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[illegible] REFUSES TO ENTER.

[illegible] Will Not Join in the Sealing Conference.

[illegible]DON, Oct. 8.—The foreign office [illegible] informed Ambassador Hay as a [illegible] that Great Britain will not [illegible]ticipate in the sealing conference [illegible] representatives of Russia and [illegible], on the ground that they were [illegible] sufficiently interested in the ques[illegible] to entitle them to representation. [illegible] British government, however, [illegible]rted a willingness to confer with [illegible] United States alone. It is thought [illegible]bable that this will result in two [illegible]tings, one between the United [illegible]tes and Japan and Russia, the other [illegible]ween the United States, Great [illegible]ritain and Canada. The withdrawal [illegible] Great Britain from the joint con[illegible]rence is due to Canadian objections.

[illegible] SCORE BURNED TO DEATH.

Manitoba Forest Fires Are Spreading Into Dakota.

WINNIPEG, MAN., Oct. 8.—The forest [illegible]re that has been raging in Manitoba [illegible]me to the boundary line for the past [illegible] days has broken out more furiously [illegible]an ever. Ten or twelve persons are [illegible]ported to have been burned to death, [illegible] the fire is rapidly spreading over [illegible] boundary line into Dakota. Up to [illegible] this time the fire has been confined to [illegible] Canadian side of the boundary, [illegible] the swath on the line between the United States and Manitoba has been [illegible]bliterated and fear is entertained [illegible] the fire will get beyond the con[illegible] of the settlers. At Beauejour, Manitoba, seven persons lost their lives.

SAGASTA AS PREMIER.

New Liberal Cabinet Formed in Spain of Which He is the Head.

MADRID, Oct. 5.—The new Spanish ministry has been announced as follows: Senor Sagasta, president of the council of ministers; Senor Gullon, minister for foreign affairs; Senor Groizard, minister of justice; General Correa, minister of war; Admiral Correa, minister of marine; Senor Puigcerver, minister of finance; Senor Capdepon, minister of the interior; Count Xigenuine, minister of public works; Senor Morat, minister for the colonies. The ministers, after an informal meeting, proceeded to the palace and took the oath of office.

Five Buried Alive.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 7.—Excavations at Ternevsky, near Odessa, the scene of the voluntary living burial of persons belonging to a religious sect known as Paskolriki, at the head of which is Feodore Kavaleff, resulted in the discovery of six more bodies of men, women and children. The search continues. It is expected that about thirty corpses will be unearthed.

Barnato Only Worth $4,619,825.

LONDON, Oct. 7.—Barney Barnato, the so-called "Kaffir King," who committed suicide by throwing himself into the sea from the British steamer Scott on June 14 last, while on the passage from Capetown to Southampton, left a fortune amounting to £963,565.

LITERARY NOTES.

The October number of The Delineator is called the autumn number, and its representation of the new Russian blouse-waists, fan-back skirts, and all the other autumn novelties in dress modes and millinery is made complete by a series of artistic colorplates. The literary features include a bright and crisp novelette, "A Triumph of Mind," by Anna Eichberg King, author of the captivating "Kitwyk Stories."

McClure's Magazine for October will contain a description of what must be one of the most curious and thrilling spectacles in all the world—an elephant round up in Siam. The article will be illustrated from a series of photographs showing the various steps in the dangerous proceeding of driving 200 wild elephants into a corral and choosing out such as desired for the royal elephant stables and bringing them into subjection.

Harper's Bazar of October 24, as is usual with the first number of the month, gives additional space to the "Department of Women's Clubs," which is rapidly assuming the form of an authoritative resume of this most important branch of social activity.

The interiors of one thousand of the most attractive homes in the United States have been photographed by The Ladies' Home Journal. One hundred of the best of these pictures will be reproduced in that magazine. The first article of the series—"Inside of a Hundred Homes"—will appear in the October Journal.

An article describing and illustrating science-teaching in the University of Chicago will occupy a prominent place in Appletons' Popular Science Monthly for October. Prof. Frederick Starr, the author, is not the least among the forces tending to advance this new university to the front rank, and his description of its aims and methods is sympathetic as well as comprehensive.

In addition to special literary features, in the October Atlantic appears the first installment of a new novel by Mr. F. Hopkinson Smith, which he entitles "Caleb West." Mr. Smith regards this as by far his best effort in fiction, and the reader will find that in its opening chapters he is introduced into the vigorous out-door life of lighthouse builders, whose courage and manliness are of the primary sort.

The Art Amateur for October is one of the most superb numbers yet issued by that magazine. The color plate which accompanies it, "Cherry Ripe," shows us a charming little girl, in white dress and bonnet and pink silk coat, carrying a basket of cherries on the left arm, while with the right hand she holds aloft a small bunch. A more delightful child picture it would be hard to imagine.

The editor of the American Monthly Review of Reviews comments in his October number on the killing of the striking miners by deputy sheriffs at Lattimer, Pa., on the provinces of [illegible] in the struggle for the [illegible]

THE NEWS IN IOWA

NOVAK'S STORY IS REVEALED.

Death of Murray Was an Accident According to It.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Oct. 8.—C. C. Perrin, the detective who captured Frank A. Novak, who is charged with the murder of Edward Murray, together with arson and conspiracy, has made a detailed report to the Thiel agency and this report has just been made public. It is a very interesting account of the detective's trip to Klondyke and his return, together with a confession made by Novak to him. Novak, in this alleged confession, is made to claim that he had a bottle of whisky in his store, heavily charged with morphine, for the benefit of robbers who might break into his store, and that after he and Murray had entered the store on that night, he went below to fix up the fire and that Murray drank a large part of the contents of the bottle. He discovered it when he returned up stairs. He says he placed Murray in bed and then went down stairs and lay down on a counter and fell asleep, and that when he awoke the store was on fire. He claims to have made two attempts to rescue Murray, but was unable to do so. Fearing his story would not be believed, he fled.

QUADE'S FAMILY ARRESTED.

Wife, Daughter and Son Held for Investigation.

MASSON, Oct. 8.—Sheriff White arrested Mrs. Fred Quade, daughter Mary and son Anton, on an information sworn out by Constable Richmond, as alleged accessories to the murder of Fred Quade. At the preliminary trial they will undoubtedly waive examination, and the case will be brought before the grand jury at Rockwell City. Quade was killed by a gunshot while sleeping at a table in his house late at night. He had quarreled with his daughter, who was in a delicate condition. A gun was found on the premises, one barrel having been recently discharged. The large number of suspicious circumstances that have come to light warrant the action taken.

REPUBLICANS IN COURT.

Wright-Hancock Election Contest Appealed From State Board.

DES MOINES, Oct. 8.—Hancock county republicans are not content with the decision of the state elections board that the name of F. C. Hartshorn, of Wright county, shall go on the ticket as the nominee of the republicans. M. E. Chambers, the Hancock county nominee, appeared in the district court of Polk county and secured a writ of certiorari, commanding the state board to appear with the records before Judge Spurrier for a review of the case. An injunction restraining the board from certifying Hartshorn's name to the auditors of Hancock and Wright counties was issued, to hold good pending the decision of the certiorari case.

UNABLE TO HIDE HIS MONEY.

Iowa Farmer Buries $45,000, But a Neighbors Locates It.

DUBUQUE, Oct. 4.—Judge O'Donnell some time ago awarded Conrad May's wife temporary alimony pending divorce proceedings. May refused to pay and was arrested and questioned as to what he had done with the money received for two farms in Wisconsin. He said he had buried it on one of the farms. This story was considered a device to avoid admission that the sale of the farms was fictitious, but May paid the alimony and was released. A neighbor, hunting gophers on May's farm, uncovered five shot sacks containing $45,000. He took the money home, but May laid claim to it and received it.

SHE GOES FREE.

The Supreme Court Liberates Mrs. Betsy Smith.

DES MOINES, Oct. 6.—The supreme court has reversed the decision of the Polk county district court in the case of Betsy Smith, convicted of murdering her husband by poison. Furthermore the court says that the evidence is insufficient. It will probably set her free. Mrs. Smith was charged with administering a deadly poison to her husband, Michael Smith, on the 24th day of April, 1894. The court also decided that Suel J. Spaulding committed no crime when secretary of the state board of pharmacy commission.

BEATEN AND ROBBED.

Washington Man Found in an Alley Bound and Gagged.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 8.—Harvey Cherry, who had just returned from Nebraska, where he sold his farm and had $9,000 on his person, was waylaid by three footpads at an early morning hour, knocked senseless and robbed of the money and a valuable gold watch. He was found gagged and bound in an alley, almost dead from loss of blood from an ugly gash in the head. He can give no explanation of the affair and cannot describe his assailants. A reward of $100 has been offered for the guilty parties.

New Regents for the University.

DES MOINES, Oct. 5.—Colonels Swalm and Stanton have resigned as regents of the State University, and the governor has appointed to succeed them ex-Judge W. D. Tisdale, of Ottumwa, and Hon. H. K. Evans, of Corydon. The latter has resigned his seat in the house of representatives.

Killed by Trolley Pole.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Oct. 6.—Alfred Walton, a young man about 25 years old, while riding on an open street car leaned out too far and was struck with an iron pole supporting the trolley wire. His head was crushed and it is feared he cannot live.

Star Pointer Goes in 2:01 1-4.

OTTUMWA, Oct. 7.—Star Pointer made a mile here in 2:01¼. Patchen made it in 2:04. They went against a wind, and Murphy says, considering conditions, it was the best work ever done by Pointer. An enormous crowd witnessed the race.

FATAL SHOOTING AT GENEVA.

Man Killed by a Companion, it is Alleged.

GENEVA, Oct. 6.—A fatal shooting affray occurred seven miles north of town. William Staler and James, both on running horses, became involved in a quarrel. Staler, it is alleged pulled a 32-caliber revolver and shot Biggs three times, each shot taking effect in the head. After committing the desperate deed he fled and is still at large. His victim will die.

Southern Iowa Strike Over.

CENTERVILLE, Oct. 6.—Appanoose county miners and operators held a joint conference in Centerville and agreed upon a uniform winter scale for mining of 90 cents, and all will go to work. The miners and operators have been very successful in avoiding strikes, and all are in a prosperous condition. They say that they will let no outside parties influence them. More coal is being mined than for many years.

Nine Horses Burn.

WAVERLY, Oct. 7.—George Martin's livery barn burned and nine horses perished, including seven valuable trotting and running horses, the property of E. C. Hurd, of Nashua, who was on his way to the Hampton races. Miss Mamie, Sound Currency, Howard Lee and Sid Regan, all well known to Iowa turfmen, were the animals burned. The fire is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary.

Fire at Riverside.

IOWA CITY, Oct. 6.—A fire at Riverside did damage to the extent of $12,000. It broke out about midnight in the butcher shop of Skobal & Palmer and when discovered was beyond control. It spread to Ritz & Co.'s drug store, the postoffice and mail matter, Bott & Butterbaugh's office, Charles Thomann's residence and O. Lowell's barber shop. The insurance was light.

Killed in a Runaway.

FORT MADISON, Oct. 6.—Mrs. Henry Kreiger, a well known resident, was thrown against a stone in a runaway and died an hour later. Her daughter sustained bad injuries.

IOWA CONDENSED.

At Des Moines Bert Boss, who confessed to shooting his wife with intent to commit murder, was sentenced to serve three years at the Fort Madison penitentiary and taken there by a deputy sheriff.

Cedar Rapids dispatch: John Porter, one of the best known barbers in Cedar Rapids, and quite prominent as well, has mysteriously disappeared from the city, and no one knows anything about his whereabouts. He left his wife and little daughter in an almost penniless condition.

Judge W. A. Spurrier, in the district court of Polk county, signed an order to Clerk Jordan directing the issue of a writ of certiorari addressed to the state election board, which will open up in court the contest between the factions of the people's party for the use of the party name on the ballot this fall.

A change of venue was taken from Buchanan county to Black Hawk county in the case of Sylvester Hoover, charged with arson. This is the conclusion of a number of cases against Hoover, who last year attempted to murder and burn the house of Joseph Heckle, the husband of Hoover's former school teacher and with whom he was in love.

By the explosion of a boiler in a feed mill on a farm twelve miles northeast of Lineville, a few days ago, Henry Rouns and James Dyball were so badly injured that they may die, and four others seriously hurt. A number of horses and cattle were badly scalded from the steam, and the entire building wrecked. The water becoming low in the boiler, cold water was pumped in, which caused the explosion.

Workmen engaged at Dubuque in digging the foundation for the monument to be erected to the memory of Julien Dubuque have come across his bones, and also of two Indian chiefs buried with him. The remains are distinguished by the difference in the formation of their skulls. The skeletons are well preserved and will be put in a hermetically sealed jar. Dubuque came here in 1788 and died in 1810.

At Des Moines the jury in the libel suit of Otto Nelson vs. Lafayette Young, in which Nelson claimed $10,000 damages, came into court after being out nearly twenty-four hours, and reported that it had been unable to agree. Judge Spurrier, by questioning, learned that the ballots had remained the same for fifteen hours, and discharged the jury. This will necessitate a second trial, probably at the next term.

A frame building at Grand Junction occupied as a barber shop by Quinn Bros. took fire, and before the flames could be extinguished four buildings, all wooden, were entirely destroyed. One building was owned and occupied by T. Seisure as a jewelry and barber shop; one a confectionery and lunch stand, owned by James Sanders and occupied by G. W. Harvey; and the other owned and occupied by G. W. Blakeney as a tailor shop. The furniture and moveable property were mostly saved.

At Des Moines recently a most disastrous fire and one of the largest the residence portion of the city has ever known, broke out on the J. R. Hurlbut premises, at 1424 West Ninth street. Within an hour five of the most fashionable residences in that portion of the city, and as many barns and other property had been destroyed. The total loss is at least $30,000. It was only by the greatest efforts of the firemen that the fire was prevented from making a clean sweep to the river, five blocks north, so great was the force of the wind. Time and time again the houses north, east and west caught fire and it took the utmost vigilance to combat the cloud of dying embers.

ALL OVER THE WORLD

YELLOW FEVER SCARE.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 4.—Dr. Guiteras has been employed by the government as an expert on yellow fever here. In an interview he said: "The present yellow fever epidemic is of average severity. Owing to scientific methods of operating in infected districts, the scourge has been kept from spreading more than it has."

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 4.—The fever situation is not improving. No new cases are reported. There are four deaths. The board of health finds great difficulty in stamping out the disease. The failure to report cases of sickness is becoming exasperatingly common.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 5.—The city council held a conference with the local members of the legislature and it was resolved to ask the governor to place $50,000 at the disposal of the board of health to aid in the fever fight.

OCEAN SPRINGS, Miss., Oct. 5.—Surgeon Murray returned from Scranton and reports between forty and fifty cases of fever there, with four deaths.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—Two new cases of yellow fever are reported at Nittayuma, Miss.

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 5.—Refugees from the yellow fever stricken districts of the south who come into Indiana are to receive attention from the boards of health hereafter.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 7.—Yesterday was a record breaker. The board of health officially announces that during the twenty-four hours ending at 9 p. m. there were: Cases of yellow fever, 46; deaths, 5; total cases to date, 425; total deaths from yellow fever to date, 43; total cases absolutely recovered, 134; total cases under treatment, 248. Advices from Edwards and Biloxi, Miss., state that the disease continues to spread.

VICTORIUS CUBANS.

Heavy Losses Sustained by the Spaniards in a Recent Fight.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—The Herald's Havana special says: A big battle occurred October 2, in Camerone hills, not far from Mantanzas, between the Spanish under General Molina and the rebels under the command of Betancourt, Sanquilley and Raouli Arango. The Herald's correspondent in Mantanzas obtained an account of the fight from a Spanish official who was present. From this it appears that the rebel infantry was strongly entrenched in an almost inaccessible position in the hills, and all efforts to disiodge them were futile, resulting only in heavy loss to the attacking forces. The insurgents had only a few men killed and jeered and taunted the Spanish during the whole engagement. Molina nearly met death. Enraged at his failure he returned to attack the next day, but with no better success. Large numbers of wounded and dying Spanish soldiers were brought into Mantanzas.

BEAR CREEK IS RICH.

Millions to Come From the Klondyke in the Spring.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 5.—George Stanley, who is mining on Eldorado Creek in Yukon, writes his father in Seattle that the claims owned by his father and his partner, Warden, on Eldorado Creek, will pan out $500,000 in gold nuggets this coming winter. The letter predicts that claims on Bear Creek will turn out as rich as those on Bonanza and Eldorado creeks, the pans averaging $5 each. Stanley also writes that the Canadian government is exacting a royalty of 25 cents a cord on wood to be used in thawing out gravel this winter. A similiar charge is also made for logs used in building cabins for miners. During the summer forest fires destroyed a large amount of cord wood. Owing to the scarcity of water but little sluicing has been done.

OSMAN DIGNA FALLING BACK.

Road Between Suakim and Berber Now Open to the British.

CAIRO, Oct. 5.—Dispatches from Merawai confirm the report that Osman Digna, the principal general of the khalifa, is retiring with his army on Omdurman, opposite Khartoum, leaving the road between Suakim and Berber open. All the tribes of the eastern Soudan, according to these dispatches, have renounced Mahdism.

National Postal Finances.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—Henry A. Castle, auditor of the postoffice department, has closed the books of the postal service for the fiscal year ending June 30, last. The results, compared with the preceding year, show that the receipts increased $166,254 for the year; expenditures increased $3,470,745, while the deficit was increased $3,304,490. For 1895, receipts were $82,665,462; expenditures, $94,097,042, and the deficit was $11,431,579.

Seven Killed in a Wreck.

WILLOW SPRINGS, Mo., Oct. 5.—A passenger train on the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis railway ran into a wagon containing seven persons at Deadmen's cut, three miles north of here, instantly killing six and fatally injuring the others.

Six Burn to Death.

PLANKINTON, S. D., Oct. 7.—The girl's cottage at the State Industrial school burned at midnight. Six perished in the flames. Twenty-five others escaped in their night clothes. The loss is $25,000. The fire originated from a lamp explosion.

America Gets More Space.

PARIS, Oct. 7.—Major Handy, special United States Commissioner to the Paris exposition of 1900, has secured 25 per cent additional space for American exhibits, making the space of the United States equal to that of other big nations.

Swiss Buy Their Railroads.

BERNE, Oct. 6.—The national council by a vote of 99 to 29, has adopted a bill providing for the purchase of five of the principal railroads in Switzerland at a cost approximating $100,000,000.

HAWAII IS ANNEXED.

That's How Senator Lodge Characterizes the Situation.

BOSTON, MASS., Oct. 7.—"I look upon the annexation of the Hawaiian islands as practically accomplished," said Senator Lodge. "The treaty will be taken up at once when congress assembles in December, and I think that there is an easy majority in the senate in favor of its ratification. If it should appear probable that an opposition is developing sufficient to defeat ratification, the remedy will be very simple. There is a joint resolution of annexation of the islands on the calendar, which does not require a two-thirds majority, as is the case in the vote for ratification of the treaty. A simple majority in both houses will accomplish the same result, and that majority we have easily. If it appears probable that ratification may fail, we shall simply slip in the resolution and act upon that in place of the treaty. Before Christmas I certainly expect that Hawaii will be American territory."

WOLCOTT MISSION A FIZZLE.

Indian Government Refuses to Consider Re-opening the Mints.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—The Herald's Paris cable says: The Herald is informed from a trustworthy source that the Indian government, in reply to a further pressing invitation by the English cabinet to consider Senator Wolcott's proposals, answers that it cannot reopen the question of Indian currency and it will not be a party to reopening the mints to the free coinage of silver. In well informed English circles, adds the correspondent, it is not believed Salisbury's government will dare override on this question the decision of the Indian government. Wolcott's mission must thus be considered abortive.

Lily Langtry's Ex-Husband Crazy.

LONDON, Oct. 6.—Edward Langtry, former husband of Lily Langtry, the actress, has been admitted into the insane asylum. His sudden breakdown is strange and unexplained. He has always enjoyed the best of health, was an ardent sportsman, lived a great deal out of doors and was temperate in his habits.

BREVITIES.

Gen. Neal Dow, the great temperance worker, is dead. Death was due to the infirmaties of old age. He had been confined to his bed but one week.

The New York Herald prints an interview with Lieutenant Peary, in which he says: "I found no evidence of cannibalism at Camp Clayton Cape Sabine."

The anti-cigarette law, enacted by the general assembly of Tennessee at its last session, has been declared unconstitutional by United States Circuit Judge Lurton.

It is announced that as a result of the revival in trade, the San Francisco mint will at once resume the coinage of silver dollars in accordance with instructions received from Washington.

A recent dispatch from Guatemala says: The situation in Guatemala is practically unchanged. The rebels are centered in Quezaltenango, which city is now almost surrounded by 16,000 government troops, and a big battle is expected there.

Senator Wolcott has recently arrived in London from Paris. In answer to a question on the subject, the commissioner said he was merely waiting for the answer of the British government, which he hoped would be favorable to the propositions of the commission.

Simla dispatch: The campaign against the Mohmands has been successfully concluded, and nothing now remains but to collect the fines. The upper Mohmands have been severely punished and the lower Mohmands, cowed by the success of the British troops, are accepting the terms of the British commanders.

Berlin dispatch: The much coveted music prize, known as the Mendelssohn stipendium, has been won by Miss Lenora Jackson, an American competitor. Representatives of a score of countries and of all parts of Germany entered the lists. The prize is 1,500 marks. This is the first occasion when a stipendium has been won by an American.

At Springfield, recently in a race that was witnessed by at least 65,000 people, Star Pointer, on the Illinois state fair grounds, not only maintained his reputation as the king of pacers by beating Joe Patchen, but he also lowered the world's pacing record in a race by half a second, making a mile in 2:00½, the record in a race having been 2:01, which Star Pointer made on Saturday, September 18, at Indianapolis, when he defeated Jo Patchen.

Friends of John McKane, the ex-political boss of Brooklyn, are making a very determined effort to bring about his release, and have succeeded in obtaining promises of assistance from Senator Platt and his associate leaders of the republican party. Speaking of the matter, Platt said: "The case of John McKane has been brought to my attention by several persons interested in his pardon. I think he was more sinned against than sinning. He has been punished sufficiently."

The London Daily Mail, in a recent special article on the Spanish situation, says: "The symptoms of Carlist agitation are every day becoming more manifest and attracting the attention of the Spanish government. Carlist emissaries are visiting the provinces of Navarro and Castellon, where the party has its strongest supporters. There is the best reason for believing that the signal for rising will soon be given. The revolt will probably occur in Navarro or Castellon, and the population of the Bashue provinces is also ready to rise. The Carlist press has changed its tone and now hints that Don Carlos may intervene. At the same time, it is asserted that a Carlist company has entered into a contract with the republic of Andorra, under which the company is granted the privilege of manufacturing arms and explosives within the territory of the republic."

VICTORIA OPPOSES HOME RULE

Queen is Against the Dearest Wish of the Irish Heart.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—A cablegram from London to the Evening Post says: No little talk has been aroused in political circles over passages in Lord Tennyson's biography, which nearly all the reviewers purposely or accidentally overlooked. The passages in letters between Lord Tennyson and the queen furnish the first direct evidence of the queen's bitter and active hostility to the home rule policy of her constitutional advisers, and quite upset the notion that the queen has become the mere echo of her ministers' views. It is a well known fact that the letters are now published by the deliberate wish of her majesty. This lends peculiar interest and importance to the disclosure, suggesting either her belief that Irish home rule is gone beyond recall, though Mr. John Morely has this week again nailed the home rule clause to the liberal mast, or else her fixed determination to withhold her acceptance of any such constitutional change.

FIERCE STORMS IN JAPAN.

Thousands of Houses Destroyed and Several Lives Lost.

TACOMA, Wash., Oct. 6.—Yokohama papers contain full accounts of a severe storm which passed over the country on September 4, and reports of great havoc are coming in from all quarters. At the latest date 376 houses were totally destroyed in Tokio, 7,728 partially damaged and 14,043 submerged. In Shidzouka there were 1,060 houses demolished, 4,000 seriously damaged, thirty-eight persons killed and forty-two injured. At Toyama 750 houses were flooded, bridges washed away, the rice crop ruined and other damage done. An American sailing vessel went ashore at Awagone and a number of lives were lost. At Yejiri the whole town is in ruins. In Koishikawa 1,500 houses were submerged, among them the Presbyterian mission and Baptist schools. Most of the legation buildings were badly damaged.

THOUSANDS DROWN IN CHINA.

Floods Destroy Enormous Number of Lives and Lots of Property.

CHICAGO, Oct. 6.—A special to the Record from Tacoma says: The steamer Victoria brings news of the most disastrous floods that have visited China for many years. Sixty villages near Tung Chou, containing over 80,000 inhabitants, have been destroyed by floods and the people either drowned or forced to flee. No means of finding out how many thousands have been drowned, but the number is estimated by Chinese authorities at 15,000 to 20,000. The flooded district is within twelve miles of Pekin, the capital of China. As a rule, Chinese officials make very little stir when a calamity like this happens, but the proximity of the disaster has resulted in its being brought to the attention of the emperor, who has ordered that all possible relief be given.

STAND BY WEYLER.

Spanish Residents of Cuba Want Him Retained.

HAVANA, Oct. 6.—The friends of Captain General Weyler made a grand rally in his behalf and did all they could possibly do to prevent his recall to Spain. At a meeting at which many of the wealthier class of Spaniards were present resolutions indorsing General Weyler were adopted with great enthusiasm and a cable message was sent to the government of Madrid announcing that the representatives of the trading, mercantile and industrial communities were satisfied with the course followed by Captain General Weyler looking to an early and complete pacification of Cuba and expressing fear that his recall will delay the pacification. It was further agreed to organize a public demonstration in General Weyler's honor.

SLAIN BY NATIVES IN AFRICA.

English-Cavendish Sporting Expedition Murdered by Amharas.

ROME, Oct. 5.—News has been received from Benadir to the effect that the English-Cavendish sporting expedition, which left Berbera, East Africa, last year, arriving at Lugh, Somaliland, about the middle of November, and thence proceeded for Lake Rudolph, has been attacked by a band of Amharas, who murdered all the members of the expedition. The party consisted of two Englishmen and ninety Ascaris.

CUBAN AFFAIRS.

New Spanish Cabinet Decides to Grant Autonomy.

MADRID, Oct. 7.—At a cabinet council the government decided to grant autonomy to Cuba under the suzerainty of Spain and to continue the campaign as long as may be necessary. Senor Sagasta, the premier, has received a cable message from Captain General Weyler, who offers his services to the government and says: "I shall not resign."

Eight Tickets on Ohio Ballot.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Oct. 5.—The time within which state tickets must be qualified and presented to the secretary of state for insertion on the Australian ballot has closed. Eight tickets will be presented on this ballot to the voters of Ohio, viz: Republican, democratic, regular prohibition, liberal prohibition, gold democratic, populist, negro protective and socialist. The last six are not likely to secure 60,000 votes altogether.

Breaks the Record Again.

PLYMOUTH, Oct. 7.—The North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilheim der Grosse, from New York for Bremen, has arrived. The time of passage from New York to Plymouth was five days fifteen hours and ten minutes which establishes a new record eastward. The average speed was 21.91 knots; biggest day's run, 519 knots. The same vessel broke the record westward on her recent trip to New York, which was her initial trip.

CHEAP SEWING MACHINES.

Anything is Good Enough for the Old Lady.

A man intending to purchase farm machinery will first decide which is the lightest running and the best adapted for his work. He does not look for a cheap article, at a low price, but he wants the best, at a fair price.

Yet, how often a man, in purchasing a sewing machine, will look for the cheapest made. No thought enters his head of the long, weary hours his wife or daughter will be compelled to operate the slow and hard-running machine. He will think of a light-draft binder, to preserve his horses, but he will not take his wife's time into consideration. This state of affairs would not exist if purchasers were aware of the great difference between the various machines.

The sewing machine which today stands pre-eminently in advance of all others is the "Wheeler & Wilson No. 9." Its perfect stitching and ball-bearing devices enable it to sew better and one-third faster than any lock-stitch machine on the market. By its perfect construction all vibration is avoided. It contains many other features which aid in producing comfort to the operator. If you cannot find the "No. 9" in your nearest town, write to Wheeler & Wilson Mfg. Co., Chicago, Ill., for prices.

Letting Them Down Easy.

"Father, why do they sprinkle sawdust around the floors of saloons?"

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