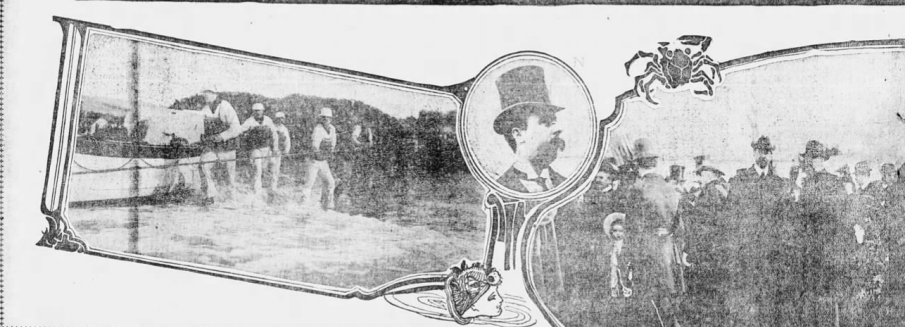


Pounding Surf and Running Tide Prevent Landing of



Immense Crowd Participates in Historic Ceremony as Wire Is Given Its Initial Dip Into Waters of the Ocean.

THOUSANDS WITNESS SCENE ON BEACH

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CLARENCE MACKAY SORRY THE ATTEMPT FAILED

I AM simply heartbroken that the shore landing should not have been effected today. We had made every plan for the ceremony. We were thoroughly prepared with our shore end of the wire. It is not our fault. The failure to connect must be blamed upon the Silverton people. They are the contractors and they, having delivered the cable here safely, are not obliged to lay it until tide, weather, everything abnormal, shall be considered favorable for them. I had thought this a perfect day for the work, but it seems they think differently.

Perhaps the shore end may be laid to-morrow, perhaps much later; it is not for me to say. At least not until we have had a long conference with the Silverton engineers. My deepest regret is in having disappointed the people of my native city. I shall be careful about setting another day. It is a good deal to ask of people that they come twice.—Clarence Mackay.

SCENES AT

The upper picture is a panoramic view, showing part of the crowd that gathered on the beach. The lower picture is a portrait of Clarence Mackay, the man who has been in charge of the cable project. He is shown in a suit and hat, looking towards the camera. The background shows the beach and the ocean.

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