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VACAVILLE'S INCENDIARY.

He Has Returned and Resumed His Diabolical Operations.

THE RUNAWAY ITATA ON EXHIBITION IN SAN DIEGO.

An Old Resident of Truckee Dies from Nose-Bleeding—Lake County Farmers' Alliance Organizing—Terrible Loss of Life from a Landslide on the Skeena River.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

VACAVILLE, July 12.—The second, but first successful, incendiary fire of the week, occurred last night at 11 o'clock, totally destroying a building and contents worth $2,500.

The building was located in the center of the fruit shipping houses, and but for the absence of wind would have paralyzed the entire fruit shipping facilities of the town.

Circumstances point to the fire being the work of the same party who caused the fires in September and November of last year, and who returned Tuesday when an attempt was made to burn the Platt building.

DEADLY AVALANCHE.

A Settlement on the Skeena River is Swept Away.

NANAIMO (B. C.), July 12.—News has been received here of a landslide on the banks of the Skeena River at the North Pacific Cannery, resulting in the death of one white woman and forty Indians, early in the morning of July 7th.

Nine houses, with their occupants, were swept away. Thirteen bodies have been recovered.

Early in the morning a great rushing noise was heard in the direction of the high steep mountain back of the cannery. In a moment an avalanche of rocks and trees were upon the settlement, carrying everything before it into the slough close by the cannery.

The occupants of the houses had time to get outside of the buildings, but before they could escape from the advancing torrent of debris they were caught and carried along at a fearful velocity.

The body of Foreman's wife has not yet been found, but there is not the slightest hope for any living thing in the range of the terrible sliding bowlders, trees and earth.

The slide just missed the cannery building about two feet. Had it struck the cannery the death-roll would have reached into the hundreds.

ON EXHIBITION.

Large Crowds Visit the Chilean Runaway, the Itata.

SAN DIEGO, July 12.—There are no new developments in the Itata matter to-day. For the first time she was open to visitors. Huge crowds availed themselves of the opportunity to examine the famous vessel.

The United States cruiser Charleston and the Mexican warship Democrata are also receiving visitors.

A large excursion from Los Angeles and other points swelled the crowds. Every available boat was pressed into service to accommodate the visitors.

ARRESTED FOR MURDER.

McDougald, Lenahan's Slayer, Will Have to be Tried.

TRUCKEE, July 12.—The Coroner's jury in the inquest over the body of Michael Lenahan returned a verdict that deceased came to his death by blows inflicted by some instrument in the hands of Malcom McDougald.

There was much provocation, and the jury did not charge McDougald with any criminal intent. District Attorney Nilon with a short-hand reporter was present at the inquest.

A complaint charging McDougald with murder has been filed, and McDougald's bail was fixed at $10,000.

FATAL NOSE-BLEEDING.

A Pioneer Resident of Truckee Dies Under Peculiar Circumstances.

TRUCKEE, July 12.—William G. Irwin, one of the oldest residents, died here this morning.

He had nose-bleed for the past three weeks, almost every day, for hours at a time.

Physicians would check it, but he had business requiring his attention and would resume work as soon as an attack was checked. He was a pioneer livery stable keeper, and owned the only livery stables in town. He leaves a wife and two children. He was a member of the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias, and will be buried under their auspices.

Lake County Alliance.

LAKEPORT, July 12.—The Lake County Farmers' Alliance people organized a county lodge here to-day. J. R. Garner of Long Valley was elected President; B. Hamilton of Highland Springs, Vice-President; W. W. Woodward of Scotts Valley, Secretary, and D. T. Seeley, delegate to the district meeting at Dixon.

STUPIDITY'S REWARD.

The Wrathful Sexton and Warden Being Ridiculed Unmercifully.

BIRMINGHAM (Conn.), July 12.—Huntington Center is still greatly agitated over the action of the sexton and warden of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, in having Olin P. Shelton arrested for ringing the church bell on July 4th, and the sexton and warden are the subjects of much ridicule.

All patriotic citizens and all women and girls of the town are on Shelton's side.

The first outburst occurred this morning when the proprietors of the town hall informed the warden that the church could never again rent the hall for any purpose unless the charges against Shelton were withdrawn.

The next shot came from the young ladies of the church, who are all friends of Shelton. They informed the pastor that they'd never again assist in any church entertainment unless the charges were withdrawn. As a consequence the warden has withdrawn his complaint, but the sexton is still obdurate. Shelton is out on bail and is receiving congratulatory letters and telegrams and offers of help from lawyers.

DOUBLE DROWNINGS.

Four Lives Lost Among Chicago's Picnickers Yesterday.

CHICAGO, July 12.—Two double drownings occurred among the Chicago picnickers to-day.

Within sight of hundreds of merrymakers at Columbia Park John McNeff, who was rowing with Lucie Kaser, capsized their boat by leaning too far after a lost oar, and both were drowned. McNeff was a married man, and when his body was brought home to his wife the shock unbalanced her mind, it is feared permanently.

The other double tragedy was at Lake Calumet. Two ten-year-olds, Leslie Young and Henry Campbell, got beyond their depth while bathing.

COSTLY FIRE.

The St. Louis Hotel in Duluth Devoured by Flames.

DULUTH (Minn.), July 13—The St. Louis hotel was discovered on fire about 1 o'clock this morning. A heavy wind is blowing, the flames are making great headway and there is little prospect of saving the structure. No one has been injured.

At 2 A. M. the fire was under control, after having burned down to the second story.

The Ferguson block adjoining is badly damaged by water.

The losses will aggregate $125,000. All the guests were gotten out without trouble.

Big Strike Threatened.

PARIS, July 12.—The meeting of railway employes to-day resolved that if the Paris Orleans Company refuse the demands of the workmen by Tuesday there will be a general strike of workmen of the five great railway companies.

ON THE WARPATH.

THE NAVAJOS DRIVING OUT THE WHITE CATTLE MEN.

The Government May Have to Interfere to Prevent More Trouble—They are Armed.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 12.—A *Chronicle* Flagstaff, Arizona, special says:

During the past month the Navajo Indians have been acting in a defiant manner toward the whites, and it was the general belief that they were only waiting for a favorable opportunity to drive the cattlemen from their ranges.

A courier has just arrived here from Little Colorado, thirty miles northwest, with intelligence that a band of six hundred Navajos had taken possession of the stock on the William Roden range, driving the herders from the range and slaughtering large numbers of cattle.

The Indians are all well armed and can get large reinforcements from the reservation.

Sheriff Francis will leave for the scene of the trouble to-morrow morning with thirty armed cowboys to arrest the leaders of the band.

If Francis fails to arrest the chiefs and get the Indians back on the reservation, the War Department will be appealed to and troops will probably be ordered out.

The Navajos are the largest tribe in the Territory, there being about 18,000 of them, and they are well fixed financially.

THE SHEEPSKIN SEASON.

They Are Supposed to Represent Fitness for the Duties of Life.

At this time, as usual, the higher institutions of learning are engaged in their annual pastime of presenting diplomas to graduates, and certifying that the persons so honored are qualified to go forth and take a trained and effective part in the promotion of the interests of truth, culture and progress. The familiar sheepskins are supposed to represent superior fitness for the duties and responsibilities of life. But is this view always the true one? Education is desirable, of course; we can not have too much of it, provided that it furnishes us with well-equipped men, and not merely technical and impracticable theorists. There never was a time when we were more in need of collegiate knowledge of a sound and useful sort. The situation in politics, literature, society and religion is one that calls peculiarly for well-disciplined thought and well-digested information; but it has to be confessed that the leading sources of instruction are not yielding as much in that relation as we have a right to expect from them. Their products are large, but defective. They do not provide a sufficient proportion of scholars upon whom we can rely for exceptional and advantageous service. Their lists of graduates are only fair to middling when they should be first-class. A few are noted for surpassing attainments in particular lines, but the large majority do not come up to the proper standard of proficiency.

The thing to be desired is not a collection of specialists, but a body of all-around men, prepared to assume positions of general influence and importance. We are not suffering for a yearly influx of botanists, entomologists and ethnologists; the supply is always equal to the public demand so far as such workers are concerned. This scarcity lies in other directions. It is possible to get along very well with small additions to the number of those who are scholars in only one channel or for only one purpose. But there is a constant pressure for more collegians of broad intelligence, of sound inspirations, and of true sympathy with the daily interests of civilization. A system of education that does no more than to pass the student through a fixed and formal course of teaching which has little or no application to the ordinary affairs of the world is apt to do more harm than good. It encourages the development of traits and habits that are detrimental to anybody. Instead of stimulating the best that is in a man, it tends to make him narrow, arrogant and supercilious. He does not mingle with the people and adapt himself to their conditions and tendencies; he stands apart from them, and lives an isolated and unproductive life. His diploma becomes a badge of exclusiveness to him, when it should send him into the thick of the fray where substantial and beneficent results are being accomplished by men who have never been inside of college walls, but who know how to bring things to pass.

It is a notorious fact that the uneducated element, as it is called by those who assume airs by reason of their sheepskin proofs of higher learning, has control of most of the agencies of improvement and prosperity in this country. The college graduates, numerous as they are, do not succeed in making good their boasts of superior knowledge and trained capacity. They do not shape our legislation, they do not control our commercial enterprises, they do not regulate our social methods and operations. Here and there one becomes a force in his community or in a larger sphere; but, as a class, they do not make any perceptible impression upon public opinion, or any of the various activities of the period. This is not as it should be. The colleges are old enough and strong enough to direct the currents of popular thought and conduct, and it must be their own fault that they fail to do so. They have abundant facilities, and the material sent to them is as good as could be desired. Why is it, then, that they fall so far short in the matter of causing the diplomas that they bestow to represent a pronounced and potent degree of practical ability? The only reasonable answer is that they are somehow lacking in their theory of what constitutes education, and so do not correctly grasp the issue of developing in the wisest and best way. Their processes of instruction are manifestly cramped and inadequate, and accordingly the lesson of the sheepskin season is that they should be searching for means of reform in a case where there is no room for pleading the right of indulgence and extenuation.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

SCALDED TO DEATH.

Horrible Accident on the Midland Road in Colorado.

SEVEN PERSONS DEAD AND OTHERS ARE PROBABLY DYING.

Sales of California Fruit in the East—Results of the American Association Games—Men-o'-Warsmen Asphyxiated—Disastrous Cave in a Coal District—The Men Escape.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

ASPEN (Col.), July 12.—A horrible railroad accident occurred at Aspen Junction, on the Midland road, last night.

A special train was backing from the water tank to switch to the Aspen track, when the rear end of a passenger coach crashed into an engine coming out from the round house.

The check valve on the side of the boiler was broken off and hot water and steam poured into the broken end of the passenger car, horribly scalding thirteen passengers—five men, seven women and one child.

All possible was done to relieve the sufferings of the unfortunates, but Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Rogers of Woodry, Colorado; Miss Annie Phelan of Cardiff, Colorado; Mrs. W. I. Willoby, Mrs. John G. Baldwin of Glenwood, Colorado; Frank Ellis, Aspen, Colorado, and a baby have already died, and the others are in a critical condition.

The disaster was probably due to an error of judgment on the part of a "hostler" bringing out an engine from the round-house. He thought to clear the main track before the passenger train reached him, and was pushing the engine at a high rate of speed. Just at the coal shutes he struck the rear corner of the passenger coach, tearing a hole in it and ripping the valve from the engine. Torrents of scalding steam and water poured upon the victims. Of the twenty-five passengers in the coach, three colored men in the forward department were the only ones who escaped without injury.

To-night the remainder of the injured are resting quietly and have a good chance of recovery.

POISONED HER HUSBAND.

A Pittsburg Woman Arrested on a Very Serious Charge.

PITTSBURG, July 12.—Mrs. Martin Farrell, a wealthy woman of this city, was arrested to-night on a charge of poisoning her husband.

The couple were married about five years ago, but never lived happily together, the bone of contention being a fortune of $60,000 left to Mrs. Farrell, which she has persistently held in her own name.

Some time ago they parted but yesterday made up the quarrel and spent the night in drinking. This morning she gave her husband a bottle of beer in which, it is alleged, she put a quantity of Paris green. He drained the bottle and is now dying.

A quantity of the poison was found in her possession, and a considerable amount on her clothing.

EDWARD BURGESS DEAD.

The Noted Yacht Designer Succumbs to Typhoid Fever.

BOSTON, July 12.—Edward Burgess, the noted yacht designer, died here this afternoon of typhoid fever, aged 43 years.

He was born in West Sandwich, Mass., June 30, 1848. He graduated from Harvard in 1871, and in 1888 the college conferred upon him the degree of A. M. He was instructor in entomology at Harvard for some years. His increasing business in yacht designing compelled him finally to resign his position. For fifteen years he was Secretary of the Society of Natural History of Boston. He leaves a wife and two sons.

California Fruits.

CHICAGO, July 12.—The Porter Brothers Company sold yesterday at auction for the California Fruit Union three cars of California fruit at the following prices; Bartlett pears $2 15@2 25; peaches $1 15@1 60; a few boxes off condition 80c. Purple Duane plums $1 25@1 85; German prunes $1 75; Tragedy prunes $2 00@2 50; Royal Native plums $1 35@1 45; peach plums $1 15@2 30; Crawford peaches $1 90; 'cots 80c@$1.30.

NEW YORK, July 12.—Porter Brothers Company sold to-day at auction for account of the California Fruit Union shippers, one carload of San Jose cherries, realizing for Black Bepublican cherries $1 05@1 45; Royal Ann cherries $1 15@1 70. This car contained 1,851 boxes and sold for $2,571 gross.

CHICAGO, July 12.—The Earl Fruit Company sold yesterday at auction two carloads of California fruits, as follows: St. Catherine plums, $1 23@1 37; overripe, $1; Peach plums, $1 40@1 85; Royal Native plums, $1 35; Purple Duane plums, $1 85; small, $1 60; Tragedy prunes, $2 40@2 60; German prunes, $2 25; Hale's early peaches, $1 35@1 50; Alexander peaches, $1 40; Royal apricots, $1 25; overripe, $1 10@1 16; Moorpark apricots, overripe, 90c to $1 10; Bartlett pears, $2 05@2 30; Peach apricots, very ripe, $1 07.

Yesterday's Baseball.

CHICAGO, July 12.—The American Association games resulted as follows yesterday:

OMAHA, July 12.—Omaha 12, Lincoln 4; second game: Omaha 4, Lincoln 4.

MILWAUKEE, July 12.—Milwaukee 3, Duluth 4.

SIOUX CITY, July 12.—Sioux City 6, Minneapolis 9; second game: Sioux City 11, Minneapolis 6.

KANSAS CITY, July 12.—Kansas City 13, Denver 9.

Asphyxiated.

BOSTON, July 12.—Three deserters from the United States steamer Boston and five from the United States steamer Atlanta, and H. S. Stron and Axel Jansen, head cook and gunner, respectively, on the flagship New York, registered at a hotel in West End. They were called at 5 o'clock and responded, but at 1 o'clock the chambermaid entered and found the men unconscious from escaping gas. Jansen was dead and Stron, who was removed to the Massachusetts General Hospital, may die.

Tenny Will Not Run.

NEW YORK, July 12.—Pulsifer will not enter Tenny for the sweepstake match with Longstreet, Riley, Loantaka and Tea Tray, for which race the Monmouth Association has offered $10,000. Pulsifer says: "I can see as much money before me without a match, as Tenny is entered in many valuable stakes which I think he will capture, and I don't propose to take any undue risks with him."

Ran Into a Landslide.

ST. PAUL, July 12.—A special to the *Pioneer Press* from Missoula, Mont., says: Shortly before midnight last night a west bound passenger train on the Northern Pacific road, which left St. Paul Thursday evening, ran into a landslide at Marshall Grade, four miles east of here and was wrecked. Two men who were stealing a ride on the trucks were killed. Engineer Draper was scalded and slightly cut on the head but no others were injured.

Coal Mine Cave.

WILKESBARRE (Pa.), July 12.—This morning the old slope of the Kingston Coal Company, near Larkeville, caved in and the inhabitants are in great fear of their lives and property. For hundreds of feet, in all directions, the surface is covered with large seams and cracks, some a foot wide. A number of houses in the vicinity were damaged, but so far there was no fatality. The men in the mine all escaped.

More Vigilance Needed.

ARDMORE (I. T.), July 12.—Intruders and citizens who do not show proper permits are being driven over the Texas border at a rate of twenty-five to twelve hundred daily. On yesterday thirty-three families were put out of the Territory. Unless the Indian militia is vigilant the intruders will soon be back working their farms.

A Naphtha Launch Blows Up.

NEW YORK, July 12.—At 3:30 o'clock this morning a yachting party of eight people on board the naphtha launch Ethel were blown up off Long Branch. The only one saved was Captain White, who clung to a buoy for hours. The launch had been chartered by Mr. Dennis, a retired diamond merchant.

Opposition Athletic Organization.

ST. LOUIS, July 12.—At a meeting here this morning of the various athletic clubs and of neighboring cities the Western Association of Amateur Athletics was organized. This organization is the result of the action of the Amateur Athletic Union in refusing to permit open-air games on Sunday.

Postmaster Jones Dead.

INDIANAPOLIS, July 12.—Aquilla Jones, an old and prominent resident of Indianapolis, died to-day. He was Postmaster during Cleveland's administration, at which time there was quite a sensation over the civil service examination caused by his summary dismissal of Republicans.

Killed at Church.

ST. LOUIS, July 12.—At Toos, nine miles southwest of here, Joseph Frank shot a Catholic teacher named Bacleman and then suicided. The crime was committed just in front of the church as the congregation was leaving. The reason of the murder is not known.

Killed His Wife.

KANSAS CITY, July 12.—Ex-policeman Crowley to-day fatally shot his wife, to whom he had been married six months. Jealousy was the cause. He then made an unsuccessful attempt to suicide.

At Cape May.

CAPE MAY (N. J.), July 12.—President and Mrs. Harrison attended services this morning at St. John's P. E. Church, where Rev. Dr. Tidhall of St. Paul's, Camden, preached.

Fatal Row.

VINCENNES (Ind.), July 12.—In a fight between circus employes and a crowd of rowdies last night one of the latter was killed and a number on both sides injured.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

DELEGATES IN SESSION AT MINNEAPOLIS.

An Address From an Ex-Yale College Baseballist—An Endeavor Trip Around the World.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

MINNEAPOLIS, July 12.—At this morning's session of the Society of Christian Endeavor, William Harper of the Chicago University, gave an interesting Bible study with applications on "Ninevah's Fall," and the prophecy of Nahum.

After short prayer services, a recess was taken and the delegates separated to attend the morning services in the different churches.

This afternoon's session opened with a song service, after which A. A. Stagg of Chicago delivered an address. Mr. Stagg was formerly pitcher in the Yale College baseball team, and is now instructor of physical training in the new Chicago University. After singing "By and By," led by Ira D. Sankey, Miss Margaret F. Feitch, from the Jaffna Mission, Ceylon, India, spoke upon "Young Woman and Work." Her address was very instructing.

Rev. A. A. Fulton of Canton, China, proposed to send Father Endeavor Clark on a trip around the world to organize Endeavor Missions. It was decided that each member give five cents to different mission boards, as the society's rule will not allow an officer of the organization to receive salary, and giving the money to Mr. Clark would in reality be giving him a salary.

Previous to an address, "Child at Work," by Mrs. Alice May Scudder of Jersey City, the front seats were vacated by the adults and between three and four hundred junior Endeavors marched in and took seats while singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers." After the song, John G. Wooley of Boston, delivered an address on "Gospel Temperance."

It was stated from the platform that the attendance of delegates was fourteen thousand, and the session closed by singing a doxology.

At the evening session Rev. P. Grose, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, submitted a supplemental report declaring against the whisky ring's influence in politics.

On the World's Fair resolution the convention declared:

"*Resolved*, That we, the representatives of 100,000 members of young people's Society of Christian Endeavor of this continent, in convention assembled, reaffirm our allegiance to the sacred observance of the Sabbath day, and hereby express our condemnation of and opposition to the opening of the Columbian Exposition on that day."

The resolution urges that an active effort on the part of individual members, societies, local and State organizations be made to prevent such opening. The storm of applause that greeted the resolutions made a vote almost unnecessary, but President Clark put the question and the resolution carried by a unanimous vote.

President Clark was re-elected, and a long list of honorary Vice-Presidents, representing every State, Territory and Province.

Bishop M. N. Gilbert of Minnesota, of the Protestant Episcopal Church, delivered an address on the needs of strength and growth in the Endeavor movement, which he thought an indication of a rapidly approaching millennium.

Rev. Dr. J. Wilber Chapman of Philadelphia delivered an address on the "Secret of Power," and at its close conducted the closing consecration service. A song by Sankey and singing by the congregation closed the tenth annual convention of the United Endeavor Society.

HORRORS OF WAR.

Desolation Caused by the Bloody Revolution in Chile.

EMPEROR WILLIAM BANQUETS WITH THE PRINCE OF WALES.

He Bids the Queen Farewell To-day—An American Wrestler Defeats All Comers at Berlin—A Dam Collapses on the Mersey—Preparations for Fighting in Guatemala.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

LONDON, July 12.—An official dispatch from Santiago, Chile, says: The revolution is stationary. Famine prevails at Tarapaca and Antofagasta.

There is no discipline among the rebel forces.

Balmaceda, at the cost of the State, sent all political prisoners on board the steamer Bolivia, bound for Iquique, where they will be at liberty to act as they please.

A plot has been discovered to destroy the Government squadron at Valparaiso. All the conspirators were seized, excepting one, who hanged himself.

A reconnoitering force from Coquimbo has temporarily occupied Huasco and Vallenar, where food is scarce. Complete order prevails.

WILLIAM IS GRATEFUL.

LONDON, July 12.—The *Telegraph* says that in the course of an audience at Buckingham Palace, yesterday the German Emperor said: "Tell everybody I am most delighted with my welcome in England. It has been a reception which I might have expected only in my own country, and not outside of it."

WILHELM'S VISIT.

He Will Bid Farewell to the Queen of England To-day.

LONDON, July 12.—The German Emperor and Empress attended the forenoon service at St. Paul's Cathedral. They drove thither from Buckingham Palace in a open carriage through the deserted streets. Nobody was expecting them in the city.

Canon Hall preached at the Cathedral.

This afternoon the Emperor and Empress and Prince and Princess of Wales started for the Hatfield House, to visit Lord Salisbury. Other royalties accompanied the party. At a banquet given in the hall after the arrival of the royal guests there were present, besides the royal personages, several Cabinet Ministers, the Dukes of Buccleugh and Portland, and a small circle of other persons of high rank.

The Emperor and Empress leave the Hatfield House to-morrow afternoon, when the Emperor goes to Windsor to bid farewell to the Queen, while the Empress goes to Felixstowe to rejoin her family.

AMERICAN PORK.

France and Germany to Rescind the Prohibition Laws.

PARIS, July 12.—In the council of Ministers, held yesterday to discuss the rescinding of the decree against American pork, Minister of Agriculture Develle advocated the withdrawal of the prohibitions. He asked Constans if the Ministers doubted the expediency of directing the Superior Council of Hygiene to make an examination and report on the subject.

Constans and Ribot also favored rescinding the decree.

It was agreed to refer the matter to the Council of Hygiene.

United States Minister Reid is pressing for a prompt decision in the matter, if possible, before the adjournment of the Chamber of Deputies, which is expected within ten days.

Reports have been received here that the German Government is about to withdraw the prohibition in Germany, and this ought to hasten French action.

BAVARIAN TROOPS.

To be Reviewed by Wilhelm—Disastrous Army Drills.

BERLIN, July 12.—The German Emperor will review in September the Bavarian army. Ever since creation of the empire Bavaria has maintained absolute independence of her army in time of peace, and had hitherto refused the right of any other than a Bavarian General to review it. Thus the troublesome question is settled through the persistency and energy of the young monarch without offending this proud and powerful member of the confederation.

The military exercises go on throughout the empire with disastrous consequence. A regiment was ordered recently to take a long march under the boiling sun. Eighteen men were exhausted, two dying of sunstroke. Swimming drills are regularly practiced by regiments and divisions riding into the water in a body. Near Martinckenefield, the other day, two uhlans were drowned and nearly all the squad lost their horses.

Mrs. Sheldon's Perilous Trip.

NEW YORK, July 12.—The *World's* Naples special says: Mrs. French Sheldon arrived here to-day from Africa and was met by her husband. Mrs. Sheldon is still weak from illness which seized her just before leaving Africa, mainly the result of a severe fall she had while descending the deep slopes of a crater to reach Lake Chala. She more than completed the programme arranged, managed the caravan splendidly, and visited all the Kilamenjaro tribes. She returned to the coast through German territory, where, as an American, she was cordially treated by the natives.

France and Russia.

PARIS, July 12.—*Gaulois* publishes a communication from a leading diplomat advocating a formal alliance between France and Russia, based upon France's assisting Russia in the occupation of Constantinople and both France and Russia attacking England's supremacy in Egypt and the east. *Soleil* warns the Government that such a policy would be full of dangers, and that the French people would never assent to the dismemberment of Turkey as the price of an alliance with Russia.

Collapse of a Dam.

LIVERPOOL, July 12.—At high tide in the Mersey to-day, a temporary dam two hundred and fifty feet wide, consisting of ten million tons of timber and masonry, collapsed. The debris blocked the Shropshire, Union Canal and Eastham Section. The latter will be swamped at the next flood tide unless the barrier is re-erected. An immense gang was put to work to restore the dam.

Russia's Crops.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 12.—A report on the prospect of the harvest preclude the hope that there will be any grain for export this season. The purchase of foreign corn is inevitable.

Cannon, the Wrestler.

BERLIN, July 12.—In the wrestling tournament to-day, the American, Tom Cannon, beat all comers. Cannon has been elected a member of the Atlas Verein, and presented with a gold medal and a laurel wreath, surmounted by German and American eagles.

Barrillas Will Fight.

CITY OF MEXICO, July 12.—Guatemalan telegrams received by merchants here says that President Barrillas is preparing for a fight.

DON'T LIKE IT.

The Decision of the Morris Park Stewards Causes Indignation.

NEW YORK, July 12.—The action of the Morris Park Stewards in declaring all bets on the Hackensack Handicap off on Saturday has aroused much indignation in racing circles.

The action is due to the fact that McLewoo's San Joan was pulled to let his Rey Del Rey win. Either horse could have won, but McLewoo's trainer had failed to declare which horse was in tow. The judges did not place the third horse, which was Adventurer.

It is said that McLewoo will sue for the stakes, and the backers of Rey Del Rey and San Joan, straight and place, and Adventurer, one, two and three, are threatening to sue. The other horse had no show for place.

HEAVY DOWN POURS.

NORTH DAKOTA GETS AN UNUSUAL SUPPLY OF RAIN.

Damage to Railroads and Bridges—Traffic Stopped—Streams Running Bank Full.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

ST. PAUL, July 12.—*Pioneer Press* specials from various points in north Dakota report heavy rains during the past twenty-four and forty-eight hours which caused many wash-outs on the railroads and much destruction to property.

A special from Mandan, N. D., says: Between three and four hundred westbound passengers on the Northern Pacific are stalled here to-day. The tremendous rains of last night and this morning washed out a large number of small bridges and culverts and portions of the track west of here. All the bridges gone are small ones, those of the Heart River being all intact. The Heart River is running bank-full and has been rising during the afternoon. In the town most of the sidewalks floated along the streets, a number of cellars are full and a great of deal damage was done.

The rain extended from west of Medora to Jamestown, and poured in torrents for several hours. This supposed arid region has enough rain to insure bounteous crops.

Dickinson, N. D., reports that the rain last night was worse than at first supposed. Crews of track-repairers have been working all day repairing the heavy washouts. West-bound passengers cannot arrive here before Monday. The streams are rising rapidly, and if it rains again the farmers will sustain damage from lodged grain.

DUEL BETWEEN ELEPHANTS.

One Monstrous Pachyderm Butts and Gores Another to Death.

It was my good fortune to spend some months every season in a fine forest and hill country in India, where my duties gave me chances of seeing a great deal of elephant, buffalo and other big game that frequented those parts, writes H. Herbert Thompson in the *Week's Sport*. Our camp was on a partially isolated hill, a good deal above the surrounding country. We had been some days in camp, but had not been visited by our friends, the elephants, when one afternoon the sudden bellow of one, evidently in pain, roused everyone in the camp. A hill man presently came up to say that two large tuskers were hard at it close by. Every one turned out onto the hillside, from where it was easy, even to the naked eye, to see what was going on, while with a glass even the movements of a startled deer could be made out.

About 700 or 800 yards below the crowd watching the fight were two tuskers. The one somewhat nearer us, a burly, stout-built beast, with short powerful tusks, was evidently getting much the worst of the combat, and the white and red furrows in his sides and rear plainly indicated seams run by his antagonist's tusks. Blood could be seen trickling down his head and shoulders. On the rise of the hill was his rival, a still larger animal, possessing the advantage of longer, gleaming tusks. It was a lost fight, and in a few minutes the victor, with a quick rush at the other, made a good thrust at the side, and though there was a severe struggle, the tusk went its full length in the now beaten brute, and using all his weight, the victor pressed him down the hill, where they disengaged themselves and prepared for another bout.

The wounded tusker's roars of pain and rage were pitiful to hear, and though he would have escaped if he could, the other kept close behind and administered thrust after thrust, but not in any vital part. Presently, wheeling around they came together with a mighty smash. This was about the only stand made, and the weaker was quickly overpowered by the more powerful and fresher victor. The thrusts, now put behind the shoulder and into the body, quickly disabled the poor brute, and in fact, in a few minutes, the great beast rolled over dead.

Next morning, on our proceeding to look for the tuskers, we found a large herd in an excited state almost on the spot where the finish had occured. In it were several small tuskers, besides the big conqueror of the evening before, who seemed to instill a great deal of fear into the youngsters. He came now into the open glade with a fine young female, and as he approached even the other cows there was a general stampede out of his way.

We came on the dead beast, which had been butted and rolled, after it was killed, into a clump of bamboos. It had been a fine, burly animal, but was marked from forehead to rear and top to foot by rips and cuts. He measured 9 feet and 6 inches at the shoulder, and the tusks taken by the hill men proved slightly over 100 pounds to the pair. The victor, which in the fight seemed to tower over his foe, must have been quite ten feet high, and had the longest tusks I have ever seen clear of their sockets. I tried to get him, but what with his harem about him and the difficulty of getting a clear view in the long grass, I failed to get a shot.

Chicago Still Growing.

Eastern Man (in Chicago)—Land is held at a pretty stiff price around here, I find.

Chicago Man—In the city proper, yes. But I can offer you some rare bargains outside. How would you like a few corner lots in our Lunar annex? Big chance to get in on the ground floor now.

"Where is your Lunar annex located?"

"On the moon, of course. Our air ships will be running in a few weeks, you know, and one line passes right close to my lots."—New York Weekly.

Gladstone is comparatively a poor man, and the occasional literary work he does for magazines and periodicals is not the result of any desire to add to his established fame as a writer. He takes a matter of fact view of such productions, reckoning them simply as valuable help to the liquidation of his heavy household expenses. For every article he writes he receives $1,000.

FOR THE SPEAKERSHIP.

A Red-Hot Preliminary Contest is in Progress.

CRISP SEEMS TO LEAD BUT THE OTHERS ARE CONFIDENT.

Mills Has Many Supporters—The Alleged Violation of the Consulate at Catamia, Sicily, Reported at Washington—Why the Consulate Was Not Closed—No More Trouble.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

NEW YORK, July 12.—The *Tribune's* Washington correspondent says that while everything appears calm on the surface the fiercest preliminary contest for the Speakership ever waged is now in progress.

The drift of opinion seems to point to the success of Judge Crisp of Georgia, and if the Democratic members of New York act for him as a unit they can carry him through and perhaps get something in return.

It is an open secret that he has or will have the support of the majority of the New York men.

Colonel Mills is cultivating the virtue of silence and reticence, but influential Democratic politicians consider him a logical candidate for Speaker.

One leading Democrat says: "If our party is honest and sincere in its attitude towards the tariff Mills will be elected. I do not mean that Crisp or McMillan or Springer are not devoted tariff reformers, but Mills is the foremost exponent and ablest champion of tariff reform in Congress. The chances now seem to be in his favor. I would not be much surprised to see a Northern man selected if Mills should fail. His friends might insist that he should not be set aside for any other man in the South. Springer is an impossibility."

CONSUL HEATH.

Why the Consulate at Catamia, Sicily, Was Not Closed.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—The facts in the case of the rumored violation of the United States Consulate at Catamia, Sicily, have been learned at the State Department.

A lawsuit was entered against Consul Charles Heath, and the local authorities entered the Consulate in serving the process. Heath regarded this an intringement of his rights and recommended to the Department of State that the Consulate be closed.

The White House Charge d'Affaires at Rome reported by cable that the local authorities assured him that no further steps would be taken until he had ample opportunity to investigate, and further that the process was served in a private part of the Consulate, and, therefore, was no violation of the sanctity of the Consulate.

Heath was therefore instructed by the Department not to close the Consulate under any circumstances.

BOOK AGENT AND BULLDOG.

Fierce Was the Fight Put Short, and the Agent Had the Last Laugh.

The story teller was a book agent, nevertheless I enjoyed listening to him as he reeled off the yarn something after this style:

"Down in Jones County lives a farmer who used to keep a bulldog for the special purpose of scaring away book agents and tramps, 'who, otherwise,' he declared, 'would pester the life out of his wife and hired girl.'

"Tiger was the dog's name and the man's nature.

"Now if there was any one thing that Tiger enjoyed it was a live, long-legged, sound-lunged book agent, one who could run and yell. His rather melancholy countenance would light up the instant he caught sight of one of these gentle beings ambling up toward the front door. Then he would quickly slide in under the front stoop and calmly await the approach of his unsuspecting victim. When the book agent was within ten feet of the first step out would spring old Tiger with a savage growl. The frightened agent, with a yell of terror, would bound backward, and start on a bee line for the garden wall. But before he could take three bounds old Tiger, with a low, chuckling growl of pleasure, would fasten his teeth in the seat of his trousers and hang on until the farmer and his two hired men came with crowbars and grinning faces, pried his jaws apart and set the captive free.

"The gory tale set my heart in a tumult of indignation, and I determined to teach that bulldog a lesson. I procured three pounds of the strongest cayenne pepper obtainable, fastened it firmly in the seat of my trousers—my second best—and thus loaded walked boldly up to the home of the cranky farmer and carnivorous bulldog.

"As I swung open the gate I saw old Tiger dodge in under the front piazza. I walked boldly on, and when within about ten feet of the first step with a blood-curdling growl old Tiger sprang for me. He was an awful sight, with his wide open mouth full of gleaming ivories, and I turned and ran for all I was worth. I had not made three jumps before I felt a jerk and heard a ripping, tearing sound, and then my ears were greeted with a howl of pain. I then knew that the bulldog had gotten his eyes, nose and mouth chuck full of my second best trousers and cayenne pepper. A great joy welled up into my heart and I stopped and watched the animal.

"He howled as though a hundred fiends had lent him their tongues, clawed at his mouth, rolled over beds of rare flowers, demolished costly rose bushes, turned double summersaults backward and forward, and practiced all kinds of astounding gymnastical feats. At last one of his gyrations landed him on the back stoop. In a momont the swill barrel was tipped over, and the farmer's wife and hired girl were upset in its contents. Great, then, was the confusion for a few moments. During this melee I thought it best to decamp, and turned and walked happy and triumphant away. The last glimpse I caught of the dog as I passed over the brow of the hill, found him rolling over a lot of clothes that had just been laid out upon the grass to dry.

"The next day I called again to note results and to reap my reward.

"The moment I stepped within the yard I saw the bulldog, with head down and tail between his legs, start like a streak of spotted lightning for the barn, whence, ever and anon, long drawn agonizing howls reached my ears.

"When once in the house I was treated like a king. The farmer's wife and hired girl had not had a chance to talk with a book agent for six months, and consequently were almost wild with delight to see me. The old lady bought $20 worth of books, cash down, the hired girl had me write in her autograph album, where none but her 'dearest friends' were allowed to scribble; and when at last I was compelled to go the dear old lady gave me her blessing in a trembling voice and a Bible; while the hired girl, as she hid her streaming eyes in the folds of her not over-clean apron, begged me to send her my photograph and a lock of my auburn hair."