

BIG FIRE AT PHILADELPHIA.

Most Destructive that Has Visited the City in Years.

PROPERTY WORTH HALF A MILLION LAID IN RUINS.

A Young Negro Brute Who Choked Into Insensibility and Outraged an Aged White Woman in Georgia Captured by a Posse of Two Hundred Men and Quickly Disposed of.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 6.—The Philadelphia Fire Department was called out to-day to fight the fiercest, most destructive and most dangerous fire that has visited this city in nearly a score of years. Property valued at nearly half a million dollars was laid in ruins, a hundred firemen and policemen succumbed to the awful heat and smoke.

The property destroyed includes the paper box factory operated by Brown & Bailey, in which the fire originated, occupying a big plot fronting on Willow street, and extending northward between Eighth and Franklin streets; W. J. Buck, Son & Co., chandelier factory, at the northeast corner of Eighth and Willow; fifteen dwellings on the south side of Willow street, east of Eighth, and three dwellings on Franklin street, north of Willow, while at least twenty-five other dwellings on Eighth, Franklin and Callowhill streets were more or less severely damaged.

Once started, the fire assumed the proportions of a conflagration, and the flames, which it occurred made the chances of a disastrous destruction more than probable. Surrounded on every side by hundreds of dwellings, many of them of ancient construction, and all sun-baked and dry as tinder, the chances were decidedly in favor of the flames.

Soldiers after they rushed through the burning litter and timber, and were in many cases with difficulty prevented from rushing into the burning houses to look for them. Hospital ambulances were early on the ground, and the many were generally quickly resuscitated. It was nearly two hours before the fire was fully gotten under control and fully two hours of the firemen could relax their attention.

At the start the firemen were badly handicapped by the poor water pressure. Surrounded on two sides by trolley and electric light wires as the fire space was, the firemen, policemen and firemen near were threatened with great danger. No time was lost apparently in breaking the currents, but even before this was done several people were badly shocked.

The people escaped from their burning homes quietly, and also from the blazing factories, and though all kinds of rumors of fatalities were heard, none were found to have any foundation.

A lot of respectable houses that have long disgraced the neighborhood were wiped out of existence more effectually than by a dozen police raids. The inmates, many of them half dressed, lost all of their worldly property, and presented a pitiable sight as they rushed through the hot, cinder-covered pavements in an attempt to find a haven.

The fire is supposed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion.

The losses are as follows: Brown & Bailey, \$500,000, fully insured; W. J. Buck & Sons & Co., \$50,000, fully insured; Buck & Co., building owned by Mrs. Mary Keeley of Spring City, Pa., \$100,000, insurance, \$50,000. The other losses are distributed in amounts ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000 among a large number of people. The insurance on these losses is about one-half.

RACE WAR IN NORTH CAROLINA.

A Riot, During Which One Hundred and Fifty Shots Were Fired.

WINSTON, Aug. 12.—A riot between whites and blacks, which came near terminating seriously, occurred here last night. The trouble originated over a report given out about 9 o'clock at all the colored churches to the effect that a crowd of whites were going to Lynch Arthur Tuttle, who is being tried here for the murder of Policeman Vickers last May. Negroes to the number of 300 marched to the jail, where they remained for several hours. They were armed with guns and pistols. Mayor Gray addressed them, assuring them that there was no danger of lynching, and begging them to disperse. Sheriff McArthur and two Winston lawyers also urged the band to go away.

Judge Brown, who is holding court, notified the negroes that they were violating the law; that Tuttle was getting a fair trial, and that he would be responsible for his protection.

The negroes told in honor they would disperse if the sheriff would place twenty officers on guard around the jail. This was done, but many of the mob refused to leave.

Sheriff McArthur, in response to orders from Judge Brown, called out the Forsythe Riflemen and a number of deputies. The judge also instructed the Sheriff to arrest all negroes who refused to disperse.

The mob then began firing on the whites, several of them being struck with small birdshot, but none were seriously hurt. About 150 shots were fired by the riflemen and negroes, but no one was killed. The negroes broke and ran when the militia began shooting. Fourteen of the rioters are in jail.

GATLING GUN SENT TO WINSTON.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Aug. 12.—A Gatling gun under a detachment of men left here this evening for Winston. So far as is known it is the first time that such a gun has been used in the city. The Sheriff believes the trouble is under control. A large force of special police has been sworn in. It is reported that 3,000 negroes are massed near the town to-night, but the report is doubtless sensational.

A BRUTE PUT TO DEATH.

Quickly Disposed of by a Posse of Two Hundred Georgians.

SAVANNAH (Ga.), Aug. 12.—A special from Albany, Ga., says: A terrible crime has been perpetrated near Hurfield Mill. Last Friday afternoon John Harris, 18 years of age, a negro boy, went to the house of Mrs. John Monroe, a white woman, aged 65 years, and choked her into insensibility and outraged her, Mrs. Monroe died a few hours afterward, but before dying regained consciousness long enough to tell who her assailant was.

While Harris was committing the crime the screams of his victim were heard by neighbors, who arrived in time to see the fiend leave the premises. Being well known his identification was complete, and the alarm soon spread. A posse of 200 men was soon in pursuit. He was captured near Camilla Saturday, and taken back to Colquitt County, and on the route to the county jail.

Speculations are conflicting as to the method employed, one being that he was burned to death, and another that he was shot and hanged. Whether either of the reports are so, it is true that the brute met with short shifter he was captured. His victim was a highly respected

woman, and her age and infirmities should have protected her against even the desires of a brute.

MOTHER AND BABE DEAD.

Discovery Made by a Baltimore Citizen on Rising in the Morning.

BALTIMORE (Md.), Aug. 12.—With the body of her two-months old babe, John Buschman, 25 years old, of 305 O'Donnell street, was found dead in the yard attached to her home early this morning.

When the woman's husband, George Buschman, retired last night, his wife was apparently in excellent health. When the husband awoke this morning he found his wife's body beside a small tub filled with water, her head hanging over the edge. Pressed closely against her breast was the body of their dead child, completely immersed in the water.

After an examination, physicians declared that the woman died of spasms, induced by intestinal fever. The woman had fallen across the tub, and in her unconscious condition held her baby there until the water drowned it.

LOST HER DIAMONDS.

A Lady Stopping at a Kansas Hotel Robbed of Valuable Jewels.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 12.—Mrs. George H. Zeigler of Philadelphia, who, with her husband and child, is stopping at the Washington Hotel here, was robbed today of diamonds valued at \$10,000. The family was absent from their rooms when a man to whom they had been introduced called and went to their rooms, secured by a bolt of lightning, the jewels, which had been left upon a table. Superintendent Conking of the Pinkerton Agency said that one of the most acute confidence men in America was reported to be in the vicinity, and the case was just about appropriate to his caliber.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

Three People Killed and a Number of Others Injured.

SPARTANBURG (S. C.), Aug. 12.—Yesterday at Fairmount, four miles from here, Miss Janie Fowler and her brother, William, were struck by lightning and instantly killed. Two other members of the family were also struck, and their recovery is hardly possible. There were at least a dozen people in the Fowler house, and those who were not killed were knocked prostrate. An old negro was struck and killed outright. The residence of Captain Chase in this city was badly damaged, and the inmates were badly shocked. Several trees were struck and torn to pieces.

Violent Electrical Storm.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—A thunder-storm of unusual violence visited this section early this morning. Considerable damage was done in Jersey City. Sixty-six hundredths of an inch of rain fell between midnight and 5 a. m. At West Chester village Mrs. Meehan was so badly scorched by a bolt of lightning that she died from fright. Just as the 11 o'clock train was leaving West Chester for West Farms a bolt of lightning struck it, throwing it off the track. The motorman, conductor and half a dozen passengers were more or less stunned.

A Marshal Shot and Killed.

VICTOR (Col.), Aug. 12.—Last night Pat and Bill Gibson, brothers and Deputy Marshals, created a disturbance and were dismissed by Marshal William Shea, who early this morning arrested Pat. Bill, armed with a Winchester, intercepted the Marshal and his prisoner, and in the struggle shot and killed Shea. The Gibsons escaped. Excitement is intense and a posse is in pursuit. The Gibsons are desperate men, who were directly connected with the Victor train robbery some time ago.

An Execution Postponed.

SING SING (N. Y.), Aug. 12.—Vincenzo Nino, who murdered his wife last February, was to have been executed in the electric chair to-day, but the lawyers of the condemned man have appealed his case, which acts as a stay. Nino is the worst criminal ever locked in the death chamber. He is violent in his actions, and he has very little sympathy from the Warden or guards.

Boody Battle in Indian Territory.

NOVATKA (T. T.), Aug. 12.—A desperate and bloody battle between McGUIR brothers and the Walker brothers occurred here this morning. There were two on each side, and the four were armed with shotguns, and the fight was a hot one. When the smoke cleared away all participants were found to be fatally wounded. The tragedy grew out of an old grudge.

GOLD RESERVE.

Over a Million and a Quarter Withdrawn From the Sub-Treasury at New York Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—The drain upon the gold reserve seemed to have begun in earnest to-day, when the officials were advised of the withdrawal of \$1,350,000 from the Sub-Treasury at New York for export.

The condition of affairs has occasioned much speculation as to the means the Administration intend to use to replenish the reserve. It may be stated almost authoritatively as being another issue of bonds, and the calling of an extra session of Congress that for the former will be resorted to.

To-day's withdrawal was the largest on any one day since the contract with the Belmont-Morgan syndicate went into effect last February. They reduce the gold in the United States Treasury to \$101,302,363, or a loss of more than \$9,000,000 from the highest point it reached after the syndicate had made its final payments last month.

On July 31st the gold reserve reached \$107,341,375, being higher than on any day, according to the Treasury's official "ten days" statement, since February 1893. Between the two dates named \$162,400,000 of United States bonds were sold for gold at prices amounting to \$182,000,000, and the gold reserve, which was something over \$65,000,000 in January, 1893, replenished, as has been done by these bond sales, amounts to-day to a little more than \$101,000,000, or a net loss of \$146,000,000.

Department officials are loth to discuss the effect of renewed gold shipments, or to express an opinion as to their probable extent, or when the shipments will cease, or whether the bond syndicate will feel itself bound to act in the matter. With exchange at 42, an exceeding high figure, the opinion is generally expressed that gold exports to the extent of \$20,000,000 or \$30,000,000 are likely to occur before October 1st. The only thing that is likely to reduce the rate of exchange is heavy shipments of American cereals.

The excess of expenditures over receipts for the past two years amounted to \$170,000,000, and for the month and a third which has elapsed of the current fiscal year \$15,000,000. But the receipts in the United States Treasury for the month that before January 1st they will equal the expenditures, or nearly so.

BANDITS PUT TO DEATH.

Seventeen Who Were Captured in Mexico Put to Death,

ONE OF WHOM IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN AN AMERICAN.

The Preliminary Examination of Bandit Brady in Progress at Marysville.—Juror Brown Excused From Taking Part in the Trial of Theodore Durrant, on Motion of the District Attorney.

TUCSON (ARIZ.), Aug. 12.—The Star's advices from Fronteras, Sonora, Mexico, says: Six weeks ago Colonel John Weil's messenger was killed and \$6,000 was taken by highwaymen in Sonora, south of Bisbee. The Mexican authorities have pursued the bandits with unrelenting vigor. Seventeen of the number captured, who were in some way concerned in the affair, have been convicted and shot. One of the accused was an American. Forty others who belonged to or sympathized with the robbers have been pressed into the Mexican army. Nearly all who were taken were from Fronteras. All of the robbers who had infested that region have been shot or are under arrest.

DURRANT MURDER TRIAL.

W. S. Brown Excused From Serving as a Juror.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—The feature in the trial of Theodore Durrant this morning was the decision of Judge Murphy upon the application of the District Attorney for permission to peremptorily challenge Juror W. S. Brown, on the ground that Brown had voted to acquit M. D. Howell on the charge of counterfeiting because the evidence was circumstantial.

The court read a long opinion, citing various decisions, finally allowing Brown to be challenged.

The defense took an exception, and may make the decision one point of an appeal if the case goes against them.

Jurors are now harder to find than ever, all fearing that their past will be exploited by the detectives for the prosecution or the defense, and if the juror's record is good, the fear is that some innocent act will be distorted.

Judge Murphy then told the press representatives that the publication of any articles which tended to destroy the chances of the defendant receiving a fair trial was contempt. He said that his remarks did not apply to the present case. He was satisfied that the reporters did not intend to evade the law in questioning Juror Brown.

The attorneys for Durrant desired that the newspaper men be proceeded against, but the court said: "There was but one course to pursue, that is, by issuing citations, and while they ought to be and will be issued, I cannot say that I am not allowing the proceedings to be delayed by contempt proceedings at this time. The papers represented by counsel for defendant will be placed on file, to be acted on later."

When the case of the veniemen had been examined for the day not a juror had been secured. An adjournment was then taken until to-morrow.

ESTATE OF W. W. WOOLEN.

Judge Risley Makes a Distribution of the Property.

FRESNO, Aug. 12.—Judge Risley to-day made distribution of the estate of W. W. Woolen, the wealthy rancher who mysteriously disappeared over two years ago, and of whose murder Professor W. A. Sanders is suspected. Sanders has been convicted of forging Woolen's name to a \$1,400 draft, and this practically convicts him of the murder.

Woolen was legally declared dead, as no trace of him, dead or alive, has been found.

The estate is valued at from \$50,000 to \$60,000, consisting of 3,700 acres of land in Fresno and Colusa Counties, and other real property. The real estate was ordered turned over to Thomas Woolen, brother of Wm. Woolen, of England. Personal property consisting of \$5,500 in securities and bank deposits was ordered sold to the Public Administrator and his legal advisers.

An effort has been made to connect Holmes, the famous murderer, with the disappearance of Woolen. When Sanders was charged with holding away the old man he said he had been given the money with which he purchased the property from Woolen by a man who had gone East. The party to whom he referred has never been located, but as Holmes was in California about that time, he is believed to have planned the getting of the property and the disposal of the old man. Sanders, given a sack of gold by his friend, and paid Woolen for the ranch. He exhibited a deed, which has been pronounced a forgery.

BANDIT BRADY.

The Preliminary Examination in Progress at Marysville.

MARYSVILLE, Aug. 12.—The preliminary examination of Harry Williams, better known as Bandit Brady, for the murder of Sheriff J. J. Bogard of Tehama County on the Oregon express on the morning of March 30, 1885, while the train was running between Wheatland and Reed Station, was commenced this morning before Judge Justice of the Peace L. N. Aldrich. The courtroom was packed.

Great interest is being taken in the proceedings. Attorneys W. H. Carlin and E. A. Forbes, the two ablest criminal lawyers in this section of the country, represent the defendant, who came smiling into the courtroom, but who was very attentive to the testimony. District Attorney McDaniel prosecuted.

The morning session was taken up with hearing the testimony of Coroner Bevan and of Messenger F. A. Kelton, neither of whom could identify the defendant.

AN OAKLAND TRAGEDY.

Miss Jeanne Lewis Shot by a Man She Refused to Marry.

OAKLAND, Aug. 12.—Because Miss Jeanne Lewis would not consent to marry Lewis F. Muhliner, he shot her through the head to-night in Oakland, and the doctors declare that death is only a few hours off. Since the fatal wound was inflicted Miss Lewis has been unconscious.

Sunday night Muhliner tried to decoy Miss Lewis into a house on Seventh street, but he failed in his purpose, and it is supposed that his failure prompted him to call on her to-day and murder her. No one saw the shooting, and the murderer is still at large.

Myriads of Dead Fish.

VISALIA, Aug. 12.—Jennings Ditch, which runs half a mile through the residence portion of this city, was turned

dry last week owing to low water. Myriads of fish were left stranded and died, creating an intolerable stench. The Board of Health notified them to stop and reopen the ditch, or proceedings will commence at once.

Santa Rosa Residence Burned.

SANTA ROSA, Aug. 12.—A house belonging to M. H. Dunn, the State gardener at Sacramento, on Orchard street, in this city, was destroyed by fire about 3 o'clock this morning. The fire was caused by a defective flue, and it was not discovered until too late to save the house and its contents. The house was occupied by M. Kemper, formerly of Fort Costa. The loss on house and furniture is nearly \$3,000, partly covered by insurance.

Poison Caused His Death.

SAN JOSE, Aug. 12.—Chemist A. A. Cunningham of San Francisco was before the Coroner's jury in the Elezora Frost case to-day. The substance of his report is that the deceased was poisoned, and that the medicine analyzed, alleged to have been prescribed by the attending physician, caused his death. Death was due to the eating away of the lining of the stomach and intestines. The stuff was corrosive sublimate.

Serious Charges Against Levy.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—Solomon Heelich is still searching for the property of his dead brother. He accuses H. M. Levy, a mining operator, who was his brother's partner, with making away with his brother's property after the latter's death. Heelich asserts that Levy destroyed the mining stock certificates and secreted the partnership property to defraud his brother's estate. Levy was concerned in the Halo and Norcross suit.

Nelson Wins the Suit.

MERCED, Aug. 12.—At 10 o'clock this morning Judge Low rendered a decision in the suit to oust Supervisor Nelson from office in favor of Nelson. The court held that while Nelson was a director of the defunct Merced Bank, in which the county money was deposited, and should have known the condition of the bank, the evidence showed that he did not know.

Fatal Shooting in Washington.

ELLENBURG (Wash.), Aug. 12.—Chas. Vincent, who gave away the attempt to hold up the Northern Pacific train, shot Mike Kohn, a school proprietor, in a drunken row last night. John Bergman interfered, and was stabbed by Vincent's father. Kohn died in half an hour. The Vincents are regarded as worthless. There is talk of lynching.

Governor Budd Improving.

STOCKTON, Aug. 12.—Governor Budd is better to-day than he has been since he was taken ill. He has no fever, and is improving as fast as could be expected. It is very weak, however, and probably will be for some time. His rheumatism has been checked under Dr. Sargent's treatment, and does not trouble him as much as it did.

Children Cause a Fire.

SAN JOSE, Aug. 12.—Two children, 3 and 4 years old, set fire to ex-Councilman Ford's barn this morning and it was destroyed. Loss \$1,100, with no insurance. About twenty minutes before the fire a boy found the children playing with fire at the barn and took them home. The children returned and fixed the place.

The Late Frank Pixley.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—The funeral of the late F. M. Pixley will take place from the residence on the southwest corner of Union and Elm streets on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. The remains will be taken to Cypress Lawn Cemetery.

Scott Going to Japan.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12.—Irving M. Scott of the Union Iron Works leaves for Japan to-morrow, it is supposed with the hope of securing one or more contracts from the Japanese Government for the construction of new warships.

TOPICS OF THE TURF.

BUFFALO RACES POSTPONED ON ACCOUNT OF POOR TRACK.

Results of the Running Events at St. Louis, Saratoga and Harlem.

BUFFALO (N. Y.), Aug. 12.—The driving park management announced to-day that the races scheduled for to-day would have to be postponed, on account of the poor condition of the track, caused by the heavy rains of yesterday and last night. The weather has now cleared and the track is drying out and will be in good shape for driving.

AT ST. LOUIS.

St. Louis, Aug. 12.—Summaries: Three-quarter mile, King Mac won, Charles P. second, Francis Pope third. Time—1:15.

Five-eighths of a mile, Princess won, Fredonia second, Sir Archer third. Time—1:22.

One mile and a sixteenth, Charlie McDonald won, Assignee second, J. Hickey third. Time—1:49.

Seven and a half furlongs, Cicely won, Ethel W. second, Millie R. third. Time—1:35.

Six and a half furlongs, Magnet won, Empress second, Don Carillo third. Time—1:21.

Nine-eighths of a mile, Amelia won, Midland second, Agatha third. Time—1:31.

AT CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—A fair sized crowd witnessed the races at Harlem to-day. Favorable had everything in their own way. Ethel W., at 5 to 2, was the longest shot to win. There were no very close finishes. Summaries:

Six furlongs, Bertha B. won, Vision second, Winslow third. Time—1:46.

Four and a half furlongs, Irene Woods won, Joe Mancini second, Fisher third. Time—1:26.

Six furlongs, Handsome won, Bob Martin second, Miss Clark third. Time—1:36.

Six furlongs, Ethel W. won, Oregon Eclipse second, Eli third. Time—1:35.

AT SARATOGA.

SARATOGA, Aug. 12.—Five furlongs, Nick won, Walter second, Babe Murphy third. Time—1:23.

Four and a half furlongs, Amazezment won, Marquis second, Prodamant third. Time—1:25.

One mile, Roy of Santa Anita won, Leas second, Sir Excess third. Time—1:42.

Five and one-half furlongs, Kamsin won, Bernardino second, Chugnut third. Time—1:40.

Five and an eighth, Langdon won, Victorio second, Imp, Fullerton Lass third. Time—2:02.

Victims of the Collapsed Building.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Four bodies of victims of the collapsed building were brought to the morgue Sunday night, and this afternoon were identified as those of John Murphy, aged 32; Chris O'Rourke, aged 39; William Hayes, 37 years; and Patrick Cashin, 32 years, all of Brooklyn.

BRITON'S LEGISLATORS.

The Fourteenth Parliament of Queen Victoria Opened.

GULLY RE-ELECTED SPEAKER IN THE COMMONS.

A Vessel Flying the American Colors, and Acting Suspiciously Off the Coast of Cuba, Reported to Have Been Cannonaded by a Spanish Torpedo Boat, but Escaped Without Damage.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—The Fourteenth Parliament of Queen Victoria opened to-day with the customary ceremonies. Prior to the formal opening of the House, there was the usual contests among the members for the seats they will occupy during the session.

Mr. Hatch was the first of the members to arrive. He reached the House at 5 o'clock, and sat in the doorway for an hour before it was opened. He was followed at 6:30 o'clock by Mr. Ashcroft, Messrs Ashcroft and Hatch are the two new Conservative members from Lincolnshire. Before 9 o'clock thirty seats had been reserved on the Government bench by members placing their hats on the cushion, that is always followed.

The opposition did not display great eagerness to secure seats, as at 9:30 they had secured but six.

The House was crowded with an animated throng of members when at 2 o'clock the yeoman usher of the black rod requested the attendance of the House of Commons and the House of Lords to hear the reading of the royal commission of proclamation opening the session. Many members of the House of Commons waited to hear the reading.

After their return to their own House the Senior Clerk arose and pointed to Sir John Mowbray, the Conservative who represents Oxford University, who had been selected to move the re-election of William Gully as Speaker of the House.

At that moment Right Hon. J. A. Balfour and Hon. Sir William Vernon Harcourt arrived together and took their seats. Mr. Balfour on a front Government bench and Sir William on a front bench on the Opposition side. As they entered they were greeted with cheers by their respective followers. Immediately thereafter the Right Honorable Joseph Chamberlain, the leader of the Liberal Unionists, entered, and was loudly cheered by the Government supporters, while groans ascended from the members occupying the Irish benches.

The scene was a brilliant one. The sun streamed through the windows of the House, changing its usual dull aspect into one of light and warmth. The diplomats, ladies and strangers' galleries were crowded with distinguished visitors, who watched the proceedings with close attention.

Sir John Mowbray, in moving the re-election of Speaker Gully, said he rejoiced that at that hour and took them without a dissenting voice. Sir John extolled Mr. Gully's impartiality, vigilance and promptitude, and his courtesy to every member of the House. He asked the House to elect Mr. Gully, who was an able and conscientious man, irrespective of party considerations.

John R. Ellis, Liberal Unionist, seconded the motion, and Mr. Gully was formally re-elected without opposition.

Mr. Gully thanked the House for the honor it had conferred upon him, especially in being proposed by both the Government and the opposition. He said he would continue to do his duty as Speaker, and was the least difficult, though the most important duty of the Speaker. He looked in his general conduct in the chair to that spirit of justice and good sense which always distinguished the House in its relations to the chair.

Upon the conclusion of Mr. Gully's remarks, Mr. Balfour, in the name of the House, congratulated him upon his re-election.

The commission appointed to read the Royal Proclamation consisted of Lord Salisbury, the Lord Chancellor, and Lords Coventry, Limerick, Cross and Lytton, and the Lord Chamberlain, who were all dressed in scarlet and ermine robes, and were seated in front of the throne, when the yeoman usher of the black rod was led into the House of Commons to the reading of the proclamation was read.

Lord Chancellor Salisbury said that when the legislators were sworn in her majesty would declare why Parliament had been summoned.

The Lord Chancellor appointed noon to-morrow as the time for the Speaker of the House of Commons to put himself before the bar of the House of Lords to receive the royal approval of his re-election.

At 3:30 o'clock the House adjourned. The House of Lords adjourned after several of its members had inscribed their names on the rolls of the new Parliament.

Crisp's views on the Commons were Hon. Charles Crisp, ex-Speaker of the American House of Representatives; Hon. T. F. Bayard, American Ambassador to Great Britain; Hon. Edward Uhl, American Assistant Secretary of State; Hon. Henry Cabot Lodge, United States Senator.

CRISP'S VIEWS OF THE COMMONS.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—Hon. Charles Crisp, ex-Speaker of the American House of Representatives, Hon. Edward Uhl, American Assistant Secretary of State, and Senator Henry Cabot Lodge were guests this evening at an entertainment given by Speaker Gully at his residence in Westminster Place. They received marked attention from Mr. Balfour and Lord Salisbury and other prominent men who were present.

Mr. Crisp informed your correspondent that he had been struck by the numerous ceremonies in the procedure of the House of Commons, which to him appeared to be useless. He said he noticed especially that no actual vote was taken on the election of Speaker. He understood, of course, that the election was virtually by unanimous consent, but in the United States the question is always stated to the House, in order that an opportunity might be given dissenters to express their views. It seemed remarkable that so great a majority as the Government had should choose a member of the minority for their presiding officer. Such a course would never do under the American Constitution, where the Speaker must be a party, as he is clothed with greater power in the appointment of committees, etc.

Continuing