

# MINERS FACE FAMINE.

## PROVISIONS SCARCE IN KOTZEBUE SOUND DISTRICT.

Gold, also, seems scarce, as only \$15.00 is reported for this season's work—St. Louis. Miners have 115 feet into the Mississippi.

### Starvation Confronts Them.

A letter received at Port Townsend, Wash., announces the arrival at Kotzebue of the steam schooner Elk, which sailed from Port Townsend with a party of prospectors for the month of the McKenna river. The Elk made the run from Dutch harbor to Kotzebue sound in seven days. The letter states that there are more than 500 people on the sound, and that almost no provisions are scarce. The schooner had two years' supplies for fifteen men, for which a handsome figure was offered. Parties have commenced prospecting in the mountains and along the various streams emptying into Kotzebue sound. Many who are short of supplies are making preparations to return south. The only gold reported from the vicinity of Kotzebue sound this season is about \$15,000, which was in possession of three men who had arrived at Dutch harbor just before the sailing of the Elk. They had exhausted their supply of provisions and came to Dutch harbor in the hope of replenishing their stock. They refused to give the exact location of where they have been working.

### DIVING FEAT AT ST. LOUIS.

During the summer of 1896, the result of a diver Miles McDonald, a teamster, diver from the top of Eads bridge at St. Louis into the Mississippi and came out unharmed and triumphant. McDonald, who was a strong swimmer, was the first to dive from the bridge and made the assertion that he could dive as successfully as his brother. A wager followed and he performed the feat. The distance from the top of the bridge to the water was about twenty-five feet deep. He was picked up by a skiff near the shore for the experience.

### Columb's Stand for Dignity.

The legal representative of the Colombian Government called on the Secretary of State at Washington for the purpose of making arrangements in connection with the final settlement of the claim of Italy against Colombia. It is represented by the Colombian Government that the award was made by President Cleveland as arbitrator there was no provision as to the method of settlement, and the proposition of the Colombian Government is that this question be referred to the United States as arbitrator. It is the desire of Colombia that this matter be settled in a manner to preserve the dignity of the republic.

### National League Standing.

Following is the standing of the clubs in the National Baseball League:

W. L.	W. L.
Cincinnati . . . 35 Pittsburgh . . . 50	48
Boston . . . 35 Philadelphia . . . 45	50
Baltimore . . . 37 Brooklyn . . . 37	60
Chicago . . . 39 St. Louis . . . 38	62
New York . . . 43 Washington . . . 61	62
Chicago . . . 55 St. Louis . . . 20	71

### Following is the standing of the clubs in the Western League:

W. L.	W. L.
Kansas City . . . 40 Columbus . . . 54	42
Indianapolis . . . 41 Detroit . . . 39	62
Midwaukee . . . 42 St. Joseph . . . 36	63
St. Paul . . . 59 45 Minneapolis . . . 34	73

### Town Wiped Out by Flood.

The entire business portion of Wheatland, Colo., was destroyed by fire. Only one small grocery store was left standing, and there were 5,000 people, including transient hop-pickers, to feed. The floating population being driven out and began plundering the town. A large force of deputy sheriffs was sworn in from among the citizens to protect the property.

### Twenty Tennesseans Perish.

Death to twenty persons and devastation to 100 farms is the story in brief of the cloudburst in Tennessee. The flood along Beech creek. For several weeks east Tennessee has been flooded by heavy rainfalls, and the cloudburst was therefore a surprise. The torrent of water came with such force as to sweep away everything in its path.

### Declares War on Settlers.

A posse of Federal officers has gone to Woodward County, O. T., to prevent trouble between cattlemen and settlers. The cattlemen are trying to drive out the homestead settlers, have destroyed their fences and crops, burned their buildings and threatened their lives, and serious trouble is apprehended, as both sides are arming.

### Accident to Air Mail.

Prof. Litchfield, biologist, may lose his life as the result of a mishap at his ascension at Clarendon, N. Y. After a successful ascent his parachute landed in the lake near Plattsburgh and Litchfield's head struck the rail of a rowing boat. He was badly injured but his recovery is doubtful.

### Seven Killed in a Wreck in France.

The night train on the railway to Lissieux, thirty-four miles east of Caen, was derailed near Breville, France. Seven persons were killed and forty-one injured.

### Governor for Newfoundland.

It is announced that Sir Robert Macaulay, Governor of Lagos, west Africa, will succeed Sir Herbert Murray as Governor of Newfoundland.

### Canadian Machine Works Burned.

The works of the Jenkens Machine Company, the largest industry of the kind in Canada, were burned at Sherbrooke, Que. The fire is supposed to have originated in the forges of the Rand Drill Company. The estimated loss is \$225,000, probably covered by insurance.

### Terrific Tornado in South Dakota.

A destructive tornado about five miles west of Gary, S. D., at a place called Mott's Landing, caused the loss of eight lives and injured many besides, doing great damage to property.

### Thieves Lay a Princess.

From St. Petersburg it is reported that a band of thieves entered the residence of Princess Chukofsky, near Simferopol, capital of the Government of Taurida, in the Crimea, foully murdered the princess and two lady companions, strangled them in their sleep, and after pillaging the house of valuables, decamped.

### Madam Demarest Dead.

Mrs. Demarest, vice-president of the board of Temple trustees and one of the leading W. C. T. U. women in the country, died at her home in New York City. She deceased was a personal friend of Frances B. Willard and was the founder of the Demarest medal contests.

### Big Gold Nugget Found.

Advices from Kilmorie, West Australia, say thousands of people are rushing to the vicinity of Lake Wynne, close to Kanowna, where a nugget of gold weighing ninety pounds was recently discovered. The excitement in the mining districts is reported to be intense.

### Negro Lynched in Mississippi.

Mallock Walker, a negro, was taken from the jail at Corinth, Miss., and hanged by a masked mob of 250 men. He had snatched and robbed Charles D. Dill, who is dying. The negro confessed to the crime and implicated two others.

## VANDERBILT LINES UNITE.

Entire System Will Be Combined Into Two Main Divisions.

At a meeting of the presidents and traffic officers of the Vanderbilt lines, held at the Grand Central depot, New York, it has been agreed to consolidate all the various fast freight lines operating over the different segments of the Vanderbilt lines, the one to be composed of the lines operating over the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad and its connections, and the other of those running over the West Shore Railroad and its connections. The former line will embrace the present Red, White, Midland, Blue and Canada Southern lines; the latter the North Shore, White, West Shore and Nickel Plate lines. A clearing house will be established at Buffalo to audit all accounts and claims for both lines. As fast as practicable all line agencies west of Chicago and St. Louis will be consolidated.

### LIGHT ON A MURDER MYSTERY.

Wife of J. T. Orr of Tennessee Accused of Killing Negro to Kill Him.

J. T. Orr, a prominent hardware merchant of Clarendon, Tenn., was shot through the window of his home. The search for the guilty parties was fruitless until the other day, when the sheriff heard that Mrs. Orr had confessed to the crime. It was charged that she hired a negro named Dennis Reed to kill Mr. Orr. A negro named Manse Castle, however, volunteered to do the work for the same amount, so it was stated. Record, Castle and Mrs. Orr were immediately placed under arrest. Later Castle said he had killed Orr, and charged that Mrs. Orr had hired him to do the deed. A life was insured for \$5,000 in the Knights of Pythias and the Maccabees. His wife is the beneficiary.

### RIOTS IN CHINA.

Many Christians Killed and Missions Destroyed.

Advices from the Orient say that all Corea is excited by the German consul, Krin, slapping the minister of foreign affairs, Kim Whan, in the face with his ungloved hand and punching him in the chest. Corea demands quick vengeance. There are widespread riots in Se Chuen, and a strong anti-foreign tendency. All the English, French and American missions were attacked and many Christians were killed. A priest, Pere Frey, was carried into captivity by the brigands, Su Manu. The French mission offers \$10,000 for his ransom. The Protestant and Roman Catholic missions were destroyed by the rebels in the towns of Pellen and Lerschahn.

### BLOW AT THE PAPER TRUST.

Independent Mill to Be Built by Publishers of Big Newspapers.

A general movement is developing among the newspapers of the country toward the building of independent paper mills to be operated directly by the newspapers. One Chicago paper has sent a map into northern Minnesota to look into paper mill possibilities in that vicinity, and other Chicago papers are supplied from such a mill. It is one built. The Chicago Saturday Blade is also working along the same line, while the World of New York is on the point of starting a \$2,000,000 plant in Maine.

### Alaskan Immigration Restrictive.

The United States Government recognizes the gravity of the situation at St. Michael's, Alaska, where thousands of prospectors have been landed by the transportation companies, and has taken steps to remedy it. These men are unable to get up the river, few have supplies to last them throughout the winter and from present indications they will be subjects for the bounty of Uncle Sam. In this emergency Gen. Merriam has issued an order prohibiting the landing of more men at the Alaskan port unless they have food sufficient to last them a year. The order is as follows: "Vancouver, B. 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