

EXPLOSION OF POWDER

Eleven Firemen Injured at an Omaha Conflagration.

ONE OR TWO MAY DIE

Wholesale Grocery Burns, Entailing a Loss of \$100,000, Fully Covered by Insurance—Firemen Were Removing the Powder.

Omaha, June 18.—At an early hour this morning the building occupied by Allen Brothers' wholesale grocery was discovered on fire. The blaze started on the fifth floor and burned down wards, destroying the fourth and fifth floors and their contents. The damage to the stock is estimated at \$100,000 and is covered by insurance at \$170,000. The building is damaged \$15,000, the loss being covered by insurance.

During the progress of the fire a magazine filled with powder, which the firemen were moving to a place of safety, exploded. Eleven firemen, including the chief, were injured, two seriously. The injured are: Chief John Redell, left eye closed, hands burned, painful, but not dangerous; Lieutenant Thomas Ruane, probably fatal, burned and bruised; Lieut. John Sullivan, burned, face and hands; Lieutenant John J. Ormsby, burned, face and hands; Fireman Frank Hardy, burned, face and hands; Joseph Hoffman, body, hands and face burned; Harry Redell, severe eye injury, hands and face burned and back and cut on legs; Martin Ramage, burned, face and hands; Otto Giske, arm fractured by falling bricks; Pipeman John McCumber, burned, face and hands; Fireman John Simpson, head and back hurt, suction blew out of the engine and struck him.

None of the injured, with the exception of Ruane, are in a critical condition, though the burns are painful and will incapacitate them for duty for some time.

"ANTI-TRUST" THE BATTLE CRY.

Tammany Will Raise Its Voice at Its Fourth of July Celebration.

New York, June 18.—The World tomorrow will say: Tammany is going to array itself against the trusts. Its Fourth of July celebration this year will be mainly devoted to sounding the anti-trust war cry for the coming year. The municipal speakers of the celebration will devote their eloquence to marking the lines of battle in the national fight. They are J. J. Willard, ex-chairman of the democratic state committee of Alabama, and Congressman C. A. Ruth of Kentucky. Both men, who are famed in their respective states as orators, will talk about the evils of trusts. W. B. Bryan has been invited to attend the celebration and make a speech. He is not expected to come. Neither is ex-President Cleveland or David B. Hill, both of whom have been asked. Admiral Schley says he will come if he can, but he will not make a speech. Arthur P. Gorman and ex-Senator Edward Murphy, Jr., have also been invited. Short talks will be made by Herbert E. Hissell of Buffalo, Congressman Fitzgerald of Massachusetts, Congressman Daley of New Jersey, J. W. Hildgeway of Brooklyn and perhaps Congressman de Armond of Missouri.

GOVERNOR SMITH WILL ATTEND.

He Approves the Objects of the Anti-Trust Conference at St. Louis.

Austin, Tex., June 18.—Governor Sayers is much encouraged over the prospects of a large attendance of governors and attorneys at the anti-trust conference to be held in St. Louis September 20. Up to this time 17 governors have responded to his invitation to attend the proposed conference. Of the anti-trust movement in favor of the anti-trust legislation, Governor Sayers received letters from Governor Robert B. Smith of Montana as follows: "I heartily endorse your action in calling a meeting at the national level, and attorneys-general of the several states and territories for the purpose of discussing the subject of trusts and of state legislation that will do away with the evil God being willing I will be with you at the meeting in September and I will try to persuade our attorney general to attend."

ATTACKED THE MAYOR.

A Baptist Clergyman Asks the City Council to Impeach Him.

Atlanta, Ga., June 18.—In a sensational sermon to-night, Mr. Broughton, pastor of the Baptist tabernacle, called upon the city council to impeach James G. Woodard, mayor of Atlanta. The clergyman's references to the conduct of the mayor's private life and conduct were sensational in the extreme. The audience of 2,000 people cheered the minister. Mr. Broughton said: "If the city council does not impeach the mayor, I will take steps myself." Mayor Woodard was informed of Dr. Broughton's remarks late to-night. The executive said: "I regard the statements of Dr. Broughton as a libel. I ask the public to suspend judgment."

Alger Inspecting Waterways.

Detroit, Mich., June 18.—A Tribune special from Houghton, Mich., says: Secretary of War Alger arrived early to-day and spent the entire day working on the government's improvements on the Portage lake water ways. The entire channel from Portage entry to the ship canal was traversed. He will spend to-morrow in viewing this district. Every possible argument is being offered him to cancel the proposed transfer of Major C. B. Sears to Porto Rico. The important marine interests of Lake Superior are a unit in their desire that he be retained here to direct the work he has so successfully managed for some years past.

Cyclones Not an "Act of God."

Milwaukee, Wis., June 18.—A Sentinel special from Eau Claire says: In nine points here to-day the New Richmond cyclone was the subject of the sermons. The general sentiment expressed was that it was a mysterious dispensation of Providence, but the Rev. Joseph Moran of the Episcopal church said it was the devilish work of an unknown power and not the act of God.

A Wrathful Millionaire.

Chicago, June 18.—A special to the Record from St. Louis says: Baron Lebon, a Russian millionaire, who has been sailing the Gulf of Mexico in his private yacht, has just been released from a term of imprisonment.

ment in jail at the port of Tuxpan, Mexico. The charge against him was that he violated the quarantine laws of the port by stealing in and out without official permission. In addition to the imprisonment he was fined \$300. The baron got news of his predicament to the Russian minister at the City of Mexico at the earliest possible moment and the case was laid before President Diaz, who immediately ordered the baron's release. The baron says he will institute suit against the Mexican government in the sum of \$100,000 for damages to his feelings and health.

ALEX DELONG

Death of One of the Best Known Pioneers of Western Montana.

Missoula, June 18.—Alex Delong, one of the best-known pioneers of Western Montana, died at his home in Missoula at 11:30 o'clock to-night of pneumonia. Mr. Delong had just returned from a trip to the coast, where he caught the severe cold that developed into pneumonia. He was accompanied by William Bancroft, who brought him home. It was not thought at first that his case was serious, but he sank rapidly after reaching home. Mr. Delong was born in Ohio Aug. 5, 1823. He went to California in 1849 and came to Montana in 1853. He lived on Gold creek during the early days of gold mining there and afterwards went to the Flint creek valley, where he occupied a ranch until 1882, when he came to Missoula and purchased the old Marshall grade ranch. There he lived until this spring, when he sold the place and came into town to live. He bought the Standard paper in 1887 and had expected to spend several pleasant years here. Mr. Delong was well known and much liked over Western Montana. His funeral will be held from the residence in Low's addition Tuesday noon.

Duke Alfred to Abdicate.

London, June 18.—The Berlin correspondent of the Daily Mail says that the course of a secret session of the diet of Saxo-Coburg and Gotha yesterday (Saturday), the minister of state, Councillor von Strese, made a confidential communication containing the sensational announcement that Duke Alfred of Saxo-Coburg and Gotha, the reigning duke, would probably abdicate this year.

The reigning duke of Saxo-Coburg and Gotha, Prince Alfred of Edinburgh, who married the grand duchess, daughter of Emperor Alexander II. of Russia, succeeded his uncle on the throne of the duchy in August, 1880. His only son died last February. The English Duke of Connaught is now the heir apparent.

To Sail the Ocean Blue.

Gloucester, Mass., June 18.—Howard Blackburn of this city set sail at 1 o'clock this afternoon in his little soap-sleigh four-ton boat the Great Western, to cross the Atlantic. Blackburn has followed a similar course on several occasions in the past, and in January, 1882, was cast away in his dory on the Grand Banks with one companion for five days without food or water. His companion died, but Blackburn was rescued, although he lost his fingers and toes and was otherwise crippled as the result of his terrible experience. The Great Western is stocked with provisions for 90 days and Gloucester, England, is the point where Blackburn expects to land first.

In a 12-Foot Boat.

Atlantic City, N. J., June 18.—Captain W. A. Andrews left this city this afternoon in a little craft named the Dorce to cross the Atlantic ocean. He is headed direct for the Azores islands, where he expects to stop for the night and then proceed to Lisbon. This makes the fifth attempt of the captain to cross the ocean in similar small craft, three of which attempts he claims were successful. The boat he is using this time is 12 feet long, 4 feet wide and 2 feet deep. It has been painted black for the purpose, the captain says, of not attracting the attention of whales and sharks, as he claims to have had trouble with those monsters during his former trips.

Visited the Emperor.

London, June 18.—The correspondent of the Daily News at The Hague says: Doctor Zorn, whom Emperor William summoned on Friday by a special messenger, arrived in Berlin yesterday (Saturday) evening, accompanied by the Hollis of the United States delegation. They only had time for breakfast and at 10 were driven to the imperial palace, where admission was granted them by the kaiser himself, who was waiting for them. They had a further audience with his majesty to-day (Sunday) and were expected to leave Berlin on their return to The Hague this afternoon.

Will Strike for a Nine-Hour Day.

Baltimore, June 18.—Two thousand employees of the major departments of the Maryland Steel company held a meeting to-day and determined to strike at the end of seven days if their demands for a nine-hour day and weekly pay day were not acceded to by the company. A strike at Sparrows Point at this time would be a serious matter. Five thousand men are employed by the company and a tie-up of one department would doubtless soon affect the other branches. The company now has under construction three torpedo boat destroyers for the navy, four other craft and a steel dry dock.

Publishing a Paper on a Train.

Tacoma, Wash., June 18.—A party of 85 members of the Western Canada Press association, many accompanied by their wives, are on a special train to-day and left at midnight tonight for Portland in charge of L. E. White and Frank Lee, president and secretary respectively of the Portland Press association. While en route the party made a short sight seeing trip about the city, was entertained at dinner and was given a reception at the Ferry museum to-night. The excursionists are publishing a small daily paper on their train, but have missed the last two publications.

Selling Liquor to Indians.

Special Dispatch to the Standard. Helena, June 18.—Deputy United States Marshal Sam Jackson brought Harry F. Scott, a squaw man arrested in Carter county, here to-day and placed him in the county jail to await the action of the grand jury, which meets here next week. He is charged with selling liquor to Indians.

Law May Take Its Course.

Hillsboro, Ky., June 18.—The authorities at Hillsboro are publishing a special word from the leaders of each faction in the Lee-Taylor feud stating that they are willing to let the law take its course. Most of the feudists living have gone back to work.

Steamer Grounded.

London, June 18.—News has been received here of the grounding of an unknown steamer near Villa Constancia. Her hold is full of water.

German Derby.

Berlin, June 18.—The German Derby was won to-day by Baron Springer's Galliard.

BISHOP BREWER'S VIEWS

Topics of Current Interest Commented Upon in Passing.

CONVOCATION ADDRESS

He Deprecates the Criticism of the Administration's Policy in the Philippines—The Past Year in the Episcopal Church.

Special Dispatch to the Standard. Helena, June 18.—The ninth annual convocation of the Episcopal church of Montana commenced in Helena to-day with appropriate exercises at St. Peter's Episcopal church. There are between 35 and 40 clerical and lay delegates in attendance. The convocation sermon was preached this morning by Rev. C. H. Lindley of Missoula, Rev. Mr. Blackiston of Butte, who had intended to preach, being detained at home by illness of his family.

This evening St. Peter's church was crowded, the principal feature of the evening service being Bishop Brewer's convocation address. He spoke for about half an hour, giving a terse and interesting summary of the year's history of the church in Montana since the last convocation, at the same time touching upon some of the momentous changes that have transpired in the country's history during the past 12 months. The triumphs of the American army and navy in the late war with Spain, the signing of the peace treaty and the subsequent trouble with the insurgents were commented upon, as well as the new duties devolving upon the nation in administering government to the inhabitants of the islands that have been acquired. The enlarged field of the church was also referred to. The bishop said that he deprecated the criticisms that had been made of the government's actions in the Philippines. Until peace had been restored there the government should be sustained and differences of opinion as to the manner of handling the islands postponed. He felt that congress could be trusted to settle the vexed problems of governing the country when the proper time came. Whether this country should embark upon a career of colonization was something that could not be determined now. If it was deemed the wisest course, he believed like the great and wise speaking nations, justice would be meted out to the peoples affected, which in the end would result in glory to the whole nation and redound to the credit of Christianity.

Turning from national affairs, the bishop told what the Episcopal church had done in Montana in the past year. He was glad to note that the clergy are being more polite to prepare the candidates for the diaconate and generally been a growth in the number of communicants. Although there had been a falling off in some instances, he believed this was, perhaps, the result of defective parochial reports rather than any lapsing. He felt gratified in the increase of funds subscribed in the diocese for missionary purposes and praised the work of the Women's guilds, whose assistance to the church had become valuable. During the year three new churches had been built, at Wibaux, Centerville and Hamilton. A number of parishes had reported having lost their churches to fire.

The bishop spoke feelingly of the services of the Rev. C. E. Dobson, who had been compelled to resign the Anacoda parish on account of ill health, and had been succeeded by Rev. Alfred B. Jones. He said he had recently received a letter from Mr. Dobson, who has regained his health, asking to return to the diocese provided he can be given a field of work in a lower latitude than in the mountain section of the state, a request that would be remembered. The bishop said that he had recently paid the treasurer of the diocese the sum of \$3,000, received as a loan from Mrs. H. L. Jones. St. John's parish of Butte came in for praise for assistance that had been rendered the new church in Centerville. During the year the bishop delivered 94 sermons, presided at 207 communions, 58 times and officiated at two marriages. The bishop was absent from the diocese four months of the year attending to his duties as working in the interest of the diocese.

To-morrow the business of the convention will commence in accordance with the programme printed in to-day's Standard.

American Meat May Enter Belgium.

Washington, June 18.—Special Plenipotentiary Kason has just received an authentic report from Belgium of the government recently enacted by the Belgian government raising the prohibition on the importation into Belgium of American meat cattle. This will be formally published at once for the information of the meat interests in this country. The decree recites the preceding decrees prohibiting importations of cattle from America and the opinion of the veterinarians that American meat cattle and swine can now be imported into Belgium on the terms of the decree of 1897 prescribing the places where they may be landed and slaughtered.

Jones Can't Answer Them.

Toledo, Ohio, June 18.—Myron Jones has issued an open letter in answer to several thousand copies from Belgium of the government recently enacted by the Belgian government raising the prohibition on the importation into Belgium of American meat cattle. This will be formally published at once for the information of the meat interests in this country. The decree recites the preceding decrees prohibiting importations of cattle from America and the opinion of the veterinarians that American meat cattle and swine can now be imported into Belgium on the terms of the decree of 1897 prescribing the places where they may be landed and slaughtered.

No Disarmament.

Berlin, June 18.—The Kolnische Zeitung to-day announces the "complete failure" of the disarmament committee of the peace congress at the Hague. Several provisions it asserts have been adopted in the committee by equal vote, but all of these it predicts will fail in the plenary sitting.

Marchand's Triumphal Progress.

Thoissey, France, June 18.—Marchand arrived this morning at Thoissey, his birthplace, and was received by the mayor and enthusiastic crowds. His passage from the railroad station to the residence of his father was veritably a triumphal procession.

Yale's Chosen Athletes.

New Haven, Conn., June 18.—In preparation for the international college athletic meet between Harvard and Yale athletes and the representatives

KAISER LAUDS GERMANY

A Thoroughbred Horse Which Suffers No One to Bridle Him.

ALWAYS IN FIRST PLACE

Germany Is Able to Live in a State of Assured Peace Because It is an Invincible Power, and Don't You Forget It.

KILLED HIS GUARDIAN.

Seattle, Wash., June 18.—Details of the killing of Arthur Prater with a razor by Arthur Goddard in the outskirts of Dawson on June 1, state that Prater was employed on the Dawson Nugget as a compositor, although he was a trained reporter. After finishing his work early in the morning he was around with some of the boys, jumping and running. He went home about 2 o'clock. George H. Beck in the morning, went to the cabin and was met at the door by Arthur Goddard of Seattle, who said: "Jimmy's throat is cut. I want you to take care of the case." Prater lay in his bunk still breathing, but covered with blood and his head almost off. There was also a terrible wound on the left side of the head from a heavy instrument. Before the police arrived, Prater had breathed his last. The police suspected Goddard from his attitude. When pressed he confessed and said he killed him because Prater was a traitor. Some think Goddard insane. Prater acted as his guardian.

COLLISION ON THE N. P.

One Man Killed and Five Injured in a Wreck Near Astoria.

Portland, Ore., June 18.—An east-bound Northern Pacific freight train, carrying a heavy load of lumber, collided with an excursion train returning from Astoria at 9 o'clock, one mile east of Linnton station. The cause of the collision is said to have been a misarrangement of the signals on the part of the excursion train. One man was killed and five persons injured. The man killed is D. P. Bell of this city, who was engaged in serving lunches to the excursionists. He was struck by a horse, falling severe; Birdie Putnam, Mrs. Bell, wife of D. P. Bell; James Mallin, engineer; E. R. Barnes, brakeman.

Both engines were badly damaged and two cars containing live stock were demolished, all of the stock being killed.

CAPTURED.

The U. P. Train Robbers Said to Be in Salt Lake City in the Special to the Tribune from Omaha, Mont., says: Near Wells, Wyo., just south of the Yellowstone park, this morning the park scouts captured the three men supposed to be the Union Pacific train robbers. The men were taken to the station at Grant, where they were held before daybreak. The men are now being taken across the country to the Mammoth Hot Springs. This news was brought to Omaha to-night by the driver of the Missouri Pacific train.

Abduct Again.

Philadelphia, June 18.—The German steamer Austria, from Philadelphia for Hamburg, with cargo of miscellaneous goods, which ran aground on Monday last at Arnold's point in the Delaware river, below Reedy island, was floated to-night with the assistance of five tugs. A portion of her cargo was lightered during the week.

Dreyfus' Return.

Brest, June 18.—On the arrival of the Stax, which is bringing Captain Dreyfus from French Guiana for a new trial by court-martial, a torpedo boat destroyer will meet the cruiser and transfer Dreyfus to the shore.

Ten Sailors Drowned.

Bremen, June 18.—In a collision off Friedrichshaven between the German steamer Artushof and the British steamer Mauritius to-day the Artushof was sunk, 10 of her crew being drowned.

Death of Nicol.

Reading, Mass., June 18.—Nicol, 2084, the fastest trotter bred in New England, owned by J. Malcolm Forbes of Milton, died last night. Nicol was sired by Arion, 2074.

FINE CHANCE TO BE A KING.

Buy One of These Islands and Lord It Over the People.

There was a great chance for people wishing to become independent landed proprietors. The French government offers for sale some of the little islands situated at the entrance of the bay of St. Malo, on the coast of Brittany. Formerly, when the famous French pirates, Jacques Cartier and Sourcouf, brought down the wrath of the English on their heads by their acts of daring, the victims tried to get near enough to St. Malo to throw firebrands and to discharge cannon into the town, but they were never able to succeed in passing the islands. The French government has taken away the cannon from the fortified walls of Gouchee, La Plate, La Ronteresse and one or two other of these blocks. The state, which is always prompt to assist its subjects, has offered to keep up this property, and so offers it for sale.

The Apple as Medicine.

The apple is such a common fruit that few persons are familiar with its remarkable efficacious medicinal properties. Everybody ought to know that the very best thing he can do is to eat apples just before going to bed. The apple is excellent brain food, because it has more phosphoric acid, in an easily digestible shape, than any other known fruit. It excites the action of the liver, prompts the circulation of the blood, and thoroughly dries the mouth. It also agglutinates the surplus acids of the stomach, helps the kidney secretion and prevents encephalitis growth, while it obviates indigestion, and is one of the best preventive of disease of the throat. Next to the lemon and orange it is also the best antidote for thirst and craving of persons addicted to the alcoholic and opium habit.

His Plans.

From the Syracuse Herald. First actor—What are you going to do this summer? Second actor—Hotelkeepers mostly.

STAGE ILLUSIONS.

How Thunderstorms, Rain, Hail and Snow Are Imitated.

From Chamber's Journal.

A curious part of stage illusion is that which may be comprehended under the term theatrical meteorology. The weather may be the state of the weather without, the stage manager within can bring about rain and hail, wind or a thunderstorm at will; and the illusion is so complete as to sometimes make nervous members of the audience insensibly shudder. Hail and rain are represented by a closed wooden cylinder about six feet long, which is obstructed inside by various cross pieces, a quart of peas completing the arrangement. By turning this cylinder first one way and then the other, the peas rattle through it with close imitation to the sound of heavy rain on a roof.

The same arrangement consists of a wheel about two feet in diameter, set in a frame like that of a grindstone. This wheel is furnished with ribs on its periphery somewhat like the floats of a water wheel, and is tightly held over the ribs is a piece of thick silk. When the wheel is turned the ribs rub against the silk, and by turning the handle first quickly and then slowly, a very good imitation of the sounding of the wind is produced. Lightning may easily be imitated by using chemical or electrical means, and the usual mode of producing thunder by shaking a large sheet of flexible iron plates. Some theaters have, however, a far more elaborate and effective thunder arrangement, which is used as an auxiliary to the sheet of iron when a storm is supposed to reach its height. This consists of a number of small balls held in a trough and allowed to fall at the right moment, and to run over a floor above the ceiling of the theater. A snow storm is brought about by a piece of sheet iron being raised above the stage, charged with paper cutting. Unfortunately these messengers of frost have a habit of resting on all kinds of projections, and dislodging themselves in such a manner when their presence is not desirable.

COMING AND GOING.

Fred Grant Arrives at Manila With 1,800 Men—Other Men Coming Home.

Manila, June 18, 9:10 a. m.—The United States transport Sherman, which sailed from San Francisco May 24 with 1800 men and 7000 supplies under command of Brigadier General Fred Grant, has arrived here after a smooth voyage. One half of the transport's cargo, which arrived after the transport's arrival, the troops brought by the transport will go to the island of Negros to relieve the California troops. General Bates, who arrived on the transport, General Grant, who is probably assigned to the command of the volunteer generals, some of whom will leave for home soon.

General Hale and Funston desire to accompany their regiments home. The Utah artillery, it is announced, will accompany the Nebraska troops on the transport Hancock, leaving their guns here. The Pennsylvania will start to-morrow for the Philippines. The Indiana sailed to-day with 500 discharged and sick soldiers. She will go into dock for a few days at Nagasaki, Japan. The Pennsylvania will start to-morrow for the Philippines. The Indiana sailed to-day with 500 discharged and sick soldiers. She will go into dock for a few days at Nagasaki, Japan.

BASEBALL YESTERDAY.

St. Louis, 8; Washington, 3.

St. Louis, June 18.—Terrific hitting in the seventh and eighth innings won the local team the victory over the Senators to-day. For six innings Dineen twirled in fine form, but could not hold out. Sudhoff had the visitors at his mercy all through the game. Burkett got the game today and his timely batting was a feature. Attendance, 8,600. Score: R. H. E. St. Louis ..... 8 13 2 Washington ..... 3 1 5

Chicago, 3; New York, 2.

Chicago, June 18.—The visitors had all the best of it to-day until the ninth, when the local team, led by the pitcher, won the game. Attendance, 12,000. Score: R. H. E. Chicago ..... 3 7 3 New York ..... 2 8 6

Brooklyn, 13; Cincinnati, 11.

Cincinnati, June 18.—The Reds played miserable ball on the bases and in the field and lost to Brooklyn despite their good batting. The Superbas' playing was perfect. All the pitchers were hit hard. Attendance, 5,428. Score: R. H. E. Brooklyn ..... 13 15 4 Cincinnati ..... 11 15 7

Baltimore, 7; Louisville, 2.

Louisville, June 18.—It was the same old story with the Colonials to-day—ability to hit. Lanskwort, a local player, was given a trial at short and did well. Attendance, 3,800. Score: R. H. E. Baltimore ..... 7 14 0 Louisville ..... 2 11 4

Standing of the Clubs.

Played. Won. Lost. P. C. Brooklyn ..... 52 40 12 .769 Boston ..... 51 34 17 .667 Baltimore ..... 51 31 20 .608 Philadelphia ..... 50 30 20 .600 Chicago ..... 51 31 21 .598 St. Louis ..... 52 31 21 .596 Cincinnati ..... 50 34 26 .560 Pittsburgh ..... 50 23 27 .460 New York ..... 52 23 29 .442 Washington ..... 53 17 36 .321 Louisville ..... 43 15 28 .349 Cleveland ..... 48 9 39 .188

Proved Himself a Hero.

Cleveland, Ohio, June 18.—Blaise Patri, a railroad section hand, proved himself a hero to-day and was fatally injured in an attempt to save a woman from death.

HUNTING FOR A CABINET

Unhappy France Hasn't Been Able Yet to Find One.

ROUSSEAU IS SANGUINE

He Thinks He Can Succeed With the Co-operation of Cassimir-Perier—He May Include a Radical Socialist Among the Ministers.

Paris, June 18.—President Loubet received in audience early this morning, M. Cassimir-Perier, formerly president of France, and consulted with him regarding the ministerial crisis. The interview terminated about 11 o'clock, after which M. Loubet received Senator Pierre Waldeck Rousseau. The latter, it is understood, has made his acceptance of the task of forming a cabinet conditional upon the co-operation of M. Cassimir-Perier and certain sections of the chamber of deputies, which he hopes to secure. He has consulted with several statesmen and has had a very long conference with M. Lepine, former prefect of police of Paris.

M. Waldeck Rousseau is meeting with considerable difficulty but he appears determined. He will confer with M. Loubet again, probably to-morrow morning, before submitting a draft list of colleagues. Of the three former premiers whom he has consulted, Maurice Rouvier, who was president of the council of ministers and minister of finance in 1887, alone consented to take a portfolio. Felix Meunier informed him that he failed to see how his appointment as premier would bring about a solution of the crisis. Henri Brisson contented himself with promising support and expressing good wishes.

M. Waldeck Rousseau waited upon Cassimir-Perier and earnestly endeavored to induce him to accept the portfolio of war on the ground that his presence as the minister of war would simplify the difficulties of the situation. M. Cassimir-Perier, who consulted with the president, who pointed out to him that he would be able to exercise more authority than anyone else over the general staff, Cassimir-Perier replied that he had definitely withdrawn from politics, but nevertheless he would undertake to consider the matter.

GETTING EVEN FOR A SLIGHT.

Doctor's Wife Takes Sweet Revenge on a Patient.

A medical correspondent writes: "A patient of mine, Mr. C., a solicitor, having given up the active exercise of his profession, retired some 12 years ago with a small fortune. He has since been welcomed by the surrounding gentry, and was soon on friendly terms with all except the 'country set.' Recently my patient's wife received, for the first time in 12 years, a call from a Mrs. X., who regarded her as a sister of the country society. After making a few vague remarks, apparently excuses for the long delay in calling, Mrs. X. boldly came to the point and asked for a subscription to her voluntary school. Mrs. X. was made uneasy and at once wrote a check and handed it to her visitor. 'So glad to help you! I hope you will find this right, but I have a poor head for figures; if it is wrong please correct me. It has taken me a long time to get here; I imagine you will take you a long time to get back! I have, therefore, postdated the check somewhat, so that there may be no difficulty in getting it cleared! Good-by!' The check was dated March 24, 1911."

Her Tail Shaft Broken.

Newcastle, N. S. W., June 18.—It has been learned here that the steamer Taurian is towing the disabled British steamer Perthshire to this port. It is expected the vessel will arrive here to-morrow. The steamer Perthshire, Captain Wallace, sailed from Sydney, N. S. W., April 26, on a voyage to Newcastle. The vessel was damaged by a collision with the Sydney with her tail shaft broken. She had been drifting since that time, although tugs had been sent out to find her, where she was reported.

Cleveland Street Car Strike.

Cleveland, Ohio, June 18.—The city was new to-day, the strike of the street railroad men to-day, principally for the reason that the company made no attempt to operate cars except on the Broadway avenue line. The police will afford ample protection and the cars were run on the other lines from 7 o'clock in the morning until 6 o'clock this afternoon. It is expected that an attempt will be made to-morrow morning to resume operations on some of the other lines, and more trouble is looked for.

More Bloodshed Feared.

London, Ky., June 18.—A messenger just from Manchester says all is quiet there. Judge Eversole will not go to Hyden to-morrow to open court, owing to the danger of passing through Clay county. Sir and Leo Baker, friends of the Whites and Howards, passed through here to-night, going back home to fight it out if necessary. The quiet at Manchester is believed to be due to the fact that the Whites are bloodshed is the opinion of the best informed men.

Chinese Railroads.

Lima, Ohio, June 18.—Captain Brice has just returned from China, where he investigated the railroad concession received by his father, the late ex-Senator Calvin Brice. Captain Brice went over the proposed route with a party of engineers and will make a report to the syndicate which expects to build the road. He will probably return to China at the head of a construction party.

Taxation of Bicycles.

Berlin, June 18.—It is announced semi-officially that an increase in the tax on bicycles is impossible because the commercial treaties with Austria, Russia and Italy preclude such a thing.

KAISER LAUDS GERMANY

A Thoroughbred Horse Which Suffers No One to Bridle Him