

OUR FRENCH STORM

British Steamer Loaded With Cotton Has Terrible Trip.

SUNKEN ROCK BREAKS THEM

Firemen in Fire Overcome by Fumes of Burning Fabric and Phosphate-Active Work Saves the Vessel.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—The British steamer Zambesi, from Savannah, for Bremen, with a cargo of cotton and phosphate, put into this port this morning, after a most eventful voyage, with her crew sick. Captain Hoomey of the Zambesi reports that he sailed from Savannah on New Year's day. All went well, however, until January 5, when the steamer struck a submerged rock, which broke the stem and stove in several of the bowplates under water, causing the fore peak to fill with water.

Heavy weather prevailed and furious seas flooded the forward decks. On January 6 volumes of smoke were seen pouring from the fore hatches, and it was evident the cotton in the hold was on fire. The ship's hose was quickly connected and the fire was soon under control. Satisfactory repairs were made by men who were asleep in the forecastle were discovered in an unconscious condition from the fumes of the burning cotton and phosphate. They were removed from the forecastle and taken to the steamer's cabin, where they revived, and were able to resume work this morning.

The steamer will discharge the cargo in her forward hold and will probably go into dock for repairs. She sailed from London, and consigned to Sechs Moore & Co.

ANIMALS' WANDERINGS.

Rats Meet Migratory—Some Lamings' Race With Death.

Answers. The fable of the country mouse and the town mouse has a foundation in fact. Mice occasionally migrate in large numbers when food grows scarce, and travel considerable distances to fresh homes. Farmers in a part of the Northwest have a good reason to become aware of this fact, when, a couple of years ago, vast swarms of mice invaded their cornfields at harvest time.

But the mouse only travels when it has to. The rat, on the contrary, seems to take a yearly outing, in very much the same fashion as do human beings. Rats are the most migratory creatures in the world. Whole troops of rats leave the towns at the end of summer and spend a month or two in the country, apparently in order to enjoy the change of food which the country affords at that time of the year in the way of fresh fruit and grain. Before the cold weather sets in they are all back again in their old quarters.

Kindred migrate with the same regularity as swallows. They move south when winter sets in, but as soon as ever the snow begins to melt they travel steadily north, sometimes for as much as a thousand miles.

To end a holiday by deliberate suicide is so strange a phenomenon that for a large time naturalists looked upon the stories of the migration of the lamings as an improbable fiction. Yet the facts are beyond dispute. At irregular intervals these rat-like creatures start out from their homes in the fastnesses of Northern Scandinavia, in huge hordes, numbering tens of thousands, and travel steadily southward. Death pursues them in a hundred forms. Hawks and other birds of prey hover above them. Thousands are drowned in huge rivers, and struggle on until they reach the sea. They do not stop. They plunge in, swim out and struggle on, until at last their strength fails and they drown. Not one ever returns on this journey of death.

Actresses Short-Lived.

Chicago Journal. There is a gap of 20 years left by the death of Mrs. Januszek and Mrs. Gilbert. The latter was over 40 when the great Bohemian actress was nearly 70. Among the women of the stage who survive there is not one who approaches either of these famous artists in the matter of years. Clara Morris, at 80, is the oldest actress living. Mrs. Yeaman, however, in the same neighborhood, and the score of famous actresses of the last generation who still tread the boards are all in the neighborhood of 60.

Actresses seem to live longer than their sisters. A year ago, before death had passed the age of 80. Most of the favorites of the stage seem to drop away by the fore they reach 50. Marie Jansen saw her ninth before she was 35 and she went into obscurity before she reached 40. Pauline Markham, of whom it was said, "Her arms are like the feet of a Venus of Milo," went into oblivion at 40, and now she is in care of a Harlem tenement-house.

Marion Manolis is yet under 50, but here is this brilliant prima donna of the McCull Opera Company now?

BUSINESS ITEMS.

If Baby Is Cutting Teeth. Be sure and use that old and well-tried remedy, Mrs. Winslow's Baby Syrup, for obtaining teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and diarrhoea.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Jan. 8.—Maximum temperature, 46 deg.; minimum, 32. Higher reading at 11 A. M., 5.5 feet; change in past 24 hours, -0.2 foot. Total precipitation, 5 P. M. to 5 P. M., none; total since September 1, 1904, 17.81 inches; normal, 21.29; deficiency, 3.48. Total sunbath January 7, 1905, 0.00; normal, 3.15; deficiency, 3.15. Wind, variable, 5 to 20 miles. Barometer (reduced to sea level), at 5 P. M., 30.17.

PACIFIC COAST WEATHER.

Table with columns for Station, Wind, Clouds, and other weather details for various locations including Baker City, Astoria, Bandon, etc.

WEATHER CONDITIONS. Fair and moderately cool weather prevails over all sections of the North Pacific States. The weather is clear this evening in Western Oregon, Western Washington and Idaho, while

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CLASSIFIED AD. RATES. The indications are for fair and moderately cool weather in this district Monday.

MEETING NOTICES. IVANHOE LODGE, No. 10, K. of C.—Regular convention tonight at 7:30 P. M.

DIED. AKIN—At Laurelwood, Multnomah County, Jan. 8, 1905, Robert Akin, age 44 years.

FUNERAL NOTICES. HENNING—The funeral of Clarence Henning, aged 18 years, son of Mrs. M. Benning, of this city, will be held at 11 P. M.

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