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OAKLAND, Oct. 3.—The Piedmont Power plant at Twenty-fourth street and Oakland avenue was wrecked to-day as though shelled by shrapnel. The destruction of the power plant of the electric road was caused by the bursting of three large castiron fly-wheel pulleys. They were used in transmitting power to the electrical generators of the system. Pieces of cast steel and iron weighing hundreds of pounds were hurled with terrific force through the walls of the building. Some pieces fell as far as fifty feet away. Fortunately no one was injured in the wreck.

FAST TEN-ROUND FIGHT.

Joe Reay Gets the Decision Over Frank Purcell.

STOCKTON, Oct. 3.—Before the Stockton Athletic Association to-night Joe Reay of the Olympic Club secured the decision over Frank Purcell of the San Francisco Athletic Club in a fast ten round fight. It was not a one-sided match by any means, as Purcell put up a pretty fight. He relied on a swing to put his man over, while Reay kept sending in his left with good effect on Purcell's jaw from the opening round till the fight was over. He has improved wonderfully since he last appeared before the local club, and it was his clever defense that saved him from the wicked swings of his opponent.

There was considerable clinching in several of the rounds, and although the men agreed not to hit in clinches, both of them forgot themselves three or four times, and resorted to short arm punches when one glove was free.

It was given and taken for three rounds, with Reay on the aggressive. At the close Reay had landed almost twice as many punches as Purcell.

From the fourth to the seventh Reay was on the aggressive, and used his left with good effect, stopping some vicious swings. In the last three Purcell tried to even up, but only succeeded in holding Reay even for the round, and the decision was given to the latter.

Ed Toy secured the decision over Jas. Higgins in the tenth in what should have been a draw.

Jack McMahon knocked Vickers out inside of a minute in the first round with a left on the chin.

Harry Gelder and H. M. Platt, featherweight wrestlers, were on the mat for sixty minutes, and neither was able to secure a fall.

WEATHER NOTES.

Rain in Fresno County Greatly Benefits Feed.

FRESNO, Oct. 3.—It commenced raining shortly after 6 o'clock last evening and rained more or less all night. In all about 93 of an inch of rain fell, making the total rainfall for the month and season 1.15 inches. As the total rainfall here for last year was only 4.94 inches, it will be seen that the fall this year has been extraordinary.

The raisin groves had been warned of the storm, and with few exceptions had all their raisins stacked. The wind is blowing here to-day, making good drying weather, so that the damage done to raisins will be inconsiderable.

The storm will greatly benefit feed. Following the rain of last week so closely, it will tend to keep plant life alive, and put feed beyond danger of lack of rain.

The prospect for a wet season will encourage the planting of a large acreage of wheat.

HAD TOO MUCH TROUBLE.

A Young Man Attempts to Commit Suicide at Stockton.

STOCKTON, Oct. 3.—Edward Hefferman, about 21 years of age, well connected in this city, deliberately attempted to commit suicide this afternoon. He walked into Creamer & Wright's store and asked to look at a pistol. Several were shown, and after deciding on one, placed three cartridges in it. He then turned it toward his heart and pulled the trigger. Hefferman's aim was high, however, and the bullet lodged in his shoulder. The surgeon says he will live. When asked the cause he said he had had too much trouble. He recently held a position in Nolan's shoe store in San Francisco.

A GOOD SEASON.

Fruit Growers in the Vicinity of Newcastle Do Well.

NEWCASTLE, Oct. 3.—The rain of the past few days will have the effect of damping some of the few table grapes now upon the vines. The bulk of the crop, however, has already been shipped and the loss will be light. Some small lots of fruits which were out for drying will be injured, but as in the case of the grape crop, there is but little loss.

The season has been a good one. Crops have been excellent as to bulk and quality, and the returns average the best for several years. The pro-

ducers have done well, and have been able to pay off old obligations and cancel many mortgages.

CATTLE DISEASED.

Anthrax Spreading Rapidly Among Herds in Marin County.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 3.—The disease known as anthrax is said to be spreading with alarming rapidity among the dairy herds of Marin County, and at least two men have received the disease from the cows. From the sick men it was learned that some dairymen in Marin County imported cattle from the south. These cows were immune, but brought the disease to California. In one small dairy farm near San Rafael a man lost six heads in one week.

Dr. Bazett of the Board of Health has ordered an investigation of the Marin cattle, and also of the herds of San Mateo, Alameda and other neighboring counties.

CONDEMNED PRISONERS.

Three at San Quentin Sentenced to Be Hanged This Month.

SAN QUENTIN PRISON, Oct. 3.—Louis Searcy, John Miller and Geo. W. Clark, three condemned men, were taken from their cells in murderers' row this afternoon and marched to the condemned cells in the old building formerly used as a furniture factory. The three men are under sentence to be hanged this month.

Searcy was convicted of murdering a woman on the Mojave Desert, Miller is to hang for the murder of James Childs in San Francisco, and Clark is to pay the death penalty for killing his brother at St. Helena.

Ran Into a Derelict Raft.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 3.—The steamer South Coast, bound from Ventura to this port, ran into one of the derelict log rafts near Pigeon Point. The vessel was severely jarred, but sheered off in time to escape serious damage. The Chamber of Commerce of this city has sent a communication to Secretary of the Treasury Gage, asking him to take steps to stop the dangerous practice of towing rafts at sea.

Steamship City of Peking.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 3.—The Pacific Mail Company's steamer City of Peking, which was towed back from Lime Point on Saturday night, after having left the mail dock for China, is still here. The damage to her piston follower was repaired to-day, and it was thought that she would proceed to sea. She took a spin about the bay, but the machinery stuck when she was off Alcatraz, and she was towed back to Mission Bay.

MORE TROOPS FOR PORTO RICO

THREE REGIMENTS ORDERED TO THE ISLAND.

Are the 5th Cavalry, the 6th U. S. Volunteer Infantry and the 47th New York.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—The War Department has decided to send more troops to Porto Rico. Orders have been issued directing that the Fifth Regiment of Cavalry, now at Huntsville, Ala., the Sixth United States Volunteer Infantry, now at Chickamauga, and the Forty-seventh New York, now at Fort Adams, shall proceed to such point in Porto Rico as may be desired by the commanding General in that island.

The Eighth United States Volunteer Infantry and two companies of the Indiana colored volunteers, now at Fort Thomas, Kentucky, will relieve the Sixth Volunteer Infantry at Chickamauga.

All the troops at Camp Meade will soon be ordered to points in the South. Some of them may go to Cuba, but the majority will for the present occupy the new camps selected in Georgia and South Carolina. It is expected that the troops sent to garrison duty in Cuba will not remain long, but when they have seen service for a few months will return to this country. The same is probably true of Porto Rico. It is also intimated that when the troops return the volunteers will be given sixty days' furlough, and be mustered out. By that time Congress will have had an opportunity to determine what shall be done in regard to garrisoning the new possessions.

This determination is no doubt due to pressure that has been brought by members of Congress for the mustering out of the volunteers from their States and districts. The responsibility for furnishing troops for garrison duty and for army duty generally will be upon Congress. The recommendations of the President and the War Department will have been made before the troops return either from Cuba or Porto Rico, and the necessity of the case made known.

Although there has been less pressure for the mustering out of volunteers since the announcement was made that the troops could not be spared, the demand continues with sufficient persistence to convince the war officials that a reorganization of the army will be necessary, and that some arrangement will have to be made to secure a force for garrison service in the islands and the States, which will not be subject to the same difficulties experienced in the case of the volunteers.

Although the pressure for the muster out of entire regiments is not so great, the demand for the discharge of individuals has overwhelmed the department. There is not a Senator or Representative, scarcely, who has not presented requests of this kind, and there is a constant demand for the discharge of one man or another upon some pretext which would not be deemed valid in the case of men in the regular army. Personal appeals are made by fathers, mothers, wives, sisters and sweethearts. Every man in the department who is supposed to have any influence is sought to secure the discharge of enlisted men who have tired of the life of soldiering.

These requests and the demands for mustering out have no doubt had their effect in making the war officials seek some more satisfactory method of army organization for the purpose for which they will be needed.

The troops which have been ordered to Porto Rico will relieve a like number of regiments now in the island, the organizations to be designated by General Brooke.

SEQUEL TO A BANK'S FAILURE.

Warrants Issued for the Arrest of U. S. Senator Quay.

Accused of Conspiracy to Use Public Monneys for His Own Benefit.

The Senator's Son, Ex-State Treasurer Haygood of Pennsylvania and Lawyer Charles McKee of Pittsburg Also Charged With the Same Offense—Senator Quay and His Son Surrender Themselves and Are Admitted to Bail.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 3.—Warrants were issued to-day for the arrest of United States Senator M. S. Quay, his son, Richard S. Quay, ex-State Treasurer Benjamin Haywood and Charles H. McKee of Pittsburg, law partner of Lieutenant-Governor Lyon. They are accused of conspiracy with John S. Hopkins, formerly cashier of the People's Bank to use public moneys for their own use. Hopkins killed himself last March shortly before the bank's failure.

Senator Quay and his son came up from Atlantic City as soon as they heard of their intended arrest. They promptly adjured the Chamber of Commerce and Magistrate Jermon held them in \$5,000 bail each for a hearing at noon next Thursday. David H. Lane, the Republican leader, became their bondsman, and this afternoon they returned to the seashore. By advice of their attorney, they declined to discuss the case. They will come back to the city on Wednesday so as to be in full time for the hearing. Mr. Haywood is in Montana and Mr. McKee in New York. United States Senator Penrose, who was with his colleague this afternoon, spoke freely after the latter's departure for Atlantic City.

"I presume Senator Quay will not make any statement at this juncture," said he, "regarding this last dastardly attack of his enemies, though he will, doubtless, at the proper time. There is, however, no reason why I, as his colleague and personal friend, should be silent."

"Attempted assassination of character has been almost the sole weapon of attack employed by Senator Quay's opponents for several years, and the methods pursued have been augmented in viciousness and vindictiveness by their futility has been demonstrated. As the last despairing effort of unscrupulous conspirators comes this brutal move of the opposition, which they have had upon their program for weeks, with desperate hope to-night, in some way, aid in the election of a Democratic Legislature. The people of Pennsylvania are, above all things, fair and just, and they can be trusted to see through the sinister motives animating the small coterie of disgruntled defeated politicians who are responsible for the sensational resort to the courts."

"In due time there will be a complete exposition of the true inwardness of this latest act in the drama of character assassination, now so conspicuous a feature in Pennsylvania politics."

The warrants were made out on Saturday by Magistrate Jermon at the instance of District Attorney Graham, and on the affidavit of Charles F. Myers of the District Attorney's office. Mr. Myers is a detective, and acted on information furnished by Thomas W. Barlow, receiver of the People's Bank. The affidavit on which the warrants were issued is as follows:

State of Pennsylvania, city and county of Philadelphia, ss.: Charles F. Myers, being sworn according to law, doth depose and say that Matthew Stanley Quay, Benjamin J. Haywood, Richard S. Quay and Charles H. McKee and other persons, to this deponent unknown, did unlawfully combine, confederate, conspire and agree to and with each other and the said persons unknown to use the public moneys of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania for their own use, and also did combine, confederate, conspire and agree to and with each other and divers persons to this deponent unknown, and to and with John S. Hopkins, deceased, formerly cashier of the People's Bank of Philadelphia, a corporation duly created and existing under the laws of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to unlawfully buy and sell stocks, that is, shares of stocks in divers corporations, and did unlawfully use and employ the moneys of the People's Bank within the county of Philadelphia and within two years last past. All of which deponent upon information and belief says is true. And further deponent saith not.

CHARLES F. MYERS. Sworn to and subscribed before me, this day, thirtieth day of September, A. D. 1898. J. M. RUSH JERMON, Magistrate.

District Attorney Graham said that with evidence in the shape of letters and papers furnished to him, he believed it his duty to begin proceedings. He added: "I propose to have a hearing as quickly as possible, and to produce at that hearing all the facts necessary to a binding order. Some of the facts will be reserved until the time of the trial."

Mr. Graham expressed a firm determination to proceed vigorously. James H. McManes, formerly President of the defunct People's Bank, said that he had known the warrants were to be issued, although he had nothing to do with the action. He asserted ignorance of any transactions justifying it.

The news struck political circles of all shades of faith like a thunderbolt, and a variety of explanations were given and discussed throughout the day. Secretary of the Commonwealth David Martin said he knew nothing beyond the newspaper statements. The affair acquires additional significance from the fact that it comes in the midst of one of the most bitter campaigns ever fought between Quay and his opponents, involving the question of his re-election to the Senate.

The People's Bank suspended business on March 24th last, and it pre-

sently developed that Cashier Hopkins had committed suicide. At this time the State had deposited in the bank \$505,000, and the city \$52,000, but the institution was insolvent. President McManes agreed to make good the amount of liabilities, and most of it has since been paid.

McBRIDE OUTCLASSED.

Tommy White Has No Trouble in Defeating the New Yorker.

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—Tommy White of Chicago and Danny McBride of New York met to-night at the Greater New York Athletic Club for a twenty-five round bout to decide the 126-pound championship, but the fight lasted a little less than one-fourth of the intended distance, White being the winner by long odds.

White's reach was a big advantage to him, and from the first round it was apparent that he would get all the money. McBride was game to the core, but he was outclassed.

In the sixth round McBride was sent to the floor three times in quick succession with heavy right swings on the jaw, and the referee mercifully stopped the bout then and there, in order to prevent Danny's being knocked out and probably seriously injured.

YELLOW FEVER.

Reports of the Situation in Louisiana and Mississippi.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 3.—Dr. Souther to-night announced the following data of the yellow fever in New Orleans, six cases, one death; Franklin, twelve new cases, two deaths; Lutche, two new cases; Baton Rouge, four new cases, one death; Wilson, twenty new cases, one death.

IN MISSISSIPPI.

JACKSON (Miss.), Oct. 3.—There was only one new case of yellow fever here to-day. At Madison, one death; Oxford, sixteen new cases and one death; Wood Valley, two new cases; Woodville, two new cases; Port Gibson, two new cases.

A Bark Ashore.

CHARLESTON (S. C.), Oct. 3.—The bark Wandering Jew, Captain J. S. Little, from Philadelphia for Galveston, with a cargo of coal, lies in six fathoms of water off Long Island. The vessel sprang a leak Friday, and the crew were kept constantly at the pumps. She tried to come to Charleston, but was forced ashore. The captain and crew took to the rigging and remained in a perilous position until rescued this morning and brought here.

Outrages in China.

LONDON, Oct. 4.—The Pekin correspondent of the "Daily Chronicle," telegraphing Saturday by way of Shanghai, says: "A mob is menacing foreigners. The wife of the Italian Minister was attacked yesterday while on her way to church, and several Americans coming from the railway were injured by stones. The Foreign Ministers have sent a collective note to the Government, asking for the suppression of these outrages and the punishment of the culprits."

Henry George Declines.

NEW YORK, Oct. 3.—Henry George has declined the nomination for Governor on the ticket placed in the field by the Chicago Platform Democrats, and the commission having authority to fill vacancies nominated Henry M. McDonald of the county of New York. Mr. McDonald is a lawyer in this city, and was formerly a banker at Pierre, S. D. He is President of the New York Bimetallic Association.

Steamers in Collision.

LONDON, Oct. 3.—The British steamer Hilleraig, Captain Gibson, from Ferdinandia, September 11th, for Hamburg, has been in collision with the Dutch steamer De Reuter, bound from Cronstadt for Dordrecht. The collision occurred near Helyoet. The Hilleraig proceeded, and the extent of damage to her as yet is unknown, but the De Reuter was badly damaged.

Rev. Jabez Fox Dead.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—The Rev. Jabez Fox, who was well known in the West in the slavery agitation prior to the war, died here to-day at an advanced age. He was born in Massachusetts, and went to Michigan, where he edited the first free soil paper at Detroit, the "Daily Democrat."

Affairs at Manila.

MANILA, Oct. 3.—The United States transport Scandia has arrived here, and the United States transport Arizona, September 11th, for Hamburg, has been in collision with the Dutch steamer De Reuter, bound from Cronstadt for Dordrecht. The collision occurred near Helyoet. The Hilleraig proceeded, and the extent of damage to her as yet is unknown, but the De Reuter was badly damaged.

"The Tavern" Partially Burned.

CHICAGO, Oct. 3.—The building formerly known as "The Tavern," located at Fifty-first street and Cottage Grove avenue, near the entrance to Washington Park, and a popular resort of visitors to the World's Fair, was partially destroyed by fire to-day. Several persons had narrow escapes from suffocation.

Tragedy in Iowa.

CLARINDA (Ia.), Oct. 3.—Walter J. Yates shot his wife and Mrs. F. J. North at Essex, near here, and then shot himself. He died instantly. His wife will die. Mrs. North is only slightly wounded. Mr. and Mrs. Yates were married three years ago. He was a drinking man. His wife left him, and was staying with Mrs. North.

Smith Defeats Judge.

SCRANTON (Pa.), Oct. 3.—"Mysterious" Billy Smith, the champion welterweight, administered to Jim Judge, a Scranton claimant, his first defeat to-night. Smith had the best of it from the start, and knocked out Judge just before the end of the twentieth and last round.

Large Mill and Elevator Burned.

BISMARCK (N. D.), Oct. 3.—The large mill and elevator of the North Dakota Milling Association was completely destroyed by fire last night. The loss is about \$50,000; insured.

Death of a Well-Known Attorney.

CHICAGO, Oct. 3.—James L. High, the well known attorney, died to-day. He was the author of "High on Injunctions."

THE PARIS PEACE COMMISSION.

American Members Make a Demand of Such Character

That the Spaniards Find It Necessary to Ask an Adjournment.

Believed that the Question at Issue Concerns the Philippines, and the Spanish Representatives Wish to Consult With the Home Government Before Proceeding Further.

PARIS, Oct. 3.—Major General Merritt, who commanded the American troops at Manila, arrived here to-day from Marselles. He repaired to the Grand Hotel de l'athenes, and declined to be interviewed, as he was suffering from fatigue. The General did not see the United States Peace Commissioners before the opening of the joint session to-day.

The American Commissioners held a session this morning at their own offices, preparatory to the second meeting with the Spanish Commissioners, which began at the commission's rooms in the Foreign Office at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The plan of work directed to be prepared by the Secretaries has not been perfected, as the Secretary of the Spanish Commission did not arrive here until to-day.

The American Commissioners will be received by President Faure at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. To-day's session lasted until 4 o'clock, at which hour the Commissioners adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock next Friday afternoon, such interval being desirable and necessary to allow separate consideration by each commission of matters requiring such course before the joint commission. The interval will be thus filled with work at having in mind the ultimate results being so facilitated.

The opinion is now held that the work of the commission may be finished within a month from the present time. While it is the general impression that to-day's meeting was again a character to the Spaniards find it necessary to ask for an adjournment, in order to enable them to consult with the Government at Madrid.

It is believed that the question concerns the Philippines, and it is known that the Americans are highly pleased to have so soon America in taking over a very important phase of the negotiations, and consider the two sessions thus far held as very satisfactory to America. The fact that a member of the commission expressed the belief that the work would be completed within a month indicates a happy frame of mind.

In the Spanish camp great hopes are built on what they believe General Merritt will advise, namely, that the Philippines are incapable of self-government, and that the whole situation does not warrant American intervention, and the responsibility for the entire Philippines. The Spaniards are quite ready to give whatever America asks in the way of coaling stations, but will resist more to the verge of a renewal of hostilities.

THE PHILIPPINES.

MADRID, Oct. 3.—The reported intention of the United States Government to retain the whole of the Philippine islands has created almost a state of stupefaction here, and it is semi-officially announced that the Spanish Government has resolved to vigorously combat any action which, it is claimed, the terms of the peace protocol preclude.

General Rios, Governor of the Vizcaya Islands, reports to the Government another defeat of the insurgents. The Spanish volunteers, he says, also repulsed an insurgent attack on the town of Basan and killed 31 of the attacking force.

HON. HENRY T. GAGE.

The Republican Candidate Addresses a Large Audience.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 3.—Henry T. Gage, Republican nominee for Governor, addressed a large audience at Saratoga Hall to-night. The list of Vice Presidents included 216 prominent Republicans.

The remarks of Mr. Gage were brief, but were received with much applause. He expressed his confidence in the success of the Republican ticket at the polls.

Speeches were also made by G. L. Patton, candidate for Mayor; Julius Kahn, candidate for Congress from the Fourth District; E. F. Preston and others.

Mr. Gage also addressed another meeting at Teutonia Hall. He spoke briefly of the issues of the campaign, and addressed himself particularly to the workmen, who comprised a large part of the audience.

Soldiers of the Seventh Regiment.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 3.—General Miller will to-morrow forward to General Merriam the applications of the men of the Seventh California Regiment asking that they be mustered out. From the number of the applications sent in to the General it is evident that nearly ninety per cent. of the men, if not more, desire to get out of the service. General Miller will send along with the applications a letter to General Merriam, giving his opinion of the situation, and stating what he thinks to be best to be done in the premises. He has given his personal attention to each one of the applications.

Battleship Wisconsin.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 3.—The battleship Wisconsin is to be launched from the Union Iron Works on November 26th, and preparations for the

event are already under way. It will be made a gala occasion. The Governor, many other public officials and a delegation from the State for which the vessel is to be named will be present. The young lady who is to christen the boat has not yet been chosen.

Beaches Strwn With Timber.

SANTA CRUZ, Oct. 3.—Many logs were washed on the beach from the derelict raft to-day. For many miles up the coast the beaches are strewn with timber and logs. The steamer Whitesboro cut loose from the raft and returned to San Francisco. Fishermen now have possession of the raft, and the lumber is being taken ashore. It is estimated that the raft contained a million feet of lumber, estimated to be worth about \$100,000. A light is kept burning on the raft, so that vessels will be warned.

Torpedo Boat Destroyer Farragut.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 3.—The torpedo boat destroyer Farragut completed her contract to-day. Unfortunately her starboard engine broke down and it will be three weeks before the frail but fast vessel can have another trial. She made three attempts to-day. On the first she made twenty-four knots, on the second twenty-eight and on the third thirty and sevenths knots, and then the rock shaft broke.

Trial of Ex-Treasurer Widber.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 3.—In the case of ex-Treasurer Widber, accused of stealing \$117,000 from the city, the confession of the prisoner was today read from notes by Stenographer D. C. Murphy. In it Widber stated he had invested the money in various speculations. Mayor Phelan was recalled, but revealed nothing new. The prosecution may close its case to-morrow.

A Boy Held for Murder.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 3.—The preliminary examination of Rex Machado, the little boy who fatally shot Eddie Schmidt at San Pedro, took place before Justice Patterson at San Pedro this morning. Machado was bound over to the Superior Court on a charge of murder. The defendant is 13 years old.

Death From Natural Causes.

REDDING, Oct. 3.—The dead body of John B. Bailey has been found in Watson Gulch, about twenty-five miles from this city. He possessed a bank account of \$2,000 and promissory notes amounting to \$1,039, all of which he left by will to a relative in France. Death was from natural causes.

Unjustifiable Homicide.

REDDING, Oct. 3.—The Coroner's jury in the case of W. Boughen, the tramp who was fatally shot by Albert Thomas, returned a verdict of unjustifiable homicide. Thomas was immediately arrested, and is at liberty under \$1,000 bonds to await examination.

TROOPS IN PORTO RICO.

A LARGE NUMBER OF VOLUNTEERS ON THE SICK LIST.

Cannot Stand the Climate as Well as Regulars—Convalescents Being Sent Home.

[Copyrighted, 1898, by Associated Press.] PONCE (Porto Rico), Sept. 27.—It is the well grounded and almost unanimous opinion of the medical staff of the American army in Porto Rico that the condition of the volunteer forces here necessitates their removal north.

Sickness is increasing and has been increasing during the past three weeks at an alarming rate. To-day the sick report shows 2,700 in hospitals or in quarters, out of a total command of 10,000 men—that is, over 25 per cent. of the troops are on the sick list. This, however, does not mean that there is an effective strength of 7,500 men. The soldiers discharged from the hospitals as fit for duty are in nine cases out of ten incapable of service, and if ordered on duty are almost invariably back in the hospitals within a few days.

The medical officers have found that the convalescents do not and seemingly cannot recover their strength in this climate, and for this reason they are being sent north as rapidly as possible, several hundred leaving every week.

It is a significant fact that there is a wide disparity between the sickness in the volunteers and regular commands. In the two regular infantry regiments, at Niara, the sickness percentage is only about 10 per cent. while in the volunteer regiments it averages 34 per cent.

The weekly health report of a week ago shows 365 cases of typhoid fever, 565 cases of malaria, one case of smallpox and 1,450 cases of climatic fever, diarrhoea, etc. Since then about 300 cases have been added to the list.

The worst feature of the situation is the steady increase in the number of typhoid fever cases, which to-day reached over 400. For a time it appeared probable that the typhoid fever in the army, most of which is alleged to have come from Camp Thomas and Camp Alger originally, would be stamped out, but about three weeks ago new cases began to appear at an alarming rate. Major Snowden and his associates do not believe that there is a new source of contagion, but rather that the cases are due to infection of the old cases.

Captain R. M. Pugsley, Navigator of the transport Ogdan, was relieved from duty on that ship's arrival here on Saturday. The order relieving him was issued by General Henry, upon the representation of Captain Walter Allen, the United States Quartermaster in charge of the vessel, who alleged that Captain Pugsley had been insubordinate and had used abusive language on the voyage down. The charges made against Pugsley grew out of a conflict of authority on board the ship. Captain Allen maintained that he was Pugsley's superior officer, a contention which the latter challenged, so far as it related to the navigation of the ship. It was to Captain Pugsley that the sailing orders were directed in New York. Captain Pugsley, upon his return to New York, will demand an investigation.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—To-day's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$309,356,297; gold reserve, \$243,327,372.

VICTIMS OF THE FOREST FIRES.

Bodies of a Man and Boy Found Near Poskin Lake, Wis.

Both Were So Badly Burned That They Were Beyond Recognition.

Estimated That a Thousand People Have Lost Their Lives in the Northwestern State as a Result of the Fires—Flames in Colorado in Many Places Checked by Rain and Snow.

CUMBERLAND (Wis.), Oct. 3.—The bodies of a man and a boy were found to-day in the woods between Almena and Poskin Lake, burned beyond recognition. Several persons are still missing. Peter Ecklund, who was seriously burned in the forest fires, was brought to this city to-day in a critical condition and it is thought he cannot live. A four-year-old daughter of Rud