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SITUATION IN CHILE.

The Capital Said to be in the Hands of the Congressionalists.

BALMACEDA'S WHEREABOUTS AS YET UNKNOWN.

Conspiracy Discovered in Rio Grande do Sul, in Which Many Prominent Persons Are Involved, the Object of Which Was to Make an Attempt to Overthrow the Present Government.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

VALPARAISO, Aug. 30.—Santiago has been formally surrendered. The triumph of the Congressional party is complete, and peace and quiet may be looked for in Chile before many days have passed. Representatives of Balmaceda have asked for a conference with a view to surrender.

The request was readily granted and General Baquedano, formerly Commander-in-Chief of the Chilean army, was requested to act for the Congressionalists. A meeting was held and the terms of surrender were arranged.

To all intent the Capital is now in possession of the Junta, and within a few hours it will be actually in charge of their officers. A few days more and the Junta will form a Provisional Government, which they insist must be recognized as the only legitimate Government of Chile, and the work of reorganizing and rehabilitating the country can proceed. The insurgent fleet came into the bay yesterday morning and found convenient anchorage grounds.

Senor Don Claudy Vicuna, who was elected President to succeed Balmaceda, and who is now a refugee aboard the German flagship, acknowledges the defeat of the Government is final, and that any further resistance would be simply a useless waste of force and destruction of life and property. This seems to be the general opinion among the adherents of the Government here.

THE VICTORY CONFIRMED.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—A dispatch dated Valparaiso, August 29th, has been received at the Navy Department from Rear-Admiral Brown. It says: "The insurgents have possession of the city of Valparaiso, taken yesterday morning after very sanguinary engagements. The Government had the advantage of a good position, but used bad generalship. The troops were disaffected. The insurgent ships were not present. The forts were not engaged. The Almirante Lynch with three second-class torpedo boats were captured. The foreign Admirals demanded a guarantee in protecting the lives and property of foreign subjects. I have a hundred men at the Consulate. Many refugees are aboard. The provisional President is here."

The following dispatch was received this afternoon by Montt, one of the Congressional envoys:

IQUIQUE, August 30th.

The Junta of the Congressional Government is en route for Santiago to-day.

ERRAZURIZ.

The dispatch from Admiral Brown to the Navy Department was the only information received here to-day by the Government officials of the situation in Chile. Nothing further has been heard from the Consul at Valparaiso since his dispatch announcing the surrender of that city to the insurgents. Nor has anything been received from Minister Egan at Santiago. It is believed by the officials of the State Department, notwithstanding dispatches to the contrary, that Santiago is still in the hands of Balmaceda. They base this opinion on the fact that the department has not been informed by Egan of its capture. They say he would certainly have notified the department had the city been surrendered, as there is no interference with the cable line via Buenos Ayres so far as the department knows. It is reliably reported that the Chilean Minister received word to-day that Balmaceda was still in possession of Santiago, and had not fled. The only news received here by the envoys of the Congressional party, besides the dispatches from Iquique, was a message from Lima stating that Santiago is in the hands of the Congressional party, and that they have established temporary authority looking to the safety of persons and property, and that Balmaceda's whereabouts are unknown.

BALMACEDA RESIGNS.

PARIS, Aug. 30.—Agents of the Chilean Congressional party received an official dispatch from Santiago saying that the Congressional party is in control of the capital, and that Balmaceda fled Friday night, resigning in favor of General Baquedano.

LAST ACT OF THE BLOODY DRAMA.

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—The *Herald's* cable advices of date Valparaiso, August 30th, says: The Characal regiment of the Congressional army took formal possession of Santiago to-night, and practically the last act in the bloody drama of the revolution which has torn Chile to pieces for the past seven months is closed. The capital city was in the hands of a bloodthirsty mob last night, and while it was unable to satisfy its murderous instincts, it destroyed a vast amount of property.

As soon as the news reached Santiago yesterday of the overwhelming defeat of the Government troops on the heights of Placilla, and the fall of Valparaiso, and the people knew Balmaceda's power was gone, their enmity to his Government broke forth. The cry was raised that the President should be killed, and the mob started for his house. It grew in numbers and fury as it went through the streets, and by the time it reached the executive mansion was ripe for any bloody deed. A short shrift would have been allowed the President had he been caught. The blood-thirsty fury of the mob was balked.

Then a desire for revenge found vent in the application of the torch. Soon Balmaceda's house was a mass of flames. Before it had been destroyed the mob marched off to the house of Senor Goday, ex-Minister of the Interior and an ardent Balmacedist, and set fire to his house. Then the residences of Balmaceda's mother, General Barbosa, Senors McKenna and Eastman, Government newspaper offices and houses of several prominent officials were burned to the ground.

The city was panic-stricken, business suspended and the people, outside of the mob, kept close to their houses. The police, fire department and army was demoralized, and made no attempt to maintain order.

Balmaceda, when he heard of the fall of Valparaiso, sent for General Baquedano, Commander of the Government troops in Santiago, to meet him. A council of war was held at Valasquez at which President Balmaceda and the leading Balmacedites were present. The situation was thoroughly canvassed, and it was decided to surrender the capital.

Baquedano was given charge of the city and authorized to arrange the terms of surrender. Word was sent to General Canto that all troops in Santiago had declared adhesion to the Congressional party, and that Santiago was at his disposal. The Characal Regiment was ordered to proceed to Santiago to assist the Government troops in preserving order and prepare the barracks for 2,000 additional troops. Accompanying the regiment was Senor A. L. Zimirano, who will for the present act as Intendente of the Capital.

It is learned that the city of Santiago is in a terrible state. In addition to the destruction done by the mob, it is threatened with the eruption of all the desperate characters in the surrounding country. General Baquedano has posted a regiment in the cordon about the city to prevent outlaws from entering the city, but it is an almost hopeless task.

General Canto and staff have left Valpariso for Santiago with additional troops. A new Chief of Police of Santiago and new Railroad Administrator have been appointed.

It is asserted on good authority that Balmaceda went by special train to Talcahuano yesterday. There he will make connection with the Condell and Imperial, and in one of these vessels make for Buenos Ayres or Montevideo. If this is so he will probably escape.

Comparative order has been restored in this city. Rioters caught in their work were summarily dealt with, many being shot, but rioting was not stopped until property worth $1,800,000 had been destroyed.

Many tyrannical acts have been perpetuated here since January by Government officials, and every warship in the bay has its quota of refugees. This gave rise to a bitter feeling on the part of the Congressionalists, particularly against Americans, for Admiral Brown has given asylum to many unpopular officials on board the San Francisco and Baltimore.

Admiral Brown of the San Francisco this afternoon had a long conference with Junta leaders, and the irritation against the Americans has been subdued. The Junta is exceedingly anxious to secure recognition from the United States, and is now hopeful that it will be accorded them.

Numerous Government officials have been arrested, but such have been assured of a fair trial before the proper authorities when quiet is restored. Montt and General Canto say there will be no measures taken toward the formation of a new Government until all the members of the Junta arrive here from Iquique. It is hardly probable that an election will be held for some time, and in the meantime the Junta will be in control.

The ambulance service has been simply disgraceful. Hundreds of wounded men were left on the battle field to die, who might have been saved if prompt measures of relief were taken. The surgeons of foreign warships have done the most valuable service in caring for the wounded, and had it not been for their hard, effective work, the sufferings of the wounded soldiers would have much greater. Especial credit is due the medical staffs of the United States ships San Francisco and Baltimore.

It has been ascertained that 800,000 pesos in silver was shipped on the British sloop of war Espiegle, The Senior British naval officer here is making every effort to communicate with the Captain of the Espiegle with a view to detaining the bullion, if possible. It is supposed that Balmaceda intended to use the money to make payments on account of the new cruisers, Presidente Errazuriz and Presidente Pinto.

CRUISER PRESIDENTE PINTO.

BERLIN, Aug. 30.—The commander of the Chilean cruiser Presidente Pinto has asked the German authorities for permission to dock his vessel at Kiel.

REJOICING AT BALMACEDA'S FALL.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—The Berlin correspondent of the *Times* says that the British man-of-war Espiegle consented to carry Balmaceda's silver only after an American man-of-war had declined the tempting offer to perform the same service. The press of both Berlin and Paris rejoice at the fall of Balmaceda.

REVOLUTIONARY MOVEMENT.

Plot to Overthrow the Government in Brazil.

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—Advices received in this city from Brazil, via Montevideo, give the details of a conspiracy which was discovered in Rio Grande do Sul, and in which many prominent persons are involved.

Rumors have been current in Buenos Ayres and even in Rio Janeiro for a long time that the enemies of the present Government were preparing to begin a revolution in Rio Grande. Strict watch was placed on the persons suspected, and the matter was finally abandoned by the Government as untrue. It now seems to have been founded on fact. The plan was to attack all the armories which it was known would remain faithful to the Government and capture them.

While a party of travelers were driving in the outskirts of Salla it began to rain, and, looking for a place in which to go in order to get out of the rain, they saw in the midst of the woods three or four huts. They entered, and to their surprise found them piled up with long narrow boxes, small barrels or kegs and square boxes of wood. Close inspection showed them to be kegs of powder and cases of rifles and boxes containing ammunition.

As soon as the rain had subsided the travelers went to the city and told their find to the authorities, when a detachment of soldiers was at once sent to the spot and a guard on the huts established. On the same night a negro was captured just as he was about to enter one of the huts.

Upon being searched important papers, containing a list of persons friendly to the movement, were found in his possession. He also had among his papers the plan of the two armories and a list of the officers and men who would be most likely to make a fight for the Government.

WORLD'S GRAIN HARVEST.

The Crop of Wheat and Rye Below the Average.

VIENNA, Aug. 30. — The Hungarian Government has issued an estimate of the world's grain harvest, based upon Consular reports from all parts of the world. The yield of wheat is estimated at from 725,000,000 to 736,000,000 hectolitres, and rye at from 350,000,000 to 360,000,000 hectolitres, being 44,000,000 to 50,000,000 hectolitres below the average for wheat and from 90,000,000 to 100,000,000 heectolitres below the average for rye. Austria requires to import from 10,000,000 to 12,000,000 hectolitres of wheat and 6,000,000 hectolitres of rye, Germany 10,000,000 hectolitres of wheat and from 23,000,000 to 26,000,000 hectolitres of rye, and France 30,000,000 hectoliters of wheat. Hungary has a surplus of 12,000,000 to 13,000,000 hectolitres of wheat, but in rye there is a large deficiency. In Russia the wheat surplus amounts to 16,500,000 hectolitres, and the rye deficit amounts to 40,000,000 to 45,000,000 hectolitres.

Advised to Adopt a Pacific Attitude.

PARIS, Aug. 30.—The Servian Government has communicated with M. Ribot, French Foreign Minister, regarding the Porte's diplomatic intervention between Bulgaria and Servia, the Porte having protested against Servia massing troops ostensibly for maneuvers on the Bulgarian frontier. It is reported that Ribot advised Servia to adopt a pacific attitude and refrain from an offensive demonstration against Bulgaria.

Will be Made Free Ports of Entry.

PARIS, Aug. 30.—The journal of the Chamber of Commerce states that the Belgian Government will declare Antwerp and other Belgian ports free ports, aiming to make Belgium the warehouse of Europe. Many French and other European firms would not hesita e to transfer their business to Belgium in order to escape the burdens of protective tariffs.

Every workman in Japan wears on his cap and on his back an inscription giving his business and his employer's name.

DISASTROUS FIRE.

A Large Portion of Winnemucca, Nev., Burned to the Ground.

BUT ONE BUILDING IN THE LINE OF THE FIRE ESCAPES.

Closing Day's Races at Petaluma and Chico—A Logger at Rockport Killed by a Log Rolling Over Him—Burglars Blow Open a Safe at Stockton and Secure Valuable Jewelry.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

WINNEMUCCA, Aug. 30.—A disastrous fire occurred here to-day. It originated in some unknown way in the outbuildings of John Schmidt's boot and shoe store, and spread with great rapidity. The water works failed utterly, and in three hours every building in the line of the fire, except the fire-proof First National Bank building, had been utterly destroyed. The loss amounts to $190,000, with about $60,000 insurance.

The principal losses are as follows: N. Levy & Co., general merchandise, loss $75,000, insurance $40,000; John Schmidt, boot and shoe store and residence, loss $42,000, no insurance; Charles Diehl, bakery, residence, saloon and another building, loss $10,000, partially insured; Masonic Hall, loss $20,000, insurance $12,000; the *Silver State* office, loss $4,000, insurance $2,500; gas works $3,000; Judge Bonnifield's law office and business house on Main street, loss $1,200, insurance $500—he saved his extensive law library; George R. Walker, undertaker establishment, loss $1,000, insurance $500; Charles Wurtelle, variety and fruit store, $2,000, no insurance; George Luther, saloon, loss $2,500, no insurance; Henry Busch, two buildings, loss $3,000, no insurance; L. Hoffman, store, loss $5,000, no insurance; F. L. Fellows, saloon and building, loss $3,000, no insurance; Mrs. S. W. Ruse, lodging-house, loss $2,500, no insurance; Mrs. A. F. Gibson, postoffice building, loss $1,000, no insurance; also her residence, loss $2,000, insurance $800; Mrs. Mary Brown, building, loss $1,000, partially insured; McAllister's residence, loss $5,000, no insurance; Miss Lou Chappelle, building, loss $800, no insurance; Henry Warren, dwelling, loss $1,000, insurance $300; Pascal's residence, loss $3,000; Mrs. Winde's residence, loss $1,000, no insurance.

ON THE TURF.

Closing Day of the Races at Petaluma and Chico.

PETALUMA, Aug. 30.—There was a small audience at the race track yesterday to witness the last day's event of the meeting.

First race, trotting, 2:27 class, Ned Locke won, Flora G. second, Maud C. distanced. Best time, 2:24¼.

Maud Dee had a walk-over for the four-year-old district stake.

Gold Medal won the free-for-all pacing race, Princess Alice second. Best time, 2:17¼.

Silkey won the special pacing race, Lucy S. being distanced. Time, 2:28.

Orrin Hickok drove Stamboul an exhibition mile in 2:25, the last quarter being made in 0:33½, a 2:14 gait.

AT CHICO.

CHICO, Aug. 30.—Yesterday's races finished the best week ever held here. The track was speedy and the races good.

Wilkes won the yearling trot in 3:20½, Escort second, Maud B. third.

Trotting, 2:27 class, Loara Z. won, Diana second, Sidney J. third. Best time, 2:24½.

Pacing, 2:20 class, starters Our Dick, Tom Ryder and Belle Button. Our Dick led to the last quarter, when Belle Button caught him, and both made a whipping finish, Our Dick winning, Tom Ryder third. Time, 2:19¾.

Second heat, Tom Ryder led round to the wire, Our Dick a neck behind, Belle Button third. Time, 2:18¾.

Third heat, Our Dick won by a neck, Tom Ryder second, Belle Button third. Time, 2:18¾.

Fourth heat, Our Dick and Belle Button came under the wire in a dead heat, Tom Ryder a good third. Time, 2:21.

Fifth heat, Tom Ryder first, Belle Button second, Our Dick third. Time, 2:24.

The last heat was postponed on account of the darkness. The five-eighths of a mile dash was declared off.

NEVADA COUNTY FAIR.

NEVADA CITY, Aug. 30.—The fair to be given here, beginning next Thursday and continuing five days, promises to be one of the best in every way since the Seventeenth Agricultural District Association was organized, seven years ago. Entries of more than 100 horses, including some of the fastest on the ccast, have been made, and purses aggregating $10,000 will be given for the races, which are to take place at Glen Brook Park. Grass Valley has the pavilion this year, in pursuance of the established custom of alternating it between that place and this city.

GRASS VALLEY, Aug. 30.—Hundreds of people are arriving to see the fair this week, and great interest is being manifested. Superintendent Dodge of the pavilion has complete arrangements made and numerous exhibits are being received. The mines will be especially well displayed.

FUTURITY RACE.

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—The great futurity race was run yesterday afternoon on the track of the Coney Island Jockey Club. The event carried the richest stakes in the world, and this is the way the result was announced by the judges: His Highness first, Yorkville Belle second, Dagonet third. Time, 1:15 1-5. The distance was three-quarters of a mile.

FORGER KIMBALL.

Judge Hebbard Sentences Him to Ten Years at San Quentin.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 30.—J. A. Kimball appeared in Judge Hebbard's court yesterday to be sentenced for forging the name of A. D. Wilder of the Southern Pacific Company to a check for $68 on the Crocker-Woolworth Bank. Council for the defendant stated that no motion would be made for a new trial. Kimball then made a speech, stating that he had objected to a new trial because his attorneys proposed to advance the insanity plea. "I am not insane," he added, "but I am innocent of this crime. My conviction was the result of false testimony and the over-zealous efforts of the detectives who had the case in charge. I solemnly declare that the prosecuting witness, J. Okerblad, who identified me as the person who indorsed the forged check at the bank, did not tell the truth, for what reason I do not know, unless inducements were held out to him by the detectives."

Kimball, in conclusion, reaffirmed his innocence, and asked the court, for the sake of his wife, to suspend judgment and permit him to leave the State.

"I have no option," said Judge Hebbard, "but to impose upon you the minimum penalty for your crime, which is ten years; that I have decided to do. The judgment of the law and the sentence of the court, therefore, is that you be confined in the State prison at Folsom for ten years."

Kimball has served a term in prison for a forgery committed in 1882. He is a middle-aged man of good address. He served in an Indiana regiment during the last years of the civil war, and states that his father is the present Postmaster in Ogden, U. T. At the time of his arrest he was employed in the offices of the Southern Pacific Railroad Company.

Vacaville Fruit Sales.

VACAVILLE, Aug. 30.—According to a statement published in the *Enterprise* yesterday there have been shipped to Eastern points 374 carloads of green fruit and 45 carloads of dried fruit, being largely in excess of the number shipped at the same time last year. Edward Fisher of the Bank of Vacaville states that $265,000 have been paid growers for fruit so far this season, a sum slightly less than last year at this time. In consequence of the low prices very little dried fruit has changed hands and returns are, therefore, behind.

County High School Defeated.

ANAHEIM, Aug. 30.—At yesterday's election the country precincts rolled up solid majorities against the County High School. Santa Ana, being the place selected for the site of the school, gave 180 majority against the school. The returns in from nineteen precincts give 320 majority against the school. There are six small precincts to hear from. Had the campaign lasted two weeks longer the majority against the school would have been much larger.

Street-Car Collision.

OAKLAND, Aug. 30.—An electric car ran into a horse car at the crossing of Fourteenth and Grove streets to-night, badly injuring the driver and another man on the platform. The horse cars have the right of way, and the driver expected the electric car to stop, but it did not do so. Both cars were filled with passengers. The crossing is a dangerous one, and there have been in the past several narrow escapes from accident there.

Burglary at Stockton.

STOCKTON, Aug. 30.—The safe in Granilli Bros.' grocery store was blown open some time during last night. There were five employes sleeping in the rear of the building at the time of the burglary, but did not hear the disturbance. The burglars made away with a gold watch valued at $125 and a diamond ring valued at $80, together with $5 change from the till.

His Neck Broken.

WESTPORT, Aug. 30.—Alexander C. Broadfoot was killed in the logging woods at Rockport yesterday by a log rolling over him, breaking his neck. He leaves four children in Allenford, Ontario.

ELECTRIC FLASHES.

The first carload of sugar from the Chino factory was shipped to Los Angeles on Saturday. Several other cars are ready for shipment.

The official estimate of damage by the recent cyclone on the island of Martinique, places the amount at $10,000,000. It is estimated that 378 people lost their lives.

The recent imperial ukase prohibiting the exportation of rye from Russia, does not refer to ports on the White Sea, therefore large exports of that cereal are expected from that quarter.

Ivan Caryll, the Belgian composer, has filed a petition for divorce from his American actress wife, formerly Geraldine Ulmar, naming as co-respondent Horace Sedger, manager of the Lyric Theater.

A telegram to a member of the company with which Jim Corbett is traveling says: Corbett answers Mitchell that he will fight him to a finish with gloves for $10,000 a side, the match to take place four months after signing the articles before the athletic club offering the largest purse.

All the northwestern part of Faulk County, South Dakota, was burned over last night by a fire twenty miles wide and extending from Faulkton fifty miles northwest. The farmers are ruined. For the space of twenty miles no grass is left for stock. The damage cannot be estimated yet. Not less than twenty townships have been desolated by this terrible fire.

Professor Hogan, a balloonist, fell at the Exposition Grounds in Detroit, Saturday afternoon. He had ascended nearly a mile, and was preparing to cut loose his parachute and descend when he lost his hold and fell to the ground. His body was mangled beyond recognition, every bone being broken. Thirty thousand people witnessed the catastrophe. Hogan was a brother of Hogan who made an ascension in Campbell's airship in New York some years ago and was lost.

An Apt Rebuke.

There is a Unitarian clergyman who is not without a power of keen retort, and who is none the less gifted with the grace to command his tongue rather than allow his tongue to command him. He has in his congregation one of those women who make a pretense of frankness an excuse for rudeness, and who are given to boasting that they are plain-spoken, when the truth is that they are simply ill-bred and insolent. This especial lady is wealthy; and there are not many in the list of her acquaintances who dare rebuke her, albeit they do together console each other for the wounds they suffer from her tongue by abusing her roundly.

It chanced that one evening the lady and the clergyman were partners at whist at the house of a common friend, and so successful were they that they won almost every game for the evening. Like people who are fond of having their own way the lady was in high humor over this success, and when the play was over she pushed back her chair from the table with the characteristic and graceful remark to her partner:

"You do play a good game of whist, Mr. Blank. If you only preached as well as you play whist it would be a treat to go to church to hear you."

The clergyman was quite equal to the occasion. He kept his temper and his face under perfect control as he replied:

"Thank you, Miss Sharp, but you know anybody can learn to play whist, while genius and good breeding come by grace of God."—Boston Courier.

A Smart Dog.

Senator Kenna and Senator Blackburn are great sportsmen as everyone knows. Each is the owner of a pointer, the relative merits of which they are frequently engaged in discussing in the cloak-rooms of the Senate, much to the annoyance of their more staid colleagues. The other day Kenna said to Blackburn, lighting a fresh cigar:

"Joe, you may talk as much as you like about your dog, but mine won't go out with me when the cartridges don't fit my gun."

An audible smile went around the room, and everybody thought well, for once, Joe Blackburn has been beaten at his own game. The junior Senator from Kentucky, however, was equal to the occasion. He looked at Kenna for a moment and then quietly remarked:

"Well, Kenna, I admit that your dog exhibits an intelligence almost akin to reason, but I don't mind backing mine against him. I was in the fields one day with that dog, and a man I wasn't acquainted with came along near us. My dog pointed at him. I called to the dog, but nothing would induce him to move. So I went up to the stranger.

"Sir,' I said, 'would you oblige me with your name?'

"'Certainly,' replied the stranger; 'my name is Partridge.'"

Without another word Kenna took Blackburn's arm and both disappeared in the direction of the Senate restaurant, followed by the shouts of their friends. —New York Tribune.

MRS. SEARLES' WILL.

Twenty-One Relatives Give Notice of a Contest.

THEY CLAIM THAT UNDUE INFLUENCE WAS USED.

Ex-Congressman William L. Scott Rapidly Sinking—Collision in Ohio Between a Freight and an Excursion Train—The Rear Car on the Latter Train Totally Demolished, But No Passengers Killed.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—Edward F. Searles will not be allowed to enjoy Mark Hopkins' millions without a struggle. Twenty-one new claimants to Mrs. Hopkins-Searles' estate have appeared, and notice of a contest was sent last week to Great Barrington, Mass. Several claimants have joined hands with Timothy Hopkins, and this probably induced him to decline recently an offer of five millions and not oppose the probate of the will. On September 17th he will file his claims, which will be the opening wedge for one of the most sensational will contests on record.

During the past week Lawyer Russell Wilson of San Francisco, representing Timothy Hopkins, has been in this city consulting with Butler, Stillman & Hubbard, counsel for Searles. Lawyer Frank Rogers also notified Searles' lawyers last Thursday of his intention to contest Mrs. Searles' will on the ground of insanity and undue influence by her husband. He represented the Hebbard family, second cousins of Mrs. Searles. He also said he intended joining hands with Lawyer Russell Wilson.

It appears that Mrs. Searles had many poor relatives whom she occasionally assisted. Some received a regular yearly income. To William H. Hebbard she said: "You will all be remembered handsomely in my will. You are not so numerous that I cannot afford to make you large bequests."

Insanity and undue influence are the basis of the suit to be brought by twenty-one new claimants. They allege that Searles illegally used influence by circulating false stories about them. They charge that Searles informed his wife that her relatives were only a lot of beggars awaiting her death.

It is also charged that Mrs. Searls had fits of emotional insanity; that she was violent at times, and frequently had no control over her mind. The Hebbards will submit documentary evidence to show that Mrs. Searls was partly insane at times. This will also be supported by Timothy Hopkins, who, it is charged that on several occasions he suffered violence at the hands of his mother by adoption.

One of the cousins, Nathaniel Hubbard, lives in this city. He says: "I was always on the best of terms with Mrs. Searles, as we all were, until Edward Searles interfered. He wrecked her mind and drove her insane. We never doubted that she would keep her promise to remember us in her will."

"This will was the work of Searles and poor Mrs. Hopkins did what was asked. My papers and letters show a most gigantic conspiracy if I am not greatly mistaken. My two brothers, William H. Hebbard and George Hebbard, and I took all over all our letters. We found several letters promising that we would all be well remembered in the will."

The Hebbard contestants are Nathaniel Hebbard, George Hebbard, William H. Hebbard, Harriet Hebbard, James Smith and Mrs. Jane A. Hollingsworth, first cousins; Alonzo Hebbard, Elisha Hebbard, Mrs. Josephine Davis and Mrs. Charles Wheeler, second cousins.

The Sherwood contestants are Hyman Sherwood, Lydia Sherwood, Betsie Sherwood, Hester Sherwood and Mary Sherwood, first cousins.

CALIFORNIA FRUITS.

Prices Realized at the Sales in the East on Saturday.

CHICAGO, Aug. 30.—The Porter Brothers Company sold yesterday at auction for account of California Fruit Union shippers: Bartlett pears, $1 75@2 20; Gros prunes, 75c@$1; Crawford peaches, 70c@$1 10; nectarines, 40@60c; Tokays, $1 65@2 50; Muscats, $1 10@1 55; few poor condition, 65@85c; Fellenberg prunes, $1 15; Japan plums, $1 50; yellow clings, $1 10@1 15; Black Prince grapes, 65c.

CHICAGO, Aug. 30.—The Earl Fruit Company sold California fruit at auction as follows: Bartlett pears, $1 80@2 25; Late Crawford peaches, 75c@$1; Orange-cling peaches, 80c@$1 15; Susquehanna peaches, 90c@$1; Golden-cling peaches, $1 05; Hungarian prunes, $1 25; Gros prunes, 85c@$1; Japan plums, $1 55@1 60; Muscat grapes, poor condition, half crates, 80c@$1 60; Tokay grapes, $1 80@2 30; nectarines, $1 25.

OMAHA, Aug. 30.—The Porter Brothers Company, agents for the California Fruit Union, sold three carloads of California fruit yesterday, realizing for Bartlett pears, $1 75@2 25; peaches, 90c@$1; plums, 75c@$1; Muscats, $1 25@1 50; Black Prince grapes, $1@1 25.

CLEARING-HOUSE STATISTICS.

Business Transacted in the Principal Cities During the Past Week.

BOSTON, Aug. 30.—Clearings: New York, $549,412,900, a decrease of 12.7 per cent.; Chicago, $80,657,000, an increase of 8.1; Boston, $75,798,000, a decrease of 6.9 per cent.; Philadelphia, $55,558,000, a decrease of 10.6 per cent.; St. Louis, $70,850,000, an increase of 15.4 per cent.; San Francisco, $18,442,000, an increase of 3.3 per cent.; Baltimore, $13,208,000, an increase of 7.7 per cent.; Cincinnati, $10,812,000, an increase of 3.0 per cent.; Pittsburg, $11,264,000, a decrease of 20.0 per cent.; Minneapolis, $6,358,000, an increase of 19.5 per cent.; Omaha, $3,605,000, a decrease of 26.9 per cent.; Denver, $3,931,000, a decrease of 13.4 per cent.; St. Paul, $4,249,000, an increase of 17.7 per cent.; Duluth, $1,084,555, a decrease of 4.1; Galveston, $4,560,000, an increase of 25.2 per cent.; Portland, Or., $716,000, an increase of 7.5 per cent.; Salt Lake, $160,705, a decrease of 8.5 per cent.; Tacoma, $859,000 a decrease of 11.3; Seattle, $731,000, a decrease of 42.5 per cent.; Los Angeles, $686,000, an increase of 57.3. Sixty cities in the United States and Canada show a total of $954,285,000, a decrease of 8.1 per cent.

EDISON'S PHONOGRAPH.

The Wizard to Place the Concern in England on a Commercial Basis.

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—Edison, who has long been feeling his way with his phonograph in England, is at length about to place the concern on a commercial basis. A preliminary campaign, under Colonel Cournand's generalship, has been adroitly and ably managed. The phonograph has been liberally lent for charitable purposes, has chronicled the words of Gladstone, the songs of Madame Patti and Lord Tennyson reading his own poems, but no money has been taken on behalf of the proprietors. Now a scheme is on foot to dispose of the monopoly of one class of phonographs in Great Britain. The project has been privately brought before a number of capitalists, who are asked to form themselves into a syndicate to take over the concern. Seventy-five thousand pounds is asked, and for this sum Edison undertakes to deliver in London a thousand phonographs in complete working order.

IN LUCK AGAIN.

A Clerk Falls Heir to His Third Fortune.

NEW YORK, Aug. 30. — Constantine Ashargan, a young man who has been a millionaire twice and is now clerking for $10 a week, is in luck again. A number of years ago he inherited a million dollars upon the death of his father, a wealthy manufacturer of Athens, and proceeded to cut a large swath. By the time he was 25 years of age he was penniless. Shortly after his mother died, leaving him another million. By diligent application he managed to squander this in eight years, when he came to this country, landing at San Francisco and beating his way to New York, where he has since resided. Now an uncle in Alexandria has died and left him a third fortune. Constantine says he will take care of this one.

PECULIAR CASE.

A Young Man Loses Every Sense But That of Feeling.

MUSKEGON (Mich.), Aug. 30.—An extraordinary case has been developed at Whitehall, near this city. George Beard, a young man aged 21 years, has been confined to his bed for the past three months, during seven weeks of which time he has been in an unconscious condition. He seems to have lost every sense save that of feeling. When he is touched on the arm, with a slight downward pressure, he will raise his arm; when an attempt is made to move his head to the right, he will turn it to the left. In order to feed the patient, four teeth had to knocked out, as it was impossible to open his mouth either to insert food or to extract the teeth. The attending physician pronounces it a case of carus.

A Settlement Effected.

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—A settlement of the affairs of John F. Plummer has been effected. His creditors and those of his brother, Albert T. Plummer, have fully discharged them from all claims, retaining, however, all claims against William S. Darling, of the firm settlement, due in part to the belief of the creditors that Darling disposed of a greater part of the assets of the firm, and also in consequence of a concession of certain claims against the assigned estate.

Severe Storm Raging.

ASBURY PARK (N. J.), Aug. 30.—A severe northeast storm is raging along the New Jersey coast to-night. Much damage being done. The surf is running twelve and fifteen feet high. Several bad cuts have been made in the Ocean Grove beach. At Long Branch the bath-houses were undermined and are toppling over, and the fish-house of William Van Dyke, at the foot of North Bath avenue, Long Branch, is entirely undermined.

The Venezuelan Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—It is stated on good authority that the reported rejection by the Government of Venezuela of the reciprocity treaty with the United States is incorrect. The treaty was not rejected, but the Government sent it back asking that it be modified, for the reason that the concessions contemplated would decrease the national revenue 30 per cent. The Venezuelan Government is willing to concede half that.

League and Association.

CHICAGO, Aug. 30.—The percentages of Eastern clubs to and including Saturday are as follows:

National League.	Prct.	Am. Ass'c'n.	Prct.
Chicago	.617	Boston	.704
Boston	.587	St. Louis	.633
New York	.561	Baltimore	.558
Philadelphia	.524	Athletic	.513
Brooklyn	.461	Columbus	.459
Cleveland	.449	Milwaukee	.426
Pittsburg	.410	Washington	.350
Cincinnati	.396	Louisville	.349

Railroad Collision in Ohio.

CHICAGO, Aug. 30.—This morning a coal train on the New York, Lake Erie and Western road collided with an excursion train on the Baltimore and Ohio at Lodi, O. The rear car of the excursion train, containing twenty-eight passengers, was thrown from the track, being totally demolished. Four people were painfully injured. The others escaped with a bad shaking up.

Ex-Congressman Schofield Dead.

WARREN (Pa.), Aug. 30.—Judge G. W. Schofield died this morning of heart disease, aged 77. He was a member of the thirty-eighth, thirty-ninth, fortieth, forty-first, forty-second and forty-third Congresses; Register of the Treasury under President Hayes and appointed Judge of the Court of Claims by President Garfield, retiring last July.

Illicit Distillers Arrested.

DESOTO (Miss.), Aug. 30.—Marshal Wilkes and deputies, who followed the notorious Bob Simms and gang of illicit distillers and murderers from Alabama, early this morning captured eight of the gang near here. Simms himself evaded capture.

Death of a Prominent Banker.

TYLER (Tex.), Aug. 30.—Colonel Thos. R. Brown, senior member of the banking house of Bonner & Bonner, and one of the Receivers of the International and Great Northern Railroad, died here this afternoon.

Turned Over to the Southern Pacific.

DALLAS (Texas), Aug. 30.—The Trunk Railway was turned over to the Southern Pacific Company yesterday afternoon. Major Charles Dillingham represented the Southern Pacific.

Ex-Congressman Scott Very Ill.

ERIE (Pa.), Aug. 30.—Ex-Congressman William L. Scott is said to be rapidly sinking. The physicians have decided to take him to Newport to-morrow.

Bicarbonate Works Burned.

NATRONA (Pa.), Aug. 30.—The bicarbonate department of the Pennsylvania Salt Company was destroyed by fire this morning. Loss, $100,000.

The Austrian Empress.

PARIS, Aug. 30.—A dispatch to the *Estafette* from Vienna says that the Austrian Empress shows signs of insanity. She is very eccentric, among other things desiring bizarre costumes in which to appear in public. Medical experts called by the Emperor have pronounced the case a grave one, being associated with a hereditary malady.

Between 60,000,000,000 and 100,000,000,000 codfishes are taken from the sea around the shores of Newfoundland every year. A single cod yields something like 3,500,000 eggs each year, and over 8,000,000,000 have been found in the roe of a single cod. A herring of six or seven ounces in weight is provided with 30,000,000 ova. After making all reasonable allowances for the destruction of eggs and the young, it has been calculated that in three years a single pair of herrings will produce 154,000,000.

The Czar, Czarina and the Grand Duke Alexis have started for Finland in the imperial yacht Derjava.

PINE NUT MINES.

They Are Not the Great Find That Has Been Reported.

THE PEOPLE WARNED NOT TO BE DECEIVED.

Governor Colcord of Nevada Says the Reports Have Been Greatly Exaggerated, and Does Not Think There is Anything Very Promising at Pine Nut.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 30.—Governor Colcord of Nevada arrived in this city yesterday. In relation to a dispatch which contained a statement made by Senator Haines regarding the reported rich strike of gold at Pine Nut, the Governor said that he did not desire to say a word against Senator Haines, who was his friend and a very good man. Haines was one of Nevada's World's Fair Commissioners, and was thoroughly capable and meant well. The trouble was he sometimes became too enthusiastic. Governor Colcord said that Haines had never in his life been a practical mining man, and knew nothing about prospecting or judging the probable value of a vein. Even if he had been inside Zirn's shaft he was not capable of telling whether the outlook was promising or not, and it was simply ludicrous for him to compare a little strike like that at Pine Nut to Bodie in its palmiest days. To class Pine Nut with it could not have any other result than to send thousands and thousands of people to a part of Nevada which might not produce anything of considerable value.

Governor Colcord gave his reasons in detail for not believing that there was anything very promising at Pine Nut. As a man who had been a practical miner and ppospector the best part of his life, and who had worked in and been connected with mines almost to the day he took office, he said he felt confident that he understood the business very well. The trouble with Pine Nut was that practically nobody vouched for it but Zirn, an ignorant miner. Zirn had a partner, a half owner in the mine, one Schultz, who had not yet said that he believed there was a big mine in sight. Until Schultz said something every good mining man who knew him would be doubtful about the real value of the strike. The Governor declared that Schultz, a butcher in Carson, was an honest man and that if anybody could get him to say that the rumors about Pine Nut were true it would be time enough to believe them. Schultz had been giving Zirn a "grub stake" for years, and now that the latter had a strike Schultz would not, or at least had not said whether this was a good one or not. This, in the opinon of the speaker, was a suspicious circumstance and might well be taken into consideration by men contemplating a trip to Pine Nut.

Governor Colcord said further that he had himself prospected the very country Zirn's alleged strike was in and had not seen any good indications on the surface. If there was anything there beyond a mere deposit it was remarkable indeed, and a contradiction of all prospectors' theories.

The one fact, though, that, in the belief of Nevada's Governor, ought to deter men from rushing to Pine Nut, is that all the claims for a distance around have already been taken up and there is nothing left for anybody who has not plenty of money.

Governor Colcord, who has just returned from Calaveras County, will leave at once for the Pine Nut mine, as he believes that the boom has now reached a stage where it is his duty as Chief Executive of Nevada to announce definitely whether or not there is any truth in the sensational statements that have been printed conc