



SATURDAY EVENING, OCT. 1, 1904.

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY has abandoned the policy of delay in the cigar-stamp matter and reached a straddling decision in the endeavor to pacify both parties in interest. The trust will still retain the conspicuous pink-slip stamp as a sort of vested right, and the independent manufacturers will receive a consolation prize in an order to shift the government guarantee from the top to the bottom of the box. The President will promptly approve the decision without waiting for congressional action and thus avoid keeping the question in the air at a very critical period of his campaign. Neither side is likely to get the decision overruled by new legislation. The independents are apparently satisfied and the trust would not dare to take the fight into the open. Secretary Shaw permits the order made by Assistant Secretary Armstrong to stand, so far as it relates to reducing the size of the stamp and to attaching it in a less conspicuous place on the box. He reverses the order wherein it required the stamp to be of the same color as the internal revenue stamp, and it will be placed on the bottom of the box instead of the top, but at the end where it now appears opposite the internal revenue stamp.

A CURIOUS phase of the present campaign is the persistent silence of President Roosevelt's newspaper admirers concerning those familiar passages of his alleged historical works maligning the memories of Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Jackson and, in fact, nearly every one of his predecessors in the presidential office. Of this silence the Philadelphia Record says: "What makes this silence so significant is the consideration that the admirers of Roosevelt have repeated ad nauseam nearly all his utterances save those concerning public men. The question is whether the republican orators and organs endorse Roosevelt's abuse of the author of the Declaration of Independence, of the Father of the United States Constitution, of the promulgator of the Monroe Doctrine and of the hero of New Orleans, or whether they are ashamed of it. The latter alternative is, of course, the reasonable one, and the silence is, due to the desire to hide from the republican voters as much as possible the Roosevelt libels on the founders of the republic."

IT COST the people of the United States, on an average, \$34.71 per head for food in 1897, when republican rule began at Washington. This year it costs \$52.58—an increase of over 51 per cent. In other words, it takes \$1.51 to buy as much food now as a dollar would buy seven years ago. In commenting upon this state of affairs the New York World says: "A man earning a dollar a day was better off then, as far as that part of his living expenses went, than one earning \$1.50 a day is now. And according to Commissioner Wright, of the Department of Labor, food absorbs over 41 per cent. of the total expenditures of the average family. The increase of 17.87 per head in the cost of this item represents an increase of \$89.36 in the expenditure of the ordinary family of five. Adding \$18.08 for the enhanced cost of clothes, we find that a workman's wages have to stretch \$107.44 further now on two necessary items of expense than they did in 1897."

NEW YORK republicans in the employ of the government think some kind of a political scheme is being prepared for them and are worried about it. They have received at their homes postal cards to be returned to "John C. Babcock, Washington," bearing this request:

In order that our roll of the New York State Club may be complete, will you kindly fill out this card and mail to me at your earliest convenience.

Below the request there are blank spaces for the name and address. There is a New York republican club in Washington, but none of the clerks know anything of the New York State Club, and no one can be found who knows John C. Babcock. Clerks suspect Governor Odell intends to make them contribute to his campaign fund by forcing them to pay membership of \$5 or \$10 in a club that exists only on paper.

A DISPATCH from Vladivostok says the Russians have become so apprehensive that they were preparing a night or two ago to discharge cannon at Jupiter, at least 50,000,000 miles away. They had mistaken the giant planet for a Japanese war balloon. One night many years ago an engineer on one of the trans-continental railways saw a bright light a long distance ahead of him. He ran on a siding for the purpose of allowing it to pass what he supposed was a coming train. He later discovered that what he had taken for a locomotive headlight was the planet Venus.

EX-CHAIRMAN JONES, of the democratic national committee, charges that

the populists are working in the interest of the republican candidates and using republican money. There can be no doubt of that. The populists at heart are against the democrats and have only affiliated with them when it was to their interest to do so. It was a sad day for the democrats when they entered into any alliance with the populists.

A DISPATCH from Reno, Pa., says Marie Welsh, 14 years old, a member of the freshman high school class, died a few days ago of lockjaw following a vaccination. Yet in this, the twentieth century, in many cities throughout the country there are laws on the statute books providing for compulsory vaccination.

From Washington.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.) Postmaster General Payne's condition this morning is slightly better than at any time yesterday. He rested well during the night. He is not, however, out of danger. Dr. Rixey left the sick room at 9:25 o'clock and stated that there had been considerable improvement in the patient's condition. Dr. Oleser came out ten minutes later and left the hotel for his home in Baltimore. He will return tomorrow morning unless there should be a sudden change for the worse prior to that time. He said before going: "The patient has had a much better night and there is a distinct improvement. He is very much better, but is not yet out of the woods and I still consider his condition grave. Mr. Payne was conscious this morning and was in a cheerful mood. One of his questions was about the weather. The following bulletin was issued at 9:30 this morning: 'Mr. Payne had a much better night. He slept well for a number of hours. His heart action is much improved. His general condition is more favorable.' President Roosevelt after ten o'clock this morning. On leaving he told the newspaper men that he felt much encouraged over the favorable reports of the Postmaster General's condition. At 11 o'clock word came from the sick room that the patient was resting easily and that there had been no change for the worse.

Dr. Rixey stated this evening that there had been no appreciable change in Mr. Payne's condition since the morning bulletin. The situation is extremely grave, he said, and the outcome problematical. There will be no further general consultations of the physicians until 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

Congressman Hepburn, of Iowa, Chairman of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, called on the President this morning to enlist his cooperation in securing the loan of a revenue cutter or army transport to take the members of that committee and of the Senate committee on Inter-oceanic Canals to Panama this fall to make an examination of the actual conditions there. It is intended that the party shall sail from the United States immediately after the election, sometime between the 8th and the 15th of November. With the exception of Representative Lovering, of Mass., all the members of the House committee have signified their willingness to go but it is not known how many of the Senators will accompany the party. The legislation for the government of the canal zone will expire with the expiration of the present Congress next March. Additional legislation will, therefore, be absolutely necessary this winter. It is for the purpose of seeing for themselves the precise situation there, so that they may legislate intelligently, that it is proposed to take to Panama the members of the two committees which will have in charge the preparation of the laws to govern the zone during the construction of the canal. President Roosevelt assured Col. Hepburn of his hearty concurrence in the plan and he will at the proper time assign a government vessel for the purpose. Each member of the party, it is said, will pay his own expenses.

The Department of Justice this morning transmitted to the State Department the affidavits forwarded from Lee, Mass., respecting the arrest and fining of Hugh Gurney, at Lee, on the charge of over-speeding his automobile. The State Department announces that the record furnished is not quite complete and that further material is necessary before the case can be presented in formal shape for the consideration of the British Embassy.

It was reported at the national democratic headquarters last night that Senator William A. Clark, the copper king of Montana, had given \$1,000,000 to the committee for campaign expenses. Senator Clark would not talk about the matter.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Spencer, formerly of New York, who arrived from Europe on Thursday, will soon open the house on Massachusetts avenue which they purchased last winter.

Hon. John Goode is confined to a hospital in this city by illness, and will, therefore, be unable to fill his appointments to speak for the democrats. It is feared here that Col. Goode will not be able to enter the campaign actively this fall. He is nearly 80 years old.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

JUST AS he finished his run today Passenger Conductor William Hinkley fell dead in the Union station, Harrisonburg, Pa. He was aged 52 years.

A horrible murder was committed at Wanakee, a suburb of Paterson, N. J., last night or earlier in the day. The victim was the wife of John Stewart, colored, her body being found at midnight by Charles Hudson, a boarder at the house who was returning from a political meeting.

The steamer Philadelphia, which arrived at New York today from Southampton, brought Tsang Hse Nun and five of his attendant suite. It is said that Nun is charged to investigate systems of governments with the view of the adoption of such methods which might be found suitable for the Chinese people.

William Richmond of the police force in Willimantic, Conn., today picked up a poorly dressed man about 60 years of age, who was lying in a drunken stupor in the street. As he raised the man two \$1,000 bills dropped from his pocket. He was taken to the 45 in bank notes and gold was found in his possession. Some envelopes in his pocket contained the name of Thomas Fitzgerald.

Hugh Gordon Miller, Assistant U. S.

District Attorney at Norfolk, Va., arrived in New York today and visited the federal building for the purpose of appearing against Vance McCarthy, who was arrested in New York in August last as a fugitive from justice. McCarthy was a sailors' boarding house in Norfolk and is under three indictments there for "crippling" the wages of men whom he shipped on vessels leaving for foreign ports.

Charles B. Castleman who is charged with having robbed Mrs. Albert Riehl, of Philadelphia, of \$2,000 worth of jewelry while driving through Central Park in a cab, last Monday night, was held for the grand jury in \$2,000 bail by Magistrate Oomen in Yorkville, New York Court today. The man calling himself Mr. Anderson, who was locked up on suspicion of being a confederate of Castleman, was released, but the \$240 which was found in his pocket was retained by the property clerk.

Cuban cigar men object to Secretary of the Treasury Shaw's order in the matter of stamps for imported Cuban cigars, and propose to show their resentment by re-cutting to President Palma that Secretary Shaw is not only working an injustice to Cuban exporters, but is conspiring to deceive the American consumers of Havana cigars.

West has been received at Winnipeg, Manitoba, that the following Presbyterian missionaries at Changteh, north Honan, China, are in grave danger owing to an anti-foreign uprising: The Rev. John Griffith, the Rev. Percy Leslie, the Rev. B. H. Rice, Miss J. Mcintosh, Miss Jean Dow, M. D., and Miss Miss Pyke.

The funeral of Dr. Juan N. Navarro, Mexican Consul General to New York for forty-two years, who died suddenly on Saturday last, was held in the Church of the Holy Cross this morning. The deceased had been a regular attendant at the church for twenty-eight years.

News of the Day.

Mrs. Carrie Nation and three other women broke two large plate glass windows in the Mahan Wholesale Supply Company's warehouse at Wichita, Kansas, yesterday. They were arrested and are now in jail.

Frank Hedley, who 20 years ago worked for the Manhattan Elevated Road as a machinist at \$2.60 a day, has been appointed general manager of the Interborough Transit Company. His salary is \$25,000 a year.

The steamship Athos, arrived at Baltimore yesterday. She hails from Port Antonio, Jamaica, and has the largest cargo of fruit ever imported into the port consisting of 18,500 bunches bananas, 2,000 coconuts and 4,700 barrels of oranges.

A terrific flood has struck the city of Trinidad, Col., and the whole valley along the Las Animas river, devastating a wide section and causing a loss which will reach several hundred thousands of dollars. So far as known there was no loss of life, but several persons are reported missing.

The entire hunting establishment of Foxhall P. Keene was sold at public auction in New York last night. The consignment consisted of nineteen qualified hunters, including thoroughbreds bred at Castleton Stud, Kentucky, and Irish hunters. Two packs of English hounds also were sold.

Railroad traffic in New Mexico is at a standstill, owing to heavy rains Thursday and yesterday. No train has arrived at Santa Fe since Thursday afternoon, and all the wires are down. Many bridges were carried away by the flood. No loss of life is reported, but property damage throughout the Territory is heavy.

Earl Bullin, an eighteen year old white boy of Winston-Salem, N. C., was killed at Thomasville, N. C., shortly after midnight Thursday night while in the act of robbing the store of J. C. Kinney & Co., dealers in groceries. Kinney, who was sleeping in the store, heard Bullin making his way into the building, and fired a load of No. 8 shot into his breast. Bullin ran a few steps and fell where he was found dead yesterday morning.

A dispatch from Wellsville, Ohio, says that over 1,000 employes of the Pennsylvania system northwest and the Pennsylvania system southwest left the service of the company last night because of a general order that has just been issued and made operative. No employe of the company who was hired after he reached the age of thirty-five is to be retained. If a man was hired before he was thirty-five he retains his position. Station employes, road men, and shop employes feel the force of this order. On the Cleveland and Pittsburg Railroad alone about fifty employes of the company were out of positions at midnight last night.

Japanese Advance Upon Kuropatkin. The Japanese, after severe fighting, have driven in the Russian outposts in the vicinity of Mukden, and the advance upon General Kuropatkin's main army is progressing rapidly. A correspondent with General Kuroki's army states that the conditions at Mukden are bad, and that 30,000 refugees there are in distress.

A dispatch from Russian sources at Mukden, however, states that "the Japanese appear anxious to act on the defensive, and have fortified a position northwest of the Yental mines. The Russians estimate the strength of the Japanese confronting Kuropatkin at 144,000 infantry, 6,300 cavalry and 638 guns.

The greatest military problem now confronting the Russians is the transportation of supplies to the increasing armies. The farther north General Kuropatkin retires the more he must depend upon the railway. Not only food, clothing and ammunition, but every horse for the Russian cavalry must come over the railway. The Japanese, on the other hand, are now in control of the richest crop-bearing section of Manchuria, of which Liaoyang, their new base, is the market center. Through trains to the Japanese front will soon be running from Niuchwang and Dalny.

The Russian war office claims to have reliable information that the Japanese losses at Port Arthur since the siege began have been 45,000 men killed or wounded, and that the general assaults September 20 to 26 were all repulsed.

Virginia News.

A. F. Devine was elected recorder of Leesburg at a special election on Thursday.

Ephraim Taylor, a colored employe of the Suffolk postoffice, was arrested yesterday on the charge of robbing the mails.

Miss Anna Virginia Pennington, a well-known lady of Winchester, died yesterday after a lingering illness, aged 52.

Hon. John F. Rixey and Mr. C. C. Carlin will address the citizens of Prince William on the issues of the campaign on Monday, court day.

Henry Alonzo Ordoroff, a prominent young man of Winchester, formerly of Philadelphia, died yesterday after a lingering illness of consumption, aged 22.

Mr. Claude V. Colford, of Chicago, Ill., and Miss Geneva Rebecca Birdsall, daughter of Eli Birdsall, of Purcellville, were married Thursday at the residence of the bride's father, near that town.

Mrs. Catherine A. Brady, widow of the late John L. Brady, of Scottsville, Albemarle county, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert A. Sanders, at New Baltimore, yesterday afternoon, in her ninety-first year.

A telegram has been received in Staunton stating that Judge Charles' condition is very critical. He was operated on several days ago at St. Luke's Hospital, Richmond, for appendicitis, and the operation was a most serious one.

The statement is denied by liquor dealers in Richmond, that the Virginia Liquor Dealers' Association, which adjourned there yesterday, made arrangements to set aside a large reserve fund to fight local option elections in various parts of the State.

The trial of James Chamberlain, colored, on the charge of shooting Flora Alexander, a young colored woman, on September 8, will come up at Berryville at the next term of the Circuit Court. The murdered woman was a mistress of Chamberlain, and her infatuation for another negro man is said to have led to the quarrel that ended in her death. Chamberlain was captured in a corn field after the shooting and lodged in jail.

Word from Smithfield, says that Mrs. Maggie Pope, a young society woman of that town, went with Robert E. Pope, her divorced husband, to Washington on Thursday where they were remarried. Smithfield people got the first information from a letter written by the bride to a relative. The bride, formerly Miss Chalmers, moved in the highest social circles. They have three living children all girls. Mrs. Pope before leaving Smithfield, sold some of her real estate, and it is said they will reside in Richmond when the honeymoon is over.

Announcement has been made by Edgar Allan, Jr., executive committee man from the Third district and nominee of one wing of his party for Congress, that he has letters from Chairman Park Agnew, of the republican State committee, recognizing him as the regular candidate for Congress. This will put the prospective nominee of the Treat convention, which meets in Richmond next Tuesday, in the attitude of being an independent candidate for Congress. It is the purpose, however, of the Treat wing to go on and make a nomination, and they may likely appeal the matter to some higher tribunal for final arbitration. Mr. Allan, however, claims that he has letters from Congressman Babcock, chairman of the national congressional committee, as well as from Mr. Agnew, recognizing him as the regular nominee.

In the Circuit Court at Berryville yesterday Judge Harrison passed sentence on Joseph H. Copenhaver, the convicted Clarke county wife murderer. Copenhaver will serve 12 years in the State penitentiary, a jury having recently found him guilty of the crime. His attorneys, Marshall McCormick and Blackburn Smith, secured a stay of imprisonment for 90 days in order that the Court of Appeals may have time to act in the case. It is not thought that Copenhaver will be given a new trial. While in a drunken frenzy last April he shot and killed his wife in the rear of their home, near Berryville. The murderer barricaded himself in his room and defied the sheriff and his deputies with loaded revolvers. He was finally captured and lodged in jail at Berryville. The murdered woman was loved and respected, and her death caused widespread indignation. Copenhaver has the reputation of being a dead shot with a revolver.

Killed by Elevator.

Edward Rollins, a negro, thirty years old, was caught in an elevator at the Windsor flats, 1425 T street northwest, Washington, yesterday afternoon, and crushed to death. His mangled body fell down the elevator shaft from the fifth floor to the basement, and many bones were broken. Rollins had been employed as furniture mover by one of the occupants of the fifth floor of the flat building, and the goods were being carried in the lower section of the elevator. One load had been carried in safety, when Rollins, who was on the fifth floor, rang to go down. The car stopped to let off another passenger, and he stepped forward to get on. Forrest Locker, a seventeen-year-old negro boy, who was in charge of the lift, called to him to get in the bottom and started upward. Rollins, fearing that he would be left, made a leap to get on. He got about half way in the car. Locker reversed the power, but not in time. Rollins was caught between the floor and the lift and the side of the shaft. His breastbone was crushed in, and death must have been instantaneous.

The output of gold and silver in the United States last year declined, while that of the rest of the world increased.

The Market.

Georgetown, Oct. 1.—Wheat 85.1/2.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is tenfold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists. Price, 75c per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Today's Telegraphic News

A LULL IN OPERATIONS.

London, Oct. 1.—Late telegrams received from the seat of war in the far East this morning indicate that both sides are still stationary, and that affairs are still in what might be termed an active state of preparation. It is true that several dispatches have been received in Rome and St. Petersburg stating that the Japanese have begun an advance all along the line, but more authentic telegrams show that these telegrams are but exaggerated accounts of reconnoissances.

A dispatch received from Mukden this morning intimates that General Kuropatkin is about to assume the initiative in the battle. In military and official circles such a move is thought to be foolhardy, and the dispatch untrue, unless political circles in the Russian capital are again trying to direct the campaign. In such a case, it is universally believed, Russian arms are certain to suffer another severe set back.

It is believed that Field Marshal Oyama in the conduct of his assault on Mukden will follow a plan identical with the one pursued at Liaoyang, except that he will make his flanking movement a much stronger one. His forces to the east of Mukden are being daily added to, and this force, which is fast becoming as formidable as the main force at Liaoyang, will attempt to turn the Russian left.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 1.—The report current for some days past, that Viceroy Alexieff would be recalled, is officially denied.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 1.—A telegram from Vladivostok gives an account of an incident showing the extreme cautiousness of the Russian forces there, and their fear of a Japanese attack. On the night of September 23d the planet Jupiter was unusually bright, and was mistaken by the garrison for a Japanese reconnoitering balloon. The soldiers were preparing to fire on it, when their error was discovered.

Rome, Oct. 1.—A telegram from Tien Tsin reports that a junk which has arrived there from Port Arthur reports that the garrison at the Port is in the most terrible straits. They are suffering from lack of the commonest necessities of life, and this is causing intense suffering among all classes, particularly at the hospitals, where the wounded are in a wretched condition. The most serious factor is the lessening of the supply of water. The opinion, according to these on the junk, is growing among the townspeople that the time has come when a surrender should be made without loss of honor. This was suggested to General Stoessel, who became frantic, at the idea, raved like a mad man and declared he would continue fighting as long as one grain of powder remained.

London, Oct. 1.—The Rome correspondent of the Central News wires that a telegram received from Liaoyang reports that General Kuropatkin has abandoned Mukden and transferred his headquarters to Tie Liu.

Chefoo, Oct. 1.—A junk which left Port Arthur on Sept. 27th, reports heavy fighting there for the seven preceding days. The firing was still proceeding when the junk left. The Russians were then relying largely on their ground mines, which were working fearful slaughter in the Japanese ranks.

Rome, Oct. 1.—A telegram from Chefoo reports that the Japanese are directing all their attention now to Golden Hill fortress, which they hope to capture within a few days. The fortifications on the hill are said to have been almost entirely destroyed by the Japanese artillery fire.

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Parkersburg, W. Va., Oct. 1.—Nathan Bracey, a Parkersburg merchant, was held up, beaten, shot and robbed of \$40, at Neals Run Bridge, a mile from town, last night. It was his custom to carry home each night his day's receipts, but last night he had only \$40. Two men stepped in front of him, poked a revolver in his face, and went through his pockets. He tried to beat them off, but they struck him with brass knuckles, shot him, inflicting only a flesh wound, and beat him severely. He described the men and officers are searching for them.

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The Races.

Gravesend, N. Y., Oct. 1.—First race. Geranium won, Old England second, K. Pepper third. Second race—The Ragged Cavalier won, Candling second, Gascar third. Third race—Oiseau won, Chrysis second, Burnt Hill third. Worth, Chicago, Oct. 1.—First race. Dod Anderson won, The Fog second, Sir Mars third. Second race—The Belle won, Jade second, Black Art third. St. Louis, Mo., October 1.—Bourke Cochran won, Mainspring second, Goo Goo third. J. Bryan, lawyer, newspaper man and poet died in Bangor, Me., today of typhoid fever. He was known as a newspaper man in Boston and New York, and his clever verse printed on the clay worker won for him the title "Poet Laureate of the Brick Yard."

Pool Rooms Beaten.

St. Louis, Oct. 1.—Harry Haaker is under arrest here, it being claimed that he and confederates in Philadelphia were operating a scheme by which the pool rooms and bookmakers in Philadelphia were beaten out of thousands of dollars. Two long distance telephones were found in his room, which was near the Delmar track. It is alleged that by means of extra strong field glasses Haaker could see the result of the races and by telephoning the result to Philadelphia beat the telegraph company to the pool rooms, and thus his accomplices could win large sums.

Philadelphia, Oct. 1.—There are no pool rooms operating in Philadelphia at present and the handbooks protect themselves against "burns" of the alleged Haaker brand by refusing all bets after the time for the horses to go to the post. They also are amply protected by a secret system of telegraphic information advising them immediately as to changes in the running schedule at all tracks. It is probable, however, that the St. Louis scheme was worked successfully at the pool room operated all summer in South Atlantic City, N. J.

Attempted Poisoning.

Baltimore, Oct. 1.—Robert Weitzel, a sixteen year old boy, is accused of attempting to poison a whole family by putting enough paris green in their coffee pot to kill one hundred people. The family had befriended him and given him employment and board. Not the least motive can be found. His nine year old friend, Willie Blank, accuses him of having given him money and telling him to purchase the poison. The accused lad denies it. Police and intended victims are mystified. The boy is held for court. When about to pour a cup of coffee for her husband, last night, Mrs. Edward Rhoda, of 2118 Canton avenue, discovered a thick green scum on the surface of the liquid. Her husband sent the coffee to Dr. Wolf, and he pronounced it paris green, stating that there was enough to poison 100 people. At the hearing this morning Grove Grant testified that while he was standing in front of Dr. Christ's pharmacy Weitzel and the Blank boy drove up on Rhoda's produce wagon. Blank jumped off and purchased the poison.

Fight a Draw.

San Francisco, Oct. 1.—Joe Gans, the light weight champion, and Joe Walcott, the black demon, fought twenty rounds to a draw last night at the Yosemite Athletic Club. In the opinion of many of the spectators Gans had the best of the mill and should have been given the decision. No knock downs were scored. Referee Welsh declared the bout a draw after the last round. After the fight it developed that Walcott had broken his arm. An examination of the injured arm disclosed that the arm was broken at the elbow, the accident occurring in the fourth round.

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Village Terrorized by Mad Woman.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 1.—Word reached here today of the terrorizing of the village of Sevsk, in the district of Scheroff. A mad woman who lived on the hills outside the village, descended on the population armed with a sickle. She rushed through the streets swinging her implement right and left. The villagers fled in superstitious fear before her. Four were killed and a number injured. The authorities, however, requested that a company of soldiers be sent to capture the woman.

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AUCTION SALES.

COMMISSIONERS' SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

By virtue of a decree entered on the 16th day of June, 1904, in the chancery cause of A. B. Dinsley vs. William B. Dinsley et al., pending in the Corporation Court of the city of Alexandria, Virginia, the undersigned will offer for sale at public auction, in front of the Royal street entrance of the Market building, Alexandria, Virginia, on

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1904, at 12 m., the following real estate: No. 1. THE FIVE FRAME HOUSES and LOTS in the front in rear of Nos. 908, 910 and 912 Princess street, Alexandria, Va. Subject to sale in lots of 25 feet, 30 feet, 35 feet, 40 feet, 45 feet, 50 feet, 55 feet, 60 feet, 65 feet, 70 feet, 75 feet, 80 feet, 85 feet, 90 feet, 95 feet, 100 feet, 105 feet, 110 feet, 115 feet, 120 feet, 125 feet, 130 feet, 135 feet, 140 feet, 145 feet, 150 feet, 155 feet, 160 feet, 165 feet, 170 feet, 175 feet, 180 feet, 185 feet, 190 feet, 195 feet, 200 feet, 205 feet, 210 feet, 215 feet, 220 feet, 225 feet, 230 feet, 235 feet, 240 feet, 245 feet, 250 feet, 255 feet, 260 feet, 265 feet, 270 feet, 275 feet, 280 feet, 285 feet, 290 feet, 295 feet, 300 feet, 305 feet, 310 feet, 315 feet, 320 feet, 325 feet, 330 feet, 335 feet, 340 feet, 345 feet, 350 feet, 355 feet, 360 feet, 365 feet, 370 feet, 375 feet, 380 feet, 385 feet, 390 feet, 395 feet, 400 feet, 405 feet, 410 feet, 415 feet, 420 feet, 425 feet, 430 feet, 435 feet, 440 feet, 445 feet, 450 feet, 455 feet, 460 feet, 465 feet, 470 feet, 475 feet, 480 feet, 485 feet, 490 feet, 495 feet, 500 feet, 505 feet, 510 feet, 515 feet, 520 feet, 525 feet, 530 feet, 535 feet, 540 feet, 545 feet, 550 feet, 555 feet, 560 feet, 5