

HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.

Ex-Minister Stevens Answers Commissioner Blount.

THE LATTER PARTLY THE VICTIM OF CIRCUMSTANCES.

The Ex-Minister Thinks Blount Took Up Quarters Where He Allowed Himself to Become Surrounded by Royalists, and Where the Supporters of the Provisional Government Were Reluctant to Go—Nearly Every Statement Made by the Commissioner Contradicted by Stevens.

Special to the Record-Union.

ATGUSTA (Me.), Nov. 29.—Ex-Minister Stevens makes the following answer to Commissioner Blount:

"The deep sense of obligation to my country and a Minister's duty to defend an insult threatened against a struggling American colony, planted as rightfully and firmly on the North Pacific Isles as our Pilgrim Fathers established themselves on Plymouth Rock, demand that I shall make answer to the astounding misrepresentations and untruths of Commissioner Blount's report on Hawaiian affairs.

"Not wishing to be severe on a neophyte in diplomacy, with little knowledge of the world's affairs outside of his own country, sent on a very peculiar errand, amid currents and quicksands entirely unknown to him, I say he has been partly the victim of circumstances, having been caught in meshes and snares artfully prepared for him by cunning advisers of the fallen Liliuokalani and by a shrewd, sharp, long-experienced British diplomatic agent, whose aims and hopes Blount has never mentioned, and who, on the least suspicion that he was aiding ultra-British interests even more than he was helping Hawaiian monarchists and the just dejection of the Queen.

"It is clear enough that Blount's manner from the day of his arrival at Honolulu, as well as by his letter to the Department of State, written shortly after that he designed at whatever cost to re-estimate the views and acts of the recently terminated administration, and that in order to do so must impugn the action of Minister Stevens and the commander of the United States cruiser Boston. As a total stranger, it was impossible for Mr. Blount to know how Mr. Stevens would take up his quarters where he was certain to be surrounded by Royalists, and where the supporters of the Provisional Government would be reluctant to go. As a precautionary safeguard against shutting out Americans from ready access to Commissioner Blount, a wealthy and highly respectable widow of the American colony was ready to grant the use of her house to Mr. and Mrs. Blount, the Commissioner to pay the same amount it would cost him to live at the Royalists' hotel.

"This polite offer of an American resident to an American Commissioner did not originate with the Provisional Government, nor did the Provisional Government have anything whatever to do with the proposed arrangement. A committee of three American citizens, normal and educated in the United States, who had not taken part in the revolutionary proceedings of the previous weeks, went on board the ship when that vessel came into the harbor. At the request of the three American gentlemen, I invited them to Mr. Blount. His manner of receiving their visit repelled them, and they asked me to state the reasons why it would not be pleasant to him, and would be better for all concerned, not to go to the Royalists' Hotel, but take residence on neutral ground, where he would be master of his own surroundings. As delicately as I could, I stated the offer of the committee to this countryman, pointing out to him that by accepting their proposal he would be near the archives of the legation, which he could conveniently, and which I would be pleased to see at once place at his disposal. Brusquely he refused the offer, and I then tendered offer of my countrymen, and at once placed himself among royalists and ultra-British surroundings.

"All insinuations and imputations in Blount's report that I was adverse to his access to the legation reports is a shameless perversion of facts. I took to him printed dispatches of Minister Merrill to Secretary Bayard, printed and signed by the recently adjourned Legislature, containing recorded votes for and against the lottery, recorded votes as to the recent changes of Ministers, and an official copy of the lottery charter—evidence of decisive value to the United States. Blount's Honolulu for any other purpose than to convict Harrison's administration and the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee of hasty and ill-considered action in January and February last, and to give me while allowing me to leave these important documents in his room, showed that he cared not to receive them, and the general drift of his reply indicates that he did not even read them.

"Under date of April 21st, he says he disapproved of the request of the Provisional Government that American troops be landed for drill. I here affirm that the Provisional Government never made such a request. The Provisional Government followed the exact course followed under the monarchy."

"Referring to Blount's assertion that he put an end to Hawaiian anxiety about Japanese encroachments by means of his detail numerous interviews with the Japanese Minister prior to Blount's arrival, and says Blount's claim is pure assumption.

"In Blount's report, as given to the press, says Stevens, 'I find the following: 'Two leading members of the committee, Messrs. Thurston and Smith, growing uneasy as to the safety of their persons, went to Minister Stevens to know if he would protect them at the event of their arrest by the authorities, to which he gave his assent.' It is enough to say there is no semblance of truth in this assertion of Blount, made by him without his ever having hinted it to me, or made any inquiry of me on the subject. He thus gives the signature of his insinuation to a charge I never even heard of until I found it in Blount's printed report.

"He says the response to the call of the Committee of Safety to land men from the Boston does not appear in the files of the legation. The meaning of this insinuation is obvious enough to say there never was any such document. I received the information from the Committee of Safety for what it was worth, as I received other information on the same subject. I should have requested Captain Wiltz to have landed his officers even had not the committee requested it.

"Blount squarely asserts that I promised to aid the Committee of Safety by force. This is emphatically and categorically untrue. In reply to the rival parties at different times, whether representatives of the Queen or her opponents, my answer was always the same: 'That the force should be maintained, and then only to protect American life and property, and to no one did I ever hint that I could, or would, recognize any but a de facto Government, whether monarchical or republican.

"As I said in my letter to Secretary Gresham, I here affirm that the Royalists and their opponents had equal access to the legation and to its official records. The answer to the blameless charge that I promised to use force against the Queen is the order of Captain Wiltz to his officers and men 'to remain passive,' and that no force was used, though the Queen, through her ministers, repeatedly requested it hours before the Provisional Government was recognized by me and all other diplomatic representatives in Honolulu."

Stevens states that he had no knowledge of the meeting of the Committee of Safety at the residence of Henry Waterhouse on January 16th, and his first information as to the persons at that meeting was obtained from Blount's report. Regarding the expectations and hopes of the Queen and her representatives on the exciting days of January 14th and 15th, and the views and hopes of her opponents, Stevens quotes the Queen's letter to him, the report of Captain Wiltz to the Navy Department, and the order of Captain Wiltz to Commander Swinburne to show that the landing of troops was to protect the legation and the property of American citizens and preserve order.

"A copy of the call of the Committee of Safety, which Blount insinuates I wished to conceal from him, had been promptly forwarded to Washington in January, and was in the printed pamphlet of State Department documents ordered published by the Senate, a copy of which I suppose Blount must have brought with him when he came to the islands.

"As soon as this astute Commissioner ascertained that Neumann was in full accord with Spreckels and Blount for Liliuokalani's restoration to the throne, at once Blount immediately learned that Neumann was 'right down the fellow.' So much for conclusive evidence that Spreckels, Neumann and Blount were, then, as now, rowing the same boat, and closely linked in a conspiracy to damage the action of Harrison's administration and the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs on the question of annexation."

Stevens devotes considerable space to showing the disreputable character of the persons furnishing affidavits to Blount, being especially severe on John F. Colbourne, A. Peterson, Charles L. Hopkins and Dr. Frosseau. He says the testimony of hundreds of such would not counterbalance the words of Minister Thurston, President, Dole and Henry Waterhouse, among honest men who know the respective parties. "As to Wilson, the Queen's favorite for many years, whom Blount attempts to whitewash, will not sell these pieces of trash, even the notorious facts in his regard.

"As to my recognition of the Provisional Government, I re-affirm what I said in my recent letter to Secretary Gresham. Queen Liliuokalani requested the revolution by attempting to destroy the Constitution by revolutionary means. From Saturday afternoon, January 14th to January 16th there was no establishment of a Provisional Government on the 17th, which was promptly acknowledged by all foreign representatives who were familiar with the circumstances of its creation. It was nearly fifty years ago that Liliuokalani and her favorites had destroyed her throne by a revolutionary outbreak, when the men of the Boston landed.

"JOHN L. STEVENS, "Augusta, Me., Nov. 29, 1893."

WAR DEPARTMENT.

Secretary Lamont's Report of the Condition of the Army.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—The annual report of the Secretary of War gives the usual review of the condition and operations of the army, and in addition is devoted especially to the progress of work on sea-coast defenses. Now that the Indian warfare is practically at an end, the gradual concentration of the army on the sea coast and frontiers should follow.

The work of fortifying the thirteen largest seaports renders manifestly necessary the conversion of a portion of the infantry to the artillery of the army. The total strength of the army is 2,144 officers and 25,778 enlisted men. The Secretary recommends the repeal of the law fixing ten years as the maximum period of enlistment, and a reduction of the period of the first enlistment to three years. The adoption of the new magazine rifle, says the Secretary, is the most important step since the closing of the Civil War. The entire infantry force will be equipped with the new arm before the close of the coming year.

The Engineer Corps is preparing at Portland (Me.), Boston, Washington, Hampton Roads and San Francisco emplacements in all for four 12-inch guns, twenty 10-inch guns, five 8-inch guns and sixty-four 12-inch mortars, also twenty-four casemate gun marine torpedo operations. The work will be progressing next year at thirteen of the twenty-eight ports proposed for fortification by the Endicott board. The expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1893, were: Salaries and contingent expenses, \$1,992,981; military establishment, \$2,377,828; public works, including river and harbor improvements, \$20,518,682; miscellaneous objects, \$6,077,032. Total, \$31,966,523. The estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1894, are \$52,846,499.

TRANSCONTINENTAL RATES.

The Union Pacific Willing to Raise Them if Other Lines Agree.

OMAHA (Nebr.), Nov. 29.—General Passenger Agent Lomax of the Union Pacific declared this afternoon that the recent visit of Messrs. Findley and White, of the Great Northern, was for the purpose of ascertaining if the Union Pacific was inclined to advance transcontinental rates, providing the other lines would agree to such an advancement. To this Mr. Lomax replied that as the Union Pacific had not demoralized rates in the first instance, it would gladly welcome any change that would increase the revenue system. Upon the immigration question he was silent, except to say that the machine proposed to be erected by the Western Passenger Association would be found very cumbersome when actively put in operation. The design of the bureau is to take care of next year's business, as the business of this year is practically at an end. However, it is a pretty speculation as to just what will be done until the meeting on December 3d takes final action.

POOR PROSPECT OF ENDING THE DIFFICULTY.

CHICAGO, Nov. 29.—The Canadian Pacific announces that it will only consent to stop the demoralization of Pacific Coast rates on condition of being allowed the differential on passenger traffic. The Atchison strenuously objects, and the prospect is poor for ending the difficulty.

ALL SAFELY LANDED.

Crew of the Vessel Which Foundered Off Fire Island Rescued.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—The crew of the vessel stranded on Fire Island, who remained in the rigging all day yesterday and last night, were rescued by a wrecking steamer early this morning. There was no loss to life. Those rescued consisted of Captain Randall, wife, little son and two men of the crew. Despite the terrible exposure, all are alive and well recovered.

Captain and Mrs. Randall were taken immediately to the Presbyterian Hospital. To-night they are much improved and will be discharged in the morning. Captain Randall says the schooner left Philadelphia last Friday, loaded with coal for Boston. Early Saturday morning heavy seas swept over the ship and threw her on her beam ends. He cut the rigging and headed for shoal water. The anchor fouled and the schooner struck the bar. He tied his wife into the rigging. The men all ascended to the rigging. Half an hour after the vessel struck the life-saving crew were at work trying to shoot lines over her. After four attempts they got one line over her, but it parted. The life-saving crew put out for the Randall, but the boat was smashed and the crew was picked up by the steamer Merritt.

STATE OF THE WEATHER.

The Storm Continues Central Over Western Washington.

RAIN FALLING ALL THE WAY NORTH FROM MERCED.

A Young Man Accidentally Shot and Killed by His Father While Out Hunting Near Redondo—Three Oregon Bankers Indicted by a Grand Jury for Larceny—Latest Advice Per Steamer From China and Japan.

Special to the Record-Union.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 29.—The storm continues central over the western portion of Washington, and due to it rain fell and is now falling over Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Northern California, north of Merced. Snow is falling over Montana.

The rain at Portland was especially heavy, where 1.14 inches fell. At San Francisco .30 of an inch fell, at Sacramento .01 and at Red Bluff .13 of an inch fell. Every station in Northern California north of Merced reports rain falling to-night. The temperature is falling rapidly over Montana and Idaho, and over the eastern portion of Washington, and in Oregon. It has fallen slightly over California today, except at Los Angeles, where it has risen 1°.

THE ORENT.

Latest Advice by Steamer From China and Japan.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 29.—By the arrival of the Peru to-day we have advice from Hongkong to November 5th and from Yokohama to November 13th.

It is stated that piracy on the high seas has been very rife during the past three months, especially on junks bound from Chinkiang laden with rice for Ningpo and the Chusan group of islands. No less than eleven junks of this class, says a contemporary, have been overhauled by pirates and their cargoes taken away.

On the 23d ult., a criminal was executed on the Execution Ground at Canton by hanging (slitting) pieces for committing a crime of an unusual nature. A spectator swooned on the spot on seeing this shocking punishment.

JAPAN. The volcano of Adzuma-san is said to be again in eruption. There is a rumor that the import duty on raw cotton is to be abolished.

Instructions appear to have been given to the police and officials to annoy foreigners by petty restrictions in every way possible. The Monetary Commission is sitting, but nothing has transpired as to the result of its deliberations.

MANY KILLED AND WOUNDED.

Fatal Results of an Order Closing a Catholic Church in Russia.

BERLIN, Nov. 29.—A private telegram to the *Vossische Zeitung* says the Russian Government recently ordered the closing of the Catholic Church at Krossens. Hearing of the order, members of the congregation flocked to the church and remained night and day to prevent the order being carried out. At night a force of troops and the Governor of Kovno entered the church, and with swords attacked the people, killing twenty within the edifice and wounding over a hundred. A large number fled, and were pursued by Cossacks and drowned while attempting to escape by swimming across the river.

Civil Service Commission.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—It transpires that the removal of Civil Service Commissioner Johnston was at the demand of Commissioner Roosevelt being expressed widely divergent views from the majority.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—John Proctor of Kentucky has been appointed Civil Service Commissioner in place of George D. Johnston, removed. Proctor is Kentucky State Geologist. The President is said to be considerably exercised over the compulsory change in the commission.

Vice-President Stevenson's Mine.

BLOOMINGTON, Nov. 29.—Vice-President Stevenson waited this morning for the delegation of business men who promised to call on him in behalf of the men on a strike against a reduction of wages in the coal mine in which Stevenson is interested. They did not come. The Vice-President says he knows nothing of the operation of the mine, that that is in the hands of Manager Graham, and whatever he does will be sanctioned by Stevenson.

Will Be For Blood.

CAMBRIDGE (Mass.), Nov. 29.—The Harvard and Pennsylvania game to-morrow will be for blood. Both sides are determined to win, and will play gamely to the end. Harvard is crushed and feels disgraced after the defeat by Yale. She will go or die this time. Pennsylvania comes up feeling that they can win, and are bound to be victorious. In comparing the eleven men for man, they are about even.

Oklahoma and Statehood.

KINGPISHER, Nov. 29.—Resolutions were adopted at the Statehood Convention late last night indorsing the resolutions of the previous Statehood Convention, and again requesting Congress to provide for the admission of Oklahoma and Indian Territory as one State. The abolition of all tribal governments among the Indians was favored and the complete division of their common domain among the citizens of their common nation.

The Trouble at Meilla.

MELLILA, Nov. 29.—An immediate advance of the Spanish forces upon the Moors is expected, now that General Campos has arrived. The Arabs are preparing to make a stubborn resistance, and are busily engaged in strengthening their positions. There are now twenty-five Spanish Generals here, and reinforcements continue to arrive from Spain.

Dangers Attending Football Playing.

BOSTON, Nov. 29.—A petition has been presented to the Board of Overseers of Harvard College, and referred to the Committee on Physical Training and Athletic Sports, asking the board to investigate and obtain statistics with a view of modifying and lessening the dangers of football.

Death of an A. M. E. Bishop.

XENIA (Ohio), Nov. 29.—Bishop D. A. Payne, founder of Wilberforce College, senior Bishop of the A. M. E. Church, died at his home at Wilberforce this afternoon. He had been a Bishop in the church thirty-two years.

Death of a Bank President.

CLEVELAND (Ohio), Nov. 29.—William S. Jones, President of the Citizens' Savings Bank and Loan Association, died to-day aged 57. He had been connected with the bank nearly twenty years.

Yale-Princeton Football Game.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—The hotels are filling up with college men to witness the annual football contest between Yale and Princeton to-morrow. The betting is 5 to 4 on Yale.

Acquitted of the Charge.

LINCOLN (Nebr.), Nov. 29.—Congressman McKeligan, after a two days' trial, was acquitted of the charge of attempting to defraud the Lindell Hotel out of a board bill.

Granted a Divorce.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—The Superior Court granted a divorce to Helen Dauray Ward, the actress, from John M. Ward, the baseball player.

STATE OF THE WEATHER.

The Storm Continues Central Over Western Washington.

RAIN FALLING ALL THE WAY NORTH FROM MERCED.

A Young Man Accidentally Shot and Killed by His Father While Out Hunting Near Redondo—Three Oregon Bankers Indicted by a Grand Jury for Larceny—Latest Advice Per Steamer From China and Japan.

Special to the Record-Union.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 29.—The storm continues central over the western portion of Washington, and due to it rain fell and is now falling over Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Northern California, north of Merced. Snow is falling over Montana.

The rain at Portland was especially heavy, where 1.14 inches fell. At San Francisco .30 of an inch fell, at Sacramento .01 and at Red Bluff .13 of an inch fell. Every station in Northern California north of Merced reports rain falling to-night. The temperature is falling rapidly over Montana and Idaho, and over the eastern portion of Washington, and in Oregon. It has fallen slightly over California today, except at Los Angeles, where it has risen 1°.

THE ORENT.

Latest Advice by Steamer From China and Japan.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 29.—By the arrival of the Peru to-day we have advice from Hongkong to November 5th and from Yokohama to November 13th.

It is stated that piracy on the high seas has been very rife during the past three months, especially on junks bound from Chinkiang laden with rice for Ningpo and the Chusan group of islands. No less than eleven junks of this class, says a contemporary, have been overhauled by pirates and their cargoes taken away.

On the 23d ult., a criminal was executed on the Execution Ground at Canton by hanging (slitting) pieces for committing a crime of an unusual nature. A spectator swooned on the spot on seeing this shocking punishment.

JAPAN. The volcano of Adzuma-san is said to be again in eruption. There is a rumor that the import duty on raw cotton is to be abolished.

Instructions appear to have been given to the police and officials to annoy foreigners by petty restrictions in every way possible. The Monetary Commission is sitting, but nothing has transpired as to the result of its deliberations.

MANY KILLED AND WOUNDED.

Fatal Results of an Order Closing a Catholic Church in Russia.

BERLIN, Nov. 29.—A private telegram to the *Vossische Zeitung* says the Russian Government recently ordered the closing of the Catholic Church at Krossens. Hearing of the order, members of the congregation flocked to the church and remained night and day to prevent the order being carried out. At night a force of troops and the Governor of Kovno entered the church, and with swords attacked the people, killing twenty within the edifice and wounding over a hundred. A large number fled, and were pursued by Cossacks and drowned while attempting to escape by swimming across the river.

Civil Service Commission.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—It transpires that the removal of Civil Service Commissioner Johnston was at the demand of Commissioner Roosevelt being expressed widely divergent views from the majority.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—John Proctor of Kentucky has been appointed Civil Service Commissioner in place of George D. Johnston, removed. Proctor is Kentucky State Geologist. The President is said to be considerably exercised over the compulsory change in the commission.

Vice-President Stevenson's Mine.

BLOOMINGTON, Nov. 29.—Vice-President Stevenson waited this morning for the delegation of business men who promised to call on him in behalf of the men on a strike against a reduction of wages in the coal mine in which Stevenson is interested. They did not come. The Vice-President says he knows nothing of the operation of the mine, that that is in the hands of Manager Graham, and whatever he does will be sanctioned by Stevenson.

Will Be For Blood.

CAMBRIDGE (Mass.), Nov. 29.—The Harvard and Pennsylvania game to-morrow will be for blood. Both sides are determined to win, and will play gamely to the end. Harvard is crushed and feels disgraced after the defeat by Yale. She will go or die this time. Pennsylvania comes up feeling that they can win, and are bound to be victorious. In comparing the eleven men for man, they are about even.

Oklahoma and Statehood.

KINGPISHER, Nov. 29.—Resolutions were adopted at the Statehood Convention late last night indorsing the resolutions of the previous Statehood Convention, and again requesting Congress to provide for the admission of Oklahoma and Indian Territory as one State. The abolition of all tribal governments among the Indians was favored and the complete division of their common domain among the citizens of their common nation.

The Trouble at Meilla.

MELLILA, Nov. 29.—An immediate advance of the Spanish forces upon the Moors is expected, now that General Campos has arrived. The Arabs are preparing to make a stubborn resistance, and are busily engaged in strengthening their positions. There are now twenty-five Spanish Generals here, and reinforcements continue to arrive from Spain.

Dangers Attending Football Playing.

BOSTON, Nov. 29.—A petition has been presented to the Board of Overseers of Harvard College, and referred to the Committee on Physical Training and Athletic Sports, asking the board to investigate and obtain statistics with a view of modifying and lessening the dangers of football.

Death of an A. M. E. Bishop.

XENIA (Ohio), Nov. 29.—Bishop D. A. Payne, founder of Wilberforce College, senior Bishop of the A. M. E. Church, died at his home at Wilberforce this afternoon. He had been a Bishop in the church thirty-two years.

Death of a Bank President.

CLEVELAND (Ohio), Nov. 29.—William S. Jones, President of the Citizens' Savings Bank and Loan Association, died to-day aged 57. He had been connected with the bank nearly twenty years.

Yale-Princeton Football Game.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—The hotels are filling up with college men to witness the annual football contest between Yale and Princeton to-morrow. The betting is 5 to 4 on Yale.

Acquitted of the Charge.

LINCOLN (Nebr.), Nov. 29.—Congressman McKeligan, after a two days' trial, was acquitted of the charge of attempting to defraud the Lindell Hotel out of a board bill.

Granted a Divorce.

NEW YORK, Nov. 29.—The Superior Court granted a divorce to Helen Dauray Ward, the actress, from John M. Ward, the baseball player.

STATE OF THE WEATHER.

The Storm Continues Central Over Western Washington.

RAIN FALLING ALL THE WAY NORTH FROM MERCED.

A Young Man Accidentally Shot and Killed by His Father While Out Hunting Near Redondo—Three Oregon Bankers Indicted by a Grand Jury for Larceny—Latest Advice Per Steamer From China and Japan.

Special to the Record-Union.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 29.—The storm continues central over the western portion of Washington, and due to it rain fell and is now falling over Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Northern California, north of Merced. Snow is falling over Montana.

The rain at Portland was especially heavy, where 1.14 inches fell. At San Francisco .30 of an inch fell, at Sacramento .01 and at Red Bluff .13 of an inch fell. Every station in Northern California north of Merced reports rain falling to-night. The temperature is falling rapidly over Montana and Idaho, and over the eastern portion of Washington, and in Oregon. It has fallen slightly over California today, except at Los Angeles, where it has risen 1°.

THE ORENT.

Latest Advice by Steamer From China and Japan.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 29.—By the arrival of the Peru to-day we have advice from Hongkong to November 5th and from Yokohama to November 13th.

It is stated that piracy on the high seas has been very rife during the past three months, especially on junks bound from Chinkiang laden with rice for Ningpo and the Chusan group of islands. No less than eleven junks of this class, says a contemporary, have been overhauled by pirates and their cargoes taken away.

On the 23d ult., a criminal was executed on the Execution Ground at Canton by hanging (slitting) pieces for committing a crime of an unusual nature. A spectator swooned on the spot on seeing this shocking punishment.

JAPAN. The volcano of Adzuma-san is said to be again in eruption. There is a rumor that the import duty on raw cotton is to be abolished.

Instructions appear to have been given to the police and officials to annoy foreigners by petty restrictions in every way possible. The Monetary Commission is sitting, but nothing has transpired as to the result of its deliberations.

MANY KILLED AND WOUNDED.

Fatal Results of an Order Closing a Catholic Church in Russia.

BERLIN, Nov. 29.—A private telegram to the *Vossische Zeitung* says the Russian Government recently ordered the closing of the Catholic Church at Krossens. Hearing of the order, members of the congregation flocked to the church and remained night and day to prevent the order being carried out. At night a force of troops and the Governor of Kovno entered the church, and with swords attacked the people, killing twenty within the edifice and wounding over a hundred. A large number fled, and were pursued by Cossacks and drowned while attempting to escape by swimming across the river.

Civil Service Commission.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—It transpires that the removal of Civil Service Commissioner Johnston was at the demand of Commissioner Roosevelt being expressed widely divergent views from the majority.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—John Proctor of Kentucky has been appointed Civil Service Commissioner in place of George D. Johnston, removed. Proctor is Kentucky State Geologist. The President is said to be considerably exercised over the compulsory change in the commission.

Vice-President Stevenson's Mine.

BLOOMINGTON, Nov. 29.—Vice-President Stevenson waited this morning for the delegation of business men who promised to call on him in behalf of the men on a strike against a reduction of wages in the coal mine in which Stevenson is interested. They did not come. The Vice-President says he knows nothing of the operation of the mine, that that is in the hands of Manager Graham, and whatever he does will be sanctioned by Stevenson.

Will Be For Blood.

CAMBRIDGE (Mass.), Nov. 29.—The Harvard and Pennsylvania game to-morrow will be for blood. Both sides are determined to win, and will play gamely to the end. Harvard is crushed and feels disgraced after the defeat by Yale. She will go or die this time. Pennsylvania comes up feeling that they can win, and are bound to be victorious. In comparing the eleven men for man, they are about even.

Oklahoma and Statehood.

KINGPISHER, Nov. 29.—Resolutions were adopted at the Statehood Convention late last night indorsing the resolutions of the previous Statehood Convention, and again requesting Congress to provide for the admission of Oklahoma and Indian Territory as one State. The abolition of all tribal governments among the Indians was favored and the complete division of their common domain among the citizens of their common nation.

The Trouble at Meilla.

MELLILA, Nov. 29.—An immediate advance of the Spanish forces upon the Moors is expected, now that General Campos has arrived. The Arabs are preparing to make a stubborn resistance, and are busily engaged in strengthening their positions. There are now twenty-five Spanish Generals here, and reinforcements continue to arrive from Spain.

Dangers Attending Football Playing.

BOSTON, Nov. 29.—A petition has been presented to the Board of Overseers of Harvard College, and referred to the Committee on Physical Training and Athletic Sports, asking the board to investigate and obtain statistics with a view of modifying and lessening the dangers of football.

Death of an A. M. E. Bishop.

XENIA (Ohio), Nov. 29.—Bishop D. A. Payne, founder of Wilberforce College, senior Bishop of the A. M. E. Church, died at his home at Wilberforce this afternoon. He had been a Bishop in the church thirty-two years.

Death of a Bank President.

CLEVELAND (Ohio), Nov. 29.—William S. Jones, President of the Citizens