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COAST CHRONICLES.

An Aged Couple Brutally Murdered in San Diego County.

BEATEN TO DEATH BY AN INDIAN LABORER.

A Band of Eight Horse-Thieves Exterminated in a Battle With Authorities in Northern Idaho—An Old Veteran of Calaveras County Throws a Box of Giant Powder into a Fire-Place by Mistake, and Narrowly Escapes Death, Being Seriously Injured.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

SAN DIEGO, Oct. 17.—The first news of a shocking murder of an aged couple was given in to-day's *Sun*. J. S. Geiser and wife had a farm on the Otay mesa, about seven miles east of Otay Station and fifteen miles south of this city. Last night the children of Mr. Piper, a relative and neighbor, heard screams while passing near the Geisers.

Piper and his son went over and as soon as they approached the house they saw the light go out. As Piper entered a figure tried to slip out in the darkness and they grappled, and after a terrible struggle they secured the fellow, an Indian laborer, named Jose Grabielo.

On investigation they found the bodies of the aged couple lying outside the front door beaten nearly out of semblance. Three bloody sticks had been used. The Indian's shoes were found at the fence.

The theory is that he killed Geiser in the cowyard, crept upon the old lady in the front room and dispatched her and then dragged the man's body up to where she had been thrown. In plundering the house he did not hear the Pipers approach. It is believed the Indian had a grudge against Geiser over pay about well digging; also, that he may have been the murderer, about three years ago, of a Miss Abbey, who lived near, on a ranch by herself, which deed has always remained a mystery.

Officers were summoned and after securing the murderer search of the region revealed two other Indian suspects. All were brought to jail this morning. The bodies are also here for inquest.

The two Indians say Grabielo was going along in the road with a demijohn and was drunk. They profess no knowledge of what occurred. The prisoner appears to be stupid and wont talk. He is middle aged.

SHE HOVE TO.

A Chilean Bark Overhauled by an American Revenue Cutter.

PORT TOWNSEND, Oct. 17.—The Chilean bark Augusta was fired upon late last night in the straits, four miles below here, by the United States cutter Oliver Wolcott. The Augusta attempted to leave Puget Sound without the Custom-house clearance. The trouble was occasioned by jealousy between the Chilean Consul Macondray and Chilean Vice-Consul De Lion at Tacoma as to which shall transact the business of the Chilean Government on Puget Sound. The Augusta arrived here several weeks ago from Chile. She surrendered her register to Consul Macondray, and proceeded to Tacoma to load a cargo. Vice-Consul De Lion advised the Captain to demand the register from Macondray, and if he refused to proceed to sea with the temporary register provided by De Lion. Macondray instructed the vessel to clear from Port Townsend. As the vessel was going out to sea she was overtaken by the Wolcott, but would not heave to until fired upon. The vessel is subject to a fine of $500.

RESULT OF A QUARREL.

A Barkeeper Shot by an Engineer in the Fire Department.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.—At a quarter to 9 this morning M. J. Dolan, a District Engineer in the Fire Department, shot and seriously wounded Thomas O'Neil, a barkeeper. The trouble occurred in front of the house of Truck 5, on Post street, between Fillmore and Webster.

There has been bad blood between the men for months, and this morning they quarreled in the engine-house, and, according to the story of O'Neil and his friends, Dolan, without any provocation, pulled a pistol, chased O'Neil out of the engine-house and, while he was running away, shot him twice in the arm and once in the back.

On the other hand, Dolan and his friends assert that the shooting was done in self-defense and that Dolan was perfectly justified.

FATALLY WOUNDED.

Shooting Growing Out of a Dispute Over a Game of Cards.

CARSON (Nev.), Oct. 17.—Dick Hern, alias Tex, yesterday shot Joe Lynch in the stomach with a six-shooter. The wound will probably prove fatal. The affair occurred at Wellington over a game of cards. Both men had been drinking. Tex placed the muzzle of the pistol close to Lynch's stomach, and saying, "Look out, Lynch," pulled the trigger. Lynch jumped from his chair, and, although bleeding profusely, beat Tex with his fists, drawing blood at each blow. In a few moments Lynch fell back unconscious and is not expected to recover. Tex was arrested and taken to Dayton, the county seat, to await an examination.

LANE MURDER TRIAL.

Damaging Testimony of the Daughter of Defendant.

MARYSVILLE, Oct. 17.—The trial of William E. Lane, charged with murder, in having killed Jesse G. Foulk at a negro picnic last May, has been in progress here for three weeks. Thus far the testimony has been rather positive against him. His defense has been insanity and self-defense. To-day his daughter, a 17-year-old girl, testified that her father had been criminally intimate with her, and she cited a number of instances to prove his guilt. The case is expected to go to the jury on Wednesday.

THE BRUNER TRIAL.

The Case Expected to Go to the Jury To-Day or To-Morrow.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.—The Bruner trial was resumed in Judge Wallace's court this morning. There was a very small attendance of spectators. W. S. Zeilin was recalled for cross-examination. He said he had found the notes he took at the time Bruner was examined before the Wallace Grand Jury. The witness said that not a word or a line had been changed from the time the notes were taken. It appeared however, that the word "was" in one case had been changed to "is." The witness was positive that it had been done at the time the notes were originally made.

The notes were read. The testimony by Bruner, as shown by the notes, was that he had never sent McCall to Ottinger; that he did not know where Ottinger's saloon was. In the notes the word "was" had been changed to "is."

The witness denied that he had ever told anybody that he would testify.

He had voted to indict Bruner.

W. H. Galbraith testified that he had visited this city in company with Bruner after the adjournment of the Legislature. His story corroborated the statements made by Bruner. This closed the evidence and a recess was taken until 2 o'clock. When the court resumed its sitting this afternoon arguments began. The case will probably go to the jury to-morrow or Wednesday.

HORSE THIEVES EXTERMINATED.

Idaho Authorities Wipe Out a Band of Eight.

BOISE (Idaho), Oct. 17.—Wilson Marvin arrived here to-day from Deer Flat, in Northern Idaho. He gives the authorities here the details of the fight with a gang of horse thieves, which occurred last August, but which so far escaped publication.

This gang of rustlers had been operating very boldly, running a large number of horses off into British Columbia. Finally a posse started after them and came up with them near Deer Flat.

Marvin says that he witnessed the battle which followed, in which the entire gang of rustlers, numbering eight, was exterminated.

VERY SERIOUS MISTAKE.

An Old Veteran Throws a Box of Giant Powder Into a Fireplace.

MILTON (Cal.), Oct. 17.—Word reached here to-day that on Saturday evening William S. Brown, an old veteran, had blown up his cabin with giant powder, hurting himself badly. By mistake he threw a box, the contents of which was twenty pounds of giant powder, into the fireplace. The cabin and contents were completely destroyed. Brown will lose one eye and is otherwise badly hurt. After the accident he crawled over a mile, but becoming exhausted before he reached any dwelling he lay in the open air all night, all through the storm of Sunday to late this morning, when he was found by a neighbor.

WEATHER NOTES.

Rain Continues Throughout Oregon and Washington.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.—Rain continues throughout Oregon, Washington and Idaho. Fair but cloudy weather prevails over Northern California, Northern Nevada and Northern Utah. Warmer weather has prevailed in the interior of California, but along the coast the temperature has remained stationary.

RED BLUFF, Oct. 17.—Rain commenced falling Saturday evening and continued through Saturday night and all day Sunday. About 1.50 inches fell during the storm and soaked the ground and started grass. Volunteer grain is growing. It is clear and pleasant to-day.

Mysterious Affray.

WALLACE (Ida.), Oct. 17.—A mysterious affray happened at Gem last night. Walter Graham, with half a dozen friends, was drinking in a saloon, when a man with a mask on entered and said to Graham, "I want to see you a minute." Graham approached the stranger, when the latter drew a revolver and ordered "hands up." Graham obeyed. The stranger then took a shot at him. The bullet tore away a knuckle on one hand and badly shattered the others, passing on through the shoulder. There is no clue to the would-be assassin, but as Graham is a non-union miner it is thought to have been the work of a discharged union miner.

Hop Combine in Washington.

TACOMA (Wash.), Oct. 17.—The hop-growers assert that a combination has been formed between the chief buyers and brewers of the Northwest to bear the hop market. They say buyers are keeping out of the field, only buying hops offered by growers who are obliged to sell. State Senator Van De Venter of Kent, a large grower, says hops will bring forty to fifty cents a pound before June. He has advised growers to hold for better prices. The first sale of the season was made Saturday in Puyallup at twenty cents. Buyers deny that a combine exists.

Supposed Murderer Captured.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 17.—Chung Yung, alias Yung Two Thumbs, the supposed murderer of the Spanish boy, Fernando Quijada, was captured to-night in a haystack near Compton, about six miles from Los Angeles, by Detective Steele and safely lodged in a cell at the City Prison. Chung was badly scared and presented a half-starved appearance. He refused to make any statement. Extra precautions have been taken to guard the prisoner and prevent a disturbance in Chinatown.

Mill Owner Killed by an Employe.

TACOMA (Wash.), Oct. 17.—At Hamilton last night James Warner, a well-known citizen, was shot and killed by Frank L. Moody, watchman at his shingle mill. Warner ordered Moody to do some work, but the latter became enraged at the order and shot Warner through the heart. Moody barely escaped lynching.

Convicted Cœur d'Alene Miners.

BOISE (Idaho), Oct. 17.—United States Marshal Pinkham left to-day for Detroit with the four Cœur d'Alene miners who were sentenced to the House of Correction for conspiracy.

Cattle Thief Held to Answer.

SPANISHTOWN (Cal.), Oct. 17.—J. W. Schuyler was held by the Superior Court to-day in $2,500 bonds for stealing cattle.

MRS. HARRISON.

Although Slightly Better Yesterday She Is Steadily Losing Ground.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—The condition of Mrs. Harrison is unchanged to-day.

It is said at the White House that Mrs. Harrison passed a fairly comfortable night, and this morning is stronger, brighter and livelier than at any time within the past three days.

Dr. Gardner paid a visit to Mrs. Harrison at noon. He said although she was better this afternoon, she nevertheless was steadily losing ground. She displayed a great deal of vitality, and was not so exhausted as the public seemed to think. He thought she might linger a month, unless some unforeseen complication arose.

The general condition of Mrs. Harrison this afternoon was more gratifying to the Presidential household than for several days past, and the day closed without any incident to increase the sad feelings of the family circle. The invalid experienced a partial reaction this evening from the depressed and enervating condition of the past week and was a trifle stronger.

The Itata Case.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—Attorney-General Miller moved for a writ certiorari before the Supreme Court to-day to bring the case of the United States against the steamship Itata before the court. The lower court decided against the right of the United States to seize the Itata, and a speedy determination of the question by the highest court is wanted.

The Supreme Court adjourned this afternoon until Monday, to permit the Justices to attend the dedicatory exercises at Chicago.

MICHIGAN ELECTORS.

They Will be Voted For by Congressional Districts.

THE MINER LAW DECLARED TO BE CONSTITUTIONAL.

Thirty Thousand Dollars' Worth of Race Horses Killed in a Freight Wreck in Texas—Minister Egan Denies the Sensational Stories That He Attempted to Snub Ex-Secretary Blaine, by Making No Reference to the Ex-Secretary in His Speech at White Plains.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—The United States Supreme Court, by Chief Justice Fuller, to-day reaffirmed the judgment of the Michigan Supreme Court, upholding the constitutionality of the famous Miner law, providing for the choice of Presidential Electors by Congressional districts instead of by the State as a whole. The court holds the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States did not limit the right of the State to fix the mode of choosing Electors. The opinion was unanimous.

The conceded effect of this decision is to give part at least of the Michigan electoral vote to Cleveland.

Chief Justice Fuller, in announcing the conclusion of the court, said the announcement was made at this time because of the exigency suggested by counsel requiring early action. Hereafter the court would file an opinion setting forth more fully the grounds on which it decided the case.

On the question of jurisdiction, which point the Democrats waived, the Chief Justice said the court ruled under Section 76 of the Revised Statutes that it had jurisdiction.

The Chief Justice said further, that the court ruled in view of the language of the clause of the Constitution giving State Legislatures the right to determine the method of choosing Presidential Electors, and a contemporaneous construction of it cannot be held invalid for want of power in a State Legislature to pass such a law, adding that the clause in the first section of Article II. of the Constitution was not changed by the Fourteenth Amendment, and the law is not obnoxious to that amendment.

BLAINE IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Blaine arrived at the Fifth Avenue Hotel this afternoon. His arrival interested politicians in the corridor. The Republicans seemed delighted, but the Democrats quite the reverse. When Blaine's attention was called to the report that he would write another letter, he said: "I would not want to answer directly. If I say no I shall be besieged by people who will beg me to do something for the party. If I say yes I shall be requested to go hither and yon, and won't know which way to turn. So you see the only thing for me to do is to rest. I'm obliged to take good care of my health." Blaine looks better than when he went to Ophir Farm.

CLEVELAND SILENT.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Grover Cleveland returned here this morning. An Associated Press reporter showed him a dispatch which stated that he had promised the Postmaster-Generalship to Governor Gray of Indiana in case he should be elected. After reading it carefully he inquired the day of the month. Being told, he said the election was twenty-one days later, and suggested that questions as to his Cabinet were somewhat premature. He then advised the interviewer to call on a clairvoyant. He made no more definite reply.

MANDAMUS PROCEEDINGS IN MINNESOTA.

ST. PAUL (Minn.), Oct. 17.—The mandamus proceedings before Judge Brill, by which the Democratic State Committee seeks to compel the Secretary of State to place the People's Party Electors, whom they indorsed, with the other Democrats, as well as with the Populist Electors, on the ballot, came up for hearing this morning. The entire argument was on the question of jurisdiction, which had already been waived by the State. When Attorney-General Clapp was called upon he replied having waived the question of jurisdiction, argument was unnecessary, whereupon C. D. O'Brien demand as an Elector to hear from the Attorney-General. Clapp maintained that an executive officer is exempt from judicial interference in the performance of his duties. The Court announced that a decision as to jurisdiction will be rendered to-morrow morning.

NATURALIZATION FRAUDS.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—There was a scene of considerable activity about the Republican headquarters to-day. The Republicans charged fraud in the naturalization process, in that runners from Tammany bring in droves of Hungarians, Poles and Italians, who will vote the Democratic ticket, the expense of which is paid and the issuance of papers facilitated. It is also stated a combination to gauge applicants for naturalization and cut down the Republican naturalized vote has been operating for more than three weeks, with the full knowledge of the officers of the court. It is charged further that Republican applications for naturalization are rejected on insufficient grounds, after spending from six hours to two days in an effort to reach the clerk's desk behind a crowd of Tammany heelers.

REPUBLICAN MEETING AT DETROIT.

DETROIT, Oct. 17.—The Republicans of Detroit to-night held a grand rally and mass meeting, preceded by a monster torchlight parade. Colonel Hecker, Republican Congressional nominee in the First District, presided at the meeting. Senator Frye was the orator of the evening. He paid a flattering tribute to President Harrison and admonished his hearers to be careful about the selection of legislators, as a Senator was to be elected and the next Senate would be very close. He closed with a lengthy dissertation the tariff.

STEVENSON IN FLORIDA.

OPELIKA (Fla.), Oct. 17.—The Presidential campaign was formally opened in Alabama here to-day with a speech from General A. Stevenson. About 4,000 people were present. General Stevenson spoke over an hour, confining himself principally to a discussion of the tariff and force bill. Speeches were also made by James Ewing and L. F. Gararard of Columbus.

CREATED A SENSATION.

NORFOLK (Va.), Oct. 17.—A sensation was created in the Second Congressional District this evening by the announcement that Hon. George E. Bowen, who has served the district for two terms in Congress and who was regularly nominated by the Republicans, had withdrawn from the contest. This action was the result of a decision recently reached by the National Republican Congressional Committee through the efforts of General Mahone. The Republicans of the district are furious at the interference, and it is believed no satisfactory nomination can be made now, and the Democratic nominee, D. Gardner Tyler, will be elected.

EX-GOVERNOR CAMPBELL IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17. — Ex-Governor James E. Campbell of Ohio addressed a large and enthusiastic audience at Tottenville, Staten Island, on the tariff question to-night. He said the coming election would kill the Republican party deader than the Whig party killed it forty years ago.

READING COAL COMBINE.

Hard Blow Struck at the Trust in New Jersey.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Attorney-General John P. Stockton of New Jersey struck a hard blow to-day at the Reading coal combination. In behalf of the State he appeared before the Chancellor in Jersey City and asked that a Receiver be appointed to take charge of the New Jersey Central, Eastern and Amboy, and Delaware and Bound Brook Railroad Companies, to enforce the Chancellor's injunction against all railroads in the coal combination in New Jersey. Two informations were filed, and the Chancellor granted without hesitation the prayers in both, and made them returnable October 27th. The Attorney-General filed with the papers a mass of evidence, showing that the temporary and permanent orders of the the court forbidding increases in the price of coal were ignored and violated.

MINISTER EGAN.

He Denies That He Attempted to Snub Blaine at White Plains.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Minister Egan today had this to say in regard to the recent publications endeavoring to create a sensation over an alleged attempt on his part to snub Mr. Blaine at White Plains: "Being called upon the speak without preparation, I omitted to make reference to the manly and patriotic manner in which Blaine stood by me throughout all the attacks made upon me in connection with the Chilean affair. One of the greatest compensations for the difficult time was the fact that my entire course was so cordially approved by Blaine, as well as the President and all the members of the Cabinet. There is no one who has a higher respect and regard for him than I."

Fine Horses Killed.

DALLAS (Tex.), Oct. 17.—Forty thousand dollars' worth of fine horses were killed in a freight train wreck yesterday. The horses were on the way to run at the fair track. The names of the owners are not learned.

The Northern Pacific.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—The directors of the Northern Pacific, at a meeting today, approved the report of President Oakes to be submitted to stockholders on Thursday. No figures were given out.

LABOR TROUBLES.

STRIKE OF TELEGRAPHERS ON THE SANTA FE.

Nine Hundred Men Quit Work in Response to a Supposed Order From Chief Ramsey.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

TOPEKA (Kas.), Oct. 17.—The telegraphers on the Santa Fe system, to the number of 900, struck this morning in response to an order from Chief Ramsey of the Order of Railway Telegraphers. The source of trouble is the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe, which is operated by the Santa Fe. The operators of the Texas line, to the number of several hundred, had a schedule for increased wages before the officials, but it was not allowed. The Santa Fe operators struck in sympathy with the Texas operators. No trains are moving in Texas. The train dispatchers on the Santa Fe proper are taking the stock trains in transit to division points, when they will leave their keys also.

General Manager Robinson of the Santa Fe road says: "The strike occurred under misapprehension. Grand Chief Ramsey did not order our men out. I have traced the matter down, and find the order for the strike came from Dodge, and that an operator by the name of Johnson wrote it and signed Ramsey's name to it. He only intended it as a joke, and when the men learn this they will return to work."

The men here do not credit Robinson's statement. The Santa Fe officials also contend the order for a strike on the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe was not made by Ramsey, but by his assistant, Tobey, who claims authority to sign Ramsey's name.

RESULT OF A HOAX.

TOPEKA (Kas.) Oct. 17.—The great strike of telegraphers on the Santa Fe system was all the result of a hoax. The operators were informed by Chief Ramsay tonight that the order directing them to strike was a forgery, and instructing them to return at once to their positions. The operators immediately returned to their keys, and the work of straightening out the tangle caused by the strike was began. Operator Baker, after reading the accounts of the strike on the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe divisions of the Santa Fe system, thought he would play a joke upon the manager of his office, and wrote out a message ordering a strike, and signed Chief Ramsay's name thereto, and laid it on the manager's desk. Manager Sweet, after reading it, immediately repeated the message to the next station, and within fifty minutes it was received by every operator on the system, and fifteen minutes later everyone struck.

Baker doubtless is the only man who got all the fun out of the joke, for it was a most serious business for the Santa Fe road. It was not until 7 o'clock this evening that Chief Ramsay was put in possession of the facts, and he immediately ordered the men back to work. During the day the entire system from Chicago to the Pacific Coast, and from Kansas City to Galveston, was practically tied up, over two thousand operators being idle. The only man who remained at his post was the operator at Barclay, Kansas, who says he knew the order was a hoax. The loss to the company is very great, while the only benefit to the operators is in showing the perfect manner in which they are organized. Joker Baker was discharged.

THE RIO GRANDE STRIKE.

DENVER (Col.), Oct. 17.—There is no material change in the Rio Grande strike. Trains are sent out from here but go only to Pueblo and Canyon City. No trains are yet crossing Marshall Pass or running on either of the lines between Salida and Grand Junction. All the business for Alamosa and Santa Fe go from Pueblo via Las Vegas Pass. The passenger business from California is transferred to the Colorado Midland at Grand Junction.

Business on the second and third divisions is about at a standstill, and the effects of the strike are felt all along the line. The men on the first and fourth divisions are still at work, and it is learned that the conductors and engineers on these divisions will not strike unless forced to do so by their superior officers.

Chairman Vickroy, of the Order of Railway Telegraphers, said to-day that unless a settlement of the trainmen's strike is made the telegraphers on the Rio Grande would all come out.

The strikers are peaceable, and no disturbance has occurred.

A STRIKE DENIED.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—President Manvel of the Atchison says there is no truth in the report that the Atchison telegraph operators have gone on a strike.

VICTIM OF THE DIME NOVEL.

A Young Lad Attempts to Blow Up His Father's Family.

THE HOUSE WRECKED, BUT NO ONE SERIOUSLY INJURED.

People of Chicago Greatly Dissatisfied at the Official Announcement of the Committee in Charge of the World's Fair Dedication Exercises That the Great Military Parade Will Not Take Place on Down-Town Streets, But Merely From Washington Park to the Fair Grounds.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

LEADVILLE (Col.), Oct. 17.—D. Herman Truman, the 18-year-old son of A. S. Truman, with several companions, secured 200 pounds of giant powder and placed it in a small mine near his father's residence, the intention being to kill the boy's father, mother, little brother and sister, against whom he had a fancied grudge. The powder was exploded by a long fuse and Truman's residence, as well as that of Peter Breen, next door, was almost wrecked. Miraculously, none of the inmates were seriously injured. It was found that the boy had stolen $200 belonging to his father and had taken refuge with his partners in a cave twelve miles from town. Officers have gone to make arrests. As Truman is the victim of the dime novel, and armed, it is probable he will resist. The explosion caused hundreds of dollars' worth of damage. Several houses must be entirely rebuilt.

WORLD'S FAIR.

People Disappointed at Route of Procession for the Dedication Event.

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—A glamorous expression of disappointment was raised today over the official announcement that the great military parade at the World's Fair dedication would be confined to the outskirts of the city, consisting only of a short march from Washington Park to the World's Fair grounds. While the managers of the parade declare there never was any intention of parading the down-town streets, no doubt such an idea was generally entertained, and the consensus of opinion this afternoon was that those responsible for the arrangements made a grave mistake, which could hardly fail to lead to widespread criticism and ill-feeling.

The United States infantry, cavalry and marines, to the number of 2,700, went into camp at the World's Fair grounds to-day. A larger body of troops will arrive to-morrow and Wednesday. The advance guards of the militia of the different States are on the ground also, making arrangements for the reception of their regiments, many of which will arrive to-morrow.

Members of the National Commission and Board of Lady Managers, as well as distinguished visitors and hordes of sight-seers, are pouring into town as they have never done before. Great activity was displayed by merchants to-day decorating their buildings, preparatory to the dedication.

CLEVELAND WILL NOT BE THERE.

Grover Cleveland, Mrs. Cleveland and baby Ruth will not come to Chicago after all. Secretary Culp of the Committee on Ceremonies to-day received the following letter from Mr. Cleveland:

"My response to your courteous invitation to attend the dedication ceremonies of the World's Columbian Exposition is long delayed. I should be very glad to be present on the interesting occasion, and thus show my appreciation of its importance if I could do so solely as ex-President of the United States. I am sure, however, that this is impossible, and I am unwilling to undertake a trip, which from beginning to end, despite all efforts on my part, would be regarded as a political tour made by a candidate for the Presidency. My general aversion to such trip is overwhelmingly increased in this instance when I recall the afflictive dispensation which detains at the bedside of a sick wife another candidate for the Presidency.

"I have thus frankly stated the reasons which constrain me to forego the satisfaction which the acceptance of your invitation would otherwise afford me. I hope in the light of considerate and sympathetic sentiment, which ought to be felt by all our people, that these considerations will be deemed an abundant justification of my action. Yours truly,

"GROVER CLEVELAND."

THE COLUMBUS RELICS.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17. — Monsignor Satolli, the Papal legate to the World's Fair, when he called on Secretary of State Foster, delivered a letter from Cardinal Rampolla, Papal Secretary of State, saying the Pope would send the Columbus relics in the keeping of the Vatican, to be exhibited at the World's Fair.

ON EASTERN TRACKS.

Results of the Races at Lexington and Washington.

LEXINGTON, Oct. 17.—The track was excellent. Seven furlongs, Interior won, Calhoun second, Coquette third. Time, 1:29.

Six furlongs, Tenteen won, Amorean second, The Queen third. Time, 1:17.

Free handicap, one mile, Semper Rex won, Newton second, Hispania third. Time, 1:43¾.

Five furlongs, Evanatus won, The Governess second, Linger third. Time, 1:03¾.

Mile and a sixteenth, Anna won, Laura Doxey second, Tenor third. Time, 1:49½.

RACES AT WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—This was the opening day of the fall meeting at Bennings. The track was in fair condition.

Five furlongs, Tormentor won, Wolcott second, Rival third. Time, 1:02.

Six furlongs, Sport won, Saladin second, Edith Belmont third. Time, 1:16¼.

Mile and a furlong, Lizzie won, Mary Stone second, Tom Rogers third. Time, 1:56.

One mile, Temple won, Diablo second, Fagot third. Time, 1:44¼.

Handicap steeplechase, full course, about two and a half miles, Cancan won, Gray Gown second. Time, 4:18¾. Ecarte refused the first jump. Flipflat fell.

TWO RECORDS BROKEN.

NASHVILLE (Tenn.), Oct. 17.—Two world's records were broken at Cumberland Park to-day, the race record for yearlings being reduced below 2:30, and the race record for two-year-olds being now 2:15¾, made by Silicon to-day. The track was lightning fast.

In the 2:25 pace Ella Brown won in three straight heats, Stockwell second, Rube Burrows third, Tiptop fourth. Best time, 2:17½.

Yearling stake, Nellie A. won in 2:29¾, Conformation second, Egremon third, Redbird fourth.

Two-year-old stake, Silicon took both heats. Wilkes Maid second, Tony third, Lucille fourth. Best time, 2:15¾.

Champion Jim Corbett.

LIMA (O.), Oct. 17.—While Corbett was at Toledo the Libby Glass Works obtained a plaster cast of his right hand. From this model glass paper-weights will be made to be placed on exhibition and sold at the World's Fair, with an affidavit from the champion.

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—Jim Corbett made his first appearance in Chicago yesterday in the play of "Gentleman Jack." He was accorded a hearty reception and a big house.

BOUQUETS FOR A PRISONER.

A Burglar Who Won the Hearts of Many Women.

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—The presence of a number of ladies with bouquets, flowers and baskets filled with sweatmeats around the Central Police Station this morning created considerable comment. The nature of their visit was soon made known. They were friends and admirers of "Billy" Forrestor, the well-known, gentlemanly appearing and alleged safe-blower and burglar, now occupying a cell underneath the City Hall. His visitors were from the little town of Lombard, Ill.

Forrester, it is said, escaped from jail in Butte City, Mont., last December, where he was awaiting trial for safe-blowing and the shooting of the officer who attempted to arrest him. For some time past he has been living at Lombard, and, attired in very stylish dress and assuming very gentlemanly manners, he found little trouble in gaining access to the most exclusive circles. In fact, it is said he was engaged to many young ladies of the place. Sheriff Lloyd of Butte City is in the city with requisition papers and will leave to-night for the West with Forrester.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE.

Decision Rendered in the U. S. Court of Appeals in a St. Paul Case.

ST. PAUL, Oct. 17.—The United States Court of Appeals this morning handed down a decision in two cases involving the application of the provisions of the interstate commerce law. In the decision the verdict of the court below was reversed and the case remanded. The action was brought under the Interstate Commerce Act, John Osborne of Scranton, Iowa, suing the Chicago and Northwestern Railway for the recovery of alleged overcharges on corn shipped to Chicago. The lower court gave him a verdict of $225. That decision is reversed by the Circuit Court. In effect the court decided that through lines were not local lines, nor through tariff local tariff, within the provisions of the commerce law.

RELIGIOUS.

Closing Session of the Congregational Council.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 17.—The closing session of the Congregational Council was held this morning. A resolution was passed recognizing the splendid advance made by the negro race in the South, in the accumulation of property and the advancement in education and morals under the most adverse conditions; deploring the acts of violence directed against them; proffering them sympathy and support in their efforts to secure the protection of the laws and their political rights.

The report from the Committee on Union with Free Baptists and Other Denominations stated that no results had been reached, but recommended the continuance of the committee.

A number of standing committees were appointed, and the Council finally adjourned late this afternoon, to meet three years hence in San Francisco.

A MINISTER ARRAIGNED.

CINCINNATI, Oct. 17.—The Cincinnati Presbytery to-day formally arraigned Rev. Henry B. Smith, Professor in the Lane Theological Seminary, on a charge of erroneous teachings, and fixed four weeks from to-day for him to answer or plead to the charges. The accusation against Professor Smith is similar to that against Dr. Briggs.

EPISCOPAL CONVENTION.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 17.—The Protestant Episcopal Convention to-day was occupied principally with reports of committees. A matter which was discussed at some length was regarding the proposed changes in the hymnal. During the discussion a message was received from the upper house stating that a resolution adopting the report of the joint Committee on Hymnal, with certain changes, was adopted, and after some discussion the House of Deputies concurred.

A PITCHER'S BATTLE.

Boston and Cleveland Play Eleven Innings Without a Run.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 17.—The closing of the championship series between Boston and Cleveland was called on account of darkness, after eleven innings were played and not a run scored. It was a pitcher's battle throughout. Young was in splendid form. Six singles was all he gave the visitors. Stivetts was less liberal. Only two Bostons got as far as third base, while Burkett of the Clevelands nearly reached the plate in the ninth. The pitcher's support was almost perfect, the only error being a wild throw by Zimmer. The game was a most brilliant exhibition of scientific playing. Cleveland—Runs 0, hits 4, errors 1. Young and Zimmer. Boston—Runs 0, hits 6, errors 0. Stivetts and Kelly. Umpires—Snider and Emslie.

Italians and Hungarians at War.

HAZLETON (Pa.), Oct. 17.—The ill-feeling between the Italians and Hungarians here culminated in a pitched battle yesterday, with the result that one man was killed, three mortally wounded and a dozen seriously hurt. From Wilkesbarre comes a report of a similar fight, which resulted in one man being fatally shot, another severely stabbed and two more badly cut. The wounds are considered fatal. Still another was fatally injured, being batted about the head with a club.

Great Northern Railway.

ST. PAUL, Oct. 17.—The stockholders of the Great Northern Railway to-day elected H. H. Schiff and E. T. Nicholls of New York and Sir Donald A. Smith of Montreal directors for three years. Later the directors re-elected the old officers.

Union Pacific Not Blockaded.

OMAHA, Oct. 17.—Reports of a blockade on the Union Pacific are untrue. The line is open from Council Bluffs to the coast and trains are running regularly.

Rubber Company Incorporated.

TRENTON (N. J.), Oct. 17.—A certificate of organization was filed here to-day incorporating the Mechanical Rubber Company, with a capital of $15,000,000.

Electric Power on the Farm.

Enterprising proprietors of large farms would do well to look into the subject of electric power to perform their farm work. Some interesting experiments have been made in this direction by the State Agricultural and Mechanical College of Alabama, at Auburn, Ala, and the electric plant is now running successfully. The power is put to various uses, such as cutting up feed-stuff, ginning, pressing cotton, threshing grain, etc. This plant is the first of its kind ever established.—Electrical Age.

His One Superstition.

"The only thing that I am superstitious about," remarked Barlow, "is to return home from the club after 1 o'clock and find my wife wide awake. It is a sure sign of ill luck."

TERRIBLE SEA DISASTER.

Oriental Steamer Bokhara Wrecked Off the Coast of China.

OVER A HUNDRED PERSONS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN LOST.

Natives Attack a German Station in Africa, Killing the Arab Governor, Two Germans and Two British Indians—Nine People Perish in a Coal Mine in Italy—All of Greece's Diplomats Recalled From Roumania Because the Latter Government Seized the Fortune Left by a Greek Merchant.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

HONGKONG, Oct. 17.—The Peninsular and Oriental steamer Bokhara left Shanghai for this port October 8th. When she did not arrive on time the steamer Bombay and the British cruiser Porpoise went in search of her. They bring intelligence that she was wrecked on Sand Island, between the island of Formosa and the Chinese mainland, in the line of the fearful typhoons which sweep over that portion of the world. She carried a large number of both cabin and steerage passengers, beside her crew. All on board were drowned except twenty-three. After battling long in the terrible cross sea, which broke over her constantly, the hatches were torn off, the hold filled with water, the fires put out, and she drifted upon the island and went to pieces. It was impossible to launch boats, and of those on board only twenty-three were able to cling to the wreck till the storm subsided. The exact number of lost is not known. The Bokhara was a fine steamer of 3,000 tons burden. The cargo was very valuable, consisting, in addition to the mails, of a large amount of specie and a heavy consignment of silk.

LATER.—The steamship officials state that there were about ten European officers on the ship, and the crew consisted of a hundred and twenty Lascars. The passenger list was quite small.

THIRTY-FOUR PERSONS SAVED.

SHANGHAI, Oct. 17.—It is learned that thirty-four persons were saved from the ill-fated steamship Bokhara.

Novelist Stevenson on Samoan Affairs.

LONDON, Oct. 17.—A long sarcastic letter from Robert Louis Stevenson, novelist, on the anomalous position of the Chief Justice of Samoa appears in the *Times*. The writer concludes as follows: "I trust this is the last time I shall trouble you with these two-penny concerns; but until some step is taken by the three powers I shall continue to report our scandals as they arise. Either what I write is false and I should be chastised as a calumniator, or it is true and these officials are unfit for their positions."

Natives Attack a German Station.

ZANZIBAR, Oct. 17.—Advices from the interior show that the Wahehe tribe attacked a German station at Mpwawa. The Arab Governor, two Germans and two British Indians were killed, and many wounded. It is reported that the natives made attacks on other European stations, but no details have been received.

Greek Diplomats Recalled.

ATHENS, Oct. 17.—The Greek Minister and all other Greek Diplomats and Consuls are recalled from Roumania because of the Roumanian Government's seizure of an enormous fortune left by a Greek merchant for the promotion of husbandry and manufactures in Greece.

Columbus Fetes in Havana.

HAVANA, Oct 17.—The parade held here yesterday as part of the fetes in honor of the Columbian anniversary was very imposing. It lasted from 2 to 9 o'clock. The entire city was in gala attire. Many Americans witnessed the display.

Nine People Perished.

PALERMO (Italy), Oct. 17.—Six miners were overcome by choke and damp in a coal mine here to-day. Two gendarmes and a woman who attempted to rescue miners were also overcome. All perished.

No News From Colonel Dodds.

PARIS, Oct. 17.—A dispatch from Porto Novo says there has been no news since October 12th from the French expedition under the command of Colonel Dodds. He should have reached Cana yesterday.

Cholera in Hamburg.

HAMBURG, Oct. 17.—The authorities report six new cases of cholera and one death yesterday. According to official figures there have been 17,962 cases and 7,598 deaths since the outbreak.

Military Bill Signed.

BERLIN, Oct. 17.—The *Post* says Emperor William signed the military bill on Saturday.

ALL AROUND THE WORLD.

President Eliot speaks of Harvard as "the only university on this continent which has had the privilege of graduating eight successive generations of men in one honorable and serviceable family."

The largest artificial stone in the world forms the base of the Bartholdi Statue of Liberty on Bedloe's Island, New York harbor. This immense stone was made from broken trap rock, sand and American cement. Five hundred carloads of sand and over 20,000 barrels of cement were used in manufacturing this monster.

There has been in England an interesting discussion as to the moral superiority of spinsters over matrons, from which it is shown that women who have achieved real greatness in history and shown greatest valor have been, as a rule, unmarried, the most illustrious examples given being Queen Elizabeth, Charlotte Corday, Joan of Arc, Florence Nightingale and Sister Rose Gertrude.

If Mr. Stanley had only remained an American citizen he might now be running for office in the United States instead of in England; and for all that our English brethren delight in saying about the personalities of American politics, he would probably have found them less objectionable than the hoots and the stones and the cabbagestalks of an English political audience that were so personally applied to him the other day.—New York Tribune.

Solidified Petroleum.

Some trials with solidified petroleum were made a few weeks ago at the works of the Solidified Petroleum Corporation