

## COOLING BREEZES BLOW ON PRAIRIES

Last Day of Hot Wave Causes Eight Deaths in Kansas City.

Other Sections Report Prostrations and Deaths—End of Longest Hot Season in Years—Temperature Ranges Up to 113—Corn Crop Has Escaped.

Kansas City, Aug. 19.—Severe warm weather throughout the Southwest gave way to a limited extent last night before cooling breezes.

The day was the most trying Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma have experienced for years. Despite the excessively high temperature, however, there were comparatively few prostrations. Eight deaths were recorded at Kansas City.

Oklahoma reported excessive heat. Government thermometers at McAlester registered 113; at Ardmore, 111; at Vinita, 101; at Oklahoma City, Guthrie and Tulsa, 106.

In Kansas City and Western Missouri the temperature was near the 100 mark all the afternoon.

New York Has Big Downpour.

New York, Aug. 19.—The steady downpour which during the last two days has broken all August rainfall records, is over. The city's rain gauges show a total precipitation of 5 1/2 inches as the official record of the storm.

Fierce Wind in Charleston.

Charleston, S. C., Aug. 19.—As a result of a fierce wind and rain storm which passed over this city yesterday, all the telegraph wires leading into the city are down and communication with the outside world is by long-distance telephone. No loss of life is reported.

Heat Record at Fort Worth.

Fort Worth, Tex., Aug. 19.—With the weather bureau thermometer registering 111 degrees and street thermometers recording 120 degrees, yesterday was the hottest in the history of Fort Worth.

Five Killed in St. Louis.

St. Louis, Aug. 19.—Despite a decided drop in the temperature, five more deaths were recorded here yesterday as a result of the heat. Three of these were persons previously prostrated. The maximum temperature today was 89 degrees.

Three Deaths at Norfolk.

Norfolk, Neb., Aug. 19.—The heat claimed three victims in Norfolk and vicinity last night.

ROBBERS BIND WATCHMAN.

Desperate Attempt to Blow Safe of Portland Factory.

Portland, Aug. 19.—Safecrackers made a desperate effort to get into the safe of the Dornbecher Manufacturing company yesterday morning and succeeded in badly damaging the safe with three charges of nitro-glycerine, but did not get at the contents.

E. R. Mickley was in the fireproof of the factory when he was suddenly seized by one of four men, all of them masked and armed. He was thrown down and his arms tied behind him.

They then went back to the factory, gathering up a sledge hammer and other tools, and went to the safe. They knocked off the knob with a hammer and drilling holes, set off in all three charges of nitro-glycerine. In the midst of their work a switch engine pulled into the siding to pick up cars from the factory, the brakeman entered the rear door to get his orders and was met by a volley of shots from the robbers, one of the bullets going through his hat. He promptly ran off and the engine backed down town, going back in half an hour with police aid. As the engine returned, Mickley was found but the robbers had gone, leaving a pint bottle of nitro-glycerine and all their tools in the factory office.

Miss Elkins May Marry.

Rome, Aug. 19.—Rumors are current here today that all the objections of the royal family to the marriage of the Duke of Abruzzi to Miss Katherine Elkins, of West Virginia, have been removed. The couple, according to the latest reports, will be married as soon as the duke returns his exploration trip in the Himalayas. United States Senator Elkins has repeatedly denied that his daughter was to marry the duke, declaring that if Miss Elkins is ever married it will be to an American.

Powers Caution Cretons.

Canea, Crete, Aug. 19.—The foreign consuls here, on behalf of the international squadron now anchored in Canea bay, today notified the Cretan government that the Greek flag would be hauled down today. They warned the government that irreparable consequences will follow any attack made on a landing party. On account of this warning the Cretan authorities issued an appeal to the people not to obstruct the action of the powers.

Troops to Quit Fort William.

Winnipeg, Aug. 19.—The regular soldiers who have been on duty at Fort William returned to their barracks here today, leaving 30 special Canadian Pacific railway constables armed with rifles to maintain order. Five hundred men are now working on the docks.

## THIRTY BUSHEL WHEAT.

Montana Farmer Makes Success of Working Dry Land.

Caldwell, Mont., Aug. 20.—F. F. Irvine, member of the Montana board of control of the Fourth Dry Farming congress, and one of the successful dry land farmers of this vicinity, is now harvesting 40 acres of wheat, which he estimates will yield about 30 bushels an acre. This grain was planted in September on sod ground that had been plowed in May and June. Being the first crop from this ground Mr. Irvine regards his crop as unusually good. He says the field has been attracting attention and people have been coming in from miles around to see for themselves what can be accomplished by conscientious application of dry farming principles.

Mr. Irvine has informed Secretary John T. Burns, of the Dry Farming congress, that he will send a sample of this crop to Billings, Montana, for exhibition at the Fourth Dry Farming congress, which will meet at Billings, October 26-27-28 next.

## WIND AGAINST WELLMAN.

Twice Prepares to Fly to North Pole, but Puts Back.

Hammerfest, Norway, Aug. 20.—A dispatch from Walter Wellman's Arctic expedition camp at Spitzbergen dated August 14 says:

"A north gale which had been blowing on the 5th dropped on the 12th, and Mr. Wellman made ready to start in search of the North Pole. The balloon was inflated and provisioned, and the motors were working smoothly. On the 13th the wind was still variable, but Mr. Wellman decided to get the airship out of the house.

"The officers and crew of the Thalia assisted in swinging the airship, which was of fine appearance, out of the shed. The wind, however, again freshened and at 6 o'clock in the morning Mr. Wellman ordered the airship back into the shed to wait for more propitious weather."

## C. P. R. Discovers Fraud.

Montreal, Que., Aug. 20.—The legal department of the Canadian Pacific railway believes it has unearthed a huge conspiracy to mulct that and other corporations by means of false claims for damages for personal injury received in alleged accidents. The claimants are alleged to have a regular organization, with branches in Chicago, Toronto, Vancouver and other places, and to carry on a systematic scheme of fraud by means of false claims, false witnesses, etc. Three arrests have been made and others are promised.

## Yoakum is Optimistic.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Aug. 20.—B. F. Yoakum, chairman of the executive committee of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway, who is making a tour of the West to observe the crop and general business conditions, said today: "I find business conditions are good and improvement general all along the line. Cotton is in good shape. In some sections it needs rain. The corn crop has been hurt in this state in some sections, but there will be more corn than last year by reason of the increased acreage."

## Black Handshake Costly.

Cincinnati, O., Aug. 20.—The executive board of the Freeman's Aid society of the Methodist Episcopal church here has elected Rev. J. F. Deeking to be president of Rust university, at Holly Springs, Miss. The election was made necessary by the abrupt resignation of Dr. F. C. English, of Cincinnati, who said he had been threatened by a mob at Ethel, Miss., because he had shaken hands with a colored presiding elder.

## Ocean Falls After Quake.

Mexico City, Aug. 20.—A delayed dispatch from Acapulco says three severe earthquake shocks were felt there Monday. The ocean dropped far below the normal and along the entire shore line of the port the beach was exposed for a distance of 30 feet. The shocks are believed to have been those registered at the Washington observatory. The people of Acapulco are still living in the open, not having ventured to return to their homes.

## Quake Tale Exaggerated.

San Francisco, Aug. 20.—Passengers arriving from Mexican ports today on the Panama steamer Acapulco, the first vessel to bring news of the earthquake of July 29, 30 and 31, declare that the reports reaching this country by wire greatly overestimated the loss of life resulting from the disturbances. They declare that only two persons were killed outright at Acapulco, although hundreds had narrow escapes.

## Moors Cut Wires Again.

Madrid, Aug. 20.—Advices received here from Penon de la Gomera, on the coast of Morocco, says the Moors again have cut telegraph wires and isolated the Spanish garrison there. The bombardment at Penon de la Gomera is constant and there have been many casualties among the Moors. The Kabylis are mobilizing near Alhucemas preparatory to marching on Melilla.

## Wreck on Leper Island.

Honolulu, Aug. 20.—The steamer Nilhua went ashore early today on the coast of the Island of Molokai, and has been abandoned by her officers and crew. The vessel, which is of 600 tons burden, will probably prove a total loss. The steamer Claudine has gone to the scene of the wreck to attempt to float the Nilhua.

## HAPPENINGS GATHERED IN AND AROUND WASHINGTON, D. C.

### NEW LEPROSY CURE.

Philippine Quarantine Officer Uses X-Ray Successfully.

Washington, Aug. 21.—The X-ray as a cure for some cases of leprosy has been demonstrated by the American health authorities in the Philippines, according to Dr. Victor D. Heizer, quarantine officer in the islands.

Dr. Heizer, in a report to Surgeon General Wyman, of the public health and marine hospital service, says the X-ray is suitable only for specially selected cases, and is valuable apparently only in the earlier stages. San Lazro hospital, at Manila, is the first institution in the world to use the X-ray for leprosy treatment.

Official figures show that on March 31, 1909, there were 2,446 lepers in the Philippines, segregation having reduced by more than 1,000 the number of cases during the last two years. At the beginning of the American occupation, 11 years ago, there were nearly 4,000 lepers.

Americans perfected the establishment for lepers on the island of Culien in 1906. It is estimated that under the Spanish regime 700 new cases developed every year. At present the number of new cases averages 300 annually.

### Money Order Business Immense.

Washington, Aug. 18.—Money order transactions in the postoffices of the country have grown so in the last year or two that it now is necessary to maintain a force of about 750 accountants, bookkeepers, assurers and examiners in the office of the auditor of the department. There are 50,000 money order offices, from which 850,000 money order accounts annually are received by Auditor Chance. They are accompanied by 68,000,000 paid money orders, aggregating \$575,000,000. Postmasters are required to deposit surplus money order funds and about 2,500,000 certificates of deposit, aggregating \$550,000,000, also are received by the auditor for official record and inspection. The auditing of these vouchers and statements represents 140,000,000 separate transactions. Approximately 250,000 paid money orders, weighing 500 pounds, are received at the auditor's office each day. In the process of reassembling these vouchers numerically into states and offices of issue, every money order is handled seven times, or the equivalent of 1,750,000 each day. This work alone requires 165 expert sorters, all of whom are young women.

### No Information Obtainable.

Washington, Aug. 20.—The acuteness manifested itself here today more strikingly by the dead silence at the Interior department and the suppressed but all pervading atmosphere of enthusiasm at the forestry bureau. Assistant Secretary Pierce, who is back again and is acting secretary of the Interior department, does not care to discuss the charges of misadministration made against Secretary Ballinger by Chief Forester Pinchot. Acting Commissioner Swartz, of the general land office, has just the same aversion.

### Open Bids for Battleships.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Bids for the construction of the two battleships, Arkansas and Wyoming, authorized by the last congress, were opened at the Navy department today. These two battleships are to be among the most formidable fighting machines afloat. They will carry as heavy armor and as powerful armament as any known vessel of their class, will have a speed of 21 knots, which is believed to be the highest practicable for vessels of their type and class, and will have the highest practicable radius of action.

### John Barrett is Coming.

Washington, Aug. 18.—Director Barrett, of the international bureau of American republics, left here today to attend the Trans-Mississippi congress to be held this week at Denver. He will be joined there by General Carlos Garcia Velez, the Cuban minister to the United States. Afterward they will go to Seattle to attend the exposition, and they may make official visits to San Francisco and Portland at the request of the commercial bodies.

### Seven Get Honor Medals.

Washington, Aug. 20.—For gallant conduct while under fire of the enemy in the Philippines or in Cuba, five officers and two enlisted men yesterday were awarded medals of honor by the War department. Those thus honored were Major James Church and Major Paul Straub, of the Medical corps; Lieutenants George Shaw and Charles Beckman, Twenty-seventh infantry; Lieutenant Charles E. Kilbourne, Signal corps, and H. T. R. Quinn and Seth Ewald, privates.

### Wyoming Sheep Quarantined.

Washington, Aug. 17.—Owing to the presence of an infectious disease, known as lip and leg disease, or necrobacillosis of sheep, the secretary of agriculture has ordered a quarantine, effective August 12, on the counties of Fremont, Natrona, Converse, Weston, Crooks, Sheridan, Johnson and Big Horn, in the state of Wyoming.

### Slight Quake Recorded.

Washington, Aug. 20.—The seismograph at the weather bureau in this city recorded a slight tremor of the earth at 2:22 o'clock this afternoon, but in the opinion of the observers this disturbance did not assume the proportion of an earthquake.

### WANT MORE BATTLESHIPS.

United States to Lead World With Battleships of Great Power.

Washington, Aug. 19.—Congress may be asked next winter to provide for two 30,000-ton battleships, each with 12 14-inch guns, and each costing \$12,000,000. It is stated that such a program has been pretty carefully studied out.

After considerable preliminary work, the first 14-inch gun has been constructed at the Midvale works, and is shortly to be tested at the naval proving grounds at Indian Head. If it is deemed desirable to have guns of 14-inch caliber, it will immediately become a question whether there shall be 10 or 12 of such guns on each battleship. The proposition of two years ago, during the Newport conference, was to have 10 14-inch guns instead of 12 12-inch guns, the former caliber to have a relatively diminished velocity.

It was finally decided, however, that when the 14-inch gun was developed it should be of a hitting power commensurate with the increase of caliber compared with the 12-inch gun. There is an inclination also to adhere to 12-inch guns in the battleship battery, and it is possible that with the adoption of the 14-inch gun there will be 12 instead of 10 of those rifles, in which event the next battleships to be authorized will be of at least 30,000 tons displacement, and estimated to cost approximately \$12,000,000 each.

It is likely such a battleship will have the same speed and endurance as the 26,000-ton battleships now building. Much may depend in the determination of this question upon the plans adopted by European navies.

### PROBE ALASKA COAL LAND.

Hearings Soon in Seattle and Other Cities on Alleged Frauds.

Washington, Aug. 17.—Much interest was manifested here today by Interior department officials in reports from Denver that a hearing in Seattle, Wash., next month, will disclose proof of gigantic frauds in connection with coal lands in Alaska. They declined, in the absence of Secretary Ballinger and General Land Commissioner Denet, to discuss the nature of the report.

It is learned that upwards of 700 entries on coal lands in Alaska, involving about 112,000 acres containing valuable veins, have been suspended by the department during the last three years. Estimating that these entries are worth at least \$2,000 per acre on a basis of 1 cent per ton, these coal lands would be worth \$200,000,000.

Hearings will be held in other cities in the West in addition to Seattle, but just what ones was not disclosed.

### Tieton Land to Be Opened.

Washington, Aug. 19.—The acting secretary of the interior vacated the former order of withdrawal under the reclamation act in connection with the Yakima (Tieton) project, Washington, today and restored to the public domain where not otherwise withdrawn, reserved or appropriated, about 33,000 acres of land in the North Yakima district, the same to become subject to settlement on and after November 9, and to entry December 9.

### Coal Output Less.

Washington, Aug. 21.—The effect of the national depression beginning in 1907 and continuing in 1908 was the most powerful factor in the marked decline in the production of coal in the United States in 1908, according to statistics compiled by the geological survey. The total production in 1908 was 415,842,698 short tons, having a spot value of \$532,314,117.

### General Townsend Dead.

Washington, Aug. 20.—Brigadier General Edwin F. Townsend, U. S. A., retired, is dead here as the result of apoplexy. He was born in New York in 1833 and graduated from West Point in 1852 in the same class with Generals Hood, McPherson and Howard. During the Civil war he was promoted to be major for gallantry.

### Philippine Bonds Sold.

Washington, Aug. 21.—Bids were opened at the bureau of insular affairs today for \$1,500,000 4 per cent, 10 to 30-year Philippine public works and improvement bonds. This issue is the balance unsold of the \$5,000,000 authorized by the acts of congress, last amended February 6, 1905.

### Taft Appoints McConnell.

Washington, Aug. 17.—By direction of President Taft, ex-Governor J. W. McConnell, of Idaho, has been appointed to an important position in connection with the land fraud investigations in Idaho. The position pays \$2,500 a year and is permanent. Ex-Governor McConnell is the father-in-law of Senator Borah, of Idaho.

### New Marshal for Arizona.

Beverly, Mass., Aug. 17.—The president today appointed Charles A. Overlock, of Arizona, as United States marshal for that territory. The retirement of B. F. Daniels, who has served as marshal the last few years, marks the passing from office of another of Mr. Roosevelt's Rough Riders.

### State Department Pleased.

Washington, Aug. 20.—The news from Pekin that Americans would participate in the Hankow railway loan was received here with intense satisfaction, it being a victory for the State department.

## BAKER'S CRATER ACTIVE.

Vapor May Be Seen Rising From the Mountain at Times.

Bellingham, Wash., Aug. 18.—Stories of smoke seen arising from Mount Baker's snow-crowned dome following the earthquake in this territory last winter do not appear so far-fetched, following the investigations made by the Mazamas of vents in the crater of the huge extinct volcano. Secretary John A. Lee, who returned to this city today, declares that at a favorable hour in the early morning he has no doubt but that the vapor could easily be seen from this city, 50 miles away, with a good pair of field glasses.

The "vents" in the crater appeared especially active this year to some of the Mazamas. Secretary Lee, however, who ascended the mountain in 1900 and again in 1906, concludes that on the whole there is not any increase in the activity of sulphurous gases blowing out of the so-called "vents." "The actual crater of the mountain," said Mr. Lee, "is that portion lying between the secondary peak and the main peak. It is easy to see that the peaks originally constituted the north and south sides of the crater rim. The easterly and westerly sides have been broken and crumbled away by the action of weather, thus leaving the valley or so-called 'saddle' between in between."

"One of the active vents is situated at the easterly end of this depression, and the other at the westerly end. The east vent is apparently by far the most active, the westerly one consisting at this time merely of cracks and fissures in the snow and ice through which the vapors escape. The west vent, however, consists of a hole extending down into the snow to the porous rocks beneath. It is perhaps 20 to 30 feet in diameter. The vapor puffs out intermittently, rising up in dense clouds, and the snow is crusted with sulphur deposits. I am inclined to believe that most of the visible vapor is merely steam arising from the overheated rocks, though the gases sometimes are almost overpowering."

## RULE VANDERBILT LINES.

Wizard of Wall Street Has Option on Control of System.

New York, Aug. 18.—The elimination of the Vanderbilts from New York Central lines and the complete ascendancy of Edward H. Harriman in the control of more than 12,000 miles of railroad comprised in that system is declared to be the next important move in the railway world.

It is reported on what seems to be good authority that the Harriman backers have secured an option on the greater portion, if not all, of the Vanderbilt holdings and will soon close a deal in the interest of the "Napoleon" of the railway world. The option which has been obtained, it is stated, is on \$50,000,000 worth of New York Central stock, which is to be purchased for Mr. Harriman at \$150 a share.

The last report of the Union Pacific road shows that it has in its treasury \$14,000,000 worth of New York Central securities and it is generally believed that Mr. Harriman and a few of his friends have large personal holdings of New York Central securities.

The total capitalization of the New York Central is \$178,632,000 and it is understood that the option, if exercised, will give Mr. Harriman and his friends absolute control of the company. This carries with it the control of the West Shore and practical control, though not by stock ownership, of all roads in the New York Central lines system.

## Swedish Strike Dwindles.

Stockholm, Aug. 18.—The police today prohibited a great demonstration arranged by the strikers. The attempt to force the agricultural workers to strike and to refuse to harvest the crop has proved a failure. Hotel proprietors are appealing to the military governor of the city for permission to supply liquors to guests who take substantial meals in their places, on the ground that the prohibition against such service is seriously affecting their tourist trade. All the newspapers are now appearing as usual.

## Ship Needed at Inquiry.

Vallejo, Cal., Aug. 18.—The Navy department having failed to issue orders temporarily detaching from the cruiser South Dakota Lieutenant Commander H. O. Stickney and Lieutenant J. O. Fisher, who are members of the board of inquiry into charges of alleged inefficiency against Edward Kavanaugh, it is expected the South Dakota, on her return to Seattle, will be ordered to return to Mare Island to complete the inquiry.

## Bogus Cash Made Abroad.

Philadelphia, Aug. 18.—With the arrest of Giuseppe Spica, of New York, secret service operators believe they have unearthed an unusual counterfeiting plot. Spica is alleged to be in league with a band of counterfeiters who have their plant in Italy, manufacturing American silver certificates. He was held today under \$2,000 bail for the September grand jury.

## Nebraska Records Broken.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 18.—All local hot weather records for this year were broken yesterday, when the weather bureau reported a temperature of 103. Suffering has been intense. There have been no rains in this section for two weeks and reports from the country are that the corn crop has already been seriously damaged.

## WITHERING BLAST HITS SOUTHWEST

Hot Wave Strikes Down Hosts and Kills Ten.

Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma in Stricken District—Corn Shriveled Up and Much Vegetation Killed—Official Records Give Temperature as High as 110.

Kansas City, Aug. 17.—Unusually intense heat, officially recorded by the government weather bureau as high as 110 degrees, caused at least ten deaths, numerous prostrations and much damage yesterday in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma. Throughout the Southwest the day was the most trying since the devastating drought of 1901. As the withering winds swept across the plains much vegetation fell.

In this city the heat continued and prostrated a score, some of whom are in a dangerous condition. The Union depot was like an oven. Babies became seriously ill and medical attention was needed before their mothers could resume their journeys. The distress of a party of immigrants was great.

The likelihood of an ice famine added to the gravity of the situation here. Dealers reported that the factories were running night and day, but that the demand had exceeded the supply. Most of the dealers refused to deliver more than 25 pounds to any residence, and feared they would have to cut this quota down.

At Wellington, Kan., the official temperature was 106. Corn was suffering greatly in that district. The day was the hottest Topeka has had for eight years, 102 degrees being officially recorded. Two prostrations resulted there.

## QUAKE FELLS MOUNTAIN.

Thousands of Buildings Destroyed and Great Property Loss.

Tokio, Aug. 17.—Reports received today concerning the earthquake in Central Japan Saturday, show there were many fatalities and great damage was done to property. The dead at present are said to number 30, though it is feared further fatalities will be reported from the outlying districts.

The number of persons injured is 82. Thus far 362 buildings, including many temples, are reported to have been destroyed and more than 1,000 others badly damaged.

The town of Asaku, in Gifu, suffered terribly. The banks of the Hida river broke and the country is inundated. The people of the district fled to high ground and remained in the open all night. Intermittent shocks were felt throughout Saturday night and early Sunday morning.

The mountain Ibuki, a short distance west of Gifu, collapsed with a thunderous roar. Slight damage was done at Nagoya, to the southward of Gifu, and neighboring villages.

## CANADA CAN FEED BRITAIN.

Grain Crop of Dominion is Reported Greatest in History.

Winnipeg, Aug. 17.—From all points in Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia the unanimity of opinion points to the anticipatory result of this year's harvest as being the greatest in the history of the Canadian West. In some places, such as Southern Alberta, the phenomenal growth makes it hard for the people to conceive such prospects. Farmers are now busy gathering the hay crop, which is a heavy one. The grain harvest will be general during the latter part of the present month.

The statement is made on good authority that the completed Grand Trunk Pacific railway from Winnipeg to Edmonton is tributary to wheat lands capable of feeding the whole people of Great Britain and Ireland in case of need.

## Spanish Turn on Moors.

Madrid, Aug. 17.—Fighting between the Moors and Spaniards was resumed today at Melilla. After a disastrous week for the forces under General Marina, during which the Moors have kept the garrison of 38,000 men closely hugging the walls of the city while they poured shot into the fortifications from the mountainside, Marina moved aggressively against the tribesmen today. The long expected munitions arrived several days ago and in spite of the attempts of the Moors a number of French field guns have reached Marina.

## Yuma Flooded by Rain.

Yuma, Ariz., Aug. 17.—The most disastrous rain storm experienced in this vicinity since the great flood of 1891, when the downtown part of the city was washed away and hundreds of people rendered homeless, broke over Yuma today. The adobe houses of the poorer classes crumbled like sugar. Dozens of families were compelled to move out, wading waist deep in the water, which poured over window sills.

## Big Sperm Whale Taken.

Victoria, Aug. 17.—The steamer Tees, which arrived from the west coast of Vancouver island this afternoon, brought news that a sperm whale, the first taken since last year, was caught by the Kuyooquot whalers last week, and 58 barrels of oil taken from the whale.