

NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events. PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

SPEAKER CRISP has canceled his engagements to speak in Missouri during the present campaign, owing to the illness of Mrs. Crisp.

It is said that overtures looking to a declaration of peace between China and Japan were made by the former, on the 15th, but Japan rejected them, considering them inadequate.

HERR HENGELMULLER VON HENGERVA, formerly Austrian minister to Serbia, and at present minister to Brazil, has been named as Austrian ambassador at Washington.

It was rumored in Shanghai, on the 16th, that Port Arthur, the Chinese stronghold, where the Chinese fleet has been refitting after the battle of Yalu river, had been captured by the Japanese.

THE NEWS of the illness of the ameer of Afghanistan is regarded in Calcutta with the utmost seriousness, and grave anxiety is felt for the safety of Europeans in Cabul in the event of the ameer's death.

KING ALEXANDER OF SERBIA arrived, on the 17th, at Potsdam. He was welcomed at the station by Emperor William and a number of German princes. A gala dinner in his honor was given in the new palace.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONER ROOSEVELT went from Washington to Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 20th, to assume control of the investigation which is going on there into the charges of assessments for campaign purposes.

A COSSACKS contribution of \$326.25, in an envelope postmarked Massillon, O., and from an unknown person, was received by United States Treasurer Morgan, on the 16th, and placed to the credit of the conscience fund.

An encyclical letter to the church in America will be issued shortly, the pope being engaged in revising and correcting the document. The letter will contain an important passage in regard to the church in South America.

ACCORDING to the best returns obtainable 230,765 names were placed on the poll lists in Chicago, on the 16th, the first day for registering. Of this number 10,445 were women, who will vote for the first time on the polls November 6.

At Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 18th, the United States grand jury found a true bill against Division Freight Agent James Means of the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis railway for violation of the interstate commerce law.

VISCOUNT AOKI, the Japanese envoy to London, has been decorated with the highest Japanese order, and has also had his pension largely increased, as a reward for the great assistance he rendered in concluding the Anglo-Japanese treaty.

A LARGE naptha spring at Gresno, Asiatic Russia, became ignited in some unexplained way, on the 19th, and the flames spread to a number of buildings in its vicinity, and seventeen workmen employed in the buildings referred to were burned to death.

A SQUAD of police visited the Technological institute in St. Petersburg, on the night of the 16th, and, proceeding to the dormitories, took into custody thirty of the students on a charge of engaging in a nihilist conspiracy against the government.

THE Reimer family, charged with having started the numerous fires at Dalton, O., one of which destroyed half of the town a few weeks ago, were released from custody, on the 19th, there not being sufficient evidence to hold them over for trial.

It is said that Gas-well Driller Samuel McPherson has discovered the Hot-tempered Pit, near Selma, Ind., where, in drilling a well, after getting down about 100 feet, his 2,100-pound drill suddenly plunged downward to the full length of the rope, 1,100 feet.

EX-PRESIDENT HARRISON started from Indianapolis on his second campaign tour of Indiana, on the 19th, the day's trip being to the north and east over the Lake Erie & Western road, taking in the towns of Noblesville, Tipton, Kokomo, Marion, Bluffton and Decatur.

SIR HALLIDAY MACARTNEY, secretary of the Chinese legation in London, declared in an interview, on the 17th, that whatever negotiations might have been entered into between England and Japan with a view of terminating the war, China was not assented to any proposals for peace.

GAS wells supplying the town of Cary, O., have failed completely, and the supply has been shut off. Many other places will follow suit before the close of winter. Natural gas in northern Ohio is almost at an end. New wells are few and far between and the present ones are falling rapidly.

THOUSANDS of Salvationists gathered in the Salvation army "marches" in London, on the 18th, to witness the marriage of Miss Lucy Booth, daughter of Gen. Booth of the Salvation army, to Col. Helberg, a Swedish member of the army. It is the intention of the couple to go to India and engage in missionary work.

THE dead bodies of Miss Mary Duff and her betrothed husband, Elett L. Titus, of Brooklyn, were found, on the night of the 17th, in a bath house belonging to Peter C. Duff, the young lady's father, at Cliff, L. I. It is supposed that Miss Duff died from the effects of chloroform, administered by Titus to relieve a severe headache, and that the frantic lover then shot himself.

JUDGE MACON B. ALLEN, the first colored man admitted to the bar in the United States, died in Washington on the 15th. He was admitted to the bar from the office of Hon. Samuel Fessenden (father of the secretary of the treasury), at Boston, May 3, 1845. He removed to Charleston, S. C., after the war, and was judge of the criminal court and of the probate court of Charleston county.

A PORTION of the false work located at the south wing of the ill-fated Louisville and Jeffersonville bridge at Louisville, Ky., between piers 3 and 4, fell with a crash, on the 17th, injuring three men, one of them probably fatally.

THE schedule for Gen. Harrison's trip to Fort Wayne, arranged for the 18th and 19th, was shattered by the death at Minneapolis of Mrs. Bettie L. Harrison, widow of Col. A. L. Harrison, eldest brother of the ex-president.

QUEEN REGENT CHRISTINA OF SPAIN has instructed the government to prosecute the proprietors and managers of several Catholic papers for asserting that she had caused the king to be enrolled as a Free Mason.

HERR ROTHGARDT, a leather merchant of Hamburg, and his four children, were drowned on the 16th, by the capsizing of a small boat in which they were sailing on the River Elbe.

ALL foreigners remaining in Peking, on the 17th, received peremptory orders to leave.

A DISPATCH to the Fall Mall Gazette from Lourenco Marques, on the 17th, stated that many of the inhabitants of the Delagoa Bay territory were taking passage on vessels for Port Natal.

At Latta, O., on the 17th, as the express messenger on the east-bound Nickel-Plate train was throwing off packages, a strange man picked up a package and ran toward the train.

A MAGNIFICENT military display was given in Berlin, on the 16th, in connection with the formal dedication of the 132 flags destined for the recently-organized fourth battalion of each regiment of infantry. The ceremony of mailing these flags to their staffs was performed by Emperor William in person.

EX-SPEAKER THOMAS B. REED, of Maine, addressed the students of the Michigan university at Ann Arbor on the night of the 17th. His subject was "The Relation of Leaders to Progress." University hall, which is capable of seating 500 persons, was filled to overflowing.

A MAX believed to be one of the Quantic (Va.) train robbers was captured at Cumberland, Md., on the 17th. Two others were caught at Cherry Run, W. Va. The man captured at Cumberland was named Charles Leary, an all-round crook.

After relieving F. N. Hill of his position as agent at The Dalles, Ore., on the 17th, the officials of the Pacific Express Co. placed Ed Kurbe in charge of the office and caused Hill, Messinger, Tibbetts and Watchman Gibson to be arrested. They are accused of complicity in the robbery on the night of the 13th, when \$14,000 was stolen.

ADVISED received from Port Au Prince, Hayti, say that President Hipolyte has been decorated with a hard-to-hand fight in the palace recently. The minister of war was badly whipped in the encounter with his dusky chief, and, at last accounts, was confined to his bed with his injuries.

WILLIAM BARNES, a clerk in the United States treasury's office, was charged with thirty-five years' imprisonment for a large number of years, probably more money than any other man in the world. The greatest amount handled by him in any one day is stated at \$60,000,000.

ON the 17th the federal grand jury at Chicago reported a true bill against ex-Gov. John L. Beveridge, president; F. D. Arnold, vice-president, and Samuel M. Biddison, secretary of the State Mutual Life Insurance Co. The indictment charges the defendants with using the mails to further the business of a lottery. It is alleged that the concern is in its essence a lottery.

A SPECIAL from Tampa, Fla., says that, early on the morning of the 18th, a strike was declared in the cigar factory of Gonzales & Moera at Ybor City, and all hands went out. The men, armed with clubs, etc., proceeded in drilling a well, after getting down about 100 feet, his 2,100-pound drill suddenly plunged downward to the full length of the rope, 1,100 feet.

Mrs. GEORGE EDDY and Mrs. Painter were run over and killed at the railroad crossing one mile east of Byron, Ill., by a passenger train, on the 18th. Mrs. Eddy was a "Beckmannite," her husband being a prominent member of the Schweinfurth "heaven" at Rockford, Ill.

VERY REV. JAMES A. McFAUL, rector of St. Mary's cathedral, in Trenton, N. J., was consecrated as bishop of Trenton, on the 18th, the church in which he had for years labored so faithfully being the scene of the ceremony.

An explosion of fire damp occurred in Shaner mine No. 2, at Shaner, Pa., on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, on the 18th, and four Italian miners were seriously burned. It was thought two of them would die.

CHARLES CLIFFORD, a miner of Greengrove, Pa., was instantly killed on the 18th, by the discharge of a revolver which had fallen from his pocket. The bullet passed through his heart. Clifford leaves a widow and several children.

A JURY in the United States circuit court in New York city, on the 18th, awarded Miss Harriet Monroe judgment against the World for \$5,000 damages. The suit was brought to recover \$50,000 for the publication in the World of the Columbian ode, written by Miss Monroe. The ode had been copyrighted.

It was announced in St. Petersburg, on the 18th, that the condition of the czar had perceptibly changed for the worse. It was added that his symptoms of general debility and weakness of the heart were more pronounced, and it was also announced that the czar's physicians have given up the idea of having him taken to Corfu.

PERRY BEAL, a miner, was shot and probably fatally wounded by a highwayman eighteen miles southwest of Butte, Mont., on the 18th, but his wife escaped. The highwayman and his partner, Titus, to relieve a severe headache, and that the frantic lover then shot himself.

CARLOS D. MEYERS, a young mechanical engineer, attempted to shoot Lillie Mitchell, his former sweetheart, in London, O., on the night of the 15th, in making her escape. Miss Mitchell jumped from a second-story window and broke her leg.

It was reported in native circles at Tien Tsin, China, on the 18th, that a great battle had been fought between the Chinese and Japanese forces, north of the Yalu river. The engagement was said to have taken place on the 15th. The Chinese authorities claim not to have any knowledge of such a battle having been fought.

WITHOUT issuing directions, Secretary Smith has allowed it to be understood that all employees of the interior department may go home to vote at the coming election. There are a number of employes in the interior department who intend to avail themselves of this privilege.

On the 18th the government officials at Simla, British India, had received no confirmation of the report that the ameer was dead.

THEODORE AMMERMAN, the fifth victim of the rioting at Washington Court-house, on the night of the 17th, died on the 18th.

PATRICK CROWLEY, a freeman at the Milwaukee Soldiers' home, was fatally stabbed, on the 19th, by someone unknown.

SCHOOL INSPECTOR WALSH, of Detroit, Mich., who was charged with accepting a bribe, was, on the 18th, adjudged guilty. The jury was out nearly twenty-four hours.

A LARGE part of the extensive plant of the famous Tredegar iron works at Richmond, Va., was destroyed by fire, early on the morning of the 11th. Loss, about \$150,000.

Two inspectors of pelagic sealskins at San Francisco have reported to the treasury department the number of sealskins taken by the pelagic sealers during the last season and brought to San Francisco. The skins examined were 17,944, and of this number 1,255 were taken from females and 2,095 from males, and 4,360 from pups; unknown.

CHIEF ENGINEER HENRY D. McEWEN, U. S. N., died in Washington, on the 18th, aged 65 years. He entered the navy in 1861 and was in charge of the monitor Canonicus. He served on the great lakes, at the New York and Boston and Philadelphia navy yards and on the steamship Boston when that vessel was attached to the white squadron.

CAPT. WILLIAM B. JOHNS, a veteran of the Mexican war and a graduate of the West Point class of 1849, with Sherman and others, died in Washington on the 18th. He fought under Scott and Taylor in the most important battles of the Mexican war and later saw Indian service in the southwest.

CAPT. HENRY, commanding the battleship Maine, has made report to the navy department on the trial trip that vessel made on the 17th. The trial lasted four hours. The contractors expressed themselves as satisfied. The average speed was 15.95 knots, and the highest speed 17.82.

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FREDERICK M. STEELE, a geologist of Montclair, N. J., while prospecting for amethyst crystals in the Montclair mountains, on the 19th, unearthed a box, 18x8 inches, bound with steel bands. It was filled with gold nuggets, with a spade, and was found to contain gold nuggets, which had been melted and broken, to the value of \$15,000.

The federal grand jury in Chicago returned an omnibus indictment, on the 19th, against Debs and the officers of the American Railway union and a large number of other persons, for participation in violence and the obstruction of the mails and commerce on the different railroads last summer.

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JOHN KUTUBE was divorced from Mary Knubbe at Columbus, O., on the 19th. Four other divorced husbands testified against her and three couldn't attend the trial.

WALTER ANGEL, a prominent young farmer, who lived a few miles southwest of Washington, committed suicide by shooting his head almost off with a shotgun.

LEONARD D. MURRELL, a young capitalist of the county, and Miss Doris, daughter of W. H. Hurt, a Marshall merchant, were married recently.

A NEW MOVE. The advisory board of the People's Central church, St. Louis, is considering the advisability of opening a dispensary in connection with the church.

DECLINED A CALL. Rev. F. W. Sneed, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Columbia, has declined a call to the Presbyterian church at Webster Groves, St. Louis county.

MISSOURI BAPTISTS. The Baptist convention of Missouri was held at St. Joseph. Some of the ablest men belonging to the denomination in Missouri were present.

A BAD FIRE. At Monticello, Lewis county, fire destroyed Geo. H. Irigoyne's store. W. M. Glover's dry goods store and Geo. Birnes' clothing store; loss, \$25,000.

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MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

The Penitentiary. Warden J. L. Pace of the state penitentiary, while in St. Louis the other day, talks as follows to a reporter: "One hundred persons in Missouri are doing the convict's stripes every month now, and the lamentable fact is that only sixty to seventy cents are being received for each month. Now, there is a statement which our humanitarian friends who are interested in criminals and the various phases of penitentiary management over to their hearts content."

"When the mills of justice begin grinding out their sentences and verdicts in the fall, then the busy season commences at the state prison. The new convicts then begin coming in by the twos, threes, quartets and sometimes a dozen a day. During the summer, while the courts are having vacation, but few new convicts arrive; but when the fall terms open the courts then many new faces of unfortunate persons peer out from behind prison bars for the first time. Also many old faces of hardened criminals come back to dine our table. We now have 2,036 convicts in the state prison, and we expect to have at least 2,500 by spring."

The appropriation of \$100,000 made by the state legislature for the Missouri penitentiary is sufficient to have been needed for several years. It has just put a battery of four boilers having 1,500-horse power, which plant will furnish heat for the entire penitentiary. Formerly there was a lot of 30-horse power boilers scattered over the prison, and they were unsatisfactory. The new smokestack built at the penitentiary is 200 feet high, and has been built. The new heating plant will be in operation by November 1."

Missouri Odd Fellows' Home. The trustees of the Odd Fellows' home met at Liberty the other day and voted for the location of the home there. The winner hotel and grounds at Reed Springs will be converted into the home. The property is 100 acres of land with the hotel. The original cost of the property was \$80,000 and it sold for less than a third of that amount. The grand lodge of Missouri paid \$8,000 out of its treasury and the subscriptions of citizens of Liberty made up the rest of the purchase money. The building is furnished throughout and will soon be ready to be occupied by widows and orphans of odd fellows in the state, for whom it is provided. The grand lodge has an option on nearly 100 acres of land on the north side of Nevada, Marshall and other towns in the state made a warm fight for the home, and the citizens of Liberty are rejoicing over their victory. The location of the home at Liberty is largely due to the influence and efforts of Maj. M. Goldman, one of the most prominent odd fellows of the state.

St. Louis. Last March W. A. Clark and Myrtle Clark hired a buggy and team at a livery stable at St. Louis, Mo., which they failed to return. They were arrested at Joplin, and indicted for horse stealing by the June grand jury. The indictment was quashed and the couple ordered held for further proceedings. They were indicted by the grand jury on the 19th, and the other day the indictment was again quashed and the pair ordered held. Sheriff Purcell has telegraphed the Van Buren authorities to procure requisition papers and take the prisoners to Arkansas for further procedure.

Father and Son Buried. The funeral of L. P. Lyman, aged 67, and A. W. Lyman, aged 37, father and son, took place at St. Louis the other day. On the 20th of September L. P. Lyman died, after an illness of several weeks, in Tacoma, Wash. Just twenty-four hours after the death of the father the son passed away, death resulting from heart disease. The remains were placed in a vault and kept until a few days ago, when they were sent to Mount Pleasant for interment. A. W. Lyman was a prominent odd fellow, that order taking charge of the ceremonies.

Lively Election Promised. Upwards of 115,000 voters have registered in St. Louis, the largest number ever known in the history of the city. The total vote polled in St. Louis in 1892 was 70,139, with the registration in the city of 90,000. The registration indicates that a tremendous vote will be polled in the city this fall.

Sent to the Asylum. Fritz Lampe, aged 18 years, was taken to the insane asylum at Fulton from Hermann recently. About a year ago, it is said, he received a severe beating over the head with a club. He has spells about every two hours, when he labors under the delusion that somebody is trying to kill him.

Head Split Open with a Spade. James D. Dawson and Jesse Abbott, near Ashley, Pike county, quarreled at a molasses making, which resulted in the death of Abbott, who was struck on the head by Dawson with a spade.

Struck His Brother. Chas. Gallup, a blacksmith at St. Joseph, fought with his brother Bert, thrashing him. Bert soon after struck Charles on the head with a stone, inflicting a fatal wound.

The Battle On. The democrats and republicans have nominated their tickets in St. Louis, and one of the hottest battles fought in campaigns in the history of the city is being waged.

Used a Shotgun. Walter Angel, a prominent young farmer, who lived a few miles southwest of Washington, committed suicide by shooting his head almost off with a shotgun.

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MISSOURI CULLINGS.

Zinc shingles are now manufactured by a Nevada firm. A Chariton county man assets that "no two negroes are the same color." Charlie Hill, postmaster at Macon, is a nephew of Senator David B. Hill. The annual meeting of the Presbyterian synod of Missouri was held at Brookfield.

The town of Ferguson, St. Louis county, has been incorporated as a city of the fourth class. The winter meeting of the Southeast Missouri Press association will be held at Bismarck, December 1.

The next session of the Evangelical Lutheran synod will be held at Concordia, Lafayette county. Four prisoners confined in the Livingston county jail escaped the other night by removing a large stone.

Otto Kirtley and Miss Frances Leonard and Richard Neale and Miss Carrie Whaley were married at Hannibal. J. C. Starr, the official stenographer of the theroque senate, will marry Miss Libby R. Zimmerman, of St. Joseph.

George Hartman, aged 51, of Trenton, was buried in a well by a cave-in. He was taken out in ten minutes, but died five minutes later from the effects of internal injuries.

The agents of the foreign breweries have given up efforts to stop the beer war in St. Joseph. They announce they will stay in the fight to the end. In the meantime beer is selling as low as seventy-seven cents per barrel.

At Jefferson City Frank Burton and C. H. Clark were convicted of robbing the post office at New Franklin, Howard county, and each sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. Jennie Mason, implicated in the case, was fined \$200, and sentenced to one day in jail.

Without apparent provocation Richard Lehn, a wienervurst peddler, shot and almost instantly killed his wife Mattie on the third floor of 1215 North Seventh street, St. Louis. The murder is made the more horrible by reason of the fact that two lives were sacrificed.

In a boat house near Boyd's Island, 5 miles north of Louisiana, William Ebenzer-shot Grant Gillis, a fisherman and trapper, the ball passing through the right lung and coming out of the back. Gillis' wife at the time was in the house alone with Ebenzer, and refused to leave. Gillis will surely die.

Rosa Wolf, aged 19, committed suicide at the St. Louis female hospital by throwing herself from a third-story window, falling 35 feet and striking on her head, crushing her skull. Death was instantaneous. She came from Germany about a year ago, had been ill most of the time since, and it is believed that she was so homesick that she preferred death to life.

George Chenness served a sentence in the Buchanan county jail for larceny, and when he was notified that his time was out and he must leave he refused to go. He took his clothing and fought the jailer when an effort was made to eject him. Sheriff Carson retook the man, and he was then ejected from the premises. Chenness threatened to hold up the first man he met in order to receive another sentence.

Columbus Hayes, the murderer of Andrew Sneed, escaped from the An-drew county jail a month ago, but the county court saw no occasion for making any great effort to capture him, so far as a reward was concerned. Now that Hayes is probably 1,000 miles from the scene of his crime, the court has offered a reward of \$100 for his capture. The state reward of \$300 some time ago. Hayes is believed to be in Texas.

Stephen T. Lupe, who shot and killed George W. Dixon at Sedalia, waived a preliminary hearing, and was admitted to bail in the sum of \$5,000. Lupe, who was badly wounded, consented to be removed to his home. His recovery is now confidently anticipated. The grand jury that meets next month will pass upon his case, but it is not thought that it will be tried at that term of court, as it is doubtful if the defendant will have recovered sufficiently to be present then. The funeral of Mr. Dixon was largely attended.

The first annual field meet of the Young Men's Christian association of Missouri, under Pentathlon rules, was held at Sedalia, and terminated in a manner highly satisfactory to the contestants and physical directors. There were five events under the new rules, and St. Louis won the championship, they capturing the silk banner offered by Sedalia and the gold medal offered by the state association. All of the contestants that averaged over 200 were awarded bronze medals, but not one reached the silver-medal average of over 300.

Walter Crabtree, who fatally shot William Leech at Deepwater, Henry county, last December, and for the capture of whom Gov. Stone offered \$500 reward, walked into Sheriff Colyer's office at Butler the other day and surrendered. He was clerking in a bank at Montrose at the time of the shooting, and had gone to Deepwater to attend a lodge banquet. During the evening he visited the saloon where Leech was barkeeper, and in the course of a disturbance shot Leech, from the effects of which the latter died shortly after.

During the session of the grand lodge Knights of Pythias at Excelsior Springs the salary of the grand keeper of records and seal was raised from \$1,200 to \$2,000 per year. Following officers were elected: Grand chancellor, James A. Frink, Springfield; grand vice-chancellor, H. J. Rabald, St. Joseph; grand keeper of records and seal, John H. Holmes, St. Louis; grand prelate, Rev. John Gierlow, St. Louis; grand secretary, W. H. Adams, Adams, Mo.; grand treasurer, Adam Theis, Hannibal; grand master at arms, W. T. Rolston, Cape Girardeau; grand inner guard, J. B. Thomas, Willow Springs; grand outer guard, Leo Keller, Lexington.

James Owens, the murderer of his father-in-law, Senece Noblitt, in Atchison county, does not know whether he is to be hanged for the crime or not. The day for his execution is set for November 16, and Sheriff Shackelford of Atchison county has procured the use of the gallows owned by Buchanan county. An appeal to the supreme court was granted, but the attorneys appointed by the court have dropped the case, and no transcript of the trial has been sent to the supreme court. The murder grew out of domestic difficulties. Mrs. Owens having left her husband and returned to her father's home.

DUN'S COMMERCIAL REVIEW.

Cotton Below Six, and Wheat Below Fifty-Five Cents, with Exports of Gold Instead of Products, the Salient Points of the Business Situation—With Many Features of Encouragement. Business Has Not Yet Answered Expectations. NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade, issued today, says: Cotton, below 6 cents, and wheat below 55 cents, each lower than ever since present classifications were known, with exports of gold instead of products at such prices in October, are the salient features in business this week. Distribution of goods to consumers goes on fairly, with gains at nearly all points in comparison with last year, but not yet at a rate to sustain the present volume of manufacturing production, so that prices weaken a little. The domestic trade represented by railroad earnings is 3.4 per cent. less than last year, and 13.4 per cent. less than in 1892.

The payments through the principal clearinghouses for the third week of October are 2.5 per cent. greater than last year, but 11.5 per cent. less than in 1892. The daily average for the month is 5.6 per cent. larger than last year, but 28.2 smaller than in 1892. With many features of encouragement business has not yet answered expectations and it is evident that the loss of part of the corn crop and the unaturally low prices of other staples affect the buying power of millions.

Wheat for October delivery fell to 54.1 cents on Wednesday, and, in spite of some recovery, the average for October thus far is 52 cents, greater than the monthly average ever made, which was in September, and was nearly 10 cents below the lowest prior to this year, the October average being 50 cents below that of October, 1891 or 1894. Western receipts are only 4,700,391 bushels in price, against 10,643,333 last year, and Atlas exports 631,084 bushels, against 693,343 last year, but the controlling fact is that no demand as yet promises to clear away the enormous surplus.

Corn declined one-half cent during the week, with receipts in the quarter of last year's, and exports not a tenth. Pork products were somewhat weaker, with lard a quarter lower. Cotton sold at 5.94 cents on Thursday, and with Allison's estimate that the world will consume 8,248,000 bales American, the stock of 2,000,000 bales in sight, and the estimated yield of over 9,000,000 bales deters buyers.

Domestic exports from this city, in two weeks of October were 10 per cent. less in value than last year. While the increase in value of imports has been 27 per cent., much of the decrease in exports is in price, but in the month of September the quantity of wheat decreased over a third. Provisions and cotton gained, but oil decreased, and in miner products exports in September declined 16 per cent. The increase in imports, exclusive of sugar, was over 35 per cent. in September, and two weeks of October were 43 per cent. With this heavy increase in purchase and a decrease in the sales of products abroad, the market for foreign exchange is in a position to be quickly affected by withdrawal of gold in clearing operations regarding the future peace of Europe. To \$500,000 gold shipped Tuesday it is expected that some will be added to-day. It appears that three trust companies here now hold over \$40,000,000 idle money, and that eastern railroads are being taken over by New York and England banks, while the northwestern demand for money is unusually small. The treasury is again falling backward in reserve, and large imports yield a little less revenue than last year, while internal revenue for the past three weeks is \$4,600,000 smaller than a year ago.

The dry goods business and textile industries were especially favored by the demand in August and September. In men's spring goods there are few small orders, and, while fall orders for suits are continuing, the demand for cloakings has been reduced by the strike of cloakmakers.

Sales of wool have for three weeks of October been 15,147,499 bales, against 8,344,432 last year, and 19,966,000 in 1892, with markets dull and prices barely maintained. The boot and shoe trade is doing remarkably well, shipments from Boston for three weeks having been 252,585 cases, against 169,564 last year, and 243,899 in 1892.

The iron and steel business makes a better showing this week, Bessemer bar having advanced to \$10.90 at Pittsburg, and at Chicago and New York structural and bridge orders have been placed, but bar iron has fallen to 90 cents for common and \$1 for steel at Pittsburg, which are prices below those current in Great Britain. There is a good demand for sheers and some for good bridge contracts are reported. The Pennsylvania railroad reports its material account 50 per cent. less than that of last year to date.

The failures in October thus far have been quite moderate in strictly commercial lines, the liabilities amounting to \$3,829,777, of which \$1,705,636 between manufacturing and \$1,996,686 of trading concerns. Some failures of banking, investment and loan concerns not here included have not proved of general importance.

The failures during the past week have been 253 in the United States against 341 last year, and 43 in Canada against 29 last year.

SHOT AT HIS SWEETHEART. Who Broke a Leg in Jumping From a Window to Escape. LONDON, O., Oct. 20.—Carlos D. Meyers, a young mechanical engineer, attempted to shoot Lillie Mitchell, his former sweetheart, Thursday night. He followed her to her home on Muirson street and forced his way into her room. He grabbed her by the neck, and then and Meyers shot at the girl. Miss Mitchell jumped from the second-story window, breaking a leg. She was taken to the hospital. Meyers was arrested while leaving the house.

News Notes From Venezuela and Honduras. NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—The Herald's special cable from Panama says: News has been received from Caracas, Venezuela, of the death of Feliciano Alvarez, acting president of the country. From Tegucigalpa, Honduras, comes word that the proposed new constitution of that country will give the suffrage to women.

During the recent military review in the city a cannon burst, killing Julia Villars, a Swiss artillery expert, and five Honduran officers, and wounding twenty-one soldiers.

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Throw a Switch in Front of a Rapidly Moving Train, Making It Collide with a Freight, and Then Amidst a F