

ECLIPSE WAS SUPERB.

Ideal Weather in Many Places For Seeing Sun Darkened.—Astronomers Made Happy.

Reldom has a total eclipse of the sun occurred under better conditions for observation than the one which was visible Monday in parts of North America, Europe and Africa.

Clear and beautiful weather prevailed throughout almost the entire belt of totality. This not only afforded the astronomers ideal conditions for making scientific observations, but heightened the effect of the wonderful spectacle on the millions of persons who gazed at it merely as a sublime phenomena of nature.

Astronomical parties were scattered thickly throughout the totality belt, which began in the Pacific Ocean just west of Mexico and extended through Mexico, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia, thence crossing the ocean to Portugal, Spain, Algeria and traversing Northern Africa to the Red Sea, where it ended. The belt was 35 miles wide.

The United States Government had three stations for observing the eclipse in this country. These were at Pinehurst, N. C., where the station was in charge of Prof. Aaron N. Skinner; at Barneville, Ga., in charge of Prof. Milton Udegraff; and at Griffin, Ga., in charge of Prof. Stimson J. Brown.

Remarkably successful results were achieved. The conditions at Pinehurst were particularly favorable, though hopes for observations of the periodicity of shadow bands could not be taken.

At Barneville the corona flashed out in double fan-like form of great beauty. Several solar prominences were distinctly observed.

The United States Government also had a station in Tripoli, Northern Africa, where excellent results were obtained. At Algiers a weird effect was produced. The color of the sea was changed from deep blue to gray and the trees became purple.

Crowds of sightseers went to Norfolk, Va., for the great spectacle. Among them was President McKinley, who made the trip from Washington on the dispatch boat Dolphin.

The temperature fell, and at the period of totality there was a drop of 1 1/2 degrees. The corona, with the planets Mercury and Venus shining near, was seen to great advantage.

As the sun was darkened a weird effect was produced at many places. This led to some scenes of excitement, colored people in the South being especially affected.

A Destructive Fire. Wiped Out Valuable Business Property in Apalachicola, Fla. (Special).—A disastrous fire broke out in the residence of Mrs. Broughton. It spread to the Methodist Church and from there to the business portion of the town.

The fire crossed Market street to the buildings occupied by Drs. Alexander Hoffman, Moore and Willis Hicks, Messrs. Murat Hendry and Rice, Warren, A. H. Hopp, E. A. Flatner & Co., Dr. Rush Liebenfeld, A. H. Gendberg, the residence of J. S. Hatchcock, the Times office, John Cook's bar and adjacent buildings.

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A Commission Censured. It Acquitted a Filipino Who Was Accused of Murdering a Soldier.

Washington, (Special).—The Secretary of War has received the official record of the case of Rosario Espiritu, a Filipino who was tried by a military commission at Manila in June last on the charge of having murdered Private George A. Wagner, Company F, Fourteenth Infantry, by shooting him with a revolver and by stabbing him with a bolo.

The commission, after being in session two months, found the Filipino not guilty of the charge.

The commanding general of the Department of the Pacific disapproved the findings of the acquittal, but ordered the release of the prisoner. In his review of the case he says:

"In this case the evidence was abundantly sufficient to sustain a conviction, and the failure of the commission to do so is attributed to complications arising during the trial, resulting from wholly immaterial and irrelevant objections by counsel."

Blinded by the Eclipse. Lancaster, Pa. (Special).—Mrs. H. C. McAllister, of Conestoga Center, near here, has become blind in one eye as a result of gazing too long at the eclipse of the sun.

OUR NEW POSSESSIONS. Collector of Customs Hiles, of Havana, Cuba, states that since he took charge of the department more than two hundred Cuban employes have been discharged for fraud.

The second installment of General Young's report of his operations in Northern Luzon was made public.

The wife of Col. C. B. Greenleaf has opened a library in Manila for American soldiers and sailors.

The natives of Mindoro Island, one of the Philippines, beheaded the boatwain and his accomplices of the brigantine Navarro, who had mutinied and killed the captain, his wife and the mate.

General Wood has warned the Cuban civil governor of Santa Clara province, Cuba, that if he attempts to corrupt the elections he will be dismissed and punished.

A government steamer in Manila died from the bubonic plague.

General Wood has ordered that every department in the government service in Cuba be overhauled, the soil-tor's bureau at Havana has been abolished.

FROM WASHINGTON. Lord Roberts is the only man living entitled to wear the Victoria cross.

M. Edouard Bocher, who died at the age of 90 in Paris, the other day, was for many years the confidential adviser of the Orleans family and the centre of most of the Orleans plots during the past 40 years.

Archduke Otto, who is next in line for the imperial and royal crowns of Austria-Hungary after Franz Ferdinand, is the latter's younger brother. The young man is a true Hapsburg. His reputation is anything but enviable, but he is fortunately married to a daughter of Prince George, of Saxony, and has one son. The best lawyers in Europe say that Otto's claim to the throne is invalid.

WAR MAY BE OVER.

FORCES AROUND THE TRANSVAAL CAPITAL ABANDONED.

PRETORIA IS EVACUATED.

British Nearing Transvaal Capital—Expected to March Into Town Without Opposition—President Kruger is Said to Have Fled From Transvaal Territory to Lydenburg.

London, Eng. (By Cable).—Pretoria is to fall into British hands without the firing of a shot. It is believed in London that Johannesburg will also yield.

A dispatch from Lorenzo Marques says that Johannesburg has already surrendered, but this is not fully credited in London. The news from the Transvaal capital comes in a dispatch from that place. It says that "all the forces have been dismissed from the forts around Pretoria. President Kruger is now at Watervaloven."

Further light on the situation is shed by the London Daily Mail, which publishes a dispatch from the Earl of Rosslyn, one of its correspondents who was a prisoner at Pretoria, but who, as a civilian, appears to have been released. The dispatch was dated at Pretoria, and said: "Pretoria will be occupied in about two hours without resistance. Everything is quiet, but crowds are waiting expectantly in Church Square for the arrival of the British."

The London War Office has made public no dispatch from Lord Roberts as to the present situation at Johannesburg or Pretoria. It is believed in the British capital, however, that there will be no further opposition to the occupation of either city, and that, in the language of one dispatch, "the war is over."

It is rumored in Berlin that Johannesburg has been blown up, but there is no confirmation of this. The London War Office has made public no dispatch from Lord Roberts as to the present situation at Johannesburg or Pretoria.

Watervaloven, to which place President Kruger has retired, is 140 miles northeast of Johannesburg on the Delagoa Bay railroad. It is near the junction of the Delagoa line with the road to Lydenburg, from which it is 40 miles distant. The latest move of President Kruger therefore seems to indicate a decision to transfer his capital to Lydenburg, as it has been reported he would do.

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TRAINS COLLIDE.

DISASTROUS FREIGHT WRECK AT DOVER, DEL.

Dover, Del. (Special).—At 3.30 P. M. at Dover, Del., on the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad, a division of the Pennsylvania Railroad, occurred the most disastrous railroad wreck that has ever happened at this place.

The north-bound local freight was slowly pulling in at Dover, crossing to take water, when the heavy north-bound Norfolk strawberry freight train came thundering at a high rate of speed in the rear, telescoping eight heavily loaded refrigerator cars.

Two cars were converted into splinters. Steel rails were broken like pipestems. Eight cars were piled upon one another, taking fire from the buried locomotive, flames leaping high in the air. The fireman was saved, but the engineer was fatally injured. Five tramps were buried beneath the wreck, three of whom were saved after prodigious efforts of townsmen and the local fire company, though one of them afterwards died.

Another had both legs and ribs broken; another was hurt in the shoulders, while the bodies of the other two have not yet been found.

The local fire company fought the flames for three hours with only one line of hose, and the nearest fireplug half a mile away.

The wrecking train arrived from Clayton about five o'clock and proceeded to clear the tracks. Superintendent Holliday came upon the scene and gave it his personal supervision. The two trains were composed of more than one hundred heavily loaded refrigerators, and the collision was terrific. The heavy cars were thrown about like rubber balls. Thousands of people visited the scene.

ROBBERS GOT DROP ON SOLDIERS. Robbery of Stages by Two Masked Men in the Yosemite Region.

Raymond, Cal. (Special).—One of the boldest robberies ever committed in California occurred when three of the Yosemite Stage and Turnpike Company's stages—a private conveyance—and two soldiers were held up by two highwaymen. The holdup occurred at a point two miles this side of Grub Gulch. Sergeant Buchanan and another trooper in the Delagoa Bay railroad. It is near the junction of the Delagoa line with the road to Lydenburg, from which it is 40 miles distant.

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MERRY WAR.

ARMED POLICE CAPTURE THE FOOT OF CHICAGO SQUATTERS.

NOVEL FIGHT OVER LAND. Captain Streeter, Who Claims Ownership, Defied the Authorities with a Little Army of Seventy Men and Two Gatling Guns—Park Police Fired Upon His Pickets.

Chicago, (Special).—Three hundred police officers of the city of Chicago, headed by Chief Kipley, and every man bearing a repeating rifle, marched from the East Chicago Avenue Station, on the North side, to the foot of Superior street, where Captain George Streeter had fortified himself on a strip of land created by the washing up of soil from the bed of Lake Michigan, and which Streeter claims as his property by right of discovery.

In the entrenchments were about seventy men, armed with rifles and two Gatling guns. Early in the day a party of Lincoln Park officials had been fired upon by pickets around the improvised fort, and a boy, fourteen years old, had been wounded severely in the right leg. A horse driven by the park officials had been killed.

At 3.30 o'clock "Brigadier General" Niles and four of his men, perceiving the overwhelming force of police approaching, climbed over the entrenchments of their improvised fort and offered to surrender to the park police, providing they were protected. The surrender was accepted, and the park policemen started on foot toward the police station, followed by an immense crowd. Those in the crowd pushed and jostled Niles roughly, and he suddenly whirled around and shot to lay out one of his persecutors. A rough-and-ready fight ensued, in which Niles' rifle was wrenched from his hands and clubs were freely used on the erstwhile "brigadier general's" head. He was knocked down and was about to draw a revolver when he was manacled and dragged off by the officers. The four men with him were also roughly handled in the melee.

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About twelve hundred workers in gas fixture factories in New York are on a strike.

Frank Preston, who was arrested on the charge of being one of the men who robbed the bank at Williamsburg, Va., was discharged, there being no evidence against him.

George Higgins and J. Roney Cunningham, while driving home at night from Summit Bridge, Del., went through an open draw and both were killed.

The annual meeting of the William Cramp & Sons' Shipbuilding Company was held in Philadelphia, and a quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent. declared.

William Ingram, colored, was convicted in Norfolk, Va., of the killing of Lillie Fuller, and sentenced to one year in the city jail.

Judge Cantrell, of Frankfort, Ky., issued a bench warrant for the arrest of former Governor Taylor, who is in Indiana.

Constable Hurricane Branch had his man hurt in Nansmond county, Va., without interference.

THE NEWS.

The formal completion of the new Seaboard Air Line was celebrated at Richmond with elaborate ceremonies, marking the end of a week of festivities tendered by the directors to a party whom they conveyed over the line in two special trains. A golden spike was driven by an infant son of the president, the party was welcomed by Mayor Taylor and Governor Tyler, and an elaborate banquet was given at night by the Seaboard officials.

A bold stage robbery occurred in Grut Gulch, California. Two masked men held up two troopers and went through the passengers on the stages following them. Mail express matter were not touched.

A disastrous freight wreck occurred on the P. W. and B. at Dover, Del. The wrecked cars took fire. Five tramps were buried under the ruins, three of whom were rescued, although one afterwards died.

Smith Alfred, whose brutality is supposed to have caused his wife's death, was tarred and feathered and painted near South Bridge-ton, New Jersey.

The cruiser Varieg, built by the Cramp firm for the Russian government, had a successful trial trip off the Delaware capes.

Colonel Eli H. Sutton, of Detroit, Mich., accused of complicity in the state military scandal, was acquitted.

Blanchard H. Maul, twenty-one years old a student at Princeton University, committed suicide.

The Naval War College at Newport, R. I., was formally opened for instruction.

Irene Van Horn was killed by lightning in Centre Valley, Pa.

The United Confederate Veterans cleared their reunion at Louisville, and will meet next year in Memphis. A resolution reciting the kind words of General Sickles toward the men of the Confederacy was adopted after a lively discussion.

Referee Nushbaum in hearing the case against the Los Trust in New York, ordered the production of the books. Evidence was given by independent dealers to show how the trust raised the price.

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RUSSIA BLOCKED.

AMERICAN AND OTHER FORCES NOW IN PEKIN.

SITUATION HAS IMPROVED.

Many Diplomats Believe that the Prompt Action of the United States Minister and the Other Foreign Representatives Has Checked, for the Time Being, Russia's Designs.

Shanghai, (By Cable).—The detachment of over three hundred international blue-jackets has arrived at Peking.

Twenty-three warships are now at Taku—nine Russian, three British, three German three French, two American, two Japanese and one Italian.

In addition to their crews, the Russians have on board their warships 11,000 troops from Port Arthur, with field equipment. Fourteen thousand Russian troops are held in readiness at Port Arthur.

London, (By Cable).—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: "An active exchange of dispatches is going forward among the great powers relative to China. The colossal superiority of Russia's representation at Taku is regarded as significant. The Triple Alliance advocates united action by Europe to protect common interests."

Washington, (Special).—Minister Conger, at Peking, reports to the State Department that the arrival of 350 guards for the legations of Russia, France, Great Britain, Italy, Japan and the United States has had the effect of improving the situation. He says that Peking is much quieter, but that the Boxers are still active in the surrounding country.

It is hinted in diplomatic circles here that the sudden increase of activity on the part of the Boxers is nothing more than part of a well-conceived plan by one of the great European powers to secure a permanent lodgment in Peking, and to seize a position giving it full control of the great Peking river, the approach to the Chinese capital.

The nation referred to in the Washington dispatch is Russia, whose designs upon China have been manifest for some time. It has been reported that Russia is preparing to send over one hundred thousand troops into Northern China by the Trans-Siberian Railway.

The fact, as reported in the Shanghai dispatches, that there are 11,000 troops on nine Russian warships in Taku harbor, clearly shows the Czar's intentions to encroach upon China.

KILLED HIS STEPMOTHER. Man Murdered Her in Cold Blood Because He Had a Foe.

New York, (Special).—Charles A. Naulty, 21 years of age, murdered his stepmother, Mary Naulty, in cold blood while the family of three was sitting down to their evening meal at their home, in Newark, N. J.

Mrs. Naulty was thirty years of age. She and young Naulty had never been able to get along harmoniously since her marriage. He often found fault with the meals. He objected to the coffee. Mrs. Naulty chided him and he left the house after the quarrel.

When young Naulty returned in the evening he had with him a revolver, which he had purchased during the day. He went into the dining-room, where his father and stepmother were sitting at the table. He found fault with the food again, and left the room.

Returning to the doorway, he pulled out the revolver and pressed the muzzle to Mrs. Naulty's temple, saying before she could move before the astonished father could do anything to attract the young man's attention. As Mrs. Naulty's head dropped back young Naulty fired a second, which passed through her eye into the brain. She was killed instantly.

Wife Killed, Husband Drunk. Shanok, Pa. (Special).—Patrick Flannery, sixty-four years old, was arrested on suspicion of having choked and kicked his wife, aged sixty-six years, to death at their home here. The couple had been drinking heavily, and neighbors say they saw Flannery assault her several times. Mary Cavanaugh, a daughter, called at the home late in the day and discovered her father knocking himself near the corpse of his wife in the kitchen. He was drunk, and the police had no trouble in arresting him.

Aimed at Postoffice Employees. Washington, (Special).—Senator Chandler introduced a bill prohibiting employes of the Government, under the civil service, from organizing associations which are used for the promotion of legislation. The bill is aimed at the postal clerks, whose organizations are interested in bills before Congress.

Deficit in Porto Rico. Washington, (Special).—The total receipts of the Porto Rican Treasurer for the month of April, 1900, were \$105,869.18. The total payments for the month were \$186,510.77, which shows a deficit for the month of \$80,641.59.

Six Months for Holland. Washington, (Special).—Jay G. Holland, who several days ago pleaded guilty to the charge of libeling United States Senator Tallifero, of Florida, was sentenced to six months in jail.

KEYSTONE ST.

LATEST NEWS GLEANED FROM OUR PARTS.

REWARD IN MORRISON.

Chester County Commissioner for Capture of the Murderer Accused of Murdering Mrs. Montgomery County, Shot by...

In order to encourage the investigation, and in hope of speedy subject of disinformation to the Board of Commissioners, a reward of \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the murderer of Stella Morrison, return home of District Attorney Baldwin from a trip West, the murderer will be rewarded in a cash and systematic manner.

John Perkiel, of Pittsburg, Pa., being charged that during a quarrel with his wife he had struck her with a brick, physicians say he cannot prove that Perkiel desired to end the quarrel on an errand, when the quarrel arose, and Perkiel charged that he ran out of the house on an ax that was lying in the rushing back into the house, he dealt his wife a blow on the head. A terrible pain was inflicted on the woman, who lay on the floor in a condition beyond the power of the doctor to help. Perkiel, it was said, had killed his wife, for he would strike her a second blow and ax to the floor.

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Samuel B. Shupe, of Warwick, Pa., twice through the adoption of his only son, it is said, quarrel with his father over an article that was the house. Mr. Shupe, it is said, ejected his son. The shooting wounds are of a dangerous character. The fatal results are feared. The son was 19 years of age, disappeared after the shooting. Mr. Shupe, the father, is the late war, a member of Gen. G. A. R., of Norristown, and a auctioneer in Montgomery County forty years. He is about 6