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WAR CLOUD GATHERING.

Russia Paving the Way to Achieve a Long-Cherished Ambition.

AUTUMN MAY BRING ABOUT A SERIOUS CRISIS.

The Junta Have Decided to Call a General Election in Chile, October 18th, to Select Senators, Deputies and Presidential Electors—Admiral Brown Formally Recognizes the New Government by Firing a Salute of Twenty-One Guns.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

LONDON, Sept. 10.—A dispatch to the *Standard* from Batoum says: "Eleven shipments of war stores have traversed the Dardanelles this year. All the volunteer cruisers have taken heavy guns for fortifying Vladivostock. Several foreign vessels have been chartered to carry stores and munitions.

"The fact of Turkey's yielding to Russia shows that the Treaty of Paris is a dead letter, so far as Russia is concerned, as a strong Black-Sea fleet is being rapidly collected. The diplomatic triumph of the Russian Embassador at Constantinople shows plainly how Russia is paving the way to achieve her long-cherished ambition—the possession of Constantinople."

A dispatch to the *News* from Odessa says: "The extraordinary fluctuations in roubles in the past ten days has almost brought commerce to a standstill. Business contracts are impossible. There is but little doubt that Berlin bankers are exercising a sinister influence on Russian exchange, and it is felt that autumn will bring a serious crisis."

FRANCE'S POSITION.

PARIS, Sept. 10.—The banquet given today by De Freycinet, President of the Council and Ministry of War, to the French Generals who are taking part in the army maneuvers and to the military attaches who are watching them, was a most brilliant affair. It was apparently selected as an occasion for the French Government, through De Freycinet, to give utterance to its views upon the peace prospects of Europe. De Freycinet, during the course of his speech, made special reference to the pacific tendencies of France. The leading idea of the maneuvers, he said, was to throw light on and give exercise in the duties of Commander-in-Chief.

"Nobody," De Freycinet said, "now doubts we are strong, or that we shall prove to be wise. We know how to maintain that calmness and dignity in the days of misfortune, which have paved the way to recuperation." [Loud applause.]

The Russian General Fredericks, Dean of the Foreign Military Attaches, proposed a toast to De Freycinet and General Saussier, to the splendid French troops and their valiant countrymen, who had received the foreign visitors with such cordiality and courtesy. The toast was drank with great enthusiasm.

REPUBLIC OF CHILE.

A General Election to Be Held In October.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—The *Herald's* Valparaiso dispatch says the Junta, at a meeting held yesterday, decided that an election would be the best method to bring about the tranquillity so much desired, and that October 18th next, accordingly, should be designated as election day. Senators, Deputies, municipal officers and Presidential Electors will be voted for. The new President will be installed December 26th.

Colonel Stepan, who with twenty-five cavalrymen was supposed to have gone to the Argentine Republic to act as guerillas, has been captured and brought here. His cruelty to the anti-Balmacedists who fell into his power, has aroused an intense feeling against him, and he will be very summarily dealt with.

The feeling against the Government of the United States and its people is calming down here. The official recognition of the Junta's Government by the United States has been made by both Minister Egan and Admiral Brown. The United States flagship San Francisco yesterday saluted the Chilean flag by the discharge of twenty-one guns. This was returned in a similar manner by a shore battery.

EGAN'S POSITION.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—The return of Minister Egan is a matter of only a few months. As the representative of the United States he is now cordially received by the Junta. When the Chilean Republic is once more on its feet the personal dislike to our Minister will make itself known in an official communication to our State Department and *persona non gratia* will be written opposite Egan's name, provided he does not take warning and ask for an extended vacation.

THE ITATA MATTER.

SAN DIEGO, Sept. 10.—Captain Mannzen has received no official notice of the intention to release the Itata, though he has been expecting some such move for some time. When the orders come releasing the vessel she will go to San Francisco immediately for needed repairs, cleaning, etc. She will take a cargo of provisions for Chile. The machinery is still disabled by the removal of important pieces by Marshai Gard, who stored them in the United States barracks in this city.

THE PRESIDENTE PINTO TO BE SURRENDERED.

BERLIN, Sept. 10.—The captain and engineer of the Chilean cruiser Presidente Pinto have arrived at Kiel, en route to Paris, to surrender the vessel to the Junta's agent.

THE EL DORADO'S CARGO.

Her Condemned Goods Being Sold at Nassau.

NASSAU (Bahama Islands), Sept. 10.—This place has been transformed from a quiet, peaceful settlement into a busy mart of trade. It is estimated by conservative judges that upward of $60,000 worth of goods taken from the wrecked steamship El Dorado has been landed here, and is being sold not only to the inhabitants of New Providence, but to those of the outer islands, who come here by hundreds in schooners to purchase cheap goods. The shipments from New York will be very light for some time to come. The Americans here are indignant at this open profiting by what they characterize as rank piracy, and Governor Ambrose Shea, when he arrives here next month, will probably have an international complication to deal with.

TRADES UNION CONGRESS.

The Age at Which Children May Work in Factories Raised.

NEWCASTLE, Sept. 10.—Among the subjects brought before the Trades Union Congress this morning was that of the age at which children should be allowed to work in factories. A great majority of the delegates were in favor of raising the limit of age. A minority opposed it. Finally a motion to raise the limit to 13 years was passed by a vote of 265 to 163.

To-day one of the political features of the week before the congress was developed. It arose when the question of paying members of Parliament came up for discussion. As is well known, a member of the British Parliament receives no pay, and consequently it is a difficult matter for a poor man to get into Parliament and still more difficult to stay there. It was announced in the congress to-day that this question, as well as kindred questions—those of the payment of members of county councils and school boards—would come up prominently at the next session of Parliament, and the willingness of the candidates for Parliament at the coming general election to vote for these payments would be made one of the tests upon which the trade unionists would decide whether or not to support such candidates. It will thus be seen that the labor party seems inclined to ignore the old political parties on the whole and support those who will support measures advocated by the Trades Union Congress.

Missionary Building in China Burned.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—The Department of State has received a telegraphic dispatch from the Minister at Peking reporting a riot at Ichang, on the Yang Tse Kiang River, in the province of Hoo Pe, and that the establishment of the American missionaries there had been destroyed. No further particulars were given. Ichang is about 200 miles above Hang Kow, which is about as far up the river as vessels of war can go.

Fighting for Food.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 10.—In the province of Orel bands of peasants are roving over the highways attacking convoys of grain and food, even where the convoys are escorted by soldiers. Fights are of frequent occurrence, and many persons have been killed. Crime is rampant, owing to a desire to escape starvation by imprisonment. The jails are crowded with prisoners.

A Woman Murdered.

MONTREAL, Sept. 10.—On the arrival of the steamship Fremont yesterday the mutilated body of a woman was found in the hold. There is no doubt the woman was murdered. The authorities have taken the case in hand and have notified the English police. It is said she came on board at Newcastle with a man.

International Agricultural Congress.

THE HAGUE, Sept. 10.—The International Agricultural Congress to-day pronounced in favor of the payment of a State indemnity to owners of animals condemned to death for tuberculosis or pleuro-pneumonia.

Wreck of the Bark Camellia.

HALIFAX, Sept. 10.—A telegram from Sydney to-day states that the bodies of four men and one woman washed ashore at Scatteria from the wrecked bark Camellia of St. Johns. The vessel was bound to St. Johns from Bahia.

Conflicts on the Afghan Frontier.

VIENNA, Sept. 10.—Rumors have reached this city that conflicts have recently occurred on the Afghan frontier between Russian and Afghan troops.

Five Laborers Killed.

GLASGOW, Sept. 10.—An express train to-day dashed into the midst of a gang of trackmen at work on a line near this city. Five of the laborers were killed.

Charge of Conspiracy.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 10.—A commission has been appointed to investigate the charge against Kiamil Pasha of plotting to dethrone the Sultan.

Death of an Italian Statesman.

LONDON, Sept. 10.—The death is announced of Ubaldino Peruzzi, the Italian statesman, at the age of 70 years.

AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL.

DECISION RENDERED IN A LONG-PENDING LAND CASE.

The Selection of a Site for San Francisco's New Postoffice Still Hangs Fire.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—Secretary Noble to-day rendered a decision in the long-pending case of the Oregon swamp lands, known as the "Lost Five." The case dates back to passage of the swamp land grant of 1850, which extended to the State of Oregon, and has been before nearly every Secretary since that time in some shape or form. The present matter is before the department on a certiorari, and involves nearly 58,000 acres. The Secretary, from the affidavits presented, thinks the decision of the Commissioner of the Land Office in ordering hearings is not justified, and, entertaining such views, he reverses the Commissioner's decision dismissing the contests and all entries and filings on the land in controversy, and directs the Commissioner to prepare clear lists of the lands, so they may be approved and patented.

In the case of the heirs of Nancy K. Holloway vs. Frank B. Lewis, involving their respective claims to land in the San Francisco district, Secretary Noble denies the motion for a review.

In the case of the Mission Indians vs. John Walsh, on motion for a rehearing, reconsideration and review of the departmental decision involving land in the Los Angeles district, the motion is denied.

Congressman John T. Cutting, who has been in this city for several days, leaves to-night for Philadelphia on a business trip. He will also stop at Chicago and perhaps other cities on his way to San Francisco. Congressman Cutting left his daughter at the Georgetown Academy, a Catholic school, where Representative McKenna's daughters are being educated.

General Cutting was at the Postoffice Department to-day, and asked Postmaster-General Wanamaker if the people of San Francisco might reasonably expect a settlement of their postoffice site matter soon. Mr. Wanamaker could give no indication of his choice in the matter, and could not say when there might be a site selected. Mr. Wanamaker is displeased over the action of the San Francisco papers, and does not hesitate to say so. He believes there might have been a settlement of this vexed question long ago but for the interference of these newspapers.

An additional proclamation signed by President Harrison and Assistant Secretary of State Wharton was issued to-day in regard to the timber reserve at Yellowstone Park. The boundaries are the same as described in the first proclamation. It concludes with a warning to all persons not to enter or to make settlement in the section reserved for the Yellowstone Park.

California pensions: Jackson R. Cleveland, William H. Baldwin, John Skelton, Moses Hoyt, Roland Ramsdell, Albert Schmarzenberg, Joseph C. Chamberlin, Samuel F. Robinson.

Temporal Power of the Pope.

MALINES, Sept. 10.—The Catholic Congress has adopted an address to the Pope, which eulogizes the labor encyclical and declares strongly for a restoration of the temporal power of the Pope.

ATTEMPTED KIDNAPING.

Detectives Try to Make Way With a Seattle Attorney.

A BELATED TRAIN CAUSES THEM TO COME TO GRIEF.

H. J. Hanchette of Los Angeles, Who Mysteriously Disappeared Some Time Since, Reported to Be in Chico—Fatal Shooting Affray at Salt Lake—Three Men Suspected of Cattle Stealing Arrested at Tehachapi.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

SEATTLE (Wash.), Sept. 10.—This city was thrown into the wildest excitement by the kidnaping of William E. Bailey, the young millionaire, and R. B. Albertson, his attorney, this afternoon by detective Sullivan. Bailey is said to be worth $2,000,000. He is the owner of the Harrisburg block here, the President and Director of several banks, and a large real estate owner. He is also proprietor of the *Press-Times*. Albertson is a second cousin of Albertson, the absconding cashier of the Fidelity Trust Company of Tacoma, and it is supposed that Sullivan abducted him in order to obtain some information about the absconder.

Sullivan enticed the men into a closed carriage and it is supposed held a revolver at their heads until they were out of the city. When the cab was two miles out of town Bailey and Albertson were yelling for help, but it is said Sullivan threatened to shoot several men who attempted to rescue them. A rumor has been circulated that Bailey is suspected of having securities stolen from the bank in his possession.

A posse of police and Deputy Sheriffs are out on horseback chasing the carriage and a special train with over 100 leading citizens is on the way to Tacoma.

It is learned that Detective Sullivan drove to Black River Junction, nine miles from here where the hack was dismissed, and that Sullivan was waiting for the Seattle train to take them to Tacoma. This train is two hours late, and before it arrives it is thought that Sullivan will be arrested and his prisoners set at liberty.

The city is greatly excited, and Sullivan may meet a warm reception on his return here.

LATER.—Detective Sullivan and his two deputies were captured at Black River Junction on the arrival of the train there at 11 o'clock by Chief Rogers and a posse of special deputies, and the whole party returned on the regular train from Tacoma about midnight. Sullivan had a Pierce County warrant for Albertson, charging him with having knowledge of his cousin's whereabouts. This warrant, however, was not indorsed by the King County officials.

Sullivan and his men caught Albertson and Bailey as they were going to dinner at the Ranier Club, and one of them told Albertson that he had a warrant for his arrest. Albertson demanded to see the warrant. The deputy detectives said: "Get into the hack and we will drive to your office." Bailey offered to go with his friend. The detectives demurred to this, but finally both Albertson and Bailey got into the carriage. The doors were shut, and the two armed detectives held their prisoners while the hack was driven away through the heart of the city.

Not until they had reached South Seattle were the violent hands taken off them. Then Bailey and Albertson commenced crying for help. They forced the window open, and passers-by recognized them and gave chase. Sullivan, who was on the box with the driver, drew revolvers and made the prisoners turn, at the same time saying to Bailey, "Put your head in that window or I'll blow it off."

The party drove to Black River Junction, where the driver rebelled, and the party left the carriage to wait for the train. It happened to be two hours late, and when it did arrive Chief Rogers was aboard with Judge Burke and about fifty others. Sullivan at first refused to be arrested, but finally gave up and the whole party returned.

Bailey was not wanted at all, but was taken because he was with Albertson. Sullivan and his deputies have been placed in the County Jail, being unable to get bonds.

H. J. HANCHETTE.

He Is Reported to be at Present in Chico.

CHICO, Sept. 10.—H. J. Hanchette of Los Angeles, who some time since was reported as having mysteriously disappeared, is now in this city, having come down yesterday morning from Tehama. Robert Farrell, editor of the Whittier *Pointer*, published at Whittier, Los Angeles County, was on the train when Hanchette boarded it. He is well acquainted with Hanchette, having worked on the reportorial staff of the Los Angeles *Herald* about four years ago.

Mr. Farrell saw and recognized Hanchette the moment he got onto the train. He approached him and slapped him familiarly upon the shoulder, saying: "Hello! Hanch, old boy! How do you do?" To this Hanchette replied that Farrell was mistaken in his man and gave his name as Hamilton.

Mr. Farrell assures us that there is not the least possible chance for him to be mistaken, as he knows Hanchette as well as he does his brother. Hanchette looks just the same as he did before leaving Los Angeles. His only disguise is a change in his voice, from a soft, mellow tone to a harsh, gutteral vocalization.

Hanchette has several aliases which he uses, and, besides the name of Hamilton, he has given three or four names in this city. Mr. Hanchette says he is bound for the Pine Nut mining country.

VICTORIA NOTES.

Sealers Continue to Come in With Good Catches.

VICTORA (B. C.), Sept. 10.—The steamer Islaven has arrived from the northern canneries with 715 cases of salmon, which will form part of the cargo of the barks Callao and Lerica for the United Kingdom.

The steamship Zambesi of the Upton line sailed for China and Japan last evening.

The sealing schooner Umbrina put into port Tuesday night from Behring Sea. She was warned out on the 22d of July, when she had a catch of only 305. Captain Campbell headed for the Russian coast and caught 200 more seals in the neighborhood of Copper Island, making a total catch for the season close upon one thousand skins.

The schooner Henrietta has not yet cleared for the North Pacific Ocean, but Collector Milne, though having no official order to refuse such a clearance, has advised the Captain of the importance of the step he is taking and the consequences that may follow. He has no intention of seeing the law broken, even indirectly.

E. Fried and his wife were arrested this evening and lodged in prison on a charge of abducting a young girl named Hattie May of Seattle. Fried was arrested on Monday, but discharged in the Police Court, the girl having disappeared. The police have found the girl and got fresh evidence against Fried and his wife.

CATTLE THIEVES.

Officers Arrest Three Suspects at Tehachapi.

TEHACHAPI, Sept. 10.—Louis Buhn and two companions have been arrested here for maliciously and willfully killing cattle belonging to and bearing marks of Joe Kiser, a cattle-owner of Tehachapi. At the preliminary trial the court fixed bail at $1,000 in each case. Sheep, cattle and hogs have been missing lately from this vicinity, and vigorous measures have been adopted to effect the capture of the thieves. Constable Chitwood met the two men near Tehachapi. They acted suspiciously, and following them he discovered freshly killed beef. Further investigation revealed the hiding place of the skin, which bore the mark of the owner. Neither of the prisoners could furnish bail, although one of them is well connected.

Chinaman Murdered.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 10.—Hom Ah Tam, a Chinese laundryman, was murdered to-night by an unknown assassin. He was sitting on a box outside of his wash-house smoking, when the murderer placed a pistol within an inch of his ear and fired. Officers went quickly to the spot and found eight Chinese sitting quietly in the shop, paying no attention to their dying comrade. Any one escaping from the scene to the street would have been seen by the officers, so it is evident the murderer fled through the wash-house. The eight Chinamen, however, refused to answer questions, protesting complete ignorance. All were arrested.

A Bull's-Head Breakfast.

SANTA CRUZ, Sept. 10.—The festivities attendant upon the celebration of the forty-first anniversary of Admission Day terminated to-day with a grand bull's-head barbecue, given at the beach by the citizens to the visiting Native Sons. Plates were laid for 600 persons, and fully 1,500 people partook of the feast. The music was furnished by the local band. Much enthusiasm was manifested by the visitors.

Fatal Shooting at Salt Lake.

SALT LAKE, Sept. 10.—A *Tribune* special from Green River says: Yesterday Cass Hite and F. Kohler revived an old quarrel. Kohler got a Winchester and paraded the streets, saying he would shoot Hite. The latter went out to pacify him, when Kohler shot, missing Hite, who then drew a revolver and fired three times, killing Kohler instantly and wounding Frank Drake, who was standing near Kohler.

A Police Officer Shot Dead.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 10.—Late to-night Police Officer Grant saw a man running through the southern part of the city with a handcuff on his wrist. Grant placed the man under arrest, and took him to the southern station. As he entered the station the prisoner drew a revolver and shot the officer dead.

Delegates to the Irrigation Convention.

SAN BERNARDINO, Sept. 10.—L. M. Holt, F. C. Finkle and A. C. Fisk of this county, J. W. Nance and Mr. Perris of San Diego, delegates appointed by the Governor to represent this section of the State in the National Irrigation Congress to meet at Salt Lake City on the 15th instant, leave for that city to-morrow evening.

Militia Want Their Pay.

TACOMA (Wash.), Sept. 10.—The militia of this city have refused to turn out for target practice in accordance with the order of the Adjutant-General. They have not been paid for services in the late riots in King County, and they say unless the Governor issues the order they will not turn out.

Again Enjoying California Weather.

SAN BERNARDINO, Sept. 10.—Southern California is again enjoying California climate, after almost ten weeks of Arizona weather, which has been on an average 5° above the normal, and very sultry. The storm conditions have ceased.

THE SEARLES ESTATE.

PROSPECT OF A COMPROMISE SAID TO BE GOOD.

Claim Made That a Former Will Was Executed in Favor of Near Relatives.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

SALEM (Mass.), Sept. 10.—Those in a position to be familiar with the Searles will case say the prospect is good for a compromise before the hearing, which is assigned for two weeks from yesterday. They say the Southern Pacific stock is held together under this will, and that rather than take the risk of breaking up this large block of stock the parties will pay roundly, and that Timothy Hopkins is really the only one who has any case that will bear any sort of judicial examination.

TALK OF ANOTHER WILL.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—Mrs. Mark Hopkins-Searles informed two persons four years ago that she had made a will in favor of several near relations, whom she had befriended during her life. This missing will, it is now claimed, was made about the time she married Mr. Searles. It specifically described, it is understood, the relative esteem, Mrs. Hopkins had for certain persons, prominent among whom were the now disinherited son, Timothy Hopkins, and his wife, to whom was left one-half the estate. Nothing has heretofore been said by those interested in contesting the will which makes Mr. Searles the sole beneficiary, of the existence of this important document.

It is evident, however, from the circumstances just brought to light that this document is the fundamental basis of the claims now being made upon the estate. The liberal bequests to near relatives therein named are cited to prove the real intent of Mrs. Hopkins before she married the second time. Meanwhile the executors intimate that the affairs will be amicably settled.

Mrs. Searles' cousin, Mrs. Smith of Davenport Center, was questioned to-day about the coming contest.

"Do you think Mrs. Searles was unduly influenced in making her last will?"

"Yes, I do," finally replied Mrs. Smith. "I could think of nothing else, as her assurances were all to the contrary, and had been given without my solicitation. A change took place in a few years. It seemed to begin, as near as I can learn, when she met Mr. Searles. His influence gradually weaned her away from all her old associates. She seemed wrapped up in some pursuit that I never could understand."

Mrs. Smith did not know positively of Mrs. Searles' alleged spiritualistic delusions, but said she had shown very liberal religious opinions.

A Bark Bulletined as Missing.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—The Norwegian bark Star of India, which sailed from Dundee on June 25th for Quebec, with a crew of twenty men, was bulletined as missing at the Maritime Exchange today.

FUSILLADE OF BULLETS.

Fierce Fight Between Outlaws and a Posse of Officers.

THE FORMER SURRENDER AFTER BEING FATALLY WOUNDED.

An Attempt Made to Wreck a Train on the Lehigh Valley Road by Placing Dynamite Cartridges on the Track—Two Persons Killed in a Collision of Passenger Trains on the Union Pacific Railroad.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

PURCELL (I. T.), Sept. 10.—A fierce fight occurred near here to-day, in which a United States Marshal and posse captured two noted desperate outlaws, after mortally wounding them. A posse in charge of deputies Swayne, Cooke and Elkins had been on the trail of William Corley and Ross Riley several days. They cornered them to-day in an unoccupied hut and demanded their surrender. The outlaws responded with a volley from their revolvers. The posse returned the fire, and a lively fusillade was kept up for some time, the outlaws finally surrendering. They had both been shot, it is thought fatally. One of the posse is injured. Conley is a horsethief, who escaped from the Arkansas Penitentiary. Riley is a Cherokee negro. He was one of seven murderers sentenced by the Cherokee Council to be shot, but escaped before the sentence was executed.

LABOR TROUBLES.

No Settlement Yet Made in the Lake Erie Strike.

LIMA (Ohio), Sept. 10.—Superintendent Hill and Trainmaster Cook, of the Lake Erie & Western, went into the yards today and made up the trains in the place of the striking switchmen. The west bound train got out four miles, when the strikers boarded it and pulled every coupling pin, which they hid in the grass. They compelled the engineer and fireman to let the water out of the engine and leave the train. The east bound passenger was delayed four hours, until the freight train could be removed. At 4 o'clock this afternoon the first freight in two days was gotten under successful headway. It was followed by an engine to Buttland, ten miles from here, armed officers being on the engine. The strikers made no attempt to stop it. Since then several other trains have been sent out, and it is believed the company has won. This morning the switchmen spiked switches and did everything possible to cause trouble, when Superintendent Hill swore warrants for their arrest, and they desisted.

To-day the striking yardmen held a conference with General Superintendent Hill. On their refusal to return to work at the company's terms they were discharged.

WARSHIP PENSACOLA.

An Apprentice Says She Would be Safe Only in Fair Weather.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 10.—When the report was published some days ago that the United States steamer Pensacola was unseaworthy, W. H. Belden of this city, whose son is serving an apprenticeship on that vessel, wrote to him asking information on the subject. The reply received was as follows: "You say that 'if the ship is not fit to go to sea the officers would not let her go,' but you are mistaken. The officers know she is not seaworthy, but they can't help themselves. The situation is this way: She came here to go out of commission after being only two years out of Norfolk Navy-yard. The same contractor is here now that was at Norfolk then, and he would not condemn his own work after so short a time. The ship is safe enough in fair weather, but if she ever gets a heavy blow I would rather be out of her. When she rolls the spar deck goes from one side to the other and all the seams open."

A BLOODTHIRSTY MINISTER.

He Advises His Flock to Exterminate the Whites.

MEMPHIS (Tenn.), Sept. 10.—Rev. Taylor S. Nightingale, pastor of the largest colored Baptist Church in the United States, created a decided sensation by advising his flock to arm themselves with Winchesters for the purpose of exterminating the whites. Those who know what influence the average negro preacher has over his people will appreciate the effect of such advice. A large number of his people actually adopted his advice and have purchased repeating rifles.

Another faction of the better element opposed him, however, and for opposing him the pastor excommunicated this faction, and at a church meeting last night those who belonged to it were ordered to leave. Not going quickly enough, the pastor and his supporters attempted to eject them and a rough-and-tumble free fight took place. A dozen or more of each faction have been arrested on warrants and the fight waxes bitter. The minister will be handled by the Grand Jury.

NAVAL ORDERS.

Admiral Benham to Take Command of the South Atlantic Station.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—Secretary Tracy has made further changes in the squadrons on the North Atlantic Coast. An order was issued this morning which transferred the Boston and Atlanta from Admiral Walker's squadron of evolution to Admiral Gherardi's command of the North Atlantic squadron. This leaves the two squadrons equally balanced in the number of vessels. The Enterprise, which was under Admiral Gherardi's command, is to go to Annapolis as a practice ship for the cadets. Further changes are likely to follow. Admiral Benham, lately Commandant at Mare Island Navy-yard, has been assigned to command the South Atlantic Station, to succeed Admiral McCann, who is President of the Retiring Board and Board of Promotion. It is probable that one of the new cruisers, perhaps the Newark, now in the squadron of evolution, will be sent to South America to serve as Admiral Benham's flagship.

Fatal Collision of Passenger Trains.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 10.—An Omaha special says: Two passenger trains on the Union Pacific collided near Beatrice, Neb., this morning. Victor Hains and George Cortman, both living near Beatrice, had their legs broken and it is thought they will die. Conductor Baird sustained serious injuries while jumping. Both engines and the mail cars were totally wrecked. The accident is said to have been caused by carelessness of the train dispatcher.

Attempt to Wreck a Train.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 10.—A special to the *Ledger* says: Last evening a diabolical attempt was made to wreck a Lehigh Valley train at Kennedy Station, near Phillipsburg. A quantity of dynamite was placed on the track, and when the freight train ran over it the explosion was forcible enough to throw the engine off the track. No one was hurt. There is no clue to the perpetrators.

Park Place Disaster.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—The tale of the horrible disaster in Park Place, resulting in the death of sixty odd human beings, is now ended with the verdict of the jury. It found that the people killed lost their lives by the collapse of the buildings, caused by the giving way of the supporting iron columns near the middle of the ground floor, due to some sudden shock applied to said columns, and not primarily due to their apparent inherent weakness. The jury was unable to find whether the breaking of these columns was due to an explosion or not. The jury recommended legislation authorizing the fire department to periodically inspect all buildings used for printing, manufacturing and storage purposes.

Two Suicides.

NIAGARA FALLS (Ont.), Sept. 10.—This afternoon a well-dressed woman, unknown, about 25 years old, threw herself into the rapids. A man named Capeim, of Philadelphia, sprang into the water and attempted to save her. She resisted his efforts, and he finally had to leave her to save himself.

A couple of hours later a party on Luna Island were startled by hearing a young man near them cry, "I'm going; good-by!" Turning, they saw him spring into the water. In a minute he disappeared over the falls. His name is said to be Albert Heimlich.

Perry's Victory Celebrated.

SANDUSKY (O.), Sept. 10.—The Taumee Valley Monument Association celebrated the seventy-eighth anniversary of Perry's victory on Lake Erie at Put-in Bay Island to-day. The society has for its object the preservation of places of historic interest. Ex-President Hayes is President of the society. He made a brief patriotic address. Cassius M. Clay of Kentucky was Orator of the Day. He spoke with special reference to the part taken in the war of 1812 by General James Clay, his father, considering and answering the criticisms of some writers thereon.

Fire-proof Material for Mexico.

OTTAWA (Ill.), Sept. 10.—The Pioneer Fire-proof Construction Company to-day shipped a full trainload of their manufacture to Zacatecas, Mex. This is the first exportation of fire-proof material from any country to another. The afternoon was made one for celebration in Ottawa, the citizens taking an important part and a lively interest in the event.

Death of a Los Angeles Citizen.

CHICAGO, Sept. 10.—L. S. Sherman of Los Angeles, Cal., died at the Palmer House yesterday. Mrs. Sherman reached Chicago last Monday and was at her husband's bedside when he died. Congestion of the lungs was the immediate cause of death. The remains are to be shipped to Los Angeles, where the interment will take place.

Supreme Council of Chosen Friends.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—The Supreme Council of the Order of Chosen Friends elected officers to-day, U. H. Morse of New York being selected as Supreme Councilor, and C. M. Arnold of San Francisco, Vice-Councilor. Among the trustees is L. R. Webster of Oakland, Cal.

Improvements in the White House.

BOSTON, Sept. 10.—Mrs. Benjamin Harrison and Mr. and Mrs. McKee have engaged apartments at a hotel in Auburndale, where they will stay until the completion of the improvements in the White House.

SENSATION AT CHICAGO.

A WEALTHY ENGLISH LADY MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARS.

She Enters a Church to Pray, and Since Then Has Not Been Seen.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

CHICAGO, Sept. 10.—Miss Ava, a wealthy English woman who came to Chicago recently to raise the standard of living in the slums, is reported to the police as missing. She has been stopping at the residence of Rev. Dr. Bolton. Last evening Miss Ava and Mrs. Bolton drove to the Jesuit Church, on the West Side. Miss Ava entered the building, telling her companion that she only intended having a few minutes' conversation with the priest. Mrs. Bolton waited for half an hour and finally became alarmed when Miss Ava did not return. She remembered that the missionary had spoken of receiving letters in which her life was threatened, and feared she had come to harm. Mrs. Bolton at once notified the police. The detectives who were sent out learned from the priest at the church that Miss Ava had called, and after fifteen minutes' conversation about religious matters had gone away. All attempts to gain any clue to her whereabouts after that time thus far have been fruitless.

Miss Ava is said to be very wealthy, and has devoted her time and money to indulging her hobby for "slumming." Her friends say her crusade against wrong has made her many enemies, who have threatened her life. She came to Chicago the first of last month to carry on the work which she had acquired fame for in London. Several days ago she purchased a house on the West Side.

Francis Mingay and family, who have charge of the house, are much mystified over the disappearance. Mr. Mingay said that he could not imagine what had become of Miss Ava. When she first came here, he said, she continually complained that she was afraid the Catholics would take her life. Tuesday she received a letter, and when she read it she became excited. Mingay has no idea why she should go to the Catholic Church.

Mrs. Dr. Bolton, in an interview, said Miss Ava was received into her husband's congregation (Centenary Methodist) on probation about two weeks ago. They were much impressed with her zeal in missionary work and Christian character. Mrs. Bolton said she had accompanied Miss Ava to the Jesuit College a number of times, but there was nothing in the young lady's life to show that she was in any way partial to the Catholic religion. Miss Ava never told Mrs. Bolton the object of her visit to the college, and the latter had never asked. Mrs. Bolton said that the day Miss Ava disappeared she waited at the college door fully two hours and a half, and when she did not appear she made inquiry, which was fruitless.

Father Fitzgerald, President of the Jesuit College, said this evening: "About 9 o'clock last evening Father Kelley, who is pastor of the church connected with this institution, informed me that he had been paid a visit by the lady shortly after 7 o'clock, and he had, after the interview, led her to the church connected with the building; that she expressed a desire to pray, and that he left her in the church. He noticed her carriage still at the door, and at my suggestion, we sought for her in the church. The coachman appearing about that time and expressing fears for Miss Ava's safety, we made a thorough search of the entire church, but found no trace of her."

SOLDIERS' HOMES.

Medical Boards Examine the Condition of the Inmates.

MANY FOUND WHO SHOULD BE EXCLUDED.

Two California Lads Admitted to the Naval Academy at Annapolis—More Serious Trouble Looked For at the East Tennessee Mine—Arms and Ammunition Being Shipped to the Scene.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—The Board of Managers of the National Home for disabled volunteer soldiers has about concluded its quarterly meeting in this city. At the last meeting provision was made for the creation of medical boards at each branch to examine the inmates and ascertain what proportion of them were able to maintain themselves, and were not disabled. These reports are now under consideration. The board at the California branch reports that there is not a single inmate who could properly be excluded. In the central branch the board found thirty-five inmates who should be excluded because they have sufficient income to maintain themselves, and seventeen who are physically able to support themselves. The Milwaukee branch has not yet reported.

The board has not yet determined upon the line of policy to be pursued in these cases. It is the desire to rid the homes of inmates really able to take care of themselves, in order to afford room for deserving veterans. But so many considerations arise that it is not practicable to apply the general rule.

Chinese Convicted of Illegal Residence.

BUFFALO (N. Y.), Sept. 10.—The long trial of the four Chinamen suspected of being illegal residents has come to a close in the United States Court. Commissioner Hirschbeck discharged Lee Wing and Rah Mia, and the two others were found guilty of being improperly in the country. They will be held in jail along with three others who received similar sentences, to await the decision of the Judge on the question as to whether they should be sent to Canada or China.

Blooded Horses at Auction.

CLEVELAND, Sept. 10.—The prices realized at the Emery-Fasig sale at Glenville to-day were above the average. The great horse Semicolon was knocked down after spirited bidding to George Hammond of Detroit, Mich., for $13,500, and Ferndale, the phenomenal yearling filly, with a record of thirty-six seconds for the last quarter in a mile, was bid in by J. H. Shultz of Brooklyn, N. Y., for $6,000. George Hammond of Detroit paid $3,000 for Duchess. There were several other good sales.

East Tennessee Mines.

NASHVILLE (Tenn.), Sept. 10.—Acting under orders of Adjutant-General Norman, twenty-five rifles belonging to the local military company at Knoxville have been turned over to the Superintendent at Brieceville, to be used in the protection of convicts. Several thousand rounds of ammunition will also be sent there. There is much uneasiness all through East Tennessee, and the miners are reported to be making grave threats.

Defaulter O'Brien.

CHATTANOOGA (Tenn.), Sept. 10.—The creditors of M. J. O'Brien, who yesterday made deeds of trust to protect preferred creditors, to-day petitioned the Chancery Court to have them set aside, and an attachment issued to provide for an equity of all creditors. O'Brien has disappeared. The amount of his shortage in his account with the Catholic Knights of America is between $20,000 and $25,000. The society is protected by a bond.

Star Bicycle Performance.

SPRINGFIELD (Mass.), Sept. 10.—In the bicycle race at Hampden Park to-day, Zimmerman, of the New York Athletic Club, was the star performer, winning the mile ordinary, half-mile ordinary, quarter-mile safety and half-mile safety handicap. His time in the latter race was 1:06 4-5, beating the world's record of 1:07 3-5.

Everything in Readiness for the Fight.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—Everything is in readiness for the glove contest between Jack McAuliffe and Austin Gibbons, which takes place in the Granite Athletic Club at Hoboken to-morrow night. The men are to battle for a purse of $4,000 and an outside wager of $2,500. Both pugilists finished training to-day.

Fled to Canada.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—Lewis Stein, garters and elastic supporters, has sold out his business and fled to Montreal, leaving debts amounting, it is alleged, at upwards of $25,000.

Judgment Against Herrman.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—Judgments aggregating $14,926 against Alex. Herrman, the magician, were entered in the County Clerk's office to-day.

Admitted to the Naval Academy.

ANNAPOLIS, Sept. 10.—The following were admitted to the Naval Academy: W. H. Stanley and David W. Todd of California.

METHODIST CONFERENCE.

Motion to Admit Women to the Sessions Defeated.

PACIFIC GROVE, Sept. 10.—At the Methodist Conference to-day Presiding Elder Bently of the Oakland District presented his report. Among the interesting items of the report were the erection of six churches in the district, and especially the magnificent success of the Central Church in Stockton.

Dr. Eaton, of the New York Book Concern of the Methodist Church, made a speech, in which he stated that the net profits of the book concern for the past year were $140,000, $110,000 of which were paid over to worn-out preachers and widows and orphans of deceased ministers of the Methodist denomination.

Rev. F. M. Lilygren, of the Swedish Methodist Mission, is under charges, and a committee has been appointed to try him.

The question of the admission of women to Lay, Electoral and General conferences, together with the question of their admission to the General Conference and the consolidation of the two houses, were voted on and lost for want of the necessary two-thirds vote.

The ancient Egyptians were not particular about the wraps in which to shroud their dead. Old napkins, old skirts and other cast-off clothing were so utilized. It is said that an unpaid dentist bill was found on the person of a lately exhumed mummy, whose teeth were in extra fine condition.