

VOLCANO ERUPTS BENEATH PACIFIC

Water Strawn With Dead Fish for Miles.

VAST FIELDS OF HERRING SEEN

Vessels Arriving at Yaquina Bay Tell of Scene.

SHARKS APPEAR OFF COAST

Either Volcano or Submarine Earthquake Slays Fish in Myriads, Which Straggle Ocean and Pile on Beach for Miles.

NEWPORT, Or., Sept. 1.—(Special.)—That there has been a submarine earthquake, or volcanic eruption, somewhere near Yaquina Bay is the belief of sea captains coming into this port during the past week. The ocean for 25 miles off shore is covered with dead herring and the beaches for miles either side of Yaquina Bay are now piling up with fish that appear to have been killed in some catastrophe.

In 49 years so many herring have not been seen in this bay, or at sea, as are now visible on every land. At first it was thought that this was the "seventh year" of them, it being popularly supposed that the herring, like the locust, comes in great multitudes at seven-year intervals. But the fact that the past week all the herring seen have been dead has caused new conjectures.

Dead Herring Cover Sea.

Captain Anderson, of the schooner Condor, arriving from the South this morning, reports that the sea is literally covered with dead herring. Captain Voeth, just in from the Big Banks, twenty-odd miles off, has the same report to make. The launches Koon and Ranger, which came in from the sea last night, also had strange tales to tell of vast fields of dead herring being washed about in the Pacific.

"There is only one explanation for this remarkable phenomenon," said Captain George Tyler this morning. "That is, that there has been a submarine eruption of some sort which has killed these fish and left them floating on the surface. In all my life on this coast I have never seen nor heard of such a happening."

Other theories are that the fish have starved to death. This seems to be untenable, as all those examined are fat and well nourished. It is estimated that 1000 tons of herring are now rotting on the shores of Yaquina Bay and as many more in the other four bays of this county.

Sea-Scavengers Gorged.

The effect of this surfeit on the scavengers is specially noticeable. The gulls are absolutely quiescent, and yesterday outing parties reported that the gulls resting on the sand spits were so gorged that they refused to fly at the approach of men. Skates, goose-fish and other sea scavengers have come into the bay in vast numbers to feast on the herring, and the reported presence of man-eating sharks outside is attributed to the same cause.

WAIT ALL NIGHT FOR LAND

Hundreds Besiege Canadian Land Offices for Homesteads.

WINNIPEG, Man., Sept. 1.—The Dominion Land Office in every district in the West where odd-numbered sections are thrown open for homesteading promises to be very busy for the next few days. In the reports received today from 14 points where application may be made it is stated that hundreds of men waited outside the land offices in line throughout the night.

ROOSEVELT FOR HUGHES

Declares Himself at Another Conference With Bosses.

OSTYER BAY, N. Y., Sept. 1.—Sagamore Hill today was the scene of another special conference on the gubernatorial nomination of the Republican party in New York State. President Roosevelt again made known in words that could not be mistaken his attitude governing the nomination of C. E. Hughes for Governor, which is that he favors Mr. Hughes' candidacy, but will not attempt to dictate his nomination.

POTATO BUGS STOP CARS

Trolley Excursion Meets With Strange Delay in Connecticut.

BRISTOL, Conn., Sept. 1.—Potato bugs on the rails at Lasy Lane stalled eight trolley-cars of excursionists, bound to Lake Compounce today. In spite of the terrific slaughter the bugs held possession until the car men could send the

CHASE PIRATE IN SANITARY CANAL

TWO CHICAGO DETECTIVES MAKE GOOD ON WATER.

Capture Indian Thief In Stolen Motor-Boat After Exciting Pursuit.

CHICAGO, Sept. 1.—A combination of a pirate chase and an Indian fight occurred today on the Sanitary Canal, and was participated in by two Chicago detectives, W. C. Wilcox, an official of the Reeves Pulley Company, and Edward Burnett, alias "Fighting" Ed, who asserts that he is a full-blooded Pottawatomee Indian. Burnett, who is 39 years old, is no under arrest charged with stealing Wilcox's motor boat, the Alice. He confessed to the theft, according to the police.

The loss of the Alice was discovered early today, and Detectives Polson and Johnson were detailed to run down the thief. Wilcox chartered the Elf, a fast boat, and started down the south branch of the Chicago River. Finding no trace of the boat in the river, the party forged into the drainage canal. Five miles from Lockport, the party came in sight of the Alice moored to the bank of the canal.

Burnett had stopped to rest. His Indian instinct, however, apparently warned him of the approach of his pursuers, for, while the Elf was still a mile away, Burnett discovered it and started away with the Alice at full speed. The Elf was the faster of the two boats and the detectives were soon within revolver range.

FIRE ATTACKS BIG TREES

Great Grove of Sequoias in Danger of Destruction.

STOCKTON, Cal., Sept. 1.—News comes by special to the Independent from Murphy, which is a community of wire with the Calaveras Big Tree Hotel, that a forest fire has got into the grove of mammoth trees at the upper end of the grove, near where the mother of the forest stands, a monster sequoia 327 feet high and 78 feet in circumference.

The famous trees named after noted men of history are below the point of attack, and the only hope for the magnificent monsters of the forest is a change in the wind, as the fire-fighters are powerless to stop the flames. To into the grove of big trees the fire had to cross the road leading to Gardner, which it did tonight. There is little undergrowth in the grove, and that may be the means of checking the fire, but its sweep through the grove is greatly feared.

The valley in which the grove is situated contains of the sequoias 93 mammoth trees. Ten of the trees are each 180 feet in diameter. Many are more than 300 feet high. The fire has attacked some of the mammoth trees tonight. The grove is owned by Mr. Whitesides, a Michigan millionaire lumberman.

TIES PILED ON TRACK

Cleared Away by Freight Crew Just as Express Approached.

NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—Detectives in the employ of the New York Central Railroad investigated today what they suspect was an attempt to wreck the Chicago express in a cut at Hyde Park, near Poughkeepsie, last night. A milk train which entered the cut just before the express was due ran into a pile of ties that blocked both tracks and the locomotive threw the ties on its pathway.

Around the curve, less than a mile down the track, the rumbling approach of the Chicago express could be heard, the train running at top speed in an effort of the engineer to make up 12 minutes lost time. Trainmen swung the ties to one side and when the headlight of the express flashed into the cut the way was clear and the train dashed by unharmed.

GOMPERS AMONG FARMERS

Labor Leader Seeks Alliance With National Farmers' Union.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Sept. 1.—With more than 200 delegates in attendance, the General Farmers' Union opened its annual session here today. The delegates represent every cotton growing state in the Union. President Samuel Gompers of the American Federation of Labor is a visitor, and his presence has lent color to a rumor that an effort would be made to affiliate the Farmers' Union with the American Federation of Labor. Mr. Gompers refused to talk on the subject.

D. W. Neil, president of the Texas Farmers' Union, made a statement that the Texas union would make an effort to make and control the price of cotton this fall.

RAILROADMEN FEAR CUT

Will Urge Louisiana Commission to Allow Rate Increase.

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 1.—At a meeting last night of representatives of all branches of organized labor employed by railroads, a committee was appointed to visit the state capital and urge the Railroad Commission to desist from its efforts to prevent the railroads from raising their freight rates.

CARRY VERMONT BY 28,000 MAJORITY

Republican Plurality Is Cut Down.

SLIGHTLY LESS THAN IN 1900

Smallest in Presidential Year Since Campaign of 1892.

HEAVY VOTE IS NOT CAST

Dominant Party Loses 8 Per Cent and Democratic 2, as Compared With 1904—G. H. Prouty Elected Governor.

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VENERABLE BRIDE SCORNS HUSBAND

AGED ALBANY WOMAN COMING HOME DISGUSTED.

Publicly Denounces 72-Year-Old Groom of Phoenix as Miserly and Leaves in Anger.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Sept. 1.—(Special.)—Six weeks ago there was a local sensation in the marriage of D. W. Sparks, a capitalist, aged 72 years, and Mrs. W. M. Davidson, aged 65. The bride came from Albany, Or., brought by glowing letters that promised a comfortable home and happiness in her declining years.

Night before last another sensation materialized in the departure of the bride for her former home. She was accompanied by Sparks as far as the railway station, where she publicly denounced him as miserly and mean, abusive and fault-finding. Though preparing to take the train, she lacked enough money to reach Albany, but the deficiency was quickly made up by a hurried collection by a policeman at the Southern Pacific depot. One witness was so indignant that he threatened personal violence upon Sparks, but the deserted bridegroom made no reply and quietly disappeared.

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INFURIATED MOB PURSUES NEGRO

Chicago Narrowly Escapes Lynching Bee.

GIRL ASSAULTED BY BLACK MAN

Police Respond to Riot Call and Repulse Mob.

FACTORY HANDS ENRAGED

Driven From Victim by Elevator Man, Negro Flees From Many Pursuers—Caught by Police and Saved From Lynchers.

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ROBBER'S WIDOW MARRIES ROBBER

MRS. LEWIS UNITED TO MAN WHO HELD UP BANK.

First Husband Killed Marshal in Battle—Romance of Desperado Life in Southwest.

BARTLESVILLE, Okla., Sept. 1.—(Special.)—Emmet Dalton and Mrs. Julia Lewis were married here tonight. Only a few months ago Dalton was pardoned from the Kansas Penitentiary, where he was serving a life sentence for participation in a raid on a Coffeyville, Kan., bank 16 years ago.

Julia Lewis is the widow of Ernest Lewis, who died in a bloody fight with Federal Marshals Keeler and Williams in this city last November. Lewis killed Williams during a battle in which more than 20 shots were fired, in a small room filled with smoke. Lewis had served a term in the Colorado Penitentiary for train-robbery, and had worried the authorities of Kansas and Oklahoma by conducting a modern "Monte Carlo" on a narrow strip of ground which he declared was owned by neither state.

The romance between Dalton and Julia Lewis began 20 years ago, when the latter was the pretty daughter of "Texas" Johnson. While Dalton was hidden from the officers, it is said, she cooked his meals and kept him informed of the movements of his pursuers.

SAY EVIDENCE COMPLETE

Police Confident of Convicting Arkell of Donohue Murder.

OAKLAND, Sept. 1.—The police say that they have completed every link in their chain of circumstantial evidence upon which they will formally charge Gustave Arkell with the crime of murdering Mrs. Alice L. Donohue. The preliminary hearing in the Police Court will be held after the coroner's inquest next Thursday. It is confidently expected by the police that they will be able to secure a confession from the prisoner.

For the first time since Arkell was taken into custody he was permitted late this afternoon to be interviewed and pose for newspaper artists. The man still remains sullen and silent. To all questions he made the one answer, that beyond protesting his innocence he has nothing to say.

James H. Boyer, a lawyer who has been refused access to the man, said tonight: "If the Chief persists in refusing to permit me to see Arkell to give him legal advice, I will secure a writ of habeas corpus and have him brought into the Superior Court and there tell him in open court that the police have no evidence on which to make a case."

LET BEER REACH THIRSTY

Federal Judge Says Alabama Can't Stop Interstate Shipments.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Sept. 1.—In restraining the Birmingham City authorities from interfering with shipments of beer to that city, Judge Thomas C. Jones, of the United States Court, today held that the shipment was an interstate shipment until it reached the purchaser.

The Lemp Brewing Company made a shipment, which was held at the express office, the city judge holding that the interstate haul ended at the depot and that it was lawful to deliver it by transfer wagon to the place of consignment.

REAR-ADMIRAL GLASS DEAD

Veteran Naval Officer Unable to Survive Surgical Operation.

PARO ROBLER, Cal., Sept. 1.—Rear-Admiral Henry Glass, U. S. Navy, retired late this afternoon at a health resort here of heart failure, following an operation performed several days ago at his home in Berkeley. He was 64 years of age and had been ill for over two months. His condition had been regarded as critical for some time.

Rear-Admiral Glass was born in Kentucky in 1844 and was appointed to the Military Academy in 1860. As an Ensign he participated in all the general engagements with forts and batteries in Charleston harbor in 1863, and in the capture of Georgetown, S. C., in 1865. As commander of the cruiser Charleston he conveyed the first troops to the Philippines and captured the Ladrones islands.

He was commander-in-chief of the Pacific squadron from 1903 to 1904 and was later commandant of the Pacific naval districts.

AGED THIEF IS ARRESTED

Havana Postoffice Robbed by Employee 70 Years Old.

HAVANA, Sept. 1.—Ricardo Rodriguez, Chief of the Bureau of Supplies and Vouchers in the Havana postoffice, who disappeared after the discovery of a shortage in that department amounting to \$3,135, was arrested by the police tonight. He was in hiding and disguised, when the police who had been searching for him since Friday, found him.

SEVEN ARE LOST FROM SAILBOAT

Pleasure Sloop Upsets Off Maine Coast.

SUMMER VISITORS DROWNED

Only Three Out of Party of Ten Picked Up Alive.

FIVE OF DEAD ARE WOMEN

Heavy Gust of Wind Strikes Tiny Yacht Just as She Is About to Start on New Tack.

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