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ECUMENICAL CONGRESS.

Eleventh Day's Session of the Methodist Council.

STATISTICS SHOW A LARGE INCREASE IN BELIEVERS.

An Organized Effort to be Made by the Farmer's Alliance in New York to Secure Through Congress the Daily Delivery of Mails at Their Doors in the Country—Important Cases Before the United States Supreme Court.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—The eleventh day's session of the Ecumenical Methodist Council opened with William Warden of the Methodist Reform Union, England, in the chair.

The committee made a report upon the subject of the week of prayer, recommending the week beginning November 15th next be set aside for that purpose. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Methodist Statistics reported that since the London Ecumenical Council there had been an increase of 30 per cent. in Methodist believers. The report shows that the ministers number 42,695, members 6,495,399, and adherents 25,378,000. The report was adopted.

A resolution was adopted making to-morrow's session the last of the conference.

The report of the Committee on Executive Session recommended that the Third Ecumenical Council be held in 1901, and that an Executive Commission, to consist of eighty members, divided into two sections, called, respectfully, the Eastern Section and the Western Section, be appointed, to make the necessary arrangements for the next conference. The report went over until to-morrow, and the topic of the day, "The Church and Public Morality," was taken up.

After reading an essay by B. W. B. Hill of Macon, Ga., on the "Legal Restraint of the Vices of Society," Rev. Joseph Posnett of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Hull, England, delivered the first appointed address of the morning session. His subject was the same as that of the essay.

Judge H. L. Sidley of Marietta, Ohio, spoke on the "Marriage and Divorce Laws." His proposition was that the right to divorce is complemental to and demanded by the right to marriage, not only in cases of adultery, but also of desertion. Marriage was a means, not an end, special cases excepted. God and nature had made those relations the universal right of mature men and women. This included the right of each party to the union to its essential benefits. Desertion deprived the innocent party of these, unless made a ground of divorce. The gist of it all is in principle, deducible alike from reason and scripture, that the right to marriage on its essential benefits and as the only condition for righteous propagation, becomes paramount to the rule of its permanence in cases of wrong to an innocent partner, whereby the fundamental obligations of the relation are abnegated. Finally, it leaves the innocent parties escape from the propagation with the foulness of unknown adultery and from being forced by the weakness of desertion into a life of celibacy.

Thomas Ruddle, Head Master of the Bible Christian College of Devon, England, spoke on the attitude of the church toward amusements. He said there is nothing in the spirit of the New Testament opposed to moderate and rational use of amusements. Whatever may be the duty of the church toward amusements, it is obviously not her duty to be hostile toward them.

Bishop Foss of Philadelphia said the urgent need of children was play, and as for athletics, the jollier the better, if they were harmless. But if the training made nothing but splendid brutes, the church college should put them out. Sunday papers, he said, were indictable before the bar of God, and the church stood with it particeps criminis.

Rev. Mr. Balmer of Manchester said it was strange that the church failed to recognize the need of people for amusement. He strolled once into the Lyceum Theater, and found so many preachers there that he thought for a moment that he was in an ecumenical council. People would go to the theater. The theaters were full, while the chapels were half empty. The church should purify the theater, and to do it church members would have to go there. [Mingled cries of "Oh, no!" and "You are right."]

Rev. Mr. Hubbard of Baltimore feared that the gates were too widely opened. "We have got in the dance and theater, and by and by we will get in the circus," said he.

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

Several Important Cases Advanced on the Calendar.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—The Supreme Court to-day advanced and assigned for argument the first Monday in December the cases of two murderers, to be executed in New York, by means of electricity. The two men are Nicola Trezzia and James McElvaine.

The United States Supreme Court also advanced for hearing the cases of the Anarchists Fielden and Schwab, now in the Illinois Penitentiary, for complicity in the famous Haymarket riot in Chicago. The cases will come up for hearing in December.

The Boyd-Thayer case, involving the title to the office of Governor of Nebraska, came up on a motion to advance its hearing. The attorney representing the Thayer side of the suit intimated they would prefer the hearing should not take place before the New Year. Ex-Attorney-General Garland submitted a motion to advance the case as counsel for Boyd. The court took the matter under advisement.

Judge Charles M. Fox and C. C. Tripp of California, in the United States Supreme Court to-day moved to postpone the hearing of the case advanced, involving the title to the land in San Francisco lying below highwater mark. The land is claimed both by the United States and the State of California, and the decision involves title to quite a large amount of wharfage property. Nearly all the important cases advanced at the last term were postponed last week, owing to the absence of three Justices of the court, but this case was permitted to stand as advanced. Justice Field said the court would announce its decision to-morrow. Tripp suggested the unwillingness of counsel to argue so important a question while three of the Justices were absent. The attorney on the other side desired an immediate hearing, as he wished to return to California as soon as possible.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

Negotiations on Foot to Increase the Service.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—Officials of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company to-day announce that they have decided to issue $3,000,000 debenture bonds for the purpose of building three new steamers for the China trade, if the company succeeds in obtaining a contract for the mail service from the Government. The steamers will be first-class in speed and equipment, but will not be of the extremely heavy tonnage called for by the requirements of first-class subsidy payments under the new law. They will, however, be the largest and fastest steamers ever put on the Pacific Ocean.

It is understood negotiations have closed between the Pacific Mail and the Occidental and Oriental Company by which the latter company will discontinue operations, leaving the Pacific Mail alone in the field. Pacific Mail will then double its service, making twenty-six trips per year thereafter, instead of thirteen, and it is for this increased service the new steamers are necessary.

NEW YORK POLITICS.

Enthusiastic Demonstration in Honor of Roswell P. Flower.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—Notwithstanding the rain, the great Harlem demonstration in the Belmont Riding Academy in honor of candidate Roswell P. Flower was a notable one. The balconies were lined with ladies, and the tan-bark ring was crowded long before the meeting began. Mr. Flower was greeted with a tremendous demonstration of applause when he appeared. He spoke briefly, devoting his remarks for the most part to the subject of the loss of the World's Fair to New York City, charging the Republicans with selling out the people's interests for supremacy in a faction fight. He referred particularly to the hanging up in the Legislature of the bill introduced before the matter came up in Congress. The interests of New York were sold out entirely that Platt, Hiscock et al. might retain control in New York.

NOVEL INCORPORATION.

Company Formed in Kansas to Produce Rain When Needed.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 19.—A *Times* Topeka (Kas.) special says: A. B. Montgomery of Goodland, Kas., where Melbourne recently made his rain-making experiments, this afternoon filed with the Secretary of State a charter of the Artificial Rain-producing Company. As Directors there are named six Stephens County men. The capital is placed at $100,000 and the object is stated to be to furnish water to the public by producing and increasing a fall of rain by the Melbourne plan. Melbourne will do the rain-producing, and the company has contracted to pay him 10 cents per acre for all land watered by him the next season.

Free Mail Delivery Wanted.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—There is an organized effort under way among the farmers to secure free mail delivery in country towns. The Farmers' Alliance, Patrons of Industry and others are canvassing the matter. Letters are being written to Congressmen in favor of the project, and petitions to Congress are being circulated in different parts of the country. The farmers assert a daily mail delivery at their doors will add to the money value of their farms and be worth still more, because it will keep them in touch with the markets and the outside world.

Disgraceful Scene.

QUINCY (Ill.), Oct. 19.—A disgraceful scene occurred in the City Council meeting to-night. In the debate over sewer building, which Mayor Thompson refused to indorse, Alderman Thorpe called the Mayor a "miserable puppy" and a "—— rebel," and said he would do him up yet. The Mayor said, "Sit down, or I'll throw the gavel at you." They nearly came to blows, and someone heard a revolver click. Alderman Surmmer was also called a "—— Jew" by Harrop, and for a while it looked as if the entire meeting would break up in a row.

The Omaha Lynching.

OMAHA, Oct. 19.—Dr. Allison, Assistant Coroner, after a careful post mortem examination of the remains of the negro, George Smith, who was lynched a week ago, decided that, although there were sixteen wounds and bruises on the head and the man's back broken in three places, the contracted condition of the head and other conditions satisfied him that Smith died of fright. In view of this testimony, the County Attorney had the preliminary examination of the lynchers postponed.

Boycott Against Wholesale Firms.

WHEELING (W. Va.), Oct. 19.—The boycott against wholesale firms of this city, declared by the Warehousemen's Union, went into effect to-day. It will be very sweeping in its effect and be prosecuted by every class of organized labor. The merchants had no trouble in filling the places of the strikers. The wholesalemen here pay better wages than anywhere else in the Ohio Valley and claim that the strike is unreasonable.

Edwin Booth's Health.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—The *Commercial Advertiser* says: The talk that went the rounds of the press recently about Edwin Booth and the failing state of his health, has little or no foundation in fact. The famous actor is at present in the city, staying at the Players' Club, an organization of his own creation. He is in the enjoyment of excellent health and spirits, and is looking better than for a long time.

Major Bundy's Successor.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—It is announced to-day that John A. Sleicher has assumed chief editorship of the *Mail and Express*, made vacant by the death of the late Major Bundy. Sleicher retires from the editorship of *Frank Leslie's Weekly* to accept his new place.

Why He Resigned.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—Consul-General Marta, who has represented Uruguay and Paraquay in this city, said to-day that he had resigned because of sympathy with Cuba in her efforts for independence, and because the countries he represented were friendly to Spain.

Declares That He is Innocent.

LEAVENWORTH (Ks.), Oct. 19.—Charles A. Benson, convicted of the murder of Mrs. Mettman, has written a letter to a local paper asserting that he is innocent, and accusing the victim's husband and her daughter of committing the crime. Little stock is taken in the statement.

Governor Hill at Richmond.

RICHMOND, Oct. 19.—Governor Hill and party arrived here at 8:40 o'clock this morning. After breakfast they took a drive over the city, and at 1 o'clock an informal call was made on Governor McKinney. They afterwards lunched with Mayor Ellyson.

The Hawaiian Minister Very Sick.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—H. A. P. Carter, the Hawaiian Minister to the United States, who is lying ill in this city, is no better to-day. He has a complication of kidney, lung and heart trouble, combined with dropsy. There is little hope for his recovery.

Trial of Ex-State Treasurer Woodruff.

LITTLE ROCK (Ark.), Oct. 19.—The trial of ex-State Treasurer Woodruff, charged with embezzlement, began to-day, the defense entering a demurrer to the indictment, alleging defects in it.

Poet Whittier Not Ill.

AMESBURY (Mass.), Oct. 19.—There is no truth in the report that the poet Whittier is seriously ill.

Only one man in 203 is over six feet in hight.

A LONE HIGHWAYMAN

Secures the Express-Box from the Weaverville Stage.

SENDS HIS REGARDS TO THE DEAR PEOPLE OF REDDING.

Sensational Elopement at Napa City—Mayor Hennessey Runs Away With a Farmer's Daughter—Hanlan Easily Defeats McLean in a Three-Mile Boat Race at Victoria—A San Francisco Capitalist Suicides With a Pistol.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

REDDING, Oct. 19.—The Redding and Weaverville stage was robbed this evening a mile and a half from Redding by a masked highwayman. The robber was armed with a double-barrelled shotgun and demanded Wells, Fargo & Co.'s box, but did not molest the four passengers. After obtaining the express box the robber told the driver to travel and to give his regards to the dear people of Redding. A posse is in pursuit of the highwayman, whose plunder was small.

THE SAN MARGARITA BRANCH.

Work on the Road Not to be Commenced at Present.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 19.—C. F. Crocker, A. N. Towne and William Hood have returned from Elwood, Santa Barbara County, where they went to talk over the matter of the construction of a line over the mountains to San Margarita, to close the gap in the coast division.

This work, Colonel Crocker said, would cost, including equipments, $45,000 a mile. He did not think it would pay the interest on the bonds if they were sold, and yet the work was one which the company would be glad to undertake, and may do so before long.

"We will not begin," said he, "until we are ready to go at it all along. I hope and expect a large influx of immigration here, and the selling off of large landholdings at such prices as to warrant the investment of the capital required. When that time comes we can handle the branch line without putting our hands in our pockets, as we would now be compelled to do, to pay for its construction."

RAILROAD COMMISSION.

Action Taken in Regard to Petitions From Latrobe.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 19.—The Board of Railroad Commissioners met to-day. The first matter considered was the petition of Miller & Bryant of Latrobe, El Dorado County, for cattle pens and better facilities for loading and unloading cattle, and also for a reduction of freight rates on wood from Latrobe and Shingle Springs, on the Placerville division of the Southern Pacific Company.

The board filed a decision, in which they found that the rates for hauling lumber were not excessive. The rates charged for carrying livestock were excessive, and there was a lack of proper facilities for loading livestock. It was ordered that a corral, with a suitable loading chute, should be built at Latrobe for the accommodation of the public.

PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD.

Action Taken on the Case of Dr. Ellis—Other Matters.

SAN RAFAEL, Oct. 19.—Dr. Ellis' case was reported to the Presbyterian Synod this afternoon from the Judicial Committee with but little change from the status which it had in the Presbytery. The appeal by Dr. Ellis was dismissed on a technicality, and it will have its future developments in the civil courts. The charge based upon his civil suit for damages was returned to the Presbytery for trial, with recommendations that it not be tried until after the suit in the civil court is heard.

Rev. A. J. Kerr's appeals and complaints were referred to the Synod one year hence. Other matters of minor importance were dismissed.

The Synod is the largest in its history, and it adjourned this evening to meet in Fresno next year.

ELOPEMENT AT NAPA.

The Mayor of the City Runs Away With a Farmer's Daughter.

NAPA, Oct. 19.—Dr. E. Z. Hennessey, Napa's Mayor, and Miss Mamie Tyther were married at 11 o'clock last night by Superior Judge E. D. Ham. Dr. Hennessey spirited the young lady away from her home, six miles north of town, at 11 o'clock, and drove hastily to this city, where the marriage took place. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tyther, well-to-do farmers. They had opposed the marriage, being Catholics, and the prospective bridegroom being a divorced man. Immediately after the ceremony the wedded couple drove to Suisun, and this morning went to San Francisco. Mr. and Mrs. Tyther did not discover the elopement until this morning. Owing to the high standing of the parties the affair is the talk of the town.

LOS ANGELES RACES.

Good Attendance at the Opening Day.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 19.—Twenty-five hundred people witnessed the opening races of the Sixth District Association meeting to-day. Following is a summary of the races:

First race, Los Angeles Derby, mile and a half, Hock Hockingers, Jr., won, Request second. Time, 2:44¾.

Three-fourths of a mile, handicap, John Treat won, Gladiator second. Time, 1:14¼.

Trotting, 2:20 class, each starter—Glendine, Lucy R. and McKinney—got a heat. Best time, 2:18. The race was postponed till to-morrow.

Etia Wilkes and Redondo won a heat each in the last race. Best time, 2:35.

Cigars Seized.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 19.—It became known to-day that a seizure of 50,000 unstamped cigars had been made on Friday last at the store of Davis, Mabor & Co., commission merchants. The cigars bore the stamps of the Jacksonville, Fla., factory of Goldarenzi, and the Internal and Customs officials of that district state that 20,000,000 of these cigars have been disposed of in San Francisco as a local product. The cigars were consigned to this city by a New York firm.

Assessments in Nevada Raised.

CARSON (Nev.), Oct. 19.—The Board of Equalization and Assessors adjourned today. Counties throughout the State were raised as follows: Douglass and Churchill, twenty per cent.; Humboldt, Elko, Washoe and Ormsby, fifteen per cent.; Eureka, five, and the balance ten per cent., the railroads included. The total raise throughout the State is three million over the total, and the rate on railways is nearly two million.

Gold and Silver in Arizona.

CLIFTON, Oct. 19.—On a ledge 9,000 feet long discoveries have been made recently of gold and silver ores in Gold Gulch, two and a half miles from Morencio, that are causing some excitement. The discovery was first made on a claim that was located in 1882, by Captain Pinkhard of California, and who was murdered by Apaches at the time. It is claimed the first shipment of ore will pay for the mines.

Hanlan Defeats McLean.

VANCOUVER (B. C.), Oct. 19.—Hanlan defeated Alex. McLean here to-day in a three-mile race in outrigged skiffs by two hundred yards. Hanlan gave McLean thirty feet start, but before one hundred yards were covered he had passed McLean and was never afterward hard pressed. The water was in splendid condition, and the three miles were made in 21:31½.

The Culver Trial.

MARYSVILLE, Oct. 19.—Judge Davis denied the motion of defendant's attorneys in the Culver case, asking that he be allowed to withdraw his plea of not guilty and interpose a demurrer. The trial, which is the second of Culver's, was then commenced, and during the day twenty-three witnesses were examined.

Suicide of a Capitalist.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 19.—W. Wickes, a capitalist and timber dealer, was found dead to-day in his room at the Pacific Union Club. He had shot himself through the head with a revolver. The suicide is attributed to ill health.

Chino Beet Sugar Factory.

POMONA, Oct. 19.—The Chino Valley beet sugar factory reports at noon to-day the manufacture of 825 tons of granulated sugar since it started on August 20th. Several breaks caused a stoppage in all of about two weeks.

Death of an Ex-Sheriff.

UKIAH, Oct. 19.—S. J. Chalfan, an old resident and ex-Sheriff of this county, died here to-day of consumption.

SAILING UNDER FALSE COLORS.

DEVICES TO CREATE A MARKET FOR EASTERN FRUITS.

Peaches Packed at Baltimore and Sent Out Under California Labels—Fruit Sales.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—The *Commercial Bulletin*, referring to the charges in a California agricultural newspaper that Baltimore peaches had been packed under California labels this season, says that journal is not mistaken—peaches have been packed in Baltimore and sent out under so-called California labels. Some of the peaches are excellent and doubtless hold their own in the contest with average California goods, but others, according to competent judges, not only fail to come up to the California standard, but would not do justice to Eastern packers if exhibited as a fair average specimen of their work. If the fact that labels used by California packers have been counterfeited, we fail to discover any proof, but it is no secret that goods bearing labels of non-existing canners have been shipped out of Baltimore this season. In other words, labels artistically arranged to suit the circumstances, yet steering clear of a counterfeit, could doubtless be discovered without calling into service a modern Vidocq.

We learn of one instance where goods thus falsely labeled have been offered in the Eastern market, but whether by the authority of the packer or not is uncertain. Upon careful inquiry facts were elicited going to show that nearly all Baltimore goods under California labels are thus turned out at the instigation of Western dealers. That is to say, those dealers bought goods unlabeled from the packers, and had specially prepared California labels placed on the cans. This is really no new Western trick. In fact, it is on the chestnut order, but that Californians should be indignant is not to be surprised, however, and success should attend their efforts to run down the game in this connection. It may be proper to state that salesmen for Eastern jobbers have frequently dropped the hint that they could make a very nice turn if their principals would condescend to put in Eastern peaches under the California label. The *Bulletin* is aware of several instances where such a proposition was indignantly frowned down, but it fails to discover evidence of the deception which has been practiced in this city. Crooked work of this kind is sure to come to the surface sooner or later.

FRUIT SALES AT NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—The Porter Brothers Company sold to-day at auction, for account of California Fruit Union shippers: Salway peaches, 65c@$1 05; Georgia Lates, 65@75c; Levi cling peaches, $1 05@1 10; Bilyeau peaches, 80c@$1 05; single crates Tokay grapes, $1 10@1 95; single crates Muscats, 85c@$1 20; black Moroccos, $1 40@1 80; single crates Emperors, $1 15@1 65; single crates black Ferraras, 95c; single crates black Malvoise, $1 50; assorted grapes, $1 25@2 05; quinces, $1 85@1 90; pears, $1 35@2 05.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—The Earl Fruit Company sold California fruits at auction as follows: Strawberry cling peaches, 70@75c; Salway peaches, 90c@$1 15; George's Late peaches, 70@90c; Lemon Cling peaches, $1 05@1 10; freestone, 90c; Bilyean's Late peaches, 75c; Levi cling, $1 15; full crates Tokay grapes, $2 35@4 75; half crates Tokays, $1 15@2 40; full crates Cornichon, $2 85@2 95; half crates Cornichon, $1 35@2 20; Purple Damascus grapes, $1; full crates Muscats, $1 85; half crates Muscats, $1; half crates Emperor grapes, 90c@$1 10; full boxes Bartlett pears, $4 60; half boxes Bartlett pears, $1 80; full boxes Winter Nellis pears $1 60@1 90; half boxes Nellis, 75c; half boxes Bell pears, $1 75; full boxes Bells, $3; Buerre Clairgeau pears, $3 70; Buerre Hardy, $1 20@1 70; red plums, $1 60.

AT CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Oct. 19.—The Porter Brothers Company sold to-day at auction for account of California Fruit Union shippers Winter Nellis pears at $1 40@1 50; Winter Seckle pears, $1 50; peaches, 80c@$1 10; Tokays, $1 85@2 30; single crates Tokays, 90c@$1 25; Cornichon grapes, $2 20; single crates, $1 05; Muscats, $2 15@2 35; single crates, $1@1 20; Emperor grapes, $2 05@2 15; single crates, 95c@$1 05; plums, 90c.

CHICAGO, Oct. 19.—The Earl Fruit Company sold California fruits at auction as follows: Full crates Tokays, $2 35; half crates Tokays, 90c@$1 15; half crates Muscats, 85c@$1 50; half crates Verdelle grapes, $1 15; Salway peaches, $1 05; Winter Nellis pears, $1 60@1 70; Buerre Clairgeau pears, $2 35; plums, $1.

AT MINNEAPOLIS.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 19.—The Earl Fruit Company sold California fruits at auction as follows: Full crates Tokays, $3 10; half crates Tokays, $1 50@1 60; half half crates Muscats, $1 45@1 65; Black Morocco grapes, $1 20; quinces, $1 80.

AT BOSTON.

BOSTON, Oct. 19.—The Earl Fruit Company sold California fruits at auction as follows: Full crates Tokay grapes, $3 45@4; half crates Tokays, $1 40@1 60; full crates Cornichon grapes, $2 75@3 15; half crates Cornichon, $1 25@1 50; half crates Emperor grapes, 80c@$1 15.

IN FOREIGN LANDS.

Queen Victoria Braves the Elements in an Open Carriage.

LUXURIOUS PALACE FOR THE AUSTRIAN EMPRESS.

England's New Torpedo Boat Vulcan, From Which Such Great Things Were Expected, Pronounced to Be a Complete Failure—The Storm Which Has Prevailed on the Coast of Ireland the Worst Known in Twenty Years.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—Yates' letter to the *Tribune* from London says: The weather at Balmoral has been wet, stormy and cold during the last ten days, but on Friday, which was the most wretched day, the Queen drove through Braemar, accompanied by Princess Christian, in an open carriage, and went on to Newmax Lodge, where she lunched with the Duke and Duchess of Fifield. The weather became worse in the afternoon, but the carriage was kept open all the way back.

Never has any function been subject to so many changes in programme as the Russian Imperial silver wedding next month. It is now arranged to come off in the Crimea, and the King and Queen of Denmark will go there, if possible, but the Prince and Princess of Wales have definitely declined for many reasons. Amongst others, the former celebrates his fiftieth birthday on the same day, and could not conveniently be away from England.

The palace in Corfu, which the Empress of Austria has only just completed, is one of the most luxurious and at the same time most curious buildings in Europe. It is nothing more nor less than an enlargement with modern appliances of one of the patrician dwellings in Pompeii. Incandescent electric lamps, hidden among the foliage and decorative friezes, throw their light on a series of frescos representing a mythological legend of Achilles. The gardens are also illuminated by electricity. The furniture is strictly Pompeiian in design.

Lord Rosebery is residing with his children at Wentmore, and Lady Leconfield has been staying there with him. He will probably pass some time in Egypt during the winter with his mother, the Duchess of Cleveland, who is about to proceed there for six months, accompanied by Mr. and Lady Mary Hope. Lord Rosebery has finished a monograph on Pitt, which will probably be a very interesting work. His cousin, Lord Stanhope, placed at his disposal an invaluable collection of Pitt papers at Chevening Irony.

The present situation of affairs in Ireland could not be more strikingly illustrated than by the fact that Healy has to go about under police protection, while Balfour goes everywhere unshadowed. Healy requires the constant service of police in plain clothes. There is no doubt that some extreme supporters of the late member for Cork would attack Healy if they had a chance.

Great stimulus will be given to the Unionist party north by the Liberal Unionist Conference in Manchester. The chief speakers will be Lord Hartington and the Duke of Argyle. The Duke has not spoken in public much of late, but his splendid faculty and distinctive criticism is of advantage to the Unionists in the coming struggle. The Liberal Unionists are improving and strengthening their organization all over the country. It has been ascertained that in at least 100 constituencies their voters will win the election, and this is a fact that makes the Gladstonians rail against them with so much bitterness.

I regret to hear that the new torpedo ship Vulcan, from which great things were expected, must be pronounced a complete failure. She was intended to have a cruising speed of twenty knots. She has never been driven more than eighteen, and that only for short periods, and she is now hopelessly hors du combat, as her builders are literally done for. It is a sin and shame that in this, the first engineering country in the world, the money of the taxpayers should be wasted on guns that cannot shoot and boilers that are unable to steam. The reason of the failure is the same in both cases—a faulty system of construction. Similar boilers were only last week, in the face of all this experience, put on board the Devastation at Portsmouth.

A fortnight ago I stated that Commander Younghusband was hurriedly telegraphed for to examine the Victoria's big guns. I have since been informed that after he had done so, with the assistance of an expert from Elswick, and had caused several impressions in guttapercha to be taken of the inner tube, near the muzzle, there was no alternative but to give positive instructions that the gun was not to be fired again. We have the flagship, commander-in-chief of the most important squadron, deprived of the use of half of its armament, and it is not unlikely that the other half is in much better condition. The Victoria ought to be sent home at once and relegated to limbo along with the Sanspariel and Benbow, till all three are armed with reliable new guns.

DESTRUCTIVE STORMS.

The Worst Known in Twenty-five Years on the Coast of Ireland.

LONDON, Oct. 19.—The hurricane which prevailed on the west coast of Ireland for several days past is pronounced to be the worst storm known in that part of the country in twenty years. The river Shannon overflowed its banks and submerged large quantities of land in its vicinity, drowning a considerable number of cattle and sheep, and destroying several houses and many barns and other buildings.

Among the long list of vessels wrecked was a French brig, which was lost to-day off St. Catherine's Point. Five men of the crew were drowned.

The storms have caused a most abnormal high tide at Sandgate, near Folkstone, and this, combined with the hurricane, is destroying the seawalls. Great alarm is felt. Many houses situated near the shore have already been washed over by the angry waters, and the highway leading to Hythe and Folkstone is submerged and destroyed in many places. The River Thames at Windsor, Eaton and other places is overflowing its banks into many houses. There are similar reports from many other places in England, Ireland and Scotland.

GALE OF UNUSUAL FIERCENESS.

DUBLIN, Oct. 19.—A gale has been raging to-day with unusual fierceness about Queenstown and vicinity. About thirty craft, large and small, have been driven ashore. At Youghal the sea was so heavy that many parts of the town have been flooded by the seas which swept into the streets. Many sheep and cattle were drowned along the course of the Blackwater River. Dispatches from Holyhead state that 200 vessels, much damaged, sought refuge at that port.

At Maryport, Cumberland, on the Irish Sea, a thriving shipbuilding place, the water is causing enormous damage. The River Shannon has burst its banks in County Limerick, inundating large tracts of land. The Reclamation Works, near Ennis, in County Clare, which recently cost the Government $600,000, has been nearly ruined. Villages in Trent Valley are submerged.

The Rivers Esk, Esbew, Runney and Otway overflowed their banks. Many thousand acres of land are covered with water, and the roads are impassible. A large number of buildings, weakened by the floods, have collapsed. The loss of live stock is very great.

The Parrot River overflowed its banks. Between Bridgewater and Angport the country for many miles is like a sea. Hundreds of cattle were drowned and many houses submerged.

AFFAIRS IN CHILE.

Safe Conduct to be Given Refugees on Foreign Vessels.

SANTIAGO (Chile), Oct. 19.—It is officially stated that the Government will issue safe conduct to those persons who have refuge in the American and Spanish legations. The Government has recognized the right of asylum in a letter to Mr. Egan, the United States Minister. The Spanish Minister is acting in conjunction with Mr. Egan.

The sailor of the United States steamship Baltimore killed by Chilean sailors in the street brawl a few days ago was buried at Valparaiso to-day. There was no hostile demonstration of any kind. An armed force of Americans from the Baltimore was landed, and they attended the funeral unmolested. Another of the Baltimore sailors, cruelly wounded in the same fight, will probably die.

Captain Schley and the local authorities are investigating the cause of the killing. Already it has been ascertained that the Chilean mob made an attack on the Americans. The Chileans were well armed with knives and pistols, whereas the Americans had but few weapons, and were slow in using them. The Chilean sailors and boatmen and others about the water front still show a relentless, bitter feeling toward the Americans, and make all manner of threats. The better class of Chileans heartily condemn the brutal attack, and express the hope that the country may escape the odium that arises from such lawless scenes.

BULL-FIGHTING IN MEXICO.

The National Sport Revived in the Name of Charity.

CITY OF MEXICO, Oct. 19.—The revival of bull-fighting in the City of Mexico yesterday was in the name of charity. A committee of ladies of this capital, with Mrs. Diaz, wife of the President, at the head, organized the show for the benefit of sufferers from floods in Spain. It was one of the greatest spectacles of Mexican national sport ever witnessed. It is estimated that 12,000 persons were present. Nine bulls of a celebrated breed were killed amid the bravos of the spectators. The animals were trained for the occasion, and many of the matadores had narrow escapes. President Diaz and party left the ring during the killing of the eighth bull. The banderillos stuck into the bulls were after the fight sold by peddlers at extravagant prices. This was one of the greatest fights Mexico has seen for years, and the amount received for admission fees it is supposed will reach $25,000.

SOCIALIST CONGRESS.

A Delegate Makes a Violent Speech in Defense of Anarchy.

ERFURT, Oct. 19.—At to-day's session of the Socialist Congress, Herr Auerbach made a violent speech in defense of anarchy. This speech, which was full of the most bitter denunciations of the existing system of the Government and society, caused such an uproar and so much protest upon the part of the more sober-minded portion of the delegates that the Congress was on the point of electing a committee to consider the expulsion of members who supported the anarchistic views of the speaker. Then Auerbach, amid a scene of uproarous disorder, announced the secession from the socialistic party of himself, Werner, Wildberger, Schulz and Brethge. All five immediately withdrew from the hall.

The Pope Much Grieved.

ROME, Oct. 19.—The Pope has written to Harmel, organizer of the French workingmen's pilgrimages, which recently visited this city, expressing bitter grief at seeing French pilgrims "abandoned without provocation to the attacks of an ungovernable populace." The Pope, in this letter, adds that he is deeply grateful to the pilgrims who came to Rome, and "to those who were prevented from coming by violence and iniquitous hatred" he sends his blessing.

Balfour's Promotion.

LONDON, Oct. 19.—The *Pall Mall Gazette* this afternoon, referring to the appointment of Balfour as First Lord of the Treasury, and, therefore, as the Conservative leader in the Commons, in succession of the late William Henry Smith, says: "The appointment is no bad thing for the Opposition. We prefer to meet fighting men. It will be nothing but a boon to the Liberals to have opposed to them a man specially identified with oercion in its most defiant form."

RUSSELL EXPLORING PARTY.

All Save One of the Members Reach Victoria Safely.

VANCOUVER (B. C.), Oct. 19.—Professor Israel C. Russell, who was sent by the United States Government and National Geographical Society to explore the region about Mount St. Elias, arrived to-day from Alaska. He left in June for Alaska, and went to Icy Bay. His party consisted, besides himself, of T. P. Stainey, Neil McCarty, J. H. Crumbock, Frank S. Warren and Thomas Vhite. White was drowned by the upsetting of the boat, otherwise the expedition was a complete success. They ascended Mount St. Elias on the north side, reaching an elevation of 14,500 feet, when they were turned back by clouds and severe snowstorms. From observations taken the mountain is between 18,000 and 19,000 feet high. The party then explored the coast from Icy Bay to Disenchantment Bay, a distance of about 100 miles, and also the glaciers. Russell and party left this evening for Seattle, whence he goes direct to Washington to report to the Government.

To Entertain the Horticulturists.

MARYSVILLE, Oct. 19.—At a meeting of the local Committee on Reception and Entertainment of the State Horticultural Society this afternoon it was resolved to have a programme that will involve an outlay of $2,000, and include an exhibition of all kinds of fruit, for which much preparation is being made. The committee will be prepared to receive and entertain about one thousand people.

Jane, as borne by the royal families of Europe, has always been a name of ill-omen. Lady Jane Grey was beheaded for treason; Jane Seymour was one of the victims of King Hal; Jane Beaufort, wife of James I. of Scotland, was savagely murdered; Jeanne de Valois, wife of Louis XII., was repudiated for her want of personal beauty; Jeanne d'Albert, mother of Henry IV., was poisoned by Catherine de Medici; Jane of Castile lost her reason through the neglect of her husband, Philip, the Handsome, Archduke of Austria; Jane I. of Naples caused her husband to be murdered and married his assassin, and Jane II. of Naples was one of the most wanton of women.

STILL IN THE FIGHT.

If Nominated for President, Blaine Would Not Decline.

HE DOES NOT WANT MAINE TO PRESENT HIS NAME.

The Third Semi-Annual Session of the Trans-Mississippi Congress Convened at Omaha—Two Mexicans at San Antonio, Texas, Fight a Bloody Duel With Stilettos to Decide Which Shall be the Favored One For the Hand of a Spanish Senorita.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—A few days ago the sensationalists were trying to kill off Mr. Blaine. A gentleman who recently had a talk with Mr. Manley at Augusta, Me., quotes that gentleman as saying that Blaine would return to Washington, but not before the November elections. He said that the Maine delegation would not present the name of Mr. Blaine as a candidate before the Republican National Convention, Mr. Blaine having expressed a desire that the Maine delegation should not make him a candidate, but that if, however, his name were presented by some other delegation, and he were nominated, he would not decline.

TRANS-MISSISSIPPI CONGRESS.

Third Semi-Annual Session Opened at Omaha.

OMAHA, Oct. 19.—The third semi-annual session of the Trans-Mississippi Congress convened this afternoon, 100 delegates being present. The congress was called to order by Governor Prince of New Mexico. Governor Thayer of Nebraska welcomed the delegates on behalf of the State, and Mayor Cushing on behalf of the city.

Ex-Governor Adams of Colorado spoke of the aims of the congress, the breadth of subject it proposed to discuss, and the importance thereof not alone to the West, but to the world. "Great progress has already been made," said he, "but greater is in store for us. We want the East to know that the star of the empire no longer hangs over the States of New England, over the numberless moneyed arteries of Wall street, but over the great and glorious country stretching from the father of waters to the treasure-bound shores of the rolling Pacific. We are here to voice the sentiments of various sections of our common country, to push, to centralize and crystallize a common work."

Governor Adams closed with a statement that the time is at hand when the West, by unity of action, could demand and receive political recognition long withheld.

Senator Warren of Wyoming followed Governor Adams with a short talk, advocating the interests of the mining regions before the convention.

Committees were then named and the congress adjourned until to-morrow.

BLOODY DUEL.

Two Mexicans Decide a Love Contest With Stilettos.

SAN ANTONIO (Tex.) Oct. 19.—Victoraino Valasco and Espinaro Remires, two young Mexicans in this city, have been for some time paying their respects to the same Spanish senorita. She refused to encourage one suitor more than the other. The two rivals then decided to settle the contest by duel. At midnight Saturday night they went to a deserted building, and, stripping to the skin, began a battle, each using a long stiletto. They had been fighting for some time when the attention of a policeman was attracted to the place by the noise. He forced an entrance and found both men in a terrible condition. They were both covered with blood, which was flowing from many cuts. They were separated and both taken to the hospital. They probably will both die.

STORY OF LINCOLN.

How a Pennsylvania Soldier Got the Tobacco He Wanted.

In the latter part of 1862 the 157th Pennsylvania Volunteers were stationed at Washington, preparatory to moving toward Richmond. For some unknown reason their salaries had been delayed for two months, and the boys found themselves "strapped" pretty closely for money. Among the members of Company D was a wild, harum-scarum sort of fellow, hailing from Lancaster County. For about a week he had been without an ounce of tobacco. From everybody he questioned he received the same answer—"Haven't an ounce; money all went a month ago."

The poor fellow endured the agony for a while, but finally, becoming desperate, he got leave of absence from camp one morning and started off up G street in the direction of the White House. Arriving there, he stopped for a while looking over the fence into the grounds surrounding the Executive Mansion, and presently caught sight of the President walking along the path in front of the house. Just then a bright idea struck him. Mustering up his courage, he stalked into the garden and presently neared the President.

"Good morning, Mr. President," he said, touching his cap.

"Good morning, my man," replied "Old Abe." "What can I do for you?"

The soldier hesitated for a while, but noticing the President's kindly look, finally said:

"The fact of the matter is, Mr. President, we haven't had any money for two months now, and every one of us is dead broke