

INVADE CALIFORNIA

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MUCH SHORTER THAN SHASTA ROUTE.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

Irish Flag Flies From Many Buildings in London, Dublin and New York. London, March 17.—Not for many years has London witnessed a more general observance of St. Patrick's day than that of today.

Dublin, March 17.—The birthday anniversary of Ireland's patron saint was celebrated in Dublin today with the customary enthusiasm.

New York, March 17.—St. Patrick's day in Greater New York was marked this year by the largest parade of the kind ever seen here.

DID NOT VOTE TO STRIKE

CHICAGO & ALTON EMPLOYEES DENY SUNDAY'S REPORT.

Content That There is a Good Chance for Settlement—Grand Master's Statement. St. Louis, March 17.—P. H. Morrissey, grand master of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, when shown the dispatch from Chicago stating that the trainmen on the Chicago & Alton had decided to strike unless their demands for an increase of wages is agreed to by the officials of the road, said there was not a word of truth in it.

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SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED.

Shamrock III is Put Afloat With Appropriate Ceremonies at Dumbarton. Dumbarton, March 17.—The Shamrock III was successfully launched at 1:30 this afternoon in spite of heavy rain all day and in a stiff gale.

Will Lift the Cup.

Just as it was launched the sun broke through the clouds and the rain stopped. The crowd accepted it as a good augury with loud cheers.

DEMENTED SHEEP HERDER.

Arrested in the Capitol Building at Washington—Wanted to See the President. Washington, March 17.—The capitol police today arrested a demented sheep herder from Buffalo, Wyo., who wandered aimlessly around the building.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

Fast Passenger Trains Collide on Monon Route—One Fatally Injured. Frankfort, Ind., March 17.—Early this morning two fast passenger trains on the Monon railway collided at Cyclone siding. Sixteen were injured, one fatally.

HUNDREDS MADE HOMELESS BY THE SWEEPING WATERS

Town of Marion, Ark., Depopulated by the Water—Dangerous Conditions at Many Points.

Memphis, March 17.—Traffic into the city over the western lines was suspended this morning. The tracks are now under water. The river is rising at the rate of 14 inches an hour at Marion, Ark.

Reports show dangerous conditions at Natchez, Greenville, Rosedale and Helena. The latter place is most critical as a tremendous amount of water is sweeping down through the Hollybush crevasse.

CRISIS IN A BIG STRIKE.

American Bridge Company Fails in First Effort to Get Imported Men to Work.

Pittsburg, March 17.—After waiting several weeks for the striking structural ironworkers to resume work, the American Bridge Company decided last week to immediately import men, and today 38 men reached here from Louisville.

CZAR NOT ALL-SUPREME.

Cardinal Gibbons Fears His Religious Decree Will Meet Many Obstacles. Baltimore, March 17.—Cardinal Gibbons, commenting on the czar's manifesto, is quoted as saying: "In my judgment it may be considered the most unexpected and beneficial movement that has occurred in the 20th century.

UNUSUAL WEDDING.

Parkes Marries Woman With Whom He Had Been Living Six Years. San Francisco, March 17.—An unusual wedding took place today. Frank Parkes, who was sentenced to nine years in the penitentiary for enticing a young girl from her home, married the woman he had been living with for six years.

Degree for M. Jusserand.

Chicago, Ill., March 17.—M. Jean Jules Jusserand, the French ambassador at Washington, was honored by the University of Chicago today, which conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws.

Railway Men Meet.

Chicago, Ill., March 17.—The American Railway Engineering and Maintenance of Way Association opened its fourth annual convention today at the Auditorium hotel.

VOTE ON PANAMA TREATY TO-NIGHT

Washington, March 17.—With a view of expediting the consideration of the Panama treaty the senate met an hour earlier this morning. Only five heard the invocation. There was no routine business. The consideration of the Panama canal amendments was resumed at 11. A final vote will be taken today, but it won't be until late this evening.

Warned to Flee.

Vicksburg, March 17.—The levee has broken at Elmer Bayou. Thousands of acres are flooded. No loss of life is reported.

More Crevasse.

New Orleans, March 17.—Another crevasse below Baton Rouge and one near Fort St. Philip were reported this morning.

Business Suspended.

Memphis, March 17.—The water is at a standstill owing to the Hollybush crevasse but the crest of the flood is not here yet.

ELECTION IN GERMANY.

It Takes Place Three Months Hence and is Expected to be Bitter. New York, March 17.—The general election in Germany, which will take place three months hence, says a Tribune dispatch from London, will probably be a more bitter one than on any previous occasion.

BIG STRIKE THREATENED.

Western Federation to Call Out All Union Miners in Cripple Creek District Unless Mines Boycott Unfair Mill. Cripple Creek, March 17.—The Western Federation of Miners have notified the mine owners in the Cripple Creek district that the United States Reduction and Refining Works have been declared unfair and if all the ore shipments do not cease to that mill by 4 o'clock today, all miners will be called out.

DIRECTOR OF CENSUS.

Samuel North, of Massachusetts, to Succeed Merriam in May.

Washington, March 17.—The president has appointed Samuel North, of Massachusetts, director of the census to succeed Merriam. He will take charge in May.

CALIFORNIA BLIZZARD.

Struck Timber Locators Near Alturas—Eighteen Below Zero. Redding, Cal., March 17.—William Thompson, editor of the Alturas Plain Dealer, and a party of timber locators, started from Alturas on snow shoes to locate. A blizzard caught them. One was buried in the snow and is nearly dead.

Returns to San Francisco.

Chicago, March 17.—John Sabin, president of the Chicago Telephone Company, will resign in April to become the manager of the Sunset Telephone Company, at San Francisco, his former position.

Colonel Rowland Ill.

Fort Leavenworth, March 17.—Colonel Rowland, governor of the Soldiers' Home, is seriously ill. His age of 75 years makes his condition most critical.

SOLD WHISKEY TO INDIANS.

Dan Hart and Brenner Ballou Arrested and Landed in Jail. Two arrests have been made upon the charge of selling liquor to Indians. The first, made at 6 o'clock last evening, was Dan Hart, a mixed-blood, who was found and taken in custody at Tom Scott's lodging house after it was found necessary to break in a door to get him.

FINED THE DEAD MAN \$48

FAMOUS DISPENSER OF JUSTICE DEAD AT LANGTRY, TEX. Had Body of Man Brought into Court for Carrying Concealed Weapons, Which He Confiscated. Fort Worth, Texas, March 17.—Judge Roy Bean, the famous dispenser of justice west of the Pecos river is dead at Langtry, where he has been ill the last few days.

TEMPERANCE WORKER DEAD.

Was Lord of the Admiralty During Gladstone's Administration. London, March 17.—William Kaine, the temperance leader of the house of commons died today at the age of 61. He was civil lord of the admiralty during Gladstone's administration and wrote many temperance books.

GRAIN MARKETS.

Quotations Furnished by Coe Commission Company, 120 Court Street—B. E. Kennedy, Local Manager.

Chicago, March 17.—The pronounced features of the market is the drop of May corn from 47 cents, at which it has remained for two weeks steadily, to 44 1/2 cents per bushel today.

Table with columns: Grain, Opened, Closed. Wheat, May, July, July; Corn, May, July; Minneapolis, March 17.

Wheat in Chicago. Chicago, March 17.—Wheat—74 1/2c per bushel.

SHIPS COLLIDE.

City of Seattle Cuts into the Ship Bankleigh—Damage \$28,000. Vancouver, B. C., March 17.—The steamer City of Seattle, struck the iron ship Bankleigh tied up at the Evans wharf yesterday.

INSPECTING THE ORCHARDS

Commissioner Judd Geer of the Eastern Oregon District is in the City.

IS HIGHLY PLEASED WITH FRUIT CONDITIONS.

Umatilla County Would Produce Better Grades of Apples if Codlin Moth Were Fought Harder—Nursery Stock Very Scarce and High.

Hon. Judd Geer, horticultural commissioner for the Eastern Oregon district, comprising the counties of Umatilla, Union, Baker, Wallowa, Harney, Malheur and Grant, arrived in the city this afternoon, on his regular tour of inspection of the orchards of his district.

Mr. Geer reports the conditions in his entire district to be very satisfactory. The past winter, while it has been severe in many districts, has not injured the fruit in the least, while the prospects for a large crop are excellent.

Mr. Geer begins his regular inspection in this county for the reason that the season is several weeks earlier here than in any other part of his district, and fruit trees are farther advanced. He will spend this afternoon and tomorrow inspecting the orchards in this immediate vicinity, and will then go to Milton, probably tomorrow night, and spend the week in that locality.

Advantages of This County.

His opinion is that Umatilla county fruit raisers could grow a much better winter apples than are now produced here, if the codlin moth was fought as hard as the scale is now being fought.

He cannot say yet to what extent the fruit pests exist in this county, as he has only begun his inspection, but he says that the numerous pests that affect Oregon fruit, are diminishing each year in both their ravages and in the territory covered.

The board of horticulture has spared no pains to get the infected districts under control, and has succeeded, with the co-operation of the fruit growers to reduce the pests to a minimum.

In Eastern Oregon, Mr. Geer says, the apple crop of last year, has been well cleaned up, at fair prices. Very few carloads remain in Grand Ronde valley at this time.

Besides about three carloads of nursery stock shipped into that valley, fully as much more has been distributed from local nurseries for this spring's planting.

Nursery Stock Scarce. Nursery stock all over the Pacific Coast is very scarce and high priced this spring. Cherry stock is exceptionally scarce.

Mr. Geer has visited and inspected the orchards in every county in his district, during his term of office, except Harney county, which does not have enough orchards to pay the state to bear the expense of the trip at present. This is a record of which none of Mr. Geer's predecessors can boast.

The facilities for handling large crops are increasing each year. La Grande has an up-to-date cold storage and Pendleton has one under way. The Eastern markets are dependent upon the Inland Empire for the principal part of the fruit supply and the ability to furnish this supply is increasing constantly.

CRUSADE TO SAVE CHINA.

Reformers Soon to Establish Their Headquarters in America, Then to Tour the World. New York, March 17.—Secret agents of Chinese progress in this city have received information from San Francisco that the crusade for the liberation of China is to begin at once.

America is to be the headquarters of Kang Yu Wei, the young reformer and ex-member of the Tsung Li Yamen, who seeks through his society, the Bow Wong Wui (Society for the protection of the emperor), for the purpose of making Kwang Hauj emperor in fact as well as in name. Kang Yu Wei, it is rumored, is now on the Pacific, bound for this country, and after establishing the main office of his propaganda here, will tour the world, organize branches in the various capitals of Europe, made up of educated and influential Chinamen of the world.

The numerical strength of the standing armies of the Danubian states are: Servia, 65,000; Roumania, 78,000; Bulgaria, 35,400.