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TORNADO IN WISCONSIN.

One Man Killed, Several Injured, and Forty Houses Blown Down.

RACINE, Wis., July 2.—A stretch of country half a mile wide and extending from the town of Raymond to Husher, in the township of Caledonia, this county, a distance of 10 miles, was swept by a tornado late this afternoon. One man was killed and several injured, 40 houses and hundreds of trees were blown down, hundreds of acres of grain were ruined and other damage done, the property loss amounting to many thousands of dollars. The only fatality reported is at the home of G. H. Thymon, of Caledonia. His house was completely wiped away, and also the barns, and Thymon was killed. The other members of the family escaped serious injury.

Three Killed in Wind Storm.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., July 2.—A terrific wind storm passed over Muncie, Ill., yesterday afternoon at 4:30. Major particulars received over a railroad wire in this city at 2:30 this morning report three men killed. No more particulars are obtainable tonight.

Six Months' Immigration.

NEW YORK, July 2.—Figures prepared by the official statistician of the Ellis Island station gives the number of immigrants landed at this port in the first six months of this year as 319,711.

TRACY ON WATER

Steals a Launch and Sails Away.

MAKES WAY TO SEATTLE

Four Men Made to Accompany Him at Point of Gun.

DID TRACY KILL MERRILL?

Convict Says He Did—Making His Way to Boat, to Escape—Robs Right and Left and Blinds Several Men.

SEATTLE, July 2.—Harry Tracy, the escaped convict from the Oregon State Penitentiary, arrived in Seattle late tonight in a launch stolen by him at Olympia. He impressed a crew of four men at the point of a rifle and compelled them to bring him to Meadow Point, just outside the northern boundary line of Seattle. Compelling two of the men to bind first one and then another of the boatmen, he added a third one in tying another man hand and foot. Taking the fourth man with him, he embarked and went into Ballard, six miles from this city. There he ordered his involuntary companion to leave him. A posse is now in pursuit of the convict.

OLYMPIA, Wash., July 2.—Tracy and Merrill, the escaped Oregon convicts, have separated, and Tracy is out on Puget Sound in a gasoline launch after a series of escapades that would put fiction-writers to blush. Yesterday afternoon Tracy robbed the house of an aged Scotchman named Alexander Laird, who lives alone four miles southwest of Olympia. Left Laird bound hand and foot on the bed, stole a horse from another rancher named McLeod, and a saddle and bridle from a neighbor named Johnson. Tracy passed through Olympia at 1:30 this morning and reached the upper end of South Bay at 5 A. M. On the way he broke the leg of McLeod's mare, abandoned her and stole another.

Tracy Commanded With a Gun.

At South Bay the Capital City Oyster Company, of this city, has four men at work seeding oyster beds. Two of the men were in a small cottage, and when they arose this morning Tracy was at the door with his rifle, demanding breakfast. When the two other men, who were staying in a float-house, arrived for breakfast they were also lined up. Anchored in the bay was the large gasoline launch N. & S., chartered by the oyster company to tow oyster scows from Big Skookum Inlet. On board were Captain Clark and his son, who were also lined up when they arrived for breakfast.

Driven on Board Boat.

When breakfast was over, two of the men, Will Langridge and Will Adair, were left tied in the cabin, and at the point of the rifle the other two men, with the captain and son, were driven on board the launch and the party sailed away. Langridge and Adair were left with their hands tied behind them and their legs doubled back and tied to the hands. Tracy had a bed brought down from the cabin attic for them to lie on. They succeeded in breaking their bonds at 11 o'clock this morning, but did not reach Olympia until late this afternoon. The two men taken with Captain Clark and his son are John Munro and Frank Scott, of this city.

Tracy Says He Killed Merrill.

The fact that four men were taken was due to the demands of the captain, who claimed that number was necessary to run the boat. Will Langridge, who brought the news to town, is the son of a leading farmer of this county and is thoroughly reliable. He tells a very straightforward story, in which there is no shadow of doubt. He says that Tracy talked incessantly. He told his captives that he had killed Merrill because he discovered the latter had played him false and because Merrill was careless and made too much noise in the woods.

Tracy said he was going to Tacoma, where he said he had friends, and he took the best clothes he could find in the cabin, in order, he said, to disguise himself. Both stories are believed to be false here. Merrill is believed to be on his way to Mason County, Tracy told of driving through one town in a buggy in daylight, and of traveling part of the way on the train. Langridge said he was plainly suffering from loss of sleep, and talked like a crazy man. Tracy said he would have no compunction in killing to effect his escape; that he was never so cool as when fighting, and gloried in it.

Cooks Meal at Rancher's Home.

Word of Tracy's escapades was brought to town this morning by Johnson, McLeod and Laird. Tracy appeared at Laird's house about 1 P. M. yesterday and cooked a meal after he had tied the aged rancher securely. He was in the house until 5 o'clock, and when he left carried a note from Laird, which he promised to mail to Johnson's fence. The note asked Johnson to release Laird, but the latter succeeded in extricating himself about 7 that evening. He was afraid to go out last night, but this morning notified Johnson and another neighbor named McLeod, and the three came to town together. The note was found tucked to the fence, as Tracy promised. Tracy was armed with a rifle and had 300 rounds of ammunition. He exchanged his under-

clothes for a suit of Laird's, left his shoes and took a pair of rubber boots, and a reddish-brown coat for a black one. He told Laird that Merrill was two or three miles away.

On learning of Tracy's presence, the posse, which was at work near the town of Roy, was called in and was put at work guarding the roads leading to Mason County. The only hope in that direction is the capture of Merrill. It rained hard last night, and Tracy left a plain trail to this city from Laird's as a result of a specially made plate on the foot of the horse he rode.

Where Tracy is Headed For.

The belief here is that Tracy will be landed from the launch in Mason County, or may attempt to make British Columbia. Messages have been sent out to head off the boat, but on account of its good start it is feared the daring convict will make good his escape. Little fears are entertained for the safety of the other men in the launch, as Tracy does not show a disposition to harm his victims if they obey his orders.

South Bay, where the launch was stolen, is an inlet of Puget Sound corresponding

UNDER THE NEW LAW

Steps to Be Taken to Transfer Philippine Authority.

REDUCTION OF MILITARY FORCE

Judge Taft Believes the Census Can Be Taken in a Year—Cooper Says the Philippine Problem Will Disappear.

WASHINGTON, July 2.—Chairman Cooper, of the House committee on insular affairs, says steps will be taken at once to

up a plan for the transformation of the institute into a training school for the native Philippine clergy, who are destined partially to replace the friars when the agreement between the Vatican and Judge Taft concerning the withdrawal shall have been concluded.

News Regarded as Encouraging.

WASHINGTON, July 2.—The news from Rome received at the War Department in the shape of daily cablegrams from Governor Taft is generally encouraging. It is decided that while no details can be given out for publication, it is evident that they are proceeding with the greatest activity, principally in the shape of verbal exchanges, though for the sake of the record these are generously supplemented by written notes, showing in condensed form the substance of what has been said. It is stated that the notes fail to show that any insuperable obstacle has been encountered.

Buenos Aires Wanted the Pen.

WASHINGTON, July 2.—Senator Buencamino, who has been sojourning in this country, today called upon President Roosevelt, and requested the pen with which he signed the Philippine government bill, as he desired to preserve it and eventually place it in some public library in the Philippines. The President had

TO OPEN RIVER

Board Named to Visit the Columbia.

MOVE FOR DALLAS CANAL

Details of Harts Plan to Be Examined.

CONSTRUCTION THEN BEGINS

Engineers Will Also Investigate Improvement at Mouth of Columbia and Pass on Locks at Oregon City.

WASHINGTON, July 2.—Colonel Heuer, Major Marshall and Captains Burr, McKinstry and Gillette were today appointed a board of engineers to visit the Columbia River and pass on the details of the Harts plan for the Dalles-Celilo canal. Their report is expected in the fall. On its receipt construction will be begun.

Major Marshall and Captains Gillette and McKinstry comprise a board ordered to visit the mouth of the Columbia River and determine whether the present jetty shall be extended, or a short jetty constructed from the Washington shore.

WASHINGTON, July 2.—The first step in the direction of actual work looking to opening the Columbia River between The Dalles and Celilo was taken today, when the Board of Engineer Officers, headed by Lieutenant-Colonel Heuer, was appointed to visit Oregon and determine whether the Harts plan for a canal and locks can be so modified as to diminish the cost thereof, and if so, to suggest the desired modifications. When this board reports, actual work of construction will be begun without further delay. If no change be suggested, work will be along the lines of Captain Harts' plan.

The engineers regard this improvement as one of the largest and most important, as well as one of the most intricate plans of engineering now before them, and special care was exercised in picking this board. The board will meet on call of the chairman, and will spend one to two weeks making field examinations. Its final report is looked for in Washington early in the coming fall. In the latitude of their instructions it is expected that the members of the board will consider the old boat-railway proposition as a possible cheaper substitute for the Harts project, but there is no anticipation that they will recommend its adoption. The department regards the Harts plan as a skillful and practical engineering plan, but believes in undertaking so great a work it is better to have the judgment of a board rather than any one man, although it expects Harts' plan in the main to be approved.

Stations of Members of Board.

Except for Colonel Heuer, who is division engineer at San Francisco, the members of the board are from the East. Major Marshall is stationed at New York; Captain Burr and Captain McKinstry are instructors at the engineering college in Washington, and Captain Gillette is in charge at Savannah. Burr was once assistant in charge of Oregon works, and was secretary to the board appointed on the old boat-railway examination, and devised a part of the apparatus adopted for that work. He also designed the wonderful gates that were erected at the Cascade locks.

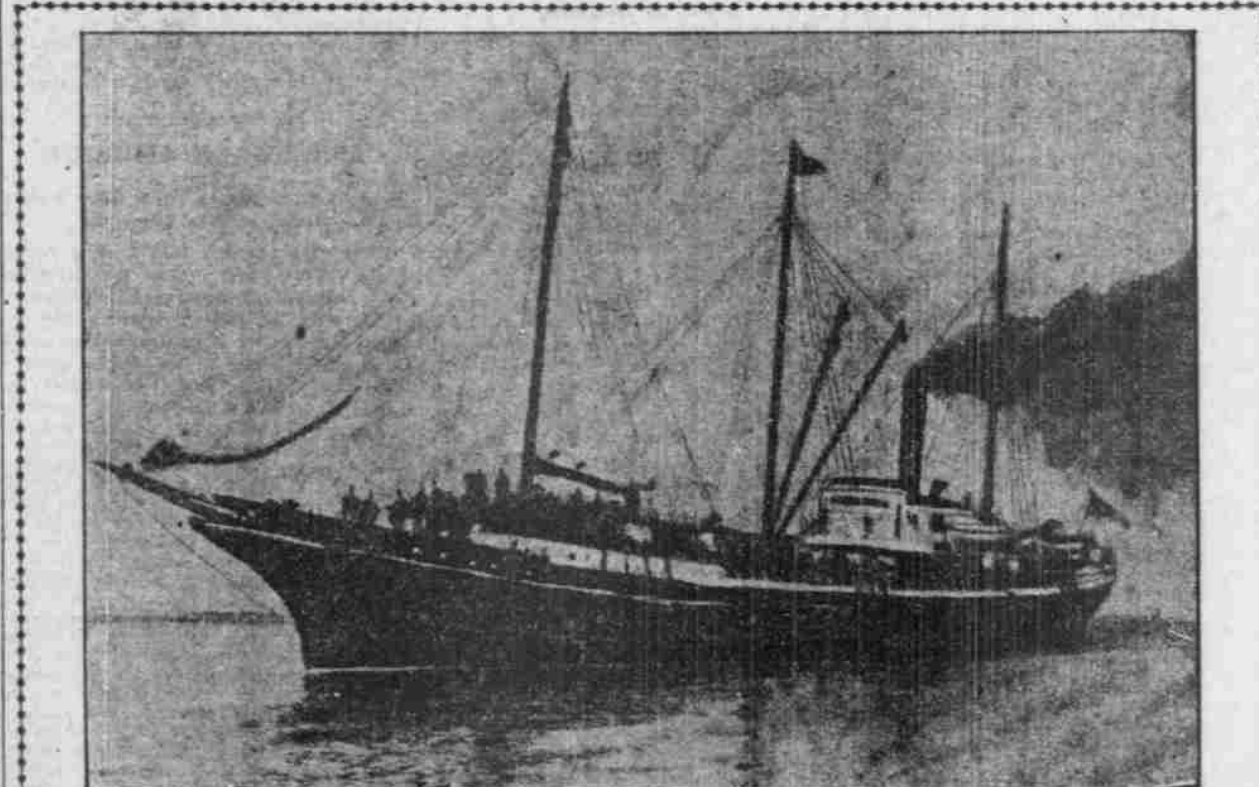
One of the most serious problems to be solved by the board is the construction of a dam entirely across the river, where its depth is unknown, and the current very swift. Efforts will also be made to devise a method of preventing the drifting of snags in a manner to choke the canal.

In view of many representations made by different men in Oregon, it was deemed advisable to appoint Major Marshall and Captains Gillette and McKinstry of the board to visit the mouth of the Columbia and determine whether the approved project for extending the jetty should be altered. A careful examination will be made to determine whether the direction of the jetty should be changed, or whether its projection should be curtailed, and a short jetty constructed from the Washington shore in meet that from the Oregon side. These and other questions in doubt will be considered and reported upon before Captain Langitt's project will be approved, and, of course, before the contracts are let.

Work Boards Will Perform.

The board consisting of Major Millie, Captain Langitt and Lieutenant R. P. Johnston will visit Willamette Falls, and ascertain whether the acquisition of the present canal and locks, or the construction of a new canal and locks by the Government for the benefit of navigation, would injure manufacturing enterprises now in operation or contemplated at this point. Their report will be submitted to Congress at its next session.

A board consisting of Colonel Heuer, Captain Langitt and Lieutenant Johnston will make extended surveys and examinations to determine the advisability of constructing a canal with necessary locks and dams, connecting Puget Sound with Lakes Union and Washington, and to prepare plans and estimates thereof. This board will report to the next session of Congress on the relative advantages of all proposed routes.



STEAMER JEANIE, WHICH IS STILL IN PERIL IN THE ARCTIC.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 2.—The Alaska Commercial Company's steamer St. Paul arrived this morning from Cape Nome with news of the steamer Jeanie, which does not agree with the report received here through the steamer Centennial at Port Townsend two days ago. The report now is that the revenue cutter Thetis was spoken in Behring Straits on June 18; that she had then been out 10 days, and had seen nothing of the ice-impounded vessel. Everything that the St. Paul tells of the ship is at variance with the Centennial advice. The fact that the former left Nome on June 23, two days after the Centennial did, would make her report seem more reliable, and, besides, she belongs to the same people who own the Portland. The whaler bark, William F. Baker, Captain Clark, arrived at Cape Nome June 26, and reported that natives of Diomedes Islands told him that the whaling bark Belvedere, the steamer Jeanie and a passenger steamer, supposed to be the Portland, drifted through the Straits between June 1 and 5, the whaler passing on the left, the Portland on the right and the Jeanie on the right.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., July 2.—The steamship Senator, from Nome, June 24, arriving tonight, brings an emphatic denial of the story sent out from the recently arrived Centennial that tidings had been received from the missing steamer Portland and the steam schooner Jeanie, both long overdue in the north. Captain Patterson says emphatically that when he left 15 days ago, he saw nothing of the missing vessels, and, further, that the Thetis had returned to port with her cargo, without having found any trace whatever of either packet. The Senator is the vessel which was quarantined at Sledge Island, off Nome, on account of smallpox, and will be detained here pending examination by Government inspectors of this station.

In character to Budd's Inlet, on which Olympia is situated. The oyster company's grounds are about 12 miles north-east of this city.

Killing of Merrill.

Tracy's story of the killing of Merrill, as told to Langridge, is that while in the vicinity of Castle Rock, Tracy learned that Merrill was responsible for his getting into the Oregon Penitentiary. Merrill was a hindrance in the flight, anyway, he said. He was careless, and left a trail like a log, so Tracy resolved to pick a quarrel with him. In this he succeeded, and the two agreed to fight out their differences in an open spot. Standing back to back, it was agreed that each should advance 10 paces, turn and fire. Tracy, looking over his shoulder, saw Merrill start to fire at him, and so he wheeled himself, fired, and Merrill dropped dead. It is believed that Merrill is in the vicinity of his sister's home at Shelton.

Launch Largest on Puget Sound.

The launch stolen by Tracy is the largest of the kind on Puget Sound, and has 300 gallons of gasoline, or enough for a 1000-mile run. Before starting Tracy said he intended firing a few shots at the penitentiary on McNeil's Island.

When Tracy appeared at the South Bay cabin this morning he told who he was, and then began to prepare his breakfast, the two men being warned to keep quiet. While Tracy was cooking his food, Frank Scott and John Munro, also employees of the company, entered. The convict then made the four stand with their faces to the wall, holding up their hands. At this juncture Captain Clark, of the gasoline launch, and his son, entered. They also were forced to stand with their faces to the wall. During a conversation Tracy learned that the launch was in the bay, and after he had breakfasted ordered the men to take him to it. He made Captain Clark get the engine in order and start it for him, and Tracy started on his trip down Puget Sound. It was then about 10 o'clock.

Although he had revealed his identity to the men, they did not report the matter to the authorities until late in the afternoon. The launch has made one trip to Alaska.

TRACY LANDS AT SEATTLE.

Trip Up From South Bay Marked by Several Exciting Episodes.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 2.—Tracy, the escaped Oregon convict, is in Seattle. He landed late tonight at Meadow Point, 2 1/2 miles north of Ballard. The last seen of him he was headed for Seattle with the express intention of holding up a policeman in order to secure his revolver. He came here in the gasoline launch "N. & S.," with Captain Clark, the owner, his son, J. Munro and Frank Scott. A posse was organized by the local police, and is now in pursuit of the daring criminal.

The voyage to Seattle from Thurston County was marked by several exciting episodes. Tracy wanted the boat steered

put the Philippine Government act in operation. "The first step," said Mr. Cooper today, "will be the complete transfer of authority from the military to the civil officials, except in the Moro country, where there is some lingering disorder. The transfer will be accomplished by a proclamation from the President, which, it is understood, will be issued on the Fourth of July."

"Besides turning over the authority to the civil officials, the change will permit a considerable reduction of the military force in the islands, although orders already given contemplate a reduction to 15,000 men. In 1900 we had 20,000 men in the Philippines, so that we soon will have reduced the force by 5,000 officers and men, and the transfer of authority under the act doubtless will lead to a further reduction before long."

"The next step will be to take the census as provided by the act. Governor Taft told me this work would begin as soon as he reached Manila. His plan is to have the work done as far as possible by Filipinos, and the commission will get up their own census system, instead of having it done by the Census Office at Washington, although they are empowered to get census experts from here by making application to the President. The purpose, however, is to make that will serve the Filipinos as an object lesson. The census will take about a year."

"As to the general effect of the act we have just enacted," added Cooper, "I share the view of Governor Taft, that if this bill became a law, we would hear no more of the Philippines than we do of Porto Rico, and that the Philippine problem would be gradually disappearing."

Mr. Cooper has received the following telegram from President Schurman, of Cornell, who was head of the first Philippine Commission: "Cordial congratulations on your splendid victory in securing a Legislative Assembly for the Philippines. Our commission recommended it. Your bill shows constructive statesmanship of the highest order."

Secretary Root has taken the first act of the executive branch under the Philippine act by designating Clarence F. Edwards, Tenth Infantry, to be Commissioner of the Insular Bureau of the War Department, with the rank, pay and allowances of a Colonel. Colonel Edwards has held the same position by special detail under the existing law for the past two years, and in that time has practically reorganized the bureau into the independent instrument of administration that it has become.

already given the pen to Senator Lodge, but as he happened to be present at the time, he presented it to Senator Buencamino. When the latter left the White House he remarked that the Philippine bill initiated self-government in the islands. He also paid a high tribute to President Roosevelt.

Topeka Joins Cincinnati.

WASHINGTON, July 2.—The Navy Department received a telegram today announcing the departure of the Topeka from Barcelona for La Guayra, Venezuela, to rejoin the Cincinnati in her watch over affairs attendant upon the revolutionary crisis in that republic.

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