

# FRIGHTFUL CATASTROPHE

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### Spontaneous Combustion of Dust in a Grain Elevator Causes This Terrible Destruction of Life—None of Those Who Are Alive Now Can Possibly Survive the Burns and Bruises With Which They Are Covered—Explosion Causes a Panic in the Neighborhood—Loss Is Estimated at About Half a Million.

Toledo, Ohio, Sept. 22.—Eight people cremated, eight more fatally burned and eight seriously injured are the result of the most disastrous fire that ever occurred in Toledo. The spontaneous combustion of dust in the grain elevator owned by Paddock, Hodges & Co. caused this terrible destruction of life, and none of those who were taken out after the fire started were far enough from death's door to tell any of the details. William J. Parks, the superintendent, after being blown through the window of the lower story, was conscious for a moment, and said about 8:30 he heard a terrible explosion on the south side of the elevator and that he knew there were about twenty men at work on the seven floors of the enormous building. None of those who are now alive will survive the burns and bruises with which they are covered. Besides those regularly employed at the elevator, the three children of Supt. Parks were visiting him at the time. One of these may recover from his burns, but Grace, a seventeen-year-old girl, is burned almost beyond recognition, and Harold, the third child, has not been found, being either blown to atoms or cremated. At 8:30 o'clock last evening the people of the East side were startled by a terrific explosion, which

caused a panic all over the neighborhood. Houses were shaken as in an earthquake, and windows were shattered for blocks around. Those in the vicinity of the Union elevator soon noticed flames bursting from all sides of the building. It was but a few minutes until the fire department of the city began the work of rescue, which was rendered difficult by the terrific heat of the fire. The river cut off escape on one side, and there the flames seemed to be less fierce. The families of a dozen men who were known to be at work within rushed to the scene, and women calling for their husbands, brothers and fathers made a scene indescribable. The fire became so intense that twenty cars standing on sidings near the burning building were added to the struggle to save other elevators and property.

Mr. Paddock, a member of the firm owning the plant, said that there was between 500,000 and 600,000 bushels of grain in storage at the time, the most of it being winter wheat. The property and grain is an entire loss and will reach \$450,000. The insurance is \$135,000 on the building and the grain is covered with \$258,000 insurance. At 12:20 o'clock the flames were fully under control.

### SEVEN SAY YES.

#### They Agree to Help Investigate the War Department.

Washington, Sept. 22.—The president is making progress in the matter of the commission for the investigation of the conduct of the war so far as it relates to the war department, and he stated to members of the cabinet that he had invited the members to meet him for a conference at the White House on Saturday next with the view to beginning their work next week.

Seven members of the body have definitely indicated their acceptance of the president's invitation, and he expressed himself as being confident of being able to secure the services of the other two gentlemen necessary to complete the quota of nine by the time set for the conference. The names of the new men who have been invited to serve were not given out.

### DUTCH PARLIAMENT.

#### First Speech From the Throne by the Young Queen Wilhelmina.

The Hague, Sept. 22.—Queen Wilhelmina, accompanied by the queen mother, opened the states general (parliament of the Netherlands) yesterday. In the speech from the throne her majesty dwelt upon the innumerable proofs of patriotism and affection for the dynasty manifested since her accession to the throne, the recollection of which, she added, can never be effaced from her memory.

The queen also said she had received the czar's disarmament proposal with peculiar sympathy.

The queen, in her speech, also promised the introduction of a number of social measures.

### Will Banquet Miles.

New York, Sept. 22.—Gen. Nelson A. Miles will, in a few days, receive from the chief bankers of New York and other prominent men, an invitation to a banquet in his honor, which, should he accept, will be held in this city next month, the date to be set by Gen. Miles. The circulars to this end were sent round the Wall street district yesterday.

#### The Congregationalists.

Owatonna, Minn., Sept. 22.—The forty-third annual meeting of the General Congregational Association of Minnesota began yesterday afternoon and will continue three days. Rev. R. S. Cross is moderator and Rev. S. W. Dickinson secretary.

#### Dangerously Burned.

Detroit, Minn., Sept. 22.—The little four-year-old daughter of A. Selman while playing set her clothes afire, and she was burned so severely that it is not expected that she can live.

### CANADIANS STAND FIRM.

#### The Lumber Subject May Prove a Stumbling Block.

Quebec, Sept. 22.—The international commissioners met in joint session for an hour yesterday afternoon and adjourned to meet again at 10:30 a. m. Thursday. The adjournment over today is taken because of the ceremonies attending the unveiling of the Champlain monument, in which the members of the high commission are to participate. The American commissioners listened to the arguments of Messrs. Babcock of New York and Y'allon of Ohio, who represent the interests of the United States inland fisheries. As usual, all the proceedings were behind closed doors, but so far as the fresh water fisheries are concerned, it is understood that the Americans and Canadians will agree with little trouble. Both sides desire the better protection of the fresh water fish, and no doubt this part of the proposed treaty will readily be disposed of.

Today the interests of the United States farmers will be heard. It is presumed that they will protest in a general way against the reduction or removal of the duty on Canadian agricultural products, especially barley, hay, oats and potatoes.

#### The Lumber Question.

The indications are that the Canadian commissioners are going to take a very decided stand on the lumber subject. Hon. A. S. Hardy, premier of Ontario, and George W. Ross, minister of education, arrived here, and represent the Ontario government in the lumber question. They declare reservedly that no concessions will be made on the part of the Canadian government in the way of permitting logs to go free into the United States unless the United States make some concession in the way of reducing or removing the present duty of \$2 per thousand on Canadian sawed lumber. The Canadians say it must be free logs and free lumber or no change at all.

Although nothing is revealed to indicate what progress is being made by the commission or what results are probable, Senator Fairbanks, chairman of the American delegation, gives the assurance that the achievement so far is gratifying and indicative of satisfactory results in the end. Just how far they have gone in the way of adjusting any one of the main questions, or what the prospects are for a general reciprocity treaty, the commissioners will not say, but repeatedly assert that they are trying to get together and hope to succeed.

### THE MARKETS.

#### Latest Quotations From Grain and Live Stock Centers.

St. Paul, Sept. 22.—Wheat—Quotations given are for new wheat; old wheat of corresponding grade commands a premium: No. 1 Northern, 66¢@67¢; No. 2 Northern, 62¢@63¢; No. 3 yellow, 30¢@31¢; No. 3, 29 1/2¢@30¢; Oats—No. 3 white, 22¢@22 1/2¢; No. 3, 21 1/4¢@21 3/4¢; Barley and Rye—Sample barley, 30¢@30 1/2¢; No. 2 rye, 43¢@44¢; No. 3 rye, 41¢@42¢.

Duluth, Minn., Sept. 22.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, 70¢; No. 1 Northern, 67¢; No. 2 Northern, 62 1/2¢; No. 3 spring, 58¢; No. 1 Northern, 66 1/4¢; September, No. 1 hard, 68 3/4¢; No. 1 Northern, 66 3/4¢; December, No. 1 hard, 62 7/8¢; No. 1 Northern, 61 7/8¢; May, No. 1 hard, 64 7/8¢; No. 1 Northern, 63 7/8¢; Oats—22¢@23¢; Rye—To arrive, 44 1/4¢; Barley—To arrive, 29¢@40¢.

Minneapolis, Sept. 22.—Wheat—September opened at 61 3/8¢; highest, 64¢; lowest, 13 3/8¢; closed at 63 3/4¢; December opened at 59 3/8¢; highest, 60 1/8¢; lowest, 59 3/8¢; closed at 60 1/8¢; May opened at 61 3/8¢; highest, 62¢; lowest, 61 3/8¢; closed at 62¢; on track, No. 1 hard, 67 1/4¢; No. 1 Northern, 66 1/4¢; No. 2 Northern, 62 1/4¢.

Chicago, Sept. 22.—Wheat—No. 2 red, 66¢@67¢; No. 3 red, 64¢@65¢; No. 3 hard, 64 1/2¢; No. 3 hard, 62 3/4¢@63 1/2¢; No. 3 spring, 62¢@66 1/4¢; No. 1 Northern spring, 66 3/4¢@68¢; No. 2 Northern spring, 64 1/2¢@66 1/4¢; Corn—No. 2, 29 3/4¢@30¢; Oats—No. 2, 21 1/2¢@21 3/8¢.

Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 22.—Flour is steady. Wheat firmer; No. 1 Northern, 68¢; No. 2 Northern, 66¢; December, 63¢; nominal. Rye steady; No. 1, 47¢; Barley firmer; No. 2, 42 3/4¢@43¢; sample, 34¢@42¢. Oats steady at 23 3/4¢@24 3/4¢.

Chicago, Sept. 22.—Hogs—Light, \$3.65@4.02 1/2; mixed, \$3.65@4.07 1/2; heavy, \$3.50@4.07 1/2; rough, \$3.50@3.70. Cattle—Beef, \$4.65@5.00; cows and heifers, \$2.47.50; Texas steers, \$3.10@3.35; Westerns, \$3.50@4.45; stockers and feeders, \$3.10@4.00. Sheep—Natives, \$2.80@4.50; Westerns, \$3.50@4.40; lambs, \$4.00@5.25.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 22.—Hogs—\$3.45@3.50. Cattle—Beef, \$5.25; Westerns, \$4.15; cows, \$2.25; cows, \$3.70; heifers, \$3.40@4; bulls, \$2.80@3.50; stockers, \$3.70@4.25; yearlings, \$4.64.25; calves, \$4.35. Sheep—\$3.50@3.85.

South St. Paul, Sept. 22.—Hogs—\$3.60@3.90. Cattle—Cows, \$2.15@3.00; stockers, \$3.85@5; bulls, \$2.50@2.90; calves, \$3.50@4.

### SELF-DEFENSE.

#### Northern Pacific Engineer Kills One of Two Assassins.

Helena, Mont., Sept. 22.—Arthur Wald, an employe of the American Biscuit Manufacturing company, was shot and killed last night by Elbert Dillis, a Northern Pacific engineer. Wald and Ed Wilson, a discharged fireman, made an attack upon the engineer, who was badly cut, but will recover.

#### Elk River, Minn., Sept. 22.—A farmer named Fred Smart, who lives near Zimmerman, this county, was knocked down and robbed on the railway track not far from the station by two highwaymen. Two men were arrested and taken to St. Cloud to await trial.

#### Resuming Work.

Monongahela City, Pa., Sept. 22.—The coal miners' strike in the third pool is over and work will be resumed in all the pits pending a settlement of the differences by arbitration. Both sides have agreed to abide by the decision of the arbitrators. The acceptance of the arbitration proposition is regarded as a victory for the miners.

#### The Secretary of the Treasury has received from Topeka, Kan., a letter signed "A Citizen" inclosing a conscience contribution of \$500.

# FOURTEENTH IS COMING

## WILL REACH ST. PAUL THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

### Great Reception Awaiting This Regiment as Soon as It Enters the North Star State—Good High in Everything That Goes to Make Up Military Perfection—On Four Different Occasions It Was Marked as the Best Among 60,000 Troops.

Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 22.—The Fourteenth Minnesota regiment left last evening and will arrive in Chicago Wednesday night and at St. Paul Thursday afternoon, where they will be paid off and furloughed for thirty days, and at the expiration of that time mustered out of the service. There will be a great reception accorded this regiment as soon as it enters the North Star State. Of all the organizations that left the state it is the best and has been so regarded by all who have had occasion to pass judgment upon it. During the time it was encamped at Chickamauga its records show that it was always among the first organizations there, and records of the war department show that on every inspection it always stood in the very first rank, and on at least four different occasions it was marked as the best among the 60,000 troops encamped there. In matters of drill and discipline, military bearing and in the little observance of military etiquette it never fell below first rank.

There is a reason for this superlative excellence that has always characterized this organization. In the first place it was better officered than most of the other volunteer regiments, and in the next it is

#### Superior in the Character of the men who make up the rank and file.

The men composing it came largely from the northern part of the state and are of superior physique. A large percentage of them have spent their lives in the pine forests of the state, and they are such specimens of physical manhood as are rarely met with. There are several companies not a member of which is less than six feet in height, and they are broad-shouldered and built in proportion. The regiment has fared better in the matter of health than many of the others that were in Chickamauga. The largest number for a period of three months on the sick list at one time was forty men, and it was often below half that number. The immunity from disease that it enjoyed is attributed by the regimental surgeons to the fact that the men were intelligent enough to take proper care of themselves.

There will be a great reception when the train carrying them reaches St. Paul over the Chicago & Northwestern. They are the pride of the North Star State, and their welcome home will be a memorable event in the history of the state. Delegations from Duluth, Minneapolis and from every city in the northern part of the state will welcome them home. The place for the temporary camp has been selected at Kittsondale, in the Midway district, between the Twin Cities.

### STATE PAYS FARES.

#### Twelfth Minnesota Goes Free on the Railroad.

New Ulm, Sept. 22.—Minnesota pays the freight as a result of Gov. Clough's visit. The Twelfth regiment will go home on a furlough and return for muster out without spending any of its hard-earned money for car fare. Thursday morning is the time it leaves. To-morrow evening the general order furloughing the men for thirty days and going into effect at 6 o'clock Thursday morning will be read to each company, and at the same time the officers will be put on waiting orders.

### IT IS GEN. REEVE.

#### Honors That Are Won by a Minnesota Soldier.

St. Paul, Sept. 22.—So many people have been disputing whether the commander of the Thirteenth Minnesota was colonel still, or brigadier by brevet, or a real general, that Gov. Clough took the trouble to telegraph to Washington for official information. The answer came from Adj. Gen. Corbin: "Col. Reeve has been promoted to be a full brigadier general."

### ALGER'S TRIP.

#### He Says the Health of the Troops is Excellent.

Lexington, Ky., Sept. 22.—Secretary Alger and party inspected Camp Hamilton and reviewed the troops. Surgeon General Sternberg praised the division hospital. The brigade of immunized were inspected in the afternoon. The secretary leaves for Knoxville to-night. He said the health of the troops is excellent.

### LAKE STEAMER BURNED.

#### Nothing Left But the Hull—Escape of the Crew.

Glen Haven, Mich., Sept. 22.—The steamer Queen of the Lakes while in the harbor at South Manitowish Island for shelter caught fire and burned to the water's edge. Nothing was left but the iron hull, which is still afloat. No lives were lost, but the crew could not save their effects.

#### Condoled With Li Hung Chang.

Peking, Sept. 22.—The diplomatic representatives of Russia, France, Belgium, Spain and Holland have called upon Li Hung Chang to condole with him upon his dismissal from the Chinese foreign office. Much comment has been excited by the action of these ministers.

### Creamery Burned.

Trempealeau, Wis., Sept. 22.—The creamery at Centerville, five miles north from here, was burned to the ground Sunday night; cause unknown.

### INSPECTED BY M'KINLEY.

#### President Makes an Unannounced Visit to a Military Hospital.

Washington, Sept. 22.—President McKinley made a personal inspection of the hospital at Fort Meyer, Va., accompanied by Adj. Gen. Corbin, the president left the White House at 1:30 p. m. and drove unannounced to the fort. He proceeded directly to the hospital and introduced himself to Maj. Davis, the United States army surgeon in charge of the hospital, informed him that he had come to make an inspection of the institution and to pay his respects to the patients and those in charge. Maj. Davis, the attendants and patients alike were surprised and gratified at the honor done them by the president, and he was afforded every opportunity to make a thorough examination of the hospital. The president passed an hour and a half in the various wards and departments of the institution, going from cot to cot and extending a personal greeting to each one of nearly 400 patients.

The president carefully inspected the kitchen and examined the food supplied to the hospital patients. At the conclusion of his examination he expressed himself well satisfied with the arrangements made for caring for the sick, but desired it to be understood that the patients were to want for nothing that would improve their condition or render them more comfortable.

### HONORS TO GARCIA

#### Gen. Lawton Will Receive the Cuban General as an Honored Guest.

Santiago, Cuba, Sept. 22.—Callisto Garcia has arrived at Jiguani on his way to Santiago. He will probably go from there to the United States, where his daughter is ill. He will come to Palma Soriano, reaching Santiago today. Gen. Lawton intends to receive Gen. Garcia as an honored guest. As he now holds no official position in the Cuban army, he will be treated by the American commander as a distinguished citizen and a great soldier. Gen. Wood will go to the outside limits of the town to welcome the Cuban leader, and a guard of honor will meet him and escort him through the town to the palace, where he will be received by Gen. Lawton. A levee will be held, at which the various American officers will be presented to Garcia. Gen. Lawton said yesterday: "Our reception to Gen. Garcia will be in his private capacity and not as an officer of the Cuban army. The intention is to show a mark of honor to his character as a man and a soldier, not as a general in the Cuban army."

### FLAG RAISING IN HAVANA.

#### First American Flag Raised Over the Trocha Hotel.

Havana, Sept. 22.—At 10 o'clock yesterday morning the first American flag in Havana was hoisted on the flagstaff of the Trocha hotel, the headquarters of the American evacuation commission. A guard of marines was posted at the entrance to the grounds. Col. Clous and Capt. Payne stood on the roof of the hotel at either side of the flagstaff. At 10 o'clock sharp a quartermaster of the steamer Resolute hoisted the flag, which unfurled and fluttered proudly in the breeze. All the members of the commission raised their hats and cheered the Stars and Stripes. The approaches to the grounds at either end of the street were patrolled by squads of the guard civil, in order that the commissioners might not be molested.

### FEWER SPANIARDS.

#### Will Be Found in Porto Rico Before Long.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Sept. 22.—The evacuation commission has practically completed its work. The first Spanish troops are expected to leave the island for Spain on a steamer due here from Cuba. The remainder will embark in a week or two, when some transports arrive. The commission will continue to discuss the details of evacuation and the disposition of the government property. There are some interesting points involved, but the probability of serious friction is now reduced to a minimum. The Spanish officers fear that yellow fever may appear among their troops and when the movement begins will take precautions to endeavor to prevent the overcrowding of transports.

### UNDER OUR FLAG.

#### Spanish Vessels Trading in the Philippines Have Been Transferred.

Manila, Philippine Islands, Sept. 22.—Twenty Spanish vessels, including twelve steamers, have completed their transfer to the American flag, and a majority of them have now proceeded on coasting voyages. There is some uncertainty regarding the native crews and the Filipino vessels. It is reported that they have been committing questionable acts, and the Boston, Raleigh and Manila sailed to-day under orders to protect commerce. The British gunboat Rattler has gone to Cebu. There are rumors that the insurgents are attacking Cebu and Iloilo.

### HOME FROM HONOLULU.

#### Names of Soldiers Returning on Account of Sickness.

San Francisco, Sept. 22.—The steamer Australia from Honolulu brought, besides Gen. Merriam, six soldiers returned on account of sickness, as follows: Lieut. O. E. Hunt, Fourteenth regiment, infant; D. D. Terry, First New York; G. E. Wallace, First New York; Private V. S. Graves, Private J. B. Bennett, Private Ed Vancouver.

#### Maxwell Gets the Decision.

San Francisco, Sept. 22.—At the end of a twenty-round contest in Woodward's pavilion Maxwell of Los Angeles was awarded the decision over Jimmy Lawler of San Francisco.

#### Bayard Slowly Sinking.

Dedham, Mass., Sept. 22.—Thomas Bayard continually loses ground, although his wonderful constitution makes a strong resistance. He passed a restless night and was considerably weaker than at any time during his sickness. The end is looked for in the course of a few days.

#### Sickness at Santiago.

Washington, Sept. 22.—Nearly 1,200 of the American troops at Santiago are on the sick list, and Gen. Lawton reports eighty-eight new cases of fever.

# MORE TROOPS FOR MANILA

## FIVE REGIMENTS OF VOLUNTEERS WILL GO.

### Sudden and Surprising Alteration of the War Department's Plans—No Exigency Has Arisen Which Makes It Necessary to Send These Troops, Say the Department Officials—Just Sent to Fill the Complement at That Station—The News Cause Excitement and Much Speculation Among the Troops at San Francisco.

Washington, Sept. 21.—Five regiments now at San Francisco have been ordered to Manila. Arrangements for their transportation will be made at once.

The regiments ordered to Manila are the following: Fifty-first Iowa, Twentieth Kansas, First Tennessee, First Washington and a detachment of the Second Oregon.

It was stated at the war department that no exigency had arisen which made it necessary to send these troops to Manila, but the order issued was in accordance with the general plan of the department regarding a garrison for the Philippines. That plan of garrison duty included 20,000 men for the Philippines, 12,500 for Porto Rico and 7,500 for Cuba. The troops to be sent to Manila under to-day's order will fill the complement for that station. The troops would have been sent before it was said, except that the department was awaiting the return of the transports.

It is not expected that the troops now at Honolulu will accompany these to be embarked at San Francisco, but other troops will be sent to Honolulu in the near future.

The war department has amended the orders relative to the dispatch of reinforcements to the Philippines so as to increase the number by 1,161 private and thirty-six officers. These are made up of four companies of the Twenty-third infantry and recruits for the Tenth Pennsylvania, First Nebraska and First Colorado. These troops made up the expedition under Gen. King which recently left San Francisco on the Arizona for the Philippines, but was stopped by the department's orders when two days out and returned to port.

### STAYS THEM UP.

San Francisco, Sept. 21.—The news received from Washington to the effect that five regiments now encamped in this city had been ordered to Manila created quite an excitement, civilians and soldiers alike being affected. Conjectures as to the sudden change of policy on the part of the government once more aroused the almost dormant war fever which swept over this city two or three months ago when departures of troops were of almost weekly occurrence. The official intelligence had already been given out that no more soldiers would go to the Philippines and the work of disbanding the regiments is even now progressing, but will be brought to a halt as soon as official instructions are received.

### THE NAVAL EXPEDITION.

#### One of the Colliers Starts on the Long Journey to Honolulu.

Washington, Sept. 21.—The advance guard of the naval expedition for Honolulu, and eventually for Manila, started yesterday, when the Abarenda sailed from Fort Monroe via Brazil. The Abarenda is one of the colliers which is to keep the battleships Oregon and Iowa supplied with coal on their long voyage around South America. The plan is to have two of the colliers precede the battleships and two to go along with them. In addition to these escorting craft, Acting Secretary Allen has ordered the Celtic and the Iris to be added to the expedition. The Celtic is a refrigerator and supply ship and the Iris is a distilling ship. Their capacity is enormous, and Mr. Allen said that no such perfectly equipped naval expedition ever sailed under any flag. With their abundant supply of coal, with an abundance of refrigerated fresh meats and vegetables, with appliances and plant for making repairs to machinery, and finally, with an abundance of fresh water, the squadron will be able to keep the seas for an indefinite period of time.

### BIG FIRE IN WASHINGTON.

#### Falling Walls Demolish Surrounding Buildings.

Washington, Sept. 21.—At midnight fire was discovered in the seven-story brick and steel building on the southwest corner of Twelfth and F streets, occupied by Robinson, Chery & Co., clothing and outfitters. Half an hour later the walls fell, completely demolishing small buildings on both the Twelfth and F street sides of the burned structure. J. Lewis' building on the southeast corner of Twelfth and F streets was badly damaged. The F street side of the Columbia theater was damaged by both fire and water. Other property in the vicinity was also damaged. Robinson, Chery & Co.'s loss on stock is probably \$75,000; loss on the building about \$45,000. J. Warfield Simpson, tailor, lost his entire stock. No intelligent estimate can be placed on other losses, but the whole will aggregate nearly \$200,000.

### They Brought No Gold.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 21.—The steam schooner Excelsior arrived from Copper River, Alaska, with 200 prospectors who failed to find gold. They report that the gunboat Wheeling will bring down 150 destitute men from Copper River.

### Shot by Accident.

Fergus Falls, Minn., Sept. 21.—J. A. Nurse, residing in Star-Lake, was shot in the abdomen by the accidental discharge of a gun. The extent of his injury is not known yet.

### FOR GARRISON DUTY IN CUBA.

#### Forty Thousand Troops Will be Sent There.

Washington, Sept. 21.—It is the present intention of the administration to send to Cuba as a garrison force for the island about 40,000 troops in addition to the force now in Santiago under command of Gen. Lawton. The organizations which are to comprise the Cuban garrison have not all been designated yet, but it is assured that at least half of them will be volunteers. Within two weeks orders will be issued for the removal to Cuba for the first and second permanent garrisons, and it is expected now they will sail from the United States about Oct. 1. These troops will be followed quickly by others until the entire force of 40,000 has been established on the island. It is believed to be the intention of the administration to await the evacuation of the Spanish forces before sending United States troops to the island, as the indications are now that it will be several months before the Cuban commissioners will finish their work. Quite naturally many Spanish soldiers will remain on the island until the Spanish commissioners have finished their work. The rainy season is almost at an end, and the delightful season is about to begin. During the late fall and winter the climate of Cuba is not only enjoyable, but healthy, and with such precautions that will be taken for the health of the American forces that are to be stationed in Cuba, officials of the administration have no apprehensions that serious sickness will ensue among the troops.

### MANITOBA'S WHEAT.

#### Thirty-Two Million Bushels, and Six Millions More in the Territories.

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 21.—Manager Thompson, of the Ogilvie Milling company, has just returned from inspecting the wheat crop, and says: "As a result of my trip I am forced to admit that the government estimate of the crop will be exceeded by over 7,000,000 bushels. I estimate the crop of wheat for Manitoba this year at 32,000,000 bushels, and, allowing 6,000,000 bushels for the Northwest Territories, will give us a total crop of wheat nearly double that of last year, and the greatest in the history of the West. I am pleased to find that the supposed injury from wet weather has not been anything approaching what has been represented; in fact, damage from that cause has been light, and Manitoba this year will ship more No. 1 hard wheat than the entire crop of last year."

### THROUGH THE NECK.

#### Wisconsin Editor Shoots a Man, and Mystery Returns.

La Crosse, Wis., Sept. 21.—Saturday night at West Salem, this county, George W. Hall, editor of the Nonpareil, shot C. T. Thomas, who is reputed to be his partner, through the neck, just missing the jugular. Thomas went to his room and nothing was known of his wound for twelve hours or more. The whole affair is mysterious. Hall says he saw a man looking in his window and fired twice at him. Thomas is in the habit of being at Hall's house and has so far refused to give any explanation of the affair. Hall came to this city to-day, and a constable from West Salem came also and made a statement of the case to the sheriff. This afternoon Hall was arrested.

### TRAIN INSPECTION.

#### Government's Measures to Prevent the Spread of Yellow Fever.

Washington, Sept. 21.—The surgeon general of the marine hospital service has about completed a system for the inspection of trains on all railroads in the district in the State of Mississippi infected with yellow fever. Inspectors have been placed on all the roads, with one exception, and this line will be supplied at an early date. The system has been established for the purpose of checking the spread of fever so far as practicable, and it is the purpose of the bureau to make it as effective in this direction as possible. Passed Assistant Surgeon Stimson is in charge of the service.

### CHINESE IN CANADA.

#### Labor Congress Discussing the Question of Exclusion.

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 21.—Yesterday's session of the Dominion Labor congress was devoted mainly to discussion of the restriction of Chinese immigration into Canada. Some delegates favored total exclusion, but the majority thought that a tax of \$500 per head would meet present exigencies. The congress also took up the case of letter carriers and decided to assist them in getting more pay and shorter hours.

### Methodist Conference.

Winnipeg, Minn., Sept. 21.—The annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will be held in the Methodist church of this city Sept. 27. About 240 members of the conference will be present. One day will be given to a carriage drive through the Blue Earth valley and a banquet provided by the business men. Bishop Joyce will be present throughout the conference and will be the leading spirit in the missionary work.

### Burning Woods.

Eyota, Minn., Sept. 21.—Forest fires, fanned by a heavy northwest wind, are raging west of here, and they were most evident by a heavy fog of smoke settling over the city. A heavy northwest wind swept the fire rapidly eastward. The city is in no danger. It will be hard to tell how much damage it will do, as everything depends on the wind and the possibility of the fire striking some old burnings.

### Disarmament Delayed.

Candia, Island of Crete, Sept. 21.—The disarmament of the Mussulmans has been delayed. Djavad Pasha, the Turkish military commander, demands that the arms be delivered on board a Turkish warship. Admiral Noel, the British naval commander, insists that they be handed to a British guard.

The negroes taking the place of the striking miners at Pang, Ill., are making trouble. There has been some shooting.