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PERSECUTION OF THE JEWS.

All Efforts to Moderate Russia's Policy Prove Useless.

THE CZAR WILL LISTEN TO NOTHING BUT EXPULSION.

Nineteen Timber Vessels Wrecked and Their Crews Drowned in a Hurricane in Lake Ilmen, Russia—Official Formalities Between the United States and France Relative to the Copyright Act Completed With Unusual Rapidity.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

NEW YORK, May 31.—Smalley's cablegram to the *Tribune* from London says: Baron Hirsch, whose efforts in behalf of his fellow-Jews deserves all praise, has expressed the belief that all efforts to moderate the Russian policy are useless. He seems likely to find that his own efforts to soften the severity of their fate are equally useless in Russia itself. His vast schemes of Jew colonization really coincide with the Russian policy, and would facilitate the execution of the Russian decree, but M. Pobledonostzeff, the Procurator of the Holy Synod, refused even to see Hirsch's agent, the well-known Englishman, Arnold White, who went to St. Petersburg in aid of his benevolent scheme. Hirsch seems to have in his possession a mass of testimony touching the treatment of the Jews in Russia, which, if he is well advised, he will publish. He speaks of people accused of no crime, against whom there was no reproach, dragged out of their beds at night, driven with whips from their dwellings, loaded with chains and plunged from comfort into the deepest misery, women, young girls, and children of both sexes subjected to indignities. He accepts, because he cannot help it, the expulsion of his race from a country where they have as good a right as anybody to live. His one aim is to prevent needless cruelty, and to provide new homes for those whom the Czar's ukase makes homeless. Even to this the Czar will not listen. His hand will not be lifted till the Jew, whom he drives out of his dominion, has reached and crossed the Russian frontier and has set foot on Christian soil.

Stories of collisions between the English and Portuguese in Africa have been coming in all the week, but nobody knows what has really happened. There has been a conflict, but where, when, or with what result, is doubtful. The telegram from the Cape and from Lisbon disagrees on every point; nor has the Government any better news than the press. It does, however, seem probable that the English in christianizing South Africa by company, to use Lord Salisbury's phrase, have made up their minds to go ahead, Portuguese or no Portuguese. They take no stock in Salisbury's solicitude about Portugal as an ancient ally of England and an integral part of a settled European system.

The stock they care obout is the stock of the South Africa Company. Mr. Rhodes is a masterful person. If Portugal ratifies the new agreement, he and his fellow South Africans will doubtless abide by it; but he is clearly in a position to force Salisbury's hand should the Portuguese on the Pungwe themselves decline to be bound by orders from home. If they continue to be troublesome it would not much surprise the English public here to learn some morning that the Portuguese of the Pungwe River had been driven into it.

Hamilton Aide writes in the *Nineteenth Century* for June on the "Social Aspects of American Life." Aide was one of Stanley's party, and his wife's cousin. He is well known in London society, and is known also as a writer of novels and plays. He took notes of his journey, and this article is a digest of them, kindly in tone, agreeable in style, with the laudable aim of removing the prejudices on both sides. Aide has seen a good deal, even if he has not cared to look deep. Boston pleased him. Says Aide: "Never but in London have I heard such conversation in our own tongue, without any sense of labor or self-consciousness, as I have listened to in Boston. In this respect no other city in the United States can approach it. You will hear, perhaps, with surprise, that New York has its conspicuous orators, its wise lawyers, its charming wits, but they do not form a part of its societies."

He praises American hospitality and good breeding, notes the jealousy of French and the exclusion of English pictures; misses in American parlors the home-like air of the English drawing-rooms; was disappointed with the American theaters; remembers the interviewer with a shudder, and finally likens the republic to a young Samson, justly charged with many of the faults of passionate immaturity, but full of promise and interest.

EXPULSIONS STILL CONTINUE.

BERLIN, May 31.—The Jewish Relief Committee here states that the daily average number of expelled Russian Jews passing through Charlottesburg is 600, most of whom are going to America. Herr Isaahs, Director of the Relief Committee, says the committee suffers from no lack of funds, money and goods being freely given, while a number of exiles have already been supplied with money.

The expulsions continue in St. Petersburg, where groups of Jews, including well-dressed women, are seen in the streets, under escort of the gendarmes, going to the police stations before they started for the frontier.

IMPERIALIST BANQUET.

The Speakers Predict an Early Triumph of Their Cause.

PARIS, May 31.—The Imperialist banquet to-night was the first since the death of Napoleon III. General Dubarail, in a speech, alluded to the restored unity o the party and predicted the ultimate triumph of the Imperialists. He summarized the programme in these words: "All for the people, by the people." Referring to the strikers, "crushed by volleys of Lebels," he declared that Napoleon III. supported the liberty of combining, gave to workingmen permission to defend their rights and created co-operative societies and superannuated funds. No matter in what direction working reforms went, they must meet with the glorious name and large heart of Napoleon III.

Prince Victor, he declared, meant to continue the work that democratic Emperor had commenced and would found a reign of social brotherhood and give a Government by the people under a powerful chief. The party must renew its energetic demand for the plebiscite, which alone was capable of establishing a legitimate governing power, in the absence of which anarchy would become supreme.

Other fervent speeches were made. All the speakers expressed full confidence as tothe future.

THE COPYRIGHT LAW.

Official Formalities Between the United States and France Concluded.

PARIS, May 31.—The official formalities between France and the United States of the Copyright Act have been completed with a rapidity unusual in diplomatic correspondence. Tuesday Reid received his instructions, Wednesday he laid his letter before Ribot, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and on the same day a personal interview followed, in which Reid explained to Ribot the requirements of the American law on the subject, and asked for an early official statement regarding the French laws. Saturday Ribot replied, forwarding a summary of the French legislation, with copies of decrees for examination by the President before issuing his proclamation on July 1st.

A DUAL LIFE.

An Aged Man and Wife of Noble Birth Sent to Prison.

NEW YORK, May 31.—A *Sun* Berlin special says: Baron Boltenstein, aged seventy-five, and his wife have been arrested in Frankfort for keeping a house of ill-repute, and sentenced to six months imprisonment. Both belong to noble families. Every effort was made to hush up the case, but the law had to take its course, and the story of their infamy was told in full.

They lived in a fine mansion in an aristocratic neighborhood and fashionable quarter of the city. Their evil proceedings were quietly conducted, and the police had no suspicion of them. It was shown during the trial that they were accustomed to entrap young girls and introduce them to men of the town, all under the appearance of the highest respectability. The affair has caused a great surprise.

Bill to Regulate Cattle Traffic.

LONDON, May 31.—Chaplin, President of the Board of Agriculture, will introduce in the Commons to-morrow a bill to regulate cattle traffic on the Atlantic. The bill proposes to enable the Board of Agriculture to impose regulations on cattle traffic, giving effect to the recommendations of the committee which recently investigated the matter. The steamship companies are organizing to oppose the bill, as the measure will involve an extensive alteration of the internal fittings of the vessels in the cattle-carrying trade.

American Art in Paris.

PARIS, May 31.—A number of Americans have obtained honors from the Champs Elysees Art juries. Henry Risbing, T. P. Dessar, and Harry Vanderweyderden got third medals, while C. F. Smith, Sergeant Kendall, William Thorn, Mrs. C. E. Wentworth and A. E. Steiner received honorable mention. Frederick McMonhies got second medal for sculpture, and Charles Grailey received honorable mention.

Financial Uneasiness in Buenos Ayres.

BUENOS AYRES, May 31.—Reference to a recent rising in the Cardoba caused a stormy session in the Senate to-day. Senor Alem, demanding a discussion as to the cause of the rising, attacked the internal policy of the Ministers, and moved that a Government inquiry be instituted. The motion for an inquiry was negatived. Financial uneasiness continues. There has been a run on some banks.

Grain Tariff in Germany.

BERLIN, May 31.—At a council of the Ministers held to-day it was agreed that no reason existed for summoning the Reichstag to consider the grain tariff. The customs authorities report rye now quoted at 200 marks, and in view of the favorable harvest prospects it will probably be down to 186 marks within a few weeks.

Riotous Strikers.

MADRID, May 31.—Strikers in Bilboa made a riotous demonstration to-day. The mob was charged and quickly dispersed by the cavalry. Troops now occupy the town, and all theaters are closed. A number of Socialist leaders charged with inciting the rioters were arrested.

Bilboa has been declared in a state of siege.

Cancelled the Engagement.

LONDON, May 31.—Belle Bilton, who is advertised to appear at Portsmouth tomorrow as Venus, has sent a telegram stating that owing to the death of the Earl of Clancarty she will be unable to fulfill her engagement. The advance booking of the seats for the whole week is enormous.

International Templars' Conference.

EDINBURGH, May 31.—The International Templars' Conference to-day discussed the status of Catholic members, and resolved that it is not a violation of the Templar obligations for a member to communicate the work of the order to clergymen under seal of the confessional.

The New Orleans Tragedy.

MILAN, May 31.—The International Peace Congress here has approved the motion that the difficulty arising from the New Orleans lynching ought to be referred to the International Institute at Ghent for arbitration.

Quebec's Chief Justice.

MONTREAL, May 31.—Sir Antoite A. Dorion, Chief Justice of Quebec, the Queen's Bench Court, and formerly leader of the Quebec Liberal party, is dead. He was for many years one of the most prominent figures in Canadian public life.

Mexico's Minister of Finance Dead.

CITY OF MEXICO, May 31.—Finance Minister M. Dublan died last night at Tacuabay. President Diaz, in an interview, said the Minister's death would make absolutely no change in the financial policy of the Government.

Spanish-American Commercial Treaty.

MADRID, May 31.—At a meeting of the Cabinet to-day, the Queen Regent presiding, Premier Castillo announced that a commercial convention with the United States had been concluded.

Crop Outlook Very Bad.

ODESSA, May 31.—Crop reports from the southern provinces, extending to Volga, are bad. It is estimated that the general yield will be 40 per cent. below the average.

Terrible Hurricane.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 31.—Lake Ilmen, in the Government of Novogorod, has been the scene of a terrible hurricane, nineteen timber vessels being wrecked and all their crews drowned.

Death of Cardinal Alimonda.

ROME, May 31.—Cardinal Alimonda, Archbishop of Turin, is dead. He was born in 1818, and was created a Cardinal in 1879.

She Followed Instructions.

A Detroiter who returned from Buffalo the other day decided to walk to his home on Adams Avenue. After getting up to Fort street he discovered that he was being followed by an old woman. He made two or three turns, and, as she continued to follow and at the same time appeared to be a stranger to the route, he halted and asked: "Madam, can I assist you?" "Not as I knows of," she replied. "But you seem to be following me." "Well, when I got off the train the conductor told me to follow the crowd and I'd be all right, and so I took after you. Hope you'll slack up a little after this, for I'm almost out of breath."—Detroit Free Press.

The national library in Paris contains 21,500,000 volumes. It is said to be the largest library in the world.

A SLEEK SWINDLER.

He Disposes of Everything He Can Lay Hands to and Decamps.

MANY CREDITORS NOW MOURN HIS ABSENCE.

Prentice Mulford's Dead Body Found in a Canoe Drifting About in Sheepshead Bay—The Footpaths on the Brooklyn Bridge Thrown Open to the Free Use of the Public—Bids to be Opened To-Day for the Construction of Cruiser No. 15.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

ST. PAUL, May 31.—A Seattle (Washington) special to the *Pioneer Press*, says: One of the sleekest all-round swindlers is now en route east, having corralled everything in sight in this section.

Last fall N. W. Flaisig formed a partnership with Peter Bauman of this city, as agents for the Garden City Billiard Table Company of Chicago. As early as last December, Flaisig made his first move toward leaving the city and his creditors, by attempting, during his partner's absence, to dispose of their goods for cash.

Flaisig's proceeding did not excite suspicion until early in May. Bauman was absent, and Flaisig seized the opportunity to dispose of the stock and make his departure. The company got wind of the trouble and sent out an agent, who arrived the very day Flaisig left.

Examinations showed that Flaisig made a clean sweep of everything of value, and raised money on it, and borrowed money on fictitious securities. Since that time drafts on himself ranging all the way from $50 to $200 have been coming in from towns along his route east, the last being from Helena, Mont. The Garden City Company is out about $10,000. The agent says Flaisig left his young wife practically penniless.

Four years ago Flaisig was traveling for the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company, making St. Joe his headquarters, and was discharged for loose business methods. He the went into business in Salt Lake City, and wound up with a large crop of lawsuits. After this he represented a Cincinnati firm, and threw their affairs into confusion by misrepresentations, causing them immense losses. He was discharged by them, and then engaged in the last venture.

Bauman, his last partner, is practically ruined, and several of his other victims could ill spare their losses.

PRENTICE MULFORD.

His Dead Body Found in a Canoe in Sheepshead Bay.

NEW YORK, May 31.—Prentice Mulford, well known in New York and California as a newspaper man, was found dead in a canoe Saturday afternoon in Sheepshead Bay. The canoe, named the White Cross, had been drifting about aimlessly several days, and it was only the curiosity of boatmen that led to the discovery. Mulford had apparently been dead several days. The face was swollen and the mouth bloody, but there were no signs of violence. The canoe was fitted for a short journey.

Mulford returned from California last June and became editor of the *White Cross Library*, a monthly magazine showing how results may be obtained in all business and art through force of thought and the silent power of mind.

On Monday he announced that he would spend a month or two in and around New York, gradually working his way along the sound to Sag Harbor, his birthplace, and where two of his sisters live. He was in the habit of going to lonely places and writing down his thoughts. Frequently he would write as if possessed of two personalities, and in the canoe were found two lines penned in this mood. Forty-five cents and a cheap watch were found in his pockets.

A few years ago he built a hut in a New Jersey swamp, where he lived the life of a hermit, so that he could better commune with his own thoughts.

WOMAN'S NATIONAL COUNCIL.

Petitions Asking That the Sphere of Woman's Usefulness be Enlarged.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 31.—At a meeting of the Executive Board of the Woman's National Council, a telegram was sent to the General Assembly at Detroit, asking that Presbyterian women be allowed a voice in the ratification or rejection of the creed.

A committee was appointed to ask that women be admitted to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to ask the next triennial of the Sunday-school workers of the United States and Canada that they be placed upon the Committee of Sunday-school Lessons; that they be placed on the National Reform Divorce League of Boston, and to press upon the attention of the next and each succeeding Congress a bill providing that all Government employes be paid equal wages in regard to work, and inviting the International Council of Women to meet in Chicago during the Columbian Exposition of 1893. The National Council will assume the entertainment of all accredited foreign delegates. No American delegates will be received into the International Council of the United States.

A committee was appointed to prepare a symposium on dress, to be published under the auspices of the National Council in one of the popular magazines during the coming year, and shall report to the Conference Executive Board of the Council in May, 1892, its idea of business dress.

The President was authorized to form a committee to collect funds and secure plans for the erection of a woman's temple at Glen Echo.

At the next meeting of the National Council, in 1892, each State Council may send two fraternal delegates, and in every State where no State Council is organized the local council organized in cities may send one fraternal delegate, whose State Councils are organized.

Further steps will be taken to lead local organizations to aggregate themselves into the national association.

ATTACKED BY TOUGHS.

Grand Army Exercises Broken Up at Owensboro, Ky.

CINCINNATI, May 31.—A *Commercial-Gazette* Owensboro, Ky., special says: "A riot occurred yesterday at Whitesville on the occasion of the Decoration Day exercises. One hundred Grand Army men were proceeding with the exercises, when a gang of toughs from Taylorfields came in, dragged the speaker from the stand, tore the floral emblems to pieces and dispersed the assembly. The veterans went to Whitesville to take the train, and here the toughs renewed the attack, cutting two men seriously. Citizens hurried to the rescue, and a battle ensued. Burrell Taylor, the leader of the toughs, and Dave Smith were fatally stabbed. The people of the town armed themselves and sent a posse after the toughs."

CRUISER NUMBER FIFTEEN.

Bids for Its Construction to be Opened To-day.

NEW YORK, May 31.—A *Tribune* Washington special says: Bids will be opened to-morrow at the Navy Department for the construction of cruiser No. 15 at a cost of about two and three-quarter millions. The vessel corresponds in general plan and equipment to cruiser No. 12, building at the Cramps' yard. It is a protected cruiser of 7,300 tons displacement, and will be one of the most effective unarmored vessels in the world. The specifications require a speed of twenty-one knots.

It is expected that bids will be received from the Union Iron Works of San Francisco, the Cramps of Harlan, Hollingsworth of New York, Harrison Loring of Boston, Bath (Me.) Iron Works, and the Columbia Iron Works of Baltimore.

POSTAL SERVICE.

Changes Recommended in the Pacific Coast Division.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—On the last day of June Inspector-General Bathbone of the Postoffice Department will assume charge of his new office, Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General, created at the last session of Congress. Before going out of his present branch of the department he will make various recommendations to Postmaster-General Wanamaker concerning the postal service on the Pacific Coast, as requested. One of his recommendations will be that the Pacific Coast Division of the Inspection Service be divided into two districts, each in charge of a superintendent, as it is too large a task for the division as it is now constituted to take charge of the Secret Service postal affairs for the entire Pacific Coast.

Religious Services.

DETROIT, May 31.—A number of delegates to the Presbyterian General Assembly occupied the pulpits of churches of the various denominations of this city both this morning and evening. According to general expectation, no mention was made of the Briggs controversy. Dr. Parkhurst preached at the Fort-street Presbyterian Church this morning and at the First Congregational this evening. Moderator Green filled the Westminster pulpit this morning and Dr. Dickey in the evening. All the visiting delegates possible were asked to preach, and a number visited the surrounding towns by invitation.

The Brooklyn Bridge.

NEW YORK, June 1.—At midnight the foot paths of the Brooklyn bridge were thrown open for the free use of the public.

NEARING THE END.

LIFE OF SIR JOHN MACDONALD SLOWLY EBBING AWAY.

Though Conscious That His Doom is Approaching, He Maintains Remarkable Fortitude.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

OTTAWA, May 31.—Sir John Macdonald's condition is practically unchanged since last evening, except that his vital powers seem to be gradually weakening.

Touching references to the dying Premier were made in all the churches, both Catholic and Protestant, this morning.

Hon. David Mills, M. P., a prominent Liberal and authority of constitutional law, gives it as his opinion that in the event of Sir John's death, the Cabinet Ministers would not have to resign and appeal to the people before accepting office under a new chief. He said the law was still in force that allows a Minister to resume office within thirty days after his resignation without re-election.

Sir John's life now hangs only on a slender thread. He is fighting with characteristic tenacity against the dread visitor; but with his vitality slowly ebbing away, the unequal struggle cannot be much longer maintained. Since Friday afternoon, though deprived of the power of speech, he has maintained the cheerfulness for which he is so noted in health. Though still conscious, he realizes that his doom is approaching, and seems prepared for the final call. With his left arm, which is still serviceable, he makes known his desires.

He passed the night quietly and enjoyed periods of brief rest. Whenever Lady Macdonald enters the sick room his face, which has assumed an ashen hue, lights up. Nothing can describe the attachment he entertains for the talented woman who for many years has been the wife of Canada's greatest statesman.

The windows of the sick room are flung wide open, as the heat is oppressive.

In the ante-room is a large table on which hundreds of cablegrams and dispatches from England, Canada and the United States are being deposited. Two secretaries are busily engaged dictating replies to their assistants. Queen Victoria, Lord Salisbury, Lord Lorne, Lord Lansdowne, the Viceroy of India, and scores of distinguished people have sent cablegrams of inquiry, coupled with regrets at the Premier's condition.

A crisis in political circles is imminent. The Cabinet sat six hours yesterday, but, as if by arrangement, the lips of all the Ministers are sealed as to what was done at the meeting. Sir Hector Langevan, as senior Privy Councilor, will, in the event of Sir John's demise, be summoned by the Governor-General to assume charge of public affairs. But in view of the fact that grave charges for malfeasance in office are at present hanging over the head of the Minister of Public Works, he will naturally decline, leaving the question of leadership between Sir John Thompson and Sir Charles Tupper, Canadian High Commissioner in England.

The Government has already held an informal meeting with the Minister of Justice, but the indications are that a large wing of the Conservative party will insist upon the selection of Sir Charles Tupper as the next Premier, Sir John Thompson being a Roman Catholic. A caucus of the party will be held at an early date, and Parliament will be asked, to-morrow, to adjourn, probably for three weeks.

The general feeling is to the effect that Sir Charles Tupper's antagonism to the Grand Trunk Railway will prove a serious obstacle to his successful administration of affairs.

At five o'clock this afternoon the Premier partook of some nourishment, which he swallowed more easily than usual. He then dozed off, and awoke about 7:30. There is no change in his condition.

The physicians attending Sir John Macdonald held a consultation at Earnscliffe at 11 o'clock to-night, and at its conclusion issued this bulletin: "The Premier passed a quiet day, and we find no marked alteration in his general symptoms. He retains consciousness as much as in the first two days, and is free from suffering."

JUNE—1 (1 A. M.)—There is no change in Sir John's case. He is taking nourishment and resting peacefully.

The Queen cabled Sir John Macdonald last night expressing regret at his illness, and expressing a desire to be constantly informed of his condition. The cablegram was signed "Victoria."

TRAGEDY IN FLORIDA.

A Desperado Adds Two More Victims to His List.

OFFICERS SHOT DEAD WHILE TRYING TO ARREST HIM.

Four Men Killed by an Explosion of Dynamite in the Atlantic and Pacific Tunnel in Colorado—Hon. James E. Boyd, Who Was Elected Governor of Nebraska, and Afterward Ousted on Account of Non-Citizenship, Says He Entertains Little Hope of Winning His Contest Before the Supreme Court.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

STARKE (Fla.), May 31.—A terrible tragedy occurred near this city late last night, by which D. W. Alvarez, City Marshal and Prince Albert, colored, lost their lives.

Prince had accidentally learned of the hiding place of a negro desperado named Murray, who is supposed to be the man who shot and killed Deputy Sheriff Robinson two weeks ago. Prince told it to Marshal Alvarez, who made up a posse of five men, armed with Winchesters, and rode to the cabin of a negro named Frank Adams, about three miles from here. The posse surrounded the house and Prince went inside, unarmed, to arrest Murray. Murray resisted and shot Prince dead.

Alvarez and men then opened fire on Murray, who stood on the porch. He returned it, but no one was hurt. Finally Alvarez and the men exhausted their cartridges. The Marshal agreed to stand guard alone while the posse returned to town to get more men and a fresh supply of ammunition. Two hours later they returned to the cabin and found it deserted. Alvarez was found in a corner of the yard with a bullet hole in his head, and was dead.

SHOT HIS WIFE AND HER LOVER.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—Early this morning Adolph Dosenia, better known as George Lecoint, shot and severely wounded Charles C. Frost, and slightly wounded his wife, whom he found coming from a room occupied by Frost. As the woman rushed from the room Lecoint fired at her, wounding her in the arm, and then entering the chamber, he emptied the contents of his revolver into Frost's body. The husband was arrested. He expressed regret that he had not killed both his victims.

RIDDLED WITH BULLETS.

FARMERVILLE (La.), May 31.—Last night Jim Aulds, Jim McGough and Jim Dawson went to S. L. Joyner's place to whip a negro. Joyner, hearing of it, started for the scene. On his way he met them and opened fire on them with a shotgun loaded with bird shot, killing young McGough instantly and riddling Auld with shot. The Sheriff has gone to the scene of action.

THE NEBRASKA GOVERNORSHIP.

Boyd Has Little Hopes of Being Awarded the Seat.

CINCINNATI, May 31.—The *Commercial Gazette's* Zanesville, Ohio, special says: "Hon. James E. Boyd of Nebraska, who is here attending his father's funeral, states to old friends that there is very little hope of a decision of the Supreme Court relieving him of his disability and putting him in the Gubernatorial chair by reversing the decision of the Nebraska Supreme Court. He thought, moreover, that the Act making the Territory of Nebraska a State, with a provision that all residents should become citizens, would have no light against the statutes of the United States on what it constitutes citizenship. He says he never suspected his father was not a naturalized citizen until after his election."

INTER-COLLEGE FIELD MEETING.

Two World and Five Inter-Collegiate Records Broken.

NEW YORK, May 31.—Two world's records were broken yesterday at the field meeting of the Inter-Collegiate Association at Berkeley Oval. L. H. Carey of Princeton ran 220 yards in 21⅘ seconds, the world's record being 22 seconds. H. L. Williams of Yale ran 120 yards in 15 4-5 seconds, world's record 16 seconds.

Five inter-collegiate records were broken: 100 yards was run by L. H. Carey of Princeton in 10 seconds; 440 yards by G. B. Shattuck of Amherst, 49½ seconds; pole-vault by Ed Ryder of Yale, 10 feet 7½ inches; running high jump by G. R. Fearing of Harvard, 6 feet; running broad jump by Victor Mapes, 22 feet 11¼ inches. Harvard won the most points.

CLEARING-HOUSE STATISTICS.

Business Transacted in the Principal Cities During the Past Week.

BOSTON, May 31.—Clearing-house returns are as follows: New York, $483,235,000, a decrease of 28.8 per cent.; Boston, $70,931,000, a decrease of 25.1 per cent.; Chicago, $71,747,000, an increase of 4.9 per cent.; Philadelphia, $49,726, a decrease of 18.1 per cent.; St. Louis, $18,740,000, a decrease of 1.2 per cent.; San Francisco, $13,899,000, an increase of 0.9 per cent.; Baltimore, $10,453,000, a decrease of 21.5 per cent.; New Orleans, $7,702,000, an increase of 13.1 per cent.; Cincinnati, $10,168,000, a decrease of 4.7 per cent.; Pittsburg, $10,856,000, a decrease of 16.9 per cent.; Galveston, $3,297,000, an increase of 290.9 per cent.; Minneapolis, $5,424,000, an increase of 26 per cent.; Omaha, $3,939,000, a decrease of 9.3 per cent.; Denver, $3,501,000, a decrease of 35.8 per cent.; St. Paul, $3,175,000, a decrease of 15.6 per cent.; Portland (Or.), $1,511,000, an increase of 18 per cent.; Salt Lake, $1,479,000, a decrease of 11.4 per cent.; Seattle, $893,555, a decrease of 2.5 per cent.; Tacoma, $889,242, an increase of 23 per cent.; Los Angeles, $628,852, an increase of 85.5 per cent.

The total clearings of the principal cities of the United States and Canada for the week were $850,054,463, a decrease of 21.5 per cent. as compared with the corresponding week last year.

CLEVELAND'S CHANCES.

Growing Sentiment in the South Against His Nomination.

NEW YORK, May 31.—Senator Colquitt of Georgia says that if the Democrats in New York make the campaign a Hill and Cleveland fight it will cause factional differences and dissensions, and may make New York a doubtful State, and adds: "The feeling in the South regarding the next Democratic Presidential candidates has not yet crystallized. In the South I find a growing feeling against the advisability of renominating Cleveland."

Senator Pugh says that Cleveland cannot carry Alabama, and declares that the South is angry because when he referred in a recent speech to the war he spoke of the Government being assaulted by rebellious hands. They think this an insult to the people who helped to elect him.

ON THE DIAMOND.

The Police of Cincinnati Refuse to Allow Sunday Games.

CINCINNATI, May 31.—The officers of the Cincinnati ball club, in consultation with the police last night, learned that the game on Sunday would be stopped, and in consequence no attempt was made to play this afternoon.

ST. LOUIS, May 31.—St. Louis 6, Athletic 3.

COLUMBUS, May 31.—Columbus 8, Boston 5.

LOUISVILLE, May 31.—Louisville 8, Washington 6.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION.

ST. PAUL, May 31.—St. Paul 4, Minneapolis 5.

LINCOLN, May 31.—Lincoln 6, Denver 7.

MILWAUKEE, May 31.—Milwaukee 4, Sioux City 2.

KANSAS CITY, May 31.—The Omaha game was postponed on account of rain.

The New Circuit Judgships.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—President Harrison has finally determined not to appoint the new Circuit Court Judges until next December. He says no members have yet been selected. Political belief, it is understood, will not be the dominant requisite for appointment to these positions. It is the intention of the President to select men for these places of the very highest legal ability, and with a view of obtaining such talent, the legal worth of candidates will be carefully scrutinized. The appointment of five Land Court Judges is look for confidently this week.

The Johnstown Flood.

JOHNSTOWN (Pa.), May 31.—To-day being the second anniversary of the Johnstown flood the people of that city were left alone with their mourning, several thousand visitors of yesterday having departed. Hundreds spent the entire day in Grand View Cemetery beside the graves of their dead, which had been strewn with flowers. As four o'clock approached, the fatal hour, when, two years ago, the wave swept away the city, Mayor Rose announced the moment, and hundreds of mourners engaged in silent prayer.

Death of a Noted Electrician.

PHILADELPHIA, May 31.—David Brooks, the electrician, died yesterday. He was born in 1820. For five years he was instructor of mathematics in the navy. In 1845, after Morse's experimental line, he and James D. Reid built the first telegraph line in America, from Lancaster to Harrisburg. He also constructed the first line from Philadelphia to Harrisburg, and made the first repeaters. He built the first lines in Mexico, and invented many things of great importance to telegraphy.

Blaine Much Improved in Health.

NEW YORK, May 31.—Secretary Blaine took two outings to-day—a drive through Central Park in the forenoon and one during the afternoon. Blaine was accompanied by Mrs. Blaine and Mrs. Damrosch. All arrangements are now completed for his journey to Bar Harbor, but just at what hour the party will leave tomorrow has not been announced. Tonight it was stated at the house that Blaine was almost as well as ever.

Accused of Tampering With the Mails.

BOSTON, May 31.—The *Herald* will print to-morrow a special from Antrim, N. H., which says: Henry A. Hurlen, partner of ex-Governor Goodell, has been accused of tampering with the mails. Hurlen for years has been ex-Governor Goodell's right-hand man in the Goodell Company's country factory here. A rival manufacturer charges Hurlen with having opened his letters.

Total Explosion of Dynamite.

DENVER, May 31.—By an explosion of seventy-five pounds of dynamite in the Atlantic and Pacific tunnel, near Silver Plume, yesterday, Henry Taylor, Wm. Crughtin, John Richardson and John Mullholland were killed, and Morris Territan seriously injured. The explosion was supposed to have been caused by a spark thrown out while tamping a blast.

Senator Call's Election.

TALLAHASSEE (Fla.), May 31.—The opponents of Senator Call, in the late contest over his re-election in the Florida Legislature to the United States Senate, are making strong efforts to induce Governor Fleming to withhold his signature from Call's certificate of election, then declare that no legal election has been held and appoint another man to fill the vacancy.

Tired of Life.

ROCHESTER (N. Y.), May 31.—Ansele Wood, one of the famous Wood's Minstrels of forty years ago, and later a restauranteur, who had been steward of several New York and summer resort hotels, committed suicide at the Livingston Hotel in this city this morning.

NEW STYLE OF SHOT.

One of the Truthful Stories Told by Hunters.

"Say, boys, did you ever hear the story they tell on W.?"

"No. What is it?"

"Well, two years ago three gunners were after ducks at G. It was late in the season, and ducks were flying so high that it was almost impossible to get enough to keep the table supplied. One day W. proposed a bet that he would kill on the following day more ducks than M. and S. together. He was promptly taken up. Now, W. had procured a supply of buckshot cartridges, and after filling his belt with them he retired, trusting to luck and buckshot to win his bet. As soon as M. and S. were sure he was asleep they proceeded to remove the shot from all the aforesaid shells, fill them up with bread, wad them, and replace them in the belt.

"The next day W. took a stand in some tall grass a few yards from a big slough, on the opposite side of which M. and S. were already concealed. Soon a small flock of redheads came sailing along over W.'s head, away out of range, but that made no difference to him, he was out to win that bet, so he blazed away with both barrels at the specks in the sky, while M. and S. on the other side rolled around in the grass and moaned. But great was their surprise, when they sat up to shake hands over their bet-your-life-sure-wager, to see the whole flock dropping in the grass around W., and he thrashing around as if he had seen snakes. As it was too near dark for M. and S. to go around the slough to where W. was, to see what was the matter, they went to camp to await his return. Pretty soon along he came leaded down with ducks and easily won his bet."

"Yes, that is all right about the bet, but why don't you tell us how he got those ducks?"

"Oh, that is easily enough explained. When W. would fire a couple of shots at the ducks they would come down after the bread and he would knock them over with the butt of his gun."—Forest and Stream.

Cigarettes and Cigars.

The output of cigarettes throughout the country for the month of March amounted to 250,501,860 against 154,234,800 during the same month of last year. This shows the enormous increase of 96,267,060. The output of cigars throughout the country for the month of March amounted to 336,552,300, against 339,456,093 during the same month of last year.

PROPERTY IN RUINS.

Los Angeles Visited by a Destructive Conflagration.

THE LOSSES FOOT UP ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

A Poll-Tax Collector of San Joaquin County Discovers a Well-Developed Case of Leprosy Near Stockton—Heavy Hail-Storm in the Vicinity of Wheatland—Two Men Seriously Injured on the Railroad Near Berkeley.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

LOS ANGELES, May 31.—One of the most destructive fires in the history of Los Angeles occurred this afternoon. About 4 o'clock flames were noticed coming out of the rear of the Norton Block, a four-story frame apartment building on the corner of Seventh and Hill streets. An alarm was at once turned in, but before the engines could reach the spot the fire had gained such headway that it was impossible to control it, and in less than half an hour the block was entirely destroyed, together with all the furniture in the various apartments. A small frame cottage back of the Norton Block, owned by Norton and occupied by Mrs. Abbott, was also destroyed, and an adjacent house on Hill street. A two-story dwelling owned by John Rheinhart was partially burned.

The flames then swept east on Seventh street, totally destroying a two-story frame dwelling owned by Delcasa, and the church of "The Unity," a handsome frame edifice erected a year or two ago at a cost of $25,000.

Further progress of the flames was checked at this point by a vacant lot. A high wind was prevailing at the time, but after vigorous work for about an hour the flames were got under control.

The Lankersheim flats, at the corner of Seventh and Broadway, were badly damaged, and had a narrow escape from destruction, as did also a two-story frame building belonging to C. J. Fox, midway in the block between Hill street and Broadway.

The total loss is about $100,000, on which there is comparatively little insurance. John Rheinhart had $4,600, and there was $10,000 on the church property, and probably some smaller amounts.

EXCUSED FROM PAYING POLL-TAX.

A Deputy Assessor Runs Foul of a Chinese Leper.

STOCKTON, May 31.—A Deputy County Assessor, who has been collecting poll-taxes from Chinese gardeners along the San Joaquin River, had a startling experience yesterday morning. He was at a camp twelve miles from Stockton, and after making several Chinamen pay the tax explored the huts of the settlement. In one miserable shanty standing apart from the camp he found a Chinese, and demanded his poll tax. The Chinaman in very good English said, "You don't want a poll-tax from me," and held up a hand from which the fingers had fallen off. The Chinaman said he had been concealed there two years and was a leper. The officer did not want the leper's money, and hurried to this city to inform the Health Officer. The case will be reported to the County Supervisors on Monday.

AN EXCITING CONTEST.

Portland and Her Suburbs to Vote To-day on Consolidation.

PORTLAND, May 31.—To-morrow an election will be held in Portland, East Portland and Albina to vote on the question of uniting the three cities under one government. Under the proposed charter nearly all the city officers, which are now appointed by the Mayor and Council, will become elective. The contest has been a most exciting one, and during the past week those favoring the consolidation have held mass-meetings nightly in every ward of the three cities.

A strong opposition to consolidation, however, has developed from the fact that the new boundary line as proposed by the Consolidation Act leaves out of the city limits certain valuable property, while much territory of comparatively small value and much more distant from the center of population is included in the city limits.

ACCIDENT ON THE RAIL.

Two Men Seriously Injured on the Berkeley Road.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 31.—Morris Lynn, residing at 128 Howard street, in this city, had his right leg cut off below the knee, his left foot cut off and his left arm broken by being run over by a train at Shell Mound Park last evening. The leg and foot were amputated at the Receiving Hospital.

From inquiries made it was learned that Lynn is first mate of the ship J. M. Coleman. He went to the Caledonian Club games at Shell Mound Park yesterday, and in returning to the city was thrown off the train by a sudden lurch as it traveled around a curve.

Benjamin F. Cushing of 16 Clementina street fell in getting of the train at the Sixteenth-street depot and dislocated his hip. He is now at the Receiving Hospital in Oakland.

Department "B" of the World's Fair.

LOS ANGELES, May 31.—The *Times* this morning publishes a letter from General N. P. Chipman, requesting the announcement of his withdrawal from the candidacy for Chief of the Horticultural Department of the World's Fair, and suggesting that it would be better for himself and Mr. Maxwell to withdraw and all unite on J. DeBarth Shorb for the place.

Decoration Day at Downieville.

DOWNIEVILLE, May 31.—Decoration Day was appropriately observed here by members of John C. Fremont Post, No. 151, G. A. R., with firing salutes at daybreak, flags at half mast and literary and musical exercises at the M. E. Church, where to-day Rev. C. H. Darling, Post Commander, had post divine services. Graves were decorated at the cemetery.

Heavy Hail-Storm.

WHEATLAND, May 31.—Last evening this neighborhood was visited with a heavy hail-storm, which lasted twenty minutes. The hail-stones were as large as gooseberries. But little harm was done grain. A farmer from the grasshopper infested district says the droves of hoppers, which are a menace, were all killed.

Jackson Challenges Corbett.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 31.—Peter Jackson has issued a challenge to Jim Corbett offering to fight him in the California Club, or any fair club, New Orleans barred, for a purse of $1,000. Jackson will put up a forfeit as a guarantee of good faith.

The Pennsylvania Railroad system employs 7,