

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 6.—A special to the Globe-Democrat from the City of Mexico says: The rapid decline in the price of silver has caused much apprehension in the government circles. The possible effects upon Mexico are being generally discussed, and much speculation is indulged in as to the point exchange rates may reach. Yesterday the premium on gold was 126½ to 126¾.

ROSSLAND, B. C., Aug. 9.—The customs officials have discovered a smuggling scheme on a large scale. The trail up from the Omoanog county passes into Canada at Krugers, on Osoyoos lake, where the custom house is located, and then makes a detour in the United States and re-enters the Dominion at a point several miles east of the custom house.

The town of Oroo is the headquarters of the smugglers. Freighters from the states bringing in produce come up the trail to Krugers, pay duty on stuff they have in their wagons, and then follow the road down across the line to Oroo. Here they pick up quantities of all sorts of groceries, principally tobacco and canned goods, and follow the road into the Canadian territory again, to which they gain access without difficulty, as all the goods have presumably paid duty at Krugers, farther back on the line.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—The first ship sailing from New York direct to the Klondike gold fields is advertised to leave this city about August 21. It is to be sent by the New York and Alaska gold exploring and trading company. The company has not yet selected its vessel, but it promises to dispatch a steamship capable of carrying safely 200 passengers and 1,500 tons of freight. It says the ship will make the voyage from New York around Cape Horn to Juneau in fifty or sixty days.

More than fifty names have been listed for the voyage. Not more than 200 passengers will be allowed to embark. The cost per passenger, including berth, meals and transportation of 500 pounds of baggage direct to Juneau, is to be \$175.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—A great deal of interest has been excited among yachtsmen in this city by the appearance in one of the morning papers of an advertisement offering for sale the Prince of Wales's famous yacht Britannia. It has been known for a long time that the heir apparent to the British crown desired to dispose of his fast cutter. Several unsuccessful attempts have been made to sell her on the other side. The possibility of her sale here is out of the question, as recent legislation makes it virtually impossible to buy her. A bill passed by Congress and which became a law last February provides against the purchase of foreign built vessels by Americans.

LONDON, August 9.—A special despatch from Madrid received here today says the Spanish government was aware that a meeting of assassins was held early in July and that it was decided to murder Senor Canovas del Castillo before August 15th, and to assassinate Senor Sagasta before August 30th.

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

St. Anthony, Idaho, Gazette: Elder George Goddard of Salt Lake City, Utah, spoke at Parker ward Tuesday night to a large and appreciative audience.

Heavy frosts in western Wyoming have killed the sweet peas and other vegetation on the hills, so that sheep are short of feed and will have to move to lower ground.

Albert Graham, a 15-year-old boy, was instantly killed at Fremont, Washington, a Seattle suburb, Wednesday, by timbers that fell from a freight car.

The color line has been drawn on a negro in Los Angeles, Cal. He was refused admittance to the orchestra circle of the Fisher opera house, and his accordingly sued the owners for \$200 damages.

Recently the little four-year-old son of Dan Huffman, living near Fletcher, Adams county, Wash., while playing with a pruning hook, fell, striking on the hook in such a way as to put out one eye.

While under the influence of liquor T. R. Ferguson took his life Tuesday night at San Francisco. He spent the day in drinking in various barrooms, and shortly before shooting himself was seen going into the yard where he was found.

An egg which measures seven and a half inches in length and six and a half inches in circumference was laid by a black minorca hen, the property of T. F. Bennett, in Eugene, Or., last week. The Register wants to hear of another like it.

Glenwood Springs, Colo., has passed a city ordinance prohibiting bicyclists from scorching and from riding on the sidewalks, and imposing a heavy fine on persons throwing into the streets or alleys of the town any glass, tacks, barb wire or other articles that will puncture a tire.

The second section of the W. L. Maine circus train was wrecked at Yreka, Cal., Tuesday evening by the spreading of the rails. Three cars were derailed, ditching the wagon with which the cars were loaded, many of which were completely wrecked. The calliope and large band wagon were among them.

A. G. King, a conductor on the Burlington & Missouri between Lyons and Denver, had his shoulder broken Friday morning at Lyons. Just before the train started a team of horses became frightened and he went in front of them to try to hold them. He was trampled by the horses. He was taken to Denver.

Thursday morning a passenger train No. 2 on the Santa Fe road was coming north from East Las Vegas, N. M., the right side of the engine was stripped while running at a high rate of speed, knocking Engineer Underdow from his seat and scalding him badly. Fireman Charles Bankston jumped and was instantly killed.

Denver Post, August 3: The con-

dition of Denver's streets this morning caused the wheelmen to weep, the teamsters to swear and the citizens of contemplative mood to realize fully that notwithstanding there has been spent upon the unpaved thoroughfares from \$35,000 to \$40,000 per year since the panic of 1893, there is very little to show for the cash.

A Ventura, Cal., dispatch says the mysterious disappearance of L. H. Green and his 12-year-old son will probably never be definitely accounted for, but there are several theories afloat. One is that through a sudden lurch of the boat, father and son fell overboard, and the remaining one was drowned by leaping into the water to rescue the first. The theory is generally accepted.

Sicux City Stock Journal: Range-men who have been in the country for years say that the range was never in better shape than it is today. Rains have been frequent everywhere and the ground is thoroughly soaked to the depth of about two feet. This practically insures the grass crop for next year. Feed is knee high all over the country and cattle are laying on fat every day. Hay will be plentiful, although perhaps a little late.

The twelve-year-old son of Alden Peasey of Los Angeles, Cal., was shot in the back a few days ago by a stray bullet, and he is now lying at his home in a dangerous condition as a result of the wound. The boy was walking along Santa Monica avenue in company with another lad, when the bullet struck him. They did not see anyone, and did not know who fired the shot. Reckless target practice is the probable explanation.

Elko, Nev., has been overrun for the past week with tramps and other hard characters, and attempted hold-ups and burglaries are of nightly occurrence. An attempt was made Tuesday night to force an entrance into the postoffice through a window, but the postmaster appeared on the scene with a revolver and the burglar took to his heels. The citizens talk of organizing a vigilance committee to rid the town of tramps.

Joseph Hart, who fell from a brake-beam of a freight train near Palo Alto, Cal., Wednesday night, died next morning. Both hips were crushed. He was perfectly conscious before death and said his home was at Greenville, Ore., where he has relatives and friends. He was riding on the beam and was knocked off by the parting of the train. He had nothing of value on his person. The body was buried by the county.

A little colored boy was ushered into the world in a San Pablo avenue drug store, San Francisco, Wednesday morning. The mother, Mrs. Minnie Wilson, had been advised to go to the receiving hospital. The woman started to the hospital, but fell on the street near the corner of San Pablo avenue and Twenty-eighth street. She was carried to a drug store near by and there her child was born. Later the patrol wagon was sent for and the