

SCIENTISTS WILL OBSERVE ECLIPSE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—(United News.)—Secrets of the earth's relation to the sun may be solved within the next few days in the mountain wilds of the island of Sumatra.

This is the hope of scientists here who are anxiously awaiting word from the American expedition sent out to the tropical island to observe the total eclipse of the sun visible there on January 14.

What is the relation between sun spot cycles and the sun's corona? What effects, if any, have these changing phenomena upon the earth? These are questions which observation may answer. An important clue may be brought to light in Sumatra this week. On the other hand, the Sumatra expedition may bring back only a fragment of information, which must be pieced together with other scraps of knowledge in the long search for an answer.

The American expedition includes three representatives of the naval observatory here, Prof. F. B. Lill, and assistants Pete and Rainsford, and Prof. Anderson of Mount Wilson observatory. They left this country on August 30 and were last heard from November 19, when they reported that they had set up their instruments in the mountains of Sumatra. They will break camp shortly after the eclipse but won't arrive back in the United States until early in April.

All this for three minutes of observation. For these three minutes they carried hundreds of pounds of equipment half way around the world. But three minutes is a long time for a duration of totality—longer than last year—and during this time their cameras, one of which has a lens diameter of seven and one-half inches and a focal length of 65 feet, may reveal a scientific truth.

MEXICAN FLOODS ENTAIL BIG LOSS

2000 Lose Lives and One Rail Line Suffered \$250,000 Loss

NOGALES, Ariz., Jan. 12.—(United News.)—More than 2000 persons lost their lives in the recent flood in the Acaponeta, San Pedro and Santiago river valleys in the state of Nayarit, Mexico, according to word brought here by H. B. Titcomb, president of the Southern Pacific railroad of Mexico.

Titcomb, just returning from a trip to the stricken zone, declared that there is considerable suffering in the Tuxpan district, where 14 inches of water fell in three days, completely wiping out whole villages.

Approximately \$250,000 damage was caused to his road alone, Titcomb said.

Minor Baseball Magnates Gather

CATALINA ISLAND, Cal., Jan. 12.—(United News.)—Owners, managers and players representing 125 baseball clubs from all parts of the country arrived here Tuesday for the 24th annual meeting of the national association of minor leagues.

The baseball men spent most of the afternoon in swimming, golfing and sightseeing as little business was scheduled on the night's program.

Various committees met in hotel suites after an elaborate entertainment in their honor by the islanders.

The condition of minor league baseball clubs was never better in the history of the game, an opening report by the league officials stated.

A new ruling expected to be put into effect will make it necessary for all purchases of players by minor league clubs to be handled through the office of the association.

CONFIDENCE FAILS

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Hopes of anthracite producers, workers and consumers for an early settlement of the hard coal strike apparently have been blasted with the adjournment of the conference of the operators and miners here Tuesday.

Caustic and uncompromising statements from both sides, each of whom blamed the other for failure of negotiations, indicated that any agreement in the near future must be brought about only through the intervention of some third party.



Frank Farmer, Pride of Tacoma

Here is a tough old bird who is no stranger to rabid Klamath fight fans. Farmer meets Sugar Willie Keeler of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, at the Scandia Hall on Tuesday night, Jan. 19. This is the third meeting for these two rugged lads, each having won a previous fight by the decision route.

KEELER WINNING KLAMATH FRIENDS

Klamath fans are the same as those the world over, and that is the only explanation for the increasing number of supporters who are being won over to the banner of Willie Keeler, Idaho heavyweight, who will battle Frank Farmer in the 10-round main event at Scandia hall a week from tonight. Farmer on the last card was a big favorite, but Keeler, for some reason or other, is gaining new friends daily, and it is expected he will be just as popular as the veteran Tacoma logger when these two big boys crawl through the ropes.

In his workouts at Scandia hall at 2:30 each afternoon, Keeler makes a big hit with his sparring partners. He teaches the game and at the same time is careful not to hurt them.

Farmer, a veteran, forgets at times and some of the boys have been pretty badly cut by the Tacoma man, although he does not do so purposely. Dr. Leonard worked out with Farmer the other day and came away from the workout with a discolored optic, a cut lip and a nose which had lost considerable claret.

Jack Crim is out after a knock-out in his battle with Wilbur Harrington, who holds a decision over him. The matchmaker has promised Crim a bout with Kid Starkey if he scores a decisive win over Harrington, so Jack is going out to get the Klamath Indian's scalp.

Joe Walters and Jim O'Dowd both of whom can hit like mules, are scheduled to go four rounds in the special event, but the dopsters are predicting this bout won't last over two rounds. It looks like an almost certain knockout, either boy apt to land the decisive punch. A four-round preliminary will wind up the card of 24 rounds.

Keeler works out at 2:30 each afternoon and Farmer at 6:30 each evening. The public is invited to these workouts.

GETS APPOINTMENT

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12.—Philip S. Teller, of Alameda, prominent in political and commercial affairs of the state for many years has been nominated by President Coolidge as a member of the United States shipping board. He is slated to succeed Meyer Lissner, resigned.

Teller is 62 years old. At present he is in Washington. Until he retired from active business two years ago, he was head of Norton, Teller, and company, wholesale dealers in dairy products.

KEELER TO BOX

Sugar Willie Keeler of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, a mountain of a man, who makes a living by smacking flat opponents for a loop, has consented as a special feature to box a few fast rounds with one or two of his more rugged sparring partners, following the regular meeting of the Elks lodge on Thursday night, January 14th.

MAY REVIEW CASE OF E. L. ELLIOTT

With Marshall Orr, a member of the grand jury which indicted District Attorney E. L. Elliott on charges of malfeasance in office, dead, and a pending recommendation of State Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle that the case be resubmitted to the inquisitorial body, new complexities arose in the Elliott case yesterday. It is claimed the indictment is faulty.

Legal authorities hold that any indictment the present grand jury would draw would be equally as faulty in the law as the first indictment. And if the case goes back to the grand jury that it will be necessary to have a new jury probe the entire matter because a newly appointed member of the old grand jury could not have heard the case.

It is said that Elliott wants the case to come to trial as soon as possible and that he has not been the one to halt the proceedings.

Attorney Caleb Jones has been appointed special prosecutor in the case by the circuit judge and he resents the intrusion of the state attorney general into the case. On the other hand the attorney general's office objects to the appointment of Jones on the ground

that the appointment was made after an affidavit of prejudice had been filed by Elliott against Circuit Judge Leavitt.

The whole matter will be threshed out here when Judge Kelly sits as a visiting judge in the Klamath circuit court next Monday.

ROUGH RIDING PRINCE INVENTS SHIEK COAT

LONDON, Jan. 12.—The prince of Wales appeared in public Monday wearing a bright green leather overcoat with a fur collar.

The royal innovation created a sensation among London's male flappers and is likely to create a new winter fashion.

Wales never yet has failed to make his sartorial idiosyncrasies popular.

PERISH IN BLIZZARD

BAYARD, Neb., Jan. 12.—Sunday a large posse of men from this barren section of Nebraska will renew the search for the bodies of J. E. Shea, traveling salesman, and Miss Gladys Dunbar, his companion, believed to have perished in a snow blizzard north of here December 13.

The posse of 30 men who have conducted a five day search in the hilly country, where Shea's abandoned automobile was found, returned tonight without any trace of the couple.

EMPLOYEES GET BANK DIVIDENDS

Bank of Italy Turns Loose \$1,380,000 Worth of Stock As Gift

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12.—(United News.)—A profit sharing plan of the bank of Italy has resulted in more than \$1,380,000 worth of its stock being turned over to employees of the company.

In making this announcement Tuesday, officials of the bank said that in forming the fund with which the stock was purchased, the bank of Italy contributed \$900,000 of its profits for 1925. The balance came from salaries of employees.

Every employee of the bank in its state wide organization, from the president down, is a member of the stock club. The plan, launched



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