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THE OLD WORLD.

No General Elections to be Held in England This Year.

ROYALTY INTERESTED IN THE COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION.

Balmaceda Threatens to Declare War Against Bolivia, Because the Latter Government Recognizes the Chile Insurgents as Belligerents — Jack the Ripper Adds Another Victim to the Long List of Crimes in Whitechapel.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Since the prorogation speech announced that the coming session would deal with questions already elaborated, all rumors of immediate general elections have ceased. The legislative programme mentioned in the Queen's speech in November last, left incomplete, will be resumed next year. Besides the Irish local bill, the Ministers have perfected an English measure developing the existing system of local goverment by the creation of district concils, and other bills. The opposition are prepared to see the Government succeed in carrying these, without fearing that the Cabinet will be thereby so strengthened as to divert an appeal to the country.

The burden of the work rests on Balfour. In his Irish local government bill it is understood that the feature will be the franchise of electors of county boards, the boards being confined to persons actually paying rates. The measures will bear the smallest resemblance to home rule. They will prevent the boards created under its provisions from being controlled by the masses.

If the presence of royal persons can insure the success of the World's Fair in Chicago, its success now seems to be assured. It is certain that several members of the English royal family are showing such interest in the progress of the preparations as indicates the intention on their part to visit the fair, and communications have reached London from Berlin which leave little doubt, if Europe is at peace at the time of the fair, that the German Emperor will indulge himself in the greatest voyage of his life, seeing America.

The three weeks' naval maneuvers just concluded in the North Sea have been keenly watched by every Government in Europe. Experts blame the Admiralty for suddenly changing the plans of converting the tactical maneuvers, thus spoiling the initiative of the Admiral commanding.

In spite of the Admiralty's blundering the evolutions yielded results of immense importance. They have shown the rapidity of the mobilization of the English fleet in reality, that new and complicated instruments of sea warfare, like the battleships Sans Pareil and Nile, can be equipped, manned and sent to sea in a few days ready for action. They have also proved that the 110-ton guns used on the Sans Pareil can be worked rapidly and sucessfully, penetrating nineteen inches of iron armor and fifteen inches of any compound armor afloat at a range of 2,500 yards.

Another discovery has modified the accepted ideas of the value of torpedo vessels. In no instance did the torpedo vessel succeed in the attack on the ironclad. The system followed against torpedo vessels converted the defense into an attack. Instead of waiting for the torpedo vessels, the warships went for them. Out of twenty torpedo boats four were adjudged captured, while two protecting ships were destroyed and seventeen attacks repulsed. The superiority of active over passive defense against torpedo boats is, therefore, held to be demonstrated.

Dillon while here conferred unceasingly with the Parnellites, with a view of ending the schism in the Irish party. He found them resolutely opposed to Parnell's retirement as a condition of reunion. Several intimated their intention to withdraw from public life, but during the tenor of their place in the Commons they will adhere to their old leader.

The meeting of Dillon, O'Brien, McCarthy and Sexton to deliberate on the future leadership of the party resulted in an agreement that Dillon should be formally invested with the leadership when Parliament reassembles. Meanwhile McCarthy will be nominal chief, though Dillon will be the virtual leader.

Lord Salisbury has instructed his solicitor to press the bankruptcy case against William O'Brien to the rapidest possible conclusion. Besides Lord Salisbury, another claimant, George Bolton, to whom the jury awarded £4,000 damages in the libel action against O'Brien, years ago, has revived his demand It is plain that the objects of both suits is to disclose O'Brien for future Parliamentary life.

Lord Salisbury started for Chateau Cecil at Dippe to-day. His last official work was a communication to M. Waddington, the French Embassador, on the preparations made for the reception of the French fleet at Portsmouth on August 21st. Admiral Gervais and his officers will dine with the Queen on the 22d. The Queen will inspect the French fleet, and the French officers will attend a banquet in Portsmouth town hall on the 23d. The officers will go to London to visit the naval exhibit, and the sailors will be banqueted in the town hall. Besides these there will be a series of balls and junketings, all promising a glowing welcome to the Frenchmen.

The Wesleyan Conference concluded its labors with the significant appointment by a large majority of Professor Davison to the chair of theology. His recent address on the inspiration of the Bible and his broad views have excited alarm among the orthodox. His election proves the strength of the broad church in English Wesleyanism. Another victory for the forward party was the appointment of a committee to try to obtain an Act of Parliament rescinding Wesley's deed, under which the three years' ministerial circuit system prevails. If such an act is obtained the itinerant Wesleyan minister, the dominant feature of the church, will cease to exist.

ITALIAN FINANCES.

No Truth in the Report That the Government Cannot Pay Interest.

ROME, Aug. 7.—At a council of Ministhe other day each Minister presented his budget of estimated receipts and expenditures for the years 1891-92 and 1892-93, and in accordance with the programme of the Ministry sufficient economies were introduced in the various departments to reduce the expenditures for the two years to the amount of estimated receipts.

There is no truth in the persistent reports spread by the bears that the Italian Government will be unable to pay the January interest on its bonds abroad. The Treasury has offered to receive as cash January coupons in payment of certain dues. The commission appointed by the Pope to investigate the recent losses to the St. Peter's Pence fund has already found a deficiency which is said to amount to 30,000,000 lire ($6,000,000). The commission has not yet concluded its investigations.

The exports from Italy to the United States for the year ending June 30th amounted to $32,850,000, notwithstanding the immense falling off in the shipments of raw silk owing to the depression of the silk industry in the United States, and in the shipments of fruit from Sicily owing to a deficient fruit crop. The depression in the silk industry is not confined to the United States, for the statistics show the same falling off in the exports of raw silk to European nations. Concerning the Sicilian fruit crop, it is said there has been a very heavy demand from the United States for fruit that could not be filled, for the crop was about 40 per cent. less than the average of recent crops. Had the shipments of silk and fruit been equal to those of the preceding year, the exports to the United States would have exceeded $36,000,000.

ANOTHER HORROR.

Jack the Ripper Again Makes His Appearance in London.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Early this morning one of the denizens of Whitechapel, an old woman named Woolf, was seized by an unknown man, who cut her throat and stabbed her repeatedly in the body. She cannot live. The police, as usual, are unable to find the murderer, who disappeared.

The woman was taken to a hospital and after a time she recovered sufficiently to tell of the attack made upon her. She is a German, and, unlike the other women murdered and mutilated in Whitechapel, she was not in the company of the man who attacked her, but was passing along the street when, without warning, the assassin sprang upon her. One man has been taken into custody on suspicion of being the assassin, but the evidence against him is very weak and no importance is attached to the arrest.

The "Holy Coat."

TREVES (Germany), Aug. 7.—Bishop Korum, assisted by 100 clergymen and the Mayor of the city, had the wall in the rear of the high altar of the cathedral broken open yesterday, and the "Holy Coat" taken out of its secret receptacle. It was declared to be intact and perfect, and was at once reverently inclosed in the treasury of the church. The city is in a state of great excitement and enthusiasm. Seven hundred public houses have been opened for the benefit of pilgrims, and 100 special policemen enrolled. Piety and holiday-making seemed to occupy the attention of the pilgrim alternately, to the great pecuniary benefit of the citizens.

A Visit to the Pope.

ROME, Aug. 7.—Professor O'Gorman of Washington University had an audience with the Pope. His holiness made many inquiries about the university and its course of study, and about Archbishop Ireland and Bishop Keane, the rector of the university. O'Gorman had interviews also with many ecclesiastics high in rank. He found them all opposed to any such scheme as that proposed by Cahensly, and hopeful that the Pope's prompt decision would keep the matter out of politics in America.

The Columbian Commission.

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 7.—F. W. Peck of Chicago, a member of the Foreign Committee of the Chicago Columbian Exposition, arrived in this city to-day. He was met by Carr, United States Minister, Michelson, President of the Industrial Association, and a number of gentlemen engaged in the manufacturing industries in Denmark. Peck's stay in this city will be short, as he starts for Stockholm to-morrow.

Storms in Manitoba.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 7.—A Mandon dispatch says a terrific storm of thunder and lightning last night raged furiously in that section. Grain is in bad shape. Lightning struck the dwelling of a farmer named Daniel Martins, killing Mrs. Martins and stunning Martins' six children. At Moose Jaw, Mrs. John McGinnis was killed by lightning.

French Diplomatic Service.

PARIS, Aug. 7.—The *Journal*, official, to-day announces that the following changes have been made in the French diplomatic service: Count de Montebello has been appointed to succeed De Laboulaie as Embassador to Russia, and Cambon, at present Embassador to Spain, has been transferred to Constantinople.

Emperor William's Injuries.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Notwithstanding the reports that the injury sustained by Emperor William when he fell upon the deck of the imperial yacht is slight, it has been decided that he will remain at Kiel, where he arrived from his trip to Norway, for two weeks, so that his injury may be attended to.

The Barcelona Uprising.

MADRID, Aug. 7.—To-day an arrest was made in Barcelona, the scene of the recent uprising, of a well-known and heavy operator in Government securities, on the charge of being a party to the conspiracy to overthrow the Government and cause a depression in the market.

Gold Field in Mashonaland.

LONDON, Aug. 7. — The tremendous rush to the gold fields in Mashonaland, has swamped the local steamship companies. They have neither food nor accommodations for the gold-hunters. A recent report says large quantities of gold are found.

Chile Will Declare War on Bolivia.

PARIS, Aug. 7.—A telegram received here to-day from Buenos Ayres asserts that Chile will declare war against Bolivia, because the Government of the latter country has recognized the Congressional party of Chile as belligerents.

Exportation of Corn Prohibited.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 7.—The Russian Imperial Council has decided to prohibit the exportation of corn from this country, owing to the bad harvest in Russia, which has caused a scarcity of this cereal.

FINANCIAL CIRCLES STARTLED.

An Extensive Shoe Manufacturer Succumbs to Hard Times.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 7.—Business and financial circles were startled to-night by a report that W. E. Schmertz, the most extensive shoe manufacturer in this city, and head of financial and mercantile institutions, had failed. He confessed judgments to-day aggregating $233,000. The cause of the failure or the liabilities could not be learned to-night, as Schmertz is seriously ill, and could not be seen. Other parties interested refused to give information.

Schmertz was President of the Third National Bank, President of the Chamber of Commerce and a member of the National Bankers' Executive Committee. He was rated by Dun & Co. as $300,000 to $500,000 capital.

Among outsiders the embarrassment is attributed to a heavy decline in natural gas stocks and the failures of several shoe concerns in the East and here.

Boston City Property Attached.

BOSTON, Aug. 7.—United States Deputy Marshal McDonald attached property of the city of Boston this afternoon for the sum of $70,000. The suit is an action brought by W. A. Birckill and others, citizens of New York. Nothing in regard to the nature of the case is learned, except that it is on account of some infringement of a patent right. A similar attachment for the same parties for the amount of $75,000 has been placed on property of Cambridge.

CAUSE OF THE WAR.

Information as to the Origin of the Chile Revolution.

THE CONSTITUTION RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TROUBLE.

Earthquakes Cause a Huge Tidal Wave at the Head of the Gulf of California—It is Also Said That the Course of the Colorado River Has Been Changed From the Same Cause—Forest Fire Raging in Nevada County.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

SAN DIEGO, Aug. 7.—Efforts are being made to have the Pensacola remain in San Diego harbor until after the G. A. R. Encampment, which occurs next week. Unless the War Department so orders, the Pensacola will sail north to-morrow.

In conversation with an officer of the Pensacola to-day, considerable information was obtained as to the cause of the Chilean trouble. He said: "The Constitution of Chile is the real cause of the war. There is no power to punish the President for misconduct. He can not be impeached, and he cannot be prosecuted. When he accepts the office he takes an oath not to leave the country for one year after the expiration of his term. This makes it necessary for him at the end of his regular term of five years to nominate his own successor, who agrees to defend him. His nominee is always elected, even if the people have to be thrown into jail, so the election can be carried in this way. Balmaceda has just nominated and elected one of his former Cabinet officers, Manuel Vicuna.

"One day I heard how some of the recruits were provided for Balmaceda's army. The people were not anxious to enlist, so they sent out a detachment of cavalry as a press-gang. They caught 400 that way, and the recruiting officer sent a note to the commander to which the recruits were consigned, saying: 'I send you 400 volunteers; please return the handcuffs.'

"At another time the Colonel had his regiment drawn up. He rode out and informed the men that the next morning they would start out on a two days' march, and then have an engagement with the Congressional soldiers. 'If there is any reason why any of you do not want to go, step out of the ranks and say so,' he concluded. Seven of the poor devils stepped out and said they did not want to go, and they didn't go. Those seven were straightway backed up against a brick wall and shot.

"My conclusion was," continued the officer, "that the Congressional party advocates worthy reforms, which ought to be, and doubtless will be adopted, either as a result of this war or through political legislation. But it is a good country to keep away from right now."

TRIED TO BUY THE BALTIMORE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7.—The *Examiner* states that Balmaceda, through Minister Eagan, offered the United States $4,000,000 for the cruiser Baltimore. The offer was refused. Admiral Brown has taken the Baltimore as his flagship, and is now in sole command in the South Pacific. It is expected that the Charleston will leave for Honolulu in about three weeks, as another revolution is feared.

IMPROVING THE SERVICE.

The Southern Pacific to Build a New Ferry Steamer.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7.—When the Southern Pacific Company laid the ferry steamer Piedmont off the broad-gauge route about a month ago it was given out that she would be enlarged amidships by the addition of forty feet. The steamer was put on the dry dock at Oakland Point. After plans and specifications had been submitted the company concluded that, as it would cost in the neighborhood of $75,000 to enlarge her, it would be better to build a new boat. The company has therefore resolved to have drawings made for a new ferry steamer, so as to have a "relief boat" in case the Piedmont or Oakland become disabled. Many believe that this decision of the company indicates that in due time three trips an hour instead of two will be made on the broad-gauge line.

One important improvement to be made to the Piedmont will be the building of "feather paddle wheels," on of the latest innovations in steamer work. The paddles make no noise by splashing water about, and are so arranged as to cut the wind, thus avoiding resistance. The Piedmont will be laid up for some weeks yet.

Vice-President Crocker of the Southern Pacific says that the only real work of construction now being done by the Southern Pacific Company is that of changing the old San Bernadino motor line to a standard track. The company intends to begin work on its extension from Santa Margarita to San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara before long. Plans for doing the work in a most economical and at the same time satisfactory way are being discussed.

The final work is now being done by the construction department of the Southern Pacific Company to the section of its line between Los Banos and Armona, and it will be only a short time before trains will be running from Tracy to Armona. This gives the company two routes through the San Joaquin Valley, but the officials say it will probably be a year or more before the new road will be used for through passenger business, though freights will, however, be sent over the line soon after its opening.

HEAVY EARTHQUAKES.

They Cause a Tidal Wave at the Head of the Gulf of California.

SAN DIEGO, Aug. 7.—A special correspondent of the *San Diegan*, writing from Yuma, says a report has been brought in by reliable Cocopah Indians that an earthquake on the 30th ult. resulted in changing the course of the Colorado River. It left its old bed and is now flowing through a crevasse forty-five feet wide and 1,000 feet long. The report, however, is not generally believed.

Another result of the recent earthquakes was the renewed activity of volcanos in the Cocopah region. Almost constant explosions are heard twenty miles away.

The earthquakes here caused a great tidal wave at the head of the Gulf of California. The wave is reported to have reached the hight of 100 feet.

SUING FOR THE INSURANCE.

Case Growing Out of the Wrecking of the Bark Alicia.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7.—Steward H. Moullin of the bark Alicia, which was stranded in Apia harbor, Samoa, last February, arrived from Samoa on the Alameda yesterday.

To a *Chronicle* reporter he made grave charges against John C. Broadhurst, Captain and part owner of the Alicia.

Moullin says that when the Alicia left Newcastle she was leaking slightly, and put into Apia. She was surveyed and pronounced seaworthy. The cargo was partly discharged and she was surveyed again, this time being condemned. That night she was blown ashore by a gale, while the Captain and crew were ashore. The Alicia was then sold to a wrecking firm.

Moullin charges that after the first survey the Captain scuttled the ship, in order to secure the insurance. The Alicia was insured in the Union Insurance Company for $9,000, but owing to the charges the company refused to pay, and suit was brought here to-day to compel the payment of the insurance.

The attorney of the insurance company says he has an affidavit sworn to before the British Consul at Apia by several of the Alicia's crew, which corroborates Moullin's charges. Captain Broadhurst, who is in the city, denies the charges.

RED BLUFF FAIR.

Bright Outlook for a Splendid Exhibit and Good Racing.

RED BLUFF, Aug. 7.—The entries to the Red Bluff Agricultural Association races, for purses amounting to $2,500, closed a few days ago with ninety-six entries. Some of the best horses in the State are entered for the principal purses. Senator Fair has a string of six. Some come from Oregon and some as far south as Los Angeles.

The Executive Committee of the pavilion exhibit met last night and appointed several committees, with General Chipman as Chairman, who prepared a programme for each evening. The pavilion will be formally opened on Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, and will be lighted with electric lights. There will be an address, music by the Red Bluff brass band and also by the local music glee club. The outlook is for a splendid exhibit and excellent racing for five days every afternoon.

Improved Order of Red Men.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7.—The Improved Order of Red Men held their fourth and last day's session to-day. Great Chiefs were raised up by J. A. Filcher, Past Great Sachem, as follows: J. P. Counts of No. 14, Great Prophet; Fred Brandt of No. 12, Great Sachem; George W. Lovie, of No. 24, Great Senior Sagamore; S. Gumbinner of No. 61, Great Junior Sagamore, J. W. Maher of No. 4, Great Chief of Records; Adam Smith of No. 4, Great Keeper of Wampum; C. H. Tilton of No. 61, Great Sannap; F. A. Whipple of No. 60, Great Mishinew; William Tierney of No. 67, Great Guard of Wigwam; E. C. Clinch of No. 39, Great Guard of Forest. The Great Council closed its Great Sun session to reassemble in Fresno on August 3, 1892.

The Westerfield Will Case.

NEVADA CITY, Aug. 7.—In the contest between California and Eastern claimants for $40,000 left by William Westerfield, a miserly merchant, who died in 1888 at Mooney Flat, in this county, the jury this afternoon returned a verdict for the Californians, consisting of Mrs. Mary B. Smith and Mrs. Emma Danuser of North San Juan, Fred Westerfield of Marysville and Charles Westerfield of Oakland. The trial had been in progress sixteen days, and was bitterly contested. In the former trial the Eastern claimants won, and the Californians appealed to the Supreme Court and got a new trial.

The California Cricketers Victorious.

VICTORIA, Aug. 7.—The visiting team of cricketers from San Francisco won its initial game here yesterday against the Victoria crack team.

The score was: California 87, Victoria 57. E. Sloman of the California club made the top score, 33. It was raining during the game. The play on both sides was good. The Californians played well and disposed of the home team in short order. William Robertson and Lawrence bowled for the visitors.

Healthy Condition of Affairs.

SANTA MARIA, Aug. 7.—Fruit is nearly one month late in this section. The prune yield is light. Apricots are good where the trees are well cared for. The bean crop is very favorable. Bean and fruit culture are assuming great prominence here. Large shipments of grain are being made daily. Live stock generally is in good condition. About $150,000 are on deposit in our local bank.

Two Daylight Burglars Arrested.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7.—Charles Seley and Frank Beal, who are credited with having committed thirty-five burglaries during the last four months, were arrested to-day. They worked in the daytime, going from house to house and ringing the door bells. When they found a house with no one at home they would break in and carry off plunder.

Terrific Forest Fire.

NEVADA CITY, Aug. 6.—For three days past a terrible forest fire has been burning around French Corral, and although the whole male population has turned out, much damage has been done. Among other property destroyed is the house of A. J. Sackett, and a large quantity of firewood belonging to J. W. Culver.

Wine and Brandy.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7.—The receipts of wine at San Francisco since January 1st amounts to 7,629,347, an increase of 673,207 gallons over the same time last year. Brandy receipts for the same period were 355,291 gallons, an increase of 62,935 gallons.

An Editor Suicides.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7.—The *Chronicle's* Eureka (Cal.) correspondent says: Luigi Verdi, editor and proprietor of *La Voce Del Popolo*, the principal Italian paper pubtished in San Francisco, while delirious from fever to-day shot and killed himself.

A Sailor Killed.

WESTPORT, Aug. 7.—Daniel McCarthy, a sailor on the steamer Cleone, was killed yesterday at Usal by a derrick breaking loaded with 2,000 feet of lumber. The lumber fell upon him and crushed his skull. The Coroner's jury found no blame.

Sawmill Burned.

SEATTLE, Aug. 7.—Johnson's sawmill at Smith's Cove was burned this morning. The loss is $10,000, insurance $7,000. The fire was of incendiary origin.

To be Sent Back to China.

BUFFALO, Aug. 7.—United States Commissioner Hirschbeck to-day rendered a decision in the case of two Chinamen, Lig Lee and Jar Tan, recently arrested in violation of the Exclusion Act, to the effect that they must be sent back to China by way of San Francisco. This is the first decision of the kind that has been rendered. Heretofore Chinamen smuggled into the United States from Canada have been simply sent back to Canada.

Two Horse-thieves Captured.

ARKANSAS CITY (Kas.), Aug. 7.—Several days ago two strangers made arrangements with the Santa Fe to charter several cars to use in shipping horses to Kansay City. Night before last they stole fifty-five head of horses from the Osage Indians and started off with them. The United States Marshal and a posse, after a short fight, captured them last night at Pawnee Ford. All of the horses were recovered.

Not a Passenger Injured.

DENVER, Aug. 7.—This morning, at Debuque, the Denver and Rio Grande passenger train was struck by a landslide while passing through a deep cut, and was entirely swept from the track. Not a passenger was injured.

PEACE REIGNS SUPREME.

The Democratic Factions of Chicago Again United.

CLEVELAND AND HILL LAID ON THE SHELF.

The Secretary of the Treasury Has Been Advised That a Strong and Determined Band of Men Intend to Make a Bold Attempt to Raid the Treasury—Tragedy in Indian Territory—Grand Army Proceedings.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—The two factions of the Democratic party in Chicago united to-night, after a long, bitter fight, which has allowed the Republicans to win two important elections. The split originated with ex-Mayor Carter Harrison, who claimed to have been a sufferer from the arbitrary control of the party machinery by ex-Mayor Dewitt C. Cregier.

The constitution adopted after a meeting of the representatives of both factions to-night is a decided novelty in the line of political agreements. It provides that all primaries to be held under the Australian ballot system forbids central committeemen becoming office-holders.

Should the treaty prove binding, the Democrats expect to make a clean and everlasting sweep of all offices in sight, the party, when united, having, according to their estimates, 15,000 majority. The present city administration is Republican.

CLEVELAND AND HILL SHELVED.

SARATOGA, Aug. 7.—The result of the recent conferences of representatives of various Democratic interests here is that David B. Hill has been finally persuaded to forego his ambition to stake his political future on another attempt to succeed himself as Governor; that a union of forces has been made upon Roswell P. Flower as the Democratic nominee for Governor; that Grover Cleveland is to be shelved, and that the candidate for the national Democratic nomination in 1892 is to be ex-Secretary of the Navy Whitney.

THE GRAND ARMY.

Commander-in-Chief Palmer and Other Grand Officers Installed.

DETROIT, Aug. 7.—At the opening of the G. A. R. Encampment this morning the first business was the report of the Committees on the Logan and Sheridan Monuments. The Logan Monument fund has now reached about $65,000 and is closed. The Sheridan fund has $50,000.

Ex-Governor Oglesby of Illinois reported satisfactory progress for the Committee on Memorial Hall at Decatur, Ill.

The reports of Committees on Adjutant-Generals and other officers were approved.

Past Commander-in-Chief Burdett of Washington presented reports on a variety of subjects, deprecating in particular the action of members in endeavoring to secure the influence of the organization toward any interference in matters belonging to the various departments of the Government by the G. A. R.

The committee reported adversely on a communication from the Sons of Veterans desiring closer connection with the G. A. R.

An amendment to the rules and regulations was adopted by which the posts can change their location by a two-thirds vote.

An amendment was also adopted permitting Department Encampments to be held as late as July 1st.

The amendment permitting the election of department officers in December was defeated.

An attempt to change the rules so as to read "those who did not voluntarily bear arms against the United States" are entitled to membership in the G. A. R. was defeated.

The per capita tax, which yesterday was established at three cents, was to-day reduced to two cents.

The grand officers were then installed.

Commander-in-Chief Veazey, in turning over the command to Palmer, made a speech and presented him a new flag, to take the place of the one which has been carried the past twenty-five years.

The new Commander-in-Chief made a response.

The committee appointed to take action on the death of General Sherman, Admiral Porter and ex-Vice President Hamlin and Charles Devens reported appropriate resolutions.

The Council of Administration met this morning and transacted some routine business.

The annual salaries and expenses were voted the same as last year, and appropriations were made for keeping in repair the cottage at Mount McGregor.

The National Council of Administration was elected, the members being: Arizona, William Christy of Phœnix; California, Magnus Tait of Los Gatos; Colorado and Wyoming, John B. Cooke of Greeley; Idaho, George L. Shoup of Salmon City; Montana, Patrick E. Fisk of Helena; Oregon, D. B. Tuttle of Portland; Utah, C. O. Farworth of Salt Lake; Washington and Alaska, Frank Clendenin of Tacoma.

The new Commander-in-Chief issued the first general order on taking command, stating that appointments will be announced in the future. Till further notice all communications for the Adjutant-General should be addressed to Rutland, Vt.

After the adoption of the customary resolutions the encampment adjourned to meet next year in Washington.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

DETROIT, Aug. 7.—The Woman's Relief Corps Convention elected officers as follows: National President, Mrs. Sue A. Sanders of Delaware, Ills.; Senior Vice-President, Margaret R. Wiggins of Sebatha, Kan.; Junior Vice-President, Mary Lyle Reynolds of Covington, Ky.; Treasurer, Amelia A. Cheney of Detroit, Mich.; Chaplain, Miss Clara Barton of Washington.

SECRETARY BLAINE.

His Son Denies a Rumor Regarding the Former's Health.

BAR HARBOR (Me.), Aug. 7.—Emmons Blaine told an Associated Press reporter to-night that there was nothing in the report that Dr. Baldwin was coming to Bar Harbor to visit his father professionally. If he is coming at all, his father knows nothing about it. He has not sent for him, and has no need for his services. He has not taken any medicine for nearly two months. He is very well, and gaining all the time.

DRS. BALDWIN INTERVIEWED.

NEW HAVEN (Conn.), Aug. 7.—Dr. William W. Baldwin of Florence, Italy, a specialist in nervous diseases, was at his old home in Birmingham to-day when a reporter called. His brother, Dr. Charles Baldwin, said the doctor had come to the United States partly on business, and added: "I suppose my brother will call on Mr. Blaine before he returns."

At this juncture Dr. William Baldwin appeared on the scene and said: "I have not seen Mr. Blaine. I will not say whether I shall call on him or not. It is not the duty of a physician to announce such matters to the public. The public has nothing whatever to do with my business, and it will not know whether I shall see Mr. Blaine or not." Then turning to his brother, he said: "Charles, you should not have given this to the reporters. You don't know whether I shall see Mr. Blaine or not. I did not tell you."

Dr. Charles, during this speech, listened with a smile, not saying a word. Dr. William Baldwin left for Bar Harbor this afternoon.

To Raid the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—The Secretary of the Treasury has been advised that a bold attempt is to be made the present month to rob the Treasury by "a strong and determined band of men organized for that purpose." The plan is to start fires in different parts of the city for the purpose of diverting the attention of the police, and then overpower the Treasury watchmen and loot the money vaults. The information is given in a letter signed by "King of Tramps," who is stated to be the leader of the band. The letter was referred to the captain of the watch, with instructions to give the band a proper reception if it should make a call.

Farmers' Alliance.

TOPEKA (Kan.), Aug. 7.—Alonzo Wardell of South Dakota, member of the National Executive Committee of the Farmers' Alliance, who is here, said he found the Dakotas, Wisconsin, Oregon, California and Washington in favor of the Sub-Treasury scheme.

S. M. Scott of McPherson, the Alliance Lecturer, said to-day that the statement made about the Alliance renouncing the sub-treasury scheme was without any foundation in every county which has voted on the sub-treasury. He said it has been indorsed overwhelmingly.

Letter-Carriers' Association.

DETROIT, Aug. 7.—The National Association of Letter-carriers to-day elected the following officers: President, T. C. Dennis, Boston; Vice-President, A. E. Smith, San Francisco; Secretary, J. E. Victory, New York; Treasurer, E. W. Crane, Indianapolis; Sergeant-at-Arms, D. Washington, Nashville.

The committee to which Ball's resolution on equalizing letter-carriers' salaries was referred reported recommending the adoption of the resolution, and after some discussion the report was adopted.

Foreign Demand for Breadstuffs.

BOSTON, Aug. 7.—Commerce begins to feel the increase of the foreign demand for breadstuffs. The engagement for sacked flour for London the past week have been extraordinary. Over 16,250 tons are now under contract to be taken during August and September, beside 50,000 bushels of wheat. Over 25,000 tons offered yesterday could not be placed for want of ocean freight room. All this flour comes from the Northwest by the lake and rail on through bills of lading.

Army and Navy Union.

BOSTON, Aug. 7.—The Army and Navy Union, at to-day's session, appointed a committee to arrange for a Ladies' Auxiliary Union, of which the wives and daughter of members of the regular organization may become members. Chaplin B. S. Ciderlinger appointed a committee to go before the next Congress and ask that United States soldiers be put on the retired list after twenty-five years' service, instead of thirty.

General Greely to Go to Bavaria.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—General Greely, Chief Signal Officer of the United States Army, has been ordered to proceed to Munich, Bavaria, and attend the Meteorological Conference and International Polar Commission, which meet at that place in August and September next; and upon the adjournment of the meeting of the Polar Commission in September next he will return to his station in this city.

A Tragedy in Indian Territory.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 7.—John Huff, an extensive planter, who lives near Willis, I. T., shot and instantly killed his crazy brother, who lived with him, and mortally wounded his own wife. The insane man attacked Huff with a knife, and John, in self-defense, shot him three times with a Winchester. The three bullets passed through the man's body and struck Huff's wife.

Suicide by Shooting.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—Norman Campbell, a member of the Consolidated Stock and Petroleum Exchange, committed suicide to-night in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, by shooting. In his pocket was found a scrap of paper directing his body be cremated. The family attribute the act to business troubles.

Insane Escapes Captured.

AUBURN (N. Y.), Aug. 7.—One more of the nine fugitives who escaped from the insane asylum yesterday was captured this morning after a long chase.

Still another of the escaped lunatics was captured this morning. Only one is at liberty now.

Indian Depredation Claims.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Nearly 4,000 claims for damages on account of Indian depredations have been filed in the Court of Claims to date. W. L. Colby has been appointed counsel to represent the interests of the United States in these cases.

Guatemala's Exhibit.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Lieutenant Schriven, Special Commissioner in the Latin-American Department to the Republics of Central America, reports that Guatemala has appropriated $20,000 in gold for a building and $100,000 for an exhibition at Chicago.

Threats of Lynching a Murderer.

LOUISVILLE (Ky.), Aug. 7.—William Brown was shot and killed at English, Ind., to-night by Robert Pikes, while playing billiards. Pikes was also wounded and arrested. A mob surrounds the jail and threatens to lynch him.

Sentence Commuted.

CAPE MAY, Aug. 7.—The President has commuted the sentence of Charles F. Amerman of San Francisco, Cal., who was convicted of tampering with the mails. The $500 fine has been commuted to $100.

Lady Shot and Killed.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 7.—Lewis Levi tonight shot and killed Miss Ida Kitt, who had promised to marry him, but afterward rejected him. The murderer was arrested.

Chair Factory Burned.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 7.—A five-story building occupied by the Helweig Chair Factory was totally destroyed by fire tonight. Loss, $100,000; insurance, $47,500.

The Deadly Coal-Oil Lamp.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—There were two deaths, the result of a lamp explosion last evening. A mother and daughter were the victims.

Hanged.

DOVER (Del.), Aug. 7.—James Thoroughgood (colored) was hanged in jail here this afternoon for an assault upon an eight-year-old girl.

Silver Purchased.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—The silver purchased to-day ammounted to 264,000 ounces at prices ranging from $1 to $1.001.

IN BEHRING SEA.

Two Vessels Seized by United States Revenue Cutters.

THEY DID NOT HEED THE WARNING OF A CLOSE SEASON.

Four Prisoners Who Were Under Arrest in Alabama for Arson Taken From the Sheriff and Shot Dead—A Limited Express Train on the Fort Wayne Road Runs Into an Open Switch Near East Palestine, Ohio, Resulting in Three Deaths.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Captain Coulson, commanding the revenue cutter Rush, reports to the Treasury Department, under date of Ovnalaska, July 9th, that on the 6th ult., while cruising north of Unimak Pass with his command, for the purpose of warning vessels in pursuit of seals not to enter Behring Sea, he fell in with the British schooner C. B. Marion, having on board twenty-three men and all the implements, raft, etc., necessary for sealing.

Upon being hailed Captain McDougall said he was sealing. Captain Coulson thereupon lowered a boat and sent Lieutenants Newcomb and Cantwell to board and thoroughly examine the vessel. It was then ascertained that the Marion had been boarded on July 1st by the United States steamship Thetis near the island of Unga and furnished with a copy of the President's proclamation and the necessary warning to the master not to enter Behring Sea for the purpose of sealing.

On that occasion the master reported that he had no sealskins on board. He refused to allow the boarding officer of the Thetis to indorse on his register that he had been notified, and is reported as being otherwise uncivil.

On examination by the officers of the Rush two fresh sealskins were found on board. The circumstances of the case and the evident intent of the master to continue sealing, notwithstanding the warning, was considered sufficient to justify the seizure of the vessel. Lieutenant Quinan was placed on board, and the vessel, crew, arms, sealskins, papers, etc., delivered into the custody of Lieutenant-Commander Mead, U. S. N., commanding the steamer Alki, and subsequently turned over to Captain Turner of the British ship Nymph, which arrived at Ounalaska on the 7th ult.

Captain Hooper, commanding the revenue steamer Corwin, reports to the Treasury Department under date of Ounalaska, July 18th, the seizure of the American schooner Laninfa of San Francisco, near St. Paul's Island on the 16th ult., for violation of the President's proclamation. This vessel was boarded in Behring Sea and warned by the Thetis on the 7th ult., and a certificate to that effect was inclosed in her manifest. She had then on board nineteen sealskins. Instead of heeding the warning she remained there until seized seven days later by the Thetis. No additional skins were found on board. Third Lieutenant Johnson was placed in charge of the prize, with a detail of four armed men, with orders to proceed to Ounalaska. The Corwin arrived there on the 16th inst., and will await the arrival of the Laninfa.

On July 18th the United States steamers Mohican, Alert and Thetis and the British ships Nymphe and Pheasant were cruising in Behring Sea. The Mohican and Alert were at St. Paul Island.

On the 15th ult. eighty sealing vessels were known to be in the sea or on their way there. Captain Hopper says there has been a great deal of fog, which makes it difficult to find the sealers, but of the boats boarded the catch has been small, on account of the rough, windy weather.

The Treasury Department is informed that the revenue steamer Bear, Captain Healy commanding, sailed from Ounalaska on June 30th for Point Barrow, Alaska, and touched at the Seal Islands for the purpose of leaving instructions to the Treasury Agents to limit the catch of the Alaska Commercial Company this season to 7,500 sealskins. It is learned from other sources that this company has already secured this number of skins, and open sealing has been entirely suspended for the season.

DEATH ON THE RAIL.

A Limited Express Runs Into an Open Switch.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 7.—The New York and Chicago limited express on the Fort Wayne Road, due here this morning, was wrecked near East Palestine, O., by running into an open switch. The engineer and fireman were instantly killed, and one other man was killed while working in the wreck. No passengers were hurt.

THREE DEAD.

CHAMPLAIN (N. Y.), Aug. 7.—Henry La Montain, one of the passengers on the excursion train wrecked here, is dead, making three deaths in all. One more man is not expected to live.

FOURTEEN WEST SHORE VICTIMS.

SYRACUSE (N. Y.), Aug. 7.—Another body has been found in the ruins of the West Shore wreck near Montezuma. This makes the number of the dead fourteen.

The body found in the wreck at Montezuma this morning was identified as that of Charles West, car inspector of Nowark, N. J.

TWO KILLED AND SEVERAL INJURED.

SENECA (Neb.), Aug. 7.—This evening a passenger train running at full speed struck a carriage full of people at the Sisseton Crossing, two miles east of here. A. H. Barnett and Miss Frances Fuller were killed outright. Mrs. P. H. Fuller, Mrs. George F. Bistenberger and her two children, aged two and four years, were seriously injured.

THE USUAL RESULT.

LEAVENWORTH (Kan.), Aug. 7.—At the reservation crossing to-night D. G. Lonsdale tried to drive across the track