

WANDERINGS OF A DEMENTED MAN

Joseph Lancaster Returns to Denver After Year's Absence.

HIS MIND BECAME CLOUDED

Wandered Over Pacific Coast and Thence to Texas—Traveled From Place to Place Believing Himself Another Person.

DENVER, Oct. 17.—Joseph Lancaster, the wealthy merchant of Dawson City, Alaska, who was missing for over a year until he recently made known his whereabouts in a letter to his sister in this city, written from Beaumont, Tex., arrived in Denver Monday, but his presence did not become known until today. Mr. Lancaster denied ever having had any of the fierce adventures attributed to him. He is conscious of having passed through an extraordinary experience, the details of which and the incidents are clouded, although he is aware that, after disappearing from Seattle, he wandered through California and around the Pacific coast and then to Texas. Speaking of the influence that worked upon him and caused him to hide himself away from his family and friends for the past year or more, Mr. Lancaster said:

"Overwork, a nervous strain accentuated in the Alaskan climate and business worries brought about a mental collapse. It struck me suddenly. I felt as though I were going to lose my mind. I saw strange things and would talk with imaginary people. I was on the verge of insanity when, in a lucid moment, I saw myself as others saw me."

"If I am going this way, I said, I will cease being a burden; I will save my family and friends the annoyance of having an insane man on their hands."

"That relieved me and the idea grew. I quietly slipped out and instead of coming to Denver, where my sister lived, or communicating with my family, I turned myself loose. I felt these strange moods coming on, but did not resist them. I presume I became worse; there is a blank for which I cannot account. I had a little money and that ran me. I remembered nothing of my past; people called me by another name. It is possible I was like a man under hypnotic influence until I found myself one day in Nevada in a lumber camp. Mr. Lancaster says he was as easily pleased as a child, yet had a powerful influence to anything gay or exciting. He must have gone from place to place believing himself another person and having forgotten he was once a merchant in Dawson."

It came to him in Beaumont, Tex., during the oil excitement that he was Joe Lancaster.

"I think the course was completed," he said, "the instance I flashed across my mind that I was Joseph Lancaster. I immediately telegraphed when I found out the date and wrote my sister here in Denver. It seemed as if a cloud had been lifted and the clearing only indistinct shadow pictures. You might say of what I had been doing since I left Seattle."

Mr. Lancaster came from Beaumont Monday night. He went to the home of Mrs. Peyton, his sister, where he was met by his mother and brother, P. J. Lancaster, who reached the city from Dawson the same day.

His relatives have prevailed upon him not to risk a relapse by a return before spring to his business in the far North. He will spend the winter in San Jose, Cal., with his wife and children.

CROP CONDITIONS SATISFACTORY

Situation in the Northwest Reported to Be Encouraging

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Mr. Henry L. Lytle, manager of the Pillsbury-Washburne Company, who has been in this city on business, is authority for the statement that the Northwest had not only had a good wheat crop this year, but had suffered little from the drought that affected sections of the West, and that the fall crop was as good as wheat and would probably rank as its second largest crop this year in cash realized by the farmers, who are unusually prosperous. He also said that notwithstanding the large wheat crop he did not think there is now any more wheat in the Northwest in all positions than a year ago. Of the prospects of the flour trade this year he said they were very good, as stocks are light in second hands, insuring a continuous and healthy demand, which is larger than the average. According to Mr. Lytle, the leading Minneapolis mills have put over 2,000,000 sacks of flour into the London market the past year.

RAPID TRANSIT TO IRELAND

Line of Steamers to Be Established Between Narragansett Bay and Castleown.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Edward L. O'Brien, of Cork, Ireland, said to be a cousin of Richard Croker, is here for the purpose of promoting rapid transit between Europe and America. The Journal and Advertiser says that Mr. Croker is the general manager of the Cork, Bandon and South Coast railway, which runs through the principal

towns in Ireland between Cork and the Lakes of Killarney.

It is the intention of the company to run a line of steamers from Narragansett Bay to Castleown, Borehaven, Ireland. From Castleown there will be a railroad connection to Bantry, where the line will join the Cork, Bandon and South Coast railway. The new steamships will be the fastest in the world and are expected to cross from Narragansett Bay to Ireland in three and a half days.

In order to attain this great speed a new style of machinery and fuel will be used—a fuel that will take up little space and furnish a greater heat. This has been found in Texas oil which has been thoroughly tried in Russia and found to be very satisfactory.

CANAL BUILDING SEIZED

Henry Schuler, an American, Will Demand Payment of \$30,000.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—The Gazette de Panama, an official organ of the Colombian government, has published a legal notice of the Panama courts announcing the seizure of the Panama Canal Company's three-story building in the Cathedral square, Panama, to enforce the payment by the canal company of \$30,000 due to Henry Schuler, a United States citizen, says a Cuban dispatch to the Herald.

Mr. Schuler is the oldest United States citizen in Panama. He arrived in 1849 and has been a pioneer in many scholastic enterprises. The building which was seized, contains the offices of the director-general, treasurer, accountant and other officers of the canal company and originally cost \$100,000. It is in the hands of a receiver.

TO ABOLISH HAZING

Cornell University Students are at Last Growing Sensible.

ITHACA, N. Y., Oct. 17.—President Schurman announces that the registration of students in Cornell University to date is 268 greater than at the corresponding date last year. The total enrollment last year was 286 and on the same basis the total registration this year should amount to 2250.

A mass meeting of students has been held for the purpose of adopting resolutions to discourage hazing, which reappeared between members of the under classes a few days ago. The sentiment of the 1900 students present was unanimously in favor of repressing the spirit and the sophomores and the freshmen were warned against further indulgence.

WARREN DOW PASSES AWAY

Old-Time Democrat Who Made a Specialty of Defeating Chinese.

PLATTSBURG, N. Y., Oct. 17.—Warren Dow, who was appointed deputy United States marshal during President Buchanan's administration in 1858 and who had held the office continuously since is dead at his home here, aged 75 years. Mr. Dow established the Jeffersonian, a Democratic weekly at Plattsburg, N. Y., on January 15, 1853, and the Plattsburg Sentinel January 15, 1855. As deputy marshal he had, since the passage of the Chinese exclusion law, defeated more Chinese, taking them to San Francisco, New York and other seaports to be placed on board vessels for China, than any other official in the service.

AMERICANS BECOMING POPULAR

Increases Pay at Soldiers and Reduces Taxes on Land.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—The Simla correspondent of the Times says American Habibullah has increased the pay of the Afghan soldiers and promises a reduction of the taxes on land. He is likely to spring into immediate popularity.

The Afghans hope that Habibullah will depart from the financial policy of his father and abolish the heavy imposts on trade and state monopolies. The removal of the transit duties and the abolition of the monopolies would cause an immense revival of trade between India and Afghanistan along the ancient caravan route.

HAS NOT ACCEPTED

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Miss Helen Gould said last night at Lyndhurst that she had not been consulted concerning her appointment as a member of the Board of Women Managers of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition and that she knew nothing about it. To serve on the board with satisfaction to herself, Miss Gould would have to spend considerable time in St. Louis, and for that reason her acceptance of the appointment is considered doubtful.

DEATH OF JOHN THOMPSON

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.—John T. Thompson, of Troy, N. Y., died in this city last night from bronchitis. Mr. Thompson was a lay delegate to the Episcopal convention. His body will be taken to his home in a special car tonight. Mr. Thompson was a wholesale druggist 79 years old.

CORBETT CHOSEN REFEREE

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.—Harry Corbett has been chosen to referee the Jeffries-Rublin fight November 15.

MISS STONE'S LOCATION

HOW KIDNAPED MISSIONARY LOOKS IN CAPTIVITY.

Deprived of Her Baggage and Allowed to Wear Only Light Summer Clothing.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Rev. Wardlaw Thompson, director of the Christian Theological Institute at Sofia, cables the following from Semashov, Bulgaria, to the Journal and Advertiser, the details concerning the capture of Miss Stone, the missionary.

The headquarters of Miss Stone's capture is a thickly wooded mountain top near the boundary line of Turkey and Bulgaria. Miss Stone has only light summer clothing and a cotton dress. The brigands refused to allow her to keep her baggage, but let her have a Bible. The leader of the band is the notorious Dushan, from the Bulgarian town of Dubina.

We sent word from Constantinople pointing out that being private individuals we cannot prevent the government from pressing the brigands; also that the ransom is too princely. No such sum was ever heretofore demanded. No ransom has yet been received. Usually brigands ask 1000 pounds and then agree for half.

Twenty-five thousand Turkish pounds means two horse loads of gold and that is more gold than there is now in Bulgaria. Besides the brigands demand payment in Turkish gold for which it would be necessary to send to Constantinople. I should not give the brigands the ransom until Miss Stone is safely delivered to us, as they might murder her after receiving the money. The more desperate brigands murder after ransom in order to seal the lips forever. We have three theological institute students who were captured in the same party. One tells how he was robbed of money intended to pay for his tuition.

THE BURLINGTON CORPORATION

Believed to Be First Step in Consolidation of Northwestern Roads.

BURLINGTON, Ia., Oct. 17.—What is believed to be the first tangible move in the Hill-Morgan deal for the consolidation of the Northwestern roads was taken here when articles of incorporation for the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway Company were filed in the county auditor's office.

The capital stock of the new company is \$200,000,000 and its object, as set forth in the articles of incorporation, is to acquire the Burlington system and other roads and to maintain a railroad in the States of Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, South Dakota, Montana, Wisconsin and Minnesota. The life of the corporation will take charge of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway Company and the many lines leased and controlled by that company, and then transfer them all together to the Hill-Morgan syndicate.

This new corporation is legally separate from the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway Company. The old company is incorporated under the laws of the state of Illinois, while the new one is controlled by the laws of the state of Iowa. There is but one change in the name of the company, the old is "a railway" company and the new is "a railway" company.

The incorporators are J. C. Pender, J. M. Deering, J. D. Campbell, W. W. Baldwin and E. M. Shelton, all in Chicago Tuesday, and formed the articles of incorporation and then they were then given out about the matter. The same papers will be filed in the secretary of state's office at Des Moines.

The first meeting of the incorporators of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway Company will be held in Burlington. The new incorporators will probably meet on Saturday and select officers and the steps contemplated for taking control of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railway by the new company may then be disclosed.

CAPTURED BY A PORSE

Two Sanguine Robbers Wounded in a Fight With Chinese.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Oct. 17.—Two of the supposed robbers who dynamited a safe in a store in Howell, near this city, are in the hospital suffering from wounds received during a fight with Chinese.

One of the men lies at death's door. His name is Henry McFarland of Nashville, Tenn. The other man who was wounded and captured by the posse is not seriously injured. He gives his name as William Dunn, also from Nashville. The third man has yet not been captured, but it is believed he will be found as Marshal Sampson is positive that he rounded him.

INSPECTING BOER CAMPS

Party of English Women Visiting Boer Refugees.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—According to the Tribune advice from South Africa, a commission of six English women is traveling about the country in two motor carriages and inspecting the Boer refugee camps with exceptional thoroughness. There are thirty-nine of such camps and the commission is not likely to finish its labors before the end of December, although the chairman,

Miss Pawcett, is most energetic and capable and is putting on the work at the risk of wearing out her colleagues.

The government is right in its requirements for secrecy and the judgment of the commission on all points relating to the humane treatment of the Boer women and children will be reserved for the parliamentary blue book. It will be a most important contribution made by women to the history of the war.

TO TEST AUTO RECORD

Believed That Carriages Can Be Driven Faster Than Mile a Minute.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—In order to test the world's amateur and professional automobile records on a straightaway track, Park Commissioner George V. Peck, of Brooklyn, has granted to the Long Island Auto Club the exclusive use of Ocean Parkway, one of the best known streets in Brooklyn, during the afternoon of Saturday, November 18.

It has been claimed by W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., A. C. Bonstetter and other amateurs that they will drive their carriages faster than a mile a minute over a clear straight course. An effort is being made to induce the best known professionals in the country to compete.

RIOTING CONTINUES AT SEVILLE

Strikers Remove Tramway Lines and Threaten to Destroy Convents.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Dispatches from Madrid to the Times say the rioting at Seville is continuing but no further damage is being done. Attempts to remove the tramway lines have been stopped by cavalry.

It was rumored in Seville last night that anarchists intended to attack the convents. The military took precautions to prevent this. The town was tranquil last evening though troops were still patrolling the streets. Some manufacturers have opened their factories.

Bakers from Cadix and other towns have arrived to take the place of the strikers.

MARQUIS PERIGORD ARRIVES

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Among the passengers last arrived on the Teutonic to the Marquis E. d'Almeida Perigord, who was Miss Curtis, an American belle accompanied by her nephew, Master Eugene Perigord, and his nurse and Prince Giovanni del Drago, of Italy. They will spend the winter at their country place at Chatsworth, N. J.

FAVORS STATE MONOPOLY

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—A dispatch to the Times from Paris refers to the proposal for a state monopoly of petroleum refining. The members of the budget committee, says the dispatch, believe that this would be preferable to the protective duty which falls on the consumer and favors the refiners.

Mr. Clauvion, finance minister, protests that the system could not be put in operation by the new year.

EARL RUSSEL RELEASED

LONDON, Oct. 17.—Earl Russell, who in July last was sentenced by a court of the house of lords to three months imprisonment for larceny, was released from Holloway last night.

SERVICES OVER ALBA

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Services were held in the chapel of St. Luke's Roman Catholic church last night over the remains of Carlos, seventh Duke of Alba, who died Tuesday night at the Hotel Hamilton. Rev. Father Dancy, the pastor, officiated.

WILL DENY LIPTON

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—According to the London correspondence of the Tribune, the American Society in London is arranging a complimentary dinner for Sir Thomas Lipton on his return to London.

BACK FROM ALASKA

SEATTLE, Oct. 17.—After touring thousands of miles through the wilds of Alaska, three parties of men sent to the North last spring by the geological survey have returned on the steamship St. Paul. The majority of the members of the parties will proceed at once to Washington.

AMERICANS TAKE THE OATH

LONDON, Oct. 17.—"A great deference to the British flag," says a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Simla, "and announces the appointment of his three brothers to headships of the army, revenue department and judicial department."

WHEAT MARKET

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.—Wheat, December, 97½.

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—Wheat, opened, 20½¢, closed, 20½¢.

TACOMA, Oct. 17.—Wheat, bluestem, 55¢; club, 54¢.

PORTLAND, Oct. 17.—Wheat, Walla Walla, 54½¢; Valley, 55¢; bluestem, 55¢; club, 54¢.

PRICE OF SILVER

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Silver, 57½¢.

COALING SHIPS AT SEA

BRITISH ADMIRALTY TO TRY INTERESTING EXPERIMENT.

The Attempt to Be Made Off Portsmouth—Will Be Conducted Privately

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—An interesting experiment of coaling ships at sea is to be tried by the British admiralty on Saturday off Portsmouth, says the London Representative of the Herald. The importance of the attempt is shown by the fact that no invitations to witness it are to be sent to the press and all requests for permits on the part of foreign attaches have been refused. The experiment is the subject of this experiment. This combination of the Tempesty transporter, already largely in use by the British navy and the Miller conveyor recently adopted by the United States after trials following closely upon the Spanish war.

It is the intention on Saturday to demonstrate the advantage of the apparatus by coaling the ship from the dock afterward taking out a cable and coaling the battleship Trafalgar in mid-channel. Later on an experiment will be tried with the battleship in rough water out in the ocean.

ROYALTY AT ST. JOHNS

ST. JOHNS, N. B., Oct. 17.—The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York arrived here this afternoon. They were received by the lieutenant governor and ministers. Halifax will be the final point to be visited.

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Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,609.20
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,000.00
Stocks, securities, etc.	93,261.74
Other real estate owned	6,190.45
Due from National Banks and foreign agents	12,918.74
Due from State Banks and Banks	36,425.74
Due from approved reserve agents	115,401.88
Internal revenue stamps	200.00
Notes of other National Banks	270.00
Notes and certificates	96.78
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	\$11,210.00
Legal-tender notes	149.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasury—14 per cent of circulation	425.00
Total	\$670,296.10

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid up	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	32,502.64
National Bank notes outstanding	12,000.00
Individual deposits, subject to check	\$430,311.99
Demand certificates of deposit	113,281.47
Total	\$670,296.10

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