us in restricted measures, but overflow and abound. They are the blessings and bounty of God.

"We continue to be at peace with the rest of the world. In all essential matters our relations with other peoples are harmonious, with an ever-growing reality of friendliness and depth of recognition of mutual dependence. It is especially to be noted that during the past year great progress has been achieved in the cause of arbitration and the peaceful settlement of international disputes.

"Now, therefore, I, William Howard Taft, President of the United States of America, in accordance with the wise custom of the Civil Magistrate since the first settlements in this land and with the rule established from the foundation of this government, do appoint Thursday, November 24, 1910, as a day of national thanksgiving and prayer, enjoining the people upon that day to meet in their churches for the praise of Almighty God and to return heartfelt thanks to Him for all His goodness and loving kindness.

"In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the city of Washington, this fifth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ten, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty-fifth.

(Seal)

"WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT.

"By the President:

"ALVEY A. ADEE.

"Acting Secretary of State."

ENTIRE TEXAS GUARD QUILTS.

Sergeant Manley Convicted of Murder and Militia Show Displeasure.

Dallas, Texas.—Sergeant J. D. Manley of the Texas national guard, who stabbed with his bayonet and killed Louis Richenstein, a spectator, during the visit of President Taft to Dallas a year ago, was given a life sentence in the penitentiary by a jury in the criminal court.

Manley has always claimed that the killing was accidental. As an outcome of the conviction of Sergeant Manley, the Texas national guard have tendered their resignation to the adjutant general of the State.

Postal Receipts For 1909.

Washington.—Postal receipts for the fiscal year ended on June 30 were \$324,128,657.62, an increase of 10 per cent over last year. More than one-half that enormous sum was collected in six States—New York, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Massachusetts and Missouri; the total collections of each State ranging in the order named. The New York postoffice collected 10 per cent of all the receipts and Chicago came next with 8 per cent.

Walks 800 Miles to Wed.

Tacoma, Wash.—Allan Rowe, of Fairbanks, Alaska, walked 800 miles to Forty Mile, after navigation closed, to wed Mrs. Lawrence. He weighed 203 pounds at the start, losing 30 pounds.

A Cold-Blooded Villain.

Columbus, Ga.—Wearing the dead man's hat, Robert Jiles, aged 63, led a posse into the woods west of Girard, Ala., to the body of J. D. Thomason, a butcher of Phoenix City, Ala., and was arrested, charged with the killing. Jiles volunteered to lead a posse to the body and aid in finding the guilty man. One of the posse stated that he saw Jiles toss a pistol into a nearby bush. One of Thomason's sons identified the revolver as his father's.

WOMAN ENDS HER CAREER

Pennsylvania Woman Kills Her 17-Year-Old Daughter and Then Shoots Herself.

WIFE FOOLS HUSBAND.

Seranton, Pa.—Mrs. Harriet Turner, 40 years of age, shot and killed her 17-year-old daughter, Marjorie, and then sent a bullet into her own breast, inflicting what physicians believe to be a fatal wound. The tragedy was discovered by a milkman who found Mrs. Turner half buried in 15 inches of snow on her front porch.

Mrs. Turner's husband, William and her son, Willard, are in the University of Pennsylvania hospital, at Philadelphia. The husband is in a critical condition from asthma and the son is being treated for blindness in one eye. The authorities believe that worry over her family troubles temporarily deranged Mrs. Turner's mind.

An 11-year-old son was not harmed. Mrs. Turner told the doctors that she loved the boy too much to take him along with her into death, but she thought the daughter would have too many troubles in life and decided to shoot her.

Baby Died at Birth, She Substitutes Another.

Kansas City, Mo.—After believing for seven years that Marilda Fuller, 7 years old, was his daughter, Julius R. Fuller was told in court by his wife, who seeks a divorce, that the child was taken from a hospital and substituted for her own that died at birth. Mrs. Fuller asked a divorce for non-support. Mr. Fuller asked possession of the child.

"The child, you understand," Mrs. Fuller told the court, "is an adopted one."

"Impossible," said the husband. "Our child was born to us in St. Louis seven years ago."

"It was born 7 years ago," Mrs. Fuller explained, "but it is not our child."

"Mr. Fuller is a traveling salesman. While he was on the road, our baby was born and died. I grieved so that I decided to adopt a baby that was born in the hospital the same day that ours died."

"That's a new one on me," Fuller said. "I don't believe the story. I want the baby."

The Fullers were married in Connecticut where they lived on a farm.

GIRL IS SET FREE.

Judge Dismissed Child Who is Self-Accused of Murder.

San Francisco.—Effie Wilson, the 16-year-old Texas girl who stands self-accused of the killing of Guido Varsi, who brought her from her San Antonio home to the night life of this city, was ordered released.

When Police Judge Conlan heard her story several prominent San Francisco women begged that he show clemency. Judge Conlan released her in their custody without bond and said she should go back to her mother, accompanied by Mrs. Seaton, wife of a former judge.

"In the name of the law, I arrest this girl for murder," said the attorney for Varsi's relatives.

Judge Conlan rebuked him and directed Mrs. Seaton to take charge of the prisoner. The attorney secured a new warrant, but no judge would sign it nor officer serve it.

Aged Bridegroom Cut Himself.

Dresden, Tenn.—Despondent because he had been forced by the sheriff, at the instance of the girl's father, to surrender his 18-year-old bride, Thomas Gaskins, 75 years old, a wealthy planter, stabbed himself

Protest Against Screening Food.

Several weeks ago the Wilmington board of aldermen, after considerable discussion, passed an ordinance providing that all food products placed on display on the sidewalks should be screened. The retail grocers and market men protested at the time and at the next meeting of the city fathers will enter a strenuous protest to have the ordinance repealed or greatly modified. It is contended that by screening the products they are hid from view and it is also rather inconvenient.

Mill Charges Discriminating Rates.

The Cannon Manufacturing Company of Concord has filed a complaint with the Interstate Commerce Commission against the Southern and other railroads alleging that by reason of discriminatory rates allowed others it was seriously injured in shipments of sheeting, gingham and towels to the Pacific coast.

By reason of excessive rates, it is also alleged, concerns elsewhere are given advantages over complainant.

TAR HEEL PUBLIC TALK

Cream of Current County Events Clipped and Condensed in a Column.

LIGHT FOR LAW MAKERS.

Changes and Improvements Made in Capitol Building.

The work of installing the ventilating system in the State House renewing and remodeling the heating equipment, and wiring the building for electricity in progress the past several months has been completed with the exception of putting up the new electric fixtures. The ventilating equipment includes a huge electric fan in the roof of the Capitol that is connected with huge air ducts that are thoroughly controlled so that the ventilation all over the building and especially in the Representatives' hall and Senate chamber can be thoroughly controlled. The electric lighting is complete and includes circles of lights up in the dome and ample lights all through the rotunda that has heretofore been so deficient in lighting equipment. The big stone structure was erected before the day of electricity (in 1831) and has all these years had only gas equipment except for electric wires that have been installed in some of the offices, the wiring being exposed. The new wiring throughout the building is concealed in the walls, this having taken much of the long time and considerable cost of the work, which is being done in compliance with an act of the last Legislature directing the Council of State to have it done before the next session of the Assembly.

FOREST RANGER ASSASSINATED

While Searching for Poachers Man is Shot Down.

Clayton Davis, a forest ranger in the employ of the Biltmore estate, who was shot by a person or persons unknown November 2d, while searching for poachers died and T. C. Kearns, a mountaineer of Mill River, Henderson county, is in custody charged with the shooting.

The deceased was walking near the boundary line of the estate near State-Rock creek when a shot from ambush struck him in the abdomen. The wounded man was found by forestry hands some hours later, after he had crawled and walked a distance of nearly three miles in the direction of his home, to which he was carried.

Cotton Picking Record.

Mr. J. C. Aycock, of the Bethlehem church community of Union county picked 502 pounds of cotton in a day recently. Wade Cloaninger, the 15-year-old son of Mr. J. L. Cloaninger, of Barringer township, Iredell county, picked 406 pounds of cotton in a day also. With such pickers a cotton picking machine is not needed.

Summary.

Dr. D. E. Everett of Raleigh has advised Governor Kitchin that it is impossible for him to serve as a director of the North Carolina soldiers' home, to which he was appointed a few weeks ago to succeed the late A. B. Stronach and the Governor has commissioned A. H. Boyden of Salisbury in his stead.

On the recommendation of National Committeeman Morehead, Dr. H. D. Walker has been appointed a pension examining surgeon at Elizabeth City, vice Dr. J. B. Gragg, resigned.

At Wadesboro during October there were 399 liquor prescriptions filled at the depository, against 313 for September.

Christened.

"Have the Blinkerby named their twins?" asks the caller of the neighbor of the Blinkerbys, whose household has been blessed by the arrival of duplicates a few days before.

"I don't know," replies the neighbor, "but I understand that Mr. Blinkerby suggested names for them immediately on learning of their arrival."

His Offense.

"What is your charge against the defendant?" asks the magistrate of the complainant.

"He stole the words of a popular song I wrote."

"Sing the song," orders the magistrate.

The witness starts, but is interrupted at the second chorus:

"That'll do. I'll commit the defendant for insanity."

Unappetizing.

It was sometime after they had moved out of Eden.

Eye was repeating her opinion of what might have been if Adam had not developed such an appetite for apples and then blamed everything on her.

"O," growled Adam, "I'm getting mighty tired of this eternal applesauce!"

Fitted for the Work.

"What an odd picture to be printed by Deobber, the famous marice artist?"

"O, I don't know. It is catalogued as 'A Little Smack.'"

ONLOOKER
by WILBUR D. NEST

Conjured



Somebody done put a spell on me!
When I shoots craps I loss th'ows three,
Er twelve er two—ontil I loss
Mah coat en vest en hat en shoes,
En what dess bruck me all ter smash
I done lose eighty cents in cash!

I wondah er hit's of 'man Green dat live
By de bruck-down mill! Is he gone en
give
Me a powder mix in dat possum roas'
Dat 'll make me fade till I's des a ghos'
Oh, hit's hand ter tell
Whah I got de spell,
But de one dat done hit done hit well!

Somebody done gone en conjud me!
I crope ez sof' ez sof' could be
Ter de chicken coop whah de pullets
stay—
En dey all dese squawk lak hit dess come
day!
En de white man come wid his dog en
gun—
Thoo de bahbwah fence, dat's whah I
run!

I wondah er hit's of 'Miz' 'Liza Smiff
Dat am bent en bowed en lame en stiff,
En dat mum'le so when she say "How-
do-
Is she mix' dem yubs till dey strike me
thoo?"

Oh, hit's hand ter tell
Whah I got de spell
But de one dat done hit done hit well!

Somebody done lay a spell on me!
I went dis mawn' at a half-past three
Ter de smoke house dess ter git a
ham—
En a bo'd fell down ker-blum! ker-blam!
En de white man's gun scatch shot so
wide
Dat he speckle me—ev'v' scotch er hide!

I wondah er hit's of 'Sis' Susy Pratt
Wid de three-leg dog en de cross-eye' cat!
Is she lay some stuff at mah front do'
step
Pum de bag er spells dat dey say she
kep'?

Oh, hit's hand ter tell
Whah I got de spell
But de one dat done hit done hit well!

He Deserved It.

"No," said the Roman conqueror to the court fool of the defeated king. "I will not chain you to my chariot wheels."

"Thank you, your majesty," says the court fool. "I have always heard that you were chariotable."

For this the Roman conqueror compels the court fool to enter a pie eating contest in the coliseum.

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"He did?"

"Yes," he exclaimed, "Heaven and Earth."

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