

OFF FOR THE ARCTIC.

WHALERS' RELIEF EXPEDITION RUSHING NORTH.

Officers Bid Their Friends Adieu and Commence Their Journey to Port Barrow—Vessel Men Alarmed by Low State of Water in Lake Superior.

Plunge Towards the Pole.

The latest letter from Lt. Michael Alcock, leader of the whalers, tells of the arrival there of Lieut. Jarvis and Dr. A. J. Call of the relief expedition to the ice-bound whaler at Point Barrow. The writer says: "Lieut. Jarvis and Dr. Call are the vanguard of the overland relief expedition from the outer Bear. The Bear on the 13th of December was in North sound, about eighty miles east of this point, where there ran into shoal and ice. Fearing of going further north, Captain Jarvis, with soundings, shot on the 16th of December, dropped anchor off Cape Vancouver at the mouth of the Kuskokwim river. On the 17th the overland expedition left Cape Vancouver on their long journey by dog team to the most northerly point on the American continent. On the 2d Lieut. Jarvis and Dr. Call parted company with the others to push forward as rapidly as possible to Cape Prince of Wales and arrived here the 18th. While the whalers were at anchor, as it was light enough to trace the trail of the new year, amidst the unceasing howling of a score of Malamoot dogs, the two brave fellows shook hands quietly with friends who had gathered to bid them godspeed, and, giving the word to their dogs, they again took up their journey to the north.

MURDER IN MONTREAL.

Dennis Clifford, a Wealthy Citizen Found Dead on Balcony.

Dennis Clifford, a well-known wealthy citizen of Montreal, has been found, yesterday, O'Meara, for many years one of the brightest young athletes in Eastern Canada, and for several seasons the cover point of the Shamrock Lacrosse Club, is charged with the crime. Clifford owned the store occupied by Mrs. O'Hare O'Meara's sister, and the stock was seized for rent. Fearing that the bailiffs might allow the goods to be removed, Clifford decided to take his life. At a late hour O'Meara was heard talking to him, and shortly afterward Clifford was found on the balcony of his house dead. Clifford had lived there fifty years, and his holdings are said to be worth about \$1,000,000, though he lived as would a man working for a day.

VESSEL OWNERS ALARMED.

Low Depth of Water in Lake Superior Hurts Transportation Interests. There is a deficiency of thirty inches in depth of water in Lake Superior this spring, and vessel owners are much alarmed over the situation. The steamer Moore docks and grain elevators at West Superior, Wisc., are obliged to leave with their cargoes thousands of bushels short which at present rates is a direct loss to transportation interests. The cause of the low stage of water is uncertain, as Lake Huron is high, and vessel men renew talk of a subterranean passage connecting Lakes Huron and Superior which drains the upper lake.

Section Hand Dies a Hero.

Grant Henning, a railroad section hand of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway, was killed near Sedgwick, Kan. While working on the line he was thrown away from the track on the approach of a fast passenger train. As the train approached he saw a heavy lifting jack which had been left lying across a rail. He sprang forward and threw it aside, but before he could jump backward the flat frame struck him, crushing his skull.

Whitely Plants Consolidate.

It was given out at Springfield, O., that the last deal connected with the Whitely plants has been closed in the purchase of the Whitely Malleable Iron Company's plant by members of the new Whitely Manufacturing Company, which will control the three shops recently purchased, viz.: Amos Whitely & Co., Wm. Whitely & Co., and Whitely Malleable Iron Company.

Victims of a Tennessee Fend.

Near McGehee Station, Tenn., John McGehee, a lawyer, and his son, Amos, and Henry and Ernest Howard and James Murrard and mortally wounded. Tom Howard, the Howards were brothers and sons-in-law of McGehee. The killing was the result of a family feud. The McGehees are prominent people and highly connected.

Spain Sends Troops.

A dispatch to the London Daily Telegraph from Gibraltar says the Spanish cruiser Cristobal Colon and Infant Marie Teresa have left Cadiz for a destination undivulged, with six battalions each 1,000 strong. Additional troops, the dispatch asserts, will leave Cadiz by the mail steamers during the next few days for Cuba.

Fires Causes Heavy Loss.

The most serious fire in the history of Mannington, the capital of the Marion County, W. Va., oil field, started in a new Commercial Hotel. The flames were beyond control when discovered. The building, valued at \$6,000, burned like tinder, and the fire soon spread in all directions. The total loss was about \$50,000.

Kills a Woman and Himself.

At St. Louis, while intoxicated, John Cola shot and killed Mrs. Henry Carter, and then killed himself with the same weapon.

Dr. Briggs Quits the Church.

It is believed that the last chapter in the famous Dr. Briggs case has now been concluded. At a meeting of the New York presbytery a letter from Dr. Briggs was read, withdrawing from the Presbyterian Church. The resignation was accepted.

Fast Train's Fatal Work.

At Kenton, Ohio, a Toledo and Ohio Central fast train ran into the carriage of Michael McCann, killed his wife and daughter and the horse and fatally injured McCann.

Three Crime in Alabama.

Walter Donelson was murdered in his store at Highland Park, Ala., and the store burned over his body. He lived alone, and, it is said, he had been hoarding money. This was generally believed. Legs, arms and head were completely burned, leaving only the trunk to identify the remains.

Murder Their Jailer.

Four prisoners confined in the Maryville, Kan., jail for burglary murdered the jailor, B. J. Batterson, and made their escape. The inmates arriving in Lincoln confirm the stories, say that the desperadoes stole four horses and rode to the north. A posse started in pursuit.

George Gould Gives \$15,000.

George Gould, president of the Missouri Pacific Railway Company, visited the Omaha exposition and was highly pleased with the progress made in construction work and the apparent magnitude of the undertaking that he donated \$15,000 to the enterprise.

Get Tidings from Andree.

Jack Carr, a former United States mail carrier, has arrived at Department Bay, B. C., from St. Michaels via Dawson with Andree, the balloonist. No details were given beyond the fact that Carr had advised from Andree.

SPAIN FACES MORE TROUBLE.

Rebellion Breaks Out Again in the Philippines.

The rebellion in the Philippines Islands has broken out as serious as ever. War is raging on the Island of Luzon and is rapidly assuming the proportions of the rebellion of 1896-97. Attacks were made upon the Spanish garrisons at Manila and Apalit, and the rebels succeeded in capturing and carrying off large quantities of arms and ammunition. The whole of the northern provinces are affected. The natives refuse to pay taxes. Many of the rich natives and half-castes are closing their business places and are preparing to leave the islands. Two members of the civil guard were murdered in Manila. The rebels and the Spanish are in open revolt. News has just reached Manila that the telegraph line connecting the cable with Manila have been destroyed by the rebels near Bolinao.

ONE MURDER CAUSES FIVE DEATHS.

Dr. Andrew J. Martin of Wilmington, Ohio, Martin himself in a Bar.

Dr. Andrew J. Martin, one of the wealthiest and best-known men of Wilmington, Ohio, committed suicide by hanging. He was the father of John C. Martin, who has been on trial for six weeks for his life for the shooting of George McMillan last October. The father brooded over the tragedy and the incarceration of his son in jail, and hanged himself.

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