

CAPTAIN MERRY WILL BE SENT

The State Department to Find a Way Out of the Difficulty.

Can First Be Accredited as Minister to Costa Rica and Salvador.

Dr. Hunter of Kentucky Will Go to the Greater Republic States That Protested.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 30.—It now seems probable that a way will be found by the State Department by which Captain Merry will be received as Minister in Central America. Costa Rica is not a member of the Greater Republic, whose Diet has declared the captain to be persona non grata. Costa Rica is very friendly to him, and the Costa Rican Minister here has signified to the State Department that his Government will welcome Captain Merry with open arms. He may be accredited to Guatemala also. This is likely to be the solution of the problem. This would probably be only temporary, however, as it is hoped that affairs in Central America will be soon straightened out.

It is not believed that the treaty combining the five Central American states into one will be ratified. But at the next session of Congress, when a new diplomatic and consular appropriation bill is prepared, it is expected that a salary of \$10,000 will be appropriated for Nicaragua, Salvador and Honduras, comprising the Greater Republic, and \$10,000 for a Minister to Costa Rica and Guatemala. If by this time the objections of the Diet of the Greater Republic are removed, Captain Merry will be accredited to the states now comprising that federation, although this country will adhere to its determination to recognize Nicaragua, Salvador and Honduras as the Greater Republic. But if the Diet persists in its objections to Captain Merry, he will be accredited again to Costa Rica and Guatemala, while Dr. Hunter of Kentucky will be sent to the three states that are unfriendly to Merry. It is expected that in a day or two Captain Merry will be commissioned as Minister to Costa Rica. This will enable him to draw the salary of \$10,000 per annum which by the Diplomatic and Consular Committee is now appropriated for the Minister to Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Salvador. Although he will draw the salary thus appropriated, he will not be accredited to either Nicaragua or Salvador, both of whom have representatives in the Diet which has protested. Until Congress passes a new appropriation bill Captain Merry will act as Minister to Costa Rica only and his residence will be at San Jose, a town of 40,000 people and situated pleasantly in the Costa Rican mountains. By this arrangement Captain Merry will avoid the objections to his reception by the Diet of the Greater Republic. He will draw his \$10,000 salary and his residence in Costa Rica, one of the countries interested in the canal, will enable him to continue his good work in promoting its construction. It is expected that when the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill is considered next winter, Senator Morgan, a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, will call attention to the fact that Mr. Rodriguez, Minister to the United States from the so-called Greater Republic, has sought to interfere with the legislation of the American Congress, and Rodriguez may find that he will be persona non grata himself.

TONS OF OFFICE-SEEKERS.

A floor in the White House sagged with their weight.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 30.—The office-seekers who crowded the reception corridor on the second floor of the White House every weekday since March 4 did not know they were in danger of life and limb. An investigation by Colonel Bingham, the Commissioner of Public Buildings and Grounds, has shown that the floor of the corridor has sagged four inches under the weight of the people who came to see the President. Directly under the corridor is the East room, a big apartment used for promading at evening functions and for the reception of the general public by the President three days in the week. The strain on the floor was increased by the heavy chandelier suspended from the roof of the East room. It is a wonder the floor did not collapse during the last few days of the President's stay in Washington, when the office-seekers were largely increased. The floor of the corridor has been torn up, revealing the decayed joists, which were laid a century ago, when the White House was built by Colonel Bingham, to save the beauty of the East room, will endeavor to remedy the sagging by allowing the weight to be supported by the roof timbers.

TO DEEPEN THE CHANNEL.

Big Dredging Contract for the San Francisco Bay Bridge Company.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 30.—On the 28th inst. the bids for dredging a channel between Mare Island and Vallejo were opened, and that of the San Francisco Bay Bridge Company was the lowest. This will be the largest single contract for dredging ever let by the Government on this coast, requiring the removal of 1,500,000 cubic yards of material. The channel to be deepened is 7000 feet long and will be worked to a depth of 15 feet at mean low water, and its width of 600 feet will make it ample for the passage of the deepest war vessel to reach the navy-yard. The bridge company's bid was 10.74 cents per cubic yard. The cost of the work is estimated at \$170,000.

Nicaragua Canal Commission.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 30.—At the second meeting of the Nicaragua Canal Commission to-day it was decided to ask the Navy Department of furnish a warship to convey the Commissioners to Central America. One of the big cruisers will probably be sent. Captain Carter, a member of the commission, will sail for San Francisco and assume his additional duties as military attaché of the United States embassy in London. He will also attend the engineering congress at Stockholm. On his return the Commissioners will decide on the time for starting for Nicaragua.

Californians Ditch the Hides.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 30.—The question whether calskins are entitled to free admission under the new tariff as skins of animals has been decided in the negative by the Treasury Department. The tariff act provides that calskins must be paid a duty as hides at the rate of 15 per cent ad valorem. Collectors of Customs will be directed to strictly adhere to the decision. Much money is involved in the ruling, and appeals will undoubtedly be

taken by importers to the Board of General Appraisers, which has authority to overrule the department.

CORBETT'S OLD PARTNER DEAD. He and Another Man Were Shot and Instantly Killed in a Foker-Game Tragedy.

WICHITA, KANSAS, July 30.—A bloody tragedy was enacted at the frontier town of Chickasha, Indian Territory, shortly after midnight last night, resulting in the killing of Jim Gerah and John Aiken, Gerah, who is well known on the Pacific Coast, being a former partner of Jim Corbett, the ex-champion, owns a saloon and sporting-house in Chickasha, and was engaged in a game of "freeze-out" with a man named Bill Day. A dispute arose and Day drew a pistol and fired, the ball entering near Gerah's heart, killing him instantly.

As soon as the shooting began the other occupants of the saloon rushed toward the door. Day fired into the retreating crowd and the ball struck John Aiken, entering just below the right shoulder and passing entirely through the body. Aiken died in a few minutes. He was an honest, hard-working man.

The man Day then escaped in the darkness. The officers immediately began a search for him, but he is still at large. He is a rough, boisterous character.

Gerah's reputation was not of the best, but he was not of a quarrelsome disposition. He was above the average in intelligence and spent his money like a prince. When associated with Corbett the two owned saloons, skating-rinks and similar property. Gerah owned a large saloon at Portland, Or., a number of years ago. He came to Chickasha when the town was founded five years ago and while engaged in a questionable business his liberality to all charitable enterprises as well as his genial manners made him a host of friends.

This is the most deplorable killing that ever occurred in Chickasha. A heavy reward is offered for Day's capture.

BIG ADVANCE IN WAGES.

Louisiana Planters Who Are Benefited by the New Tariff Bill Will Remember Employes.

NEW ORLEANS, La., July 30.—Leon Godchaux, owner of seven sugar plantations in Louisiana, and the largest sugar-producer in the United States, to-day telegraphed to the manager of his places to advance the wages of all field labor 16 1/2 per cent. The advance is to commence August 1 in consequence of the passage of the tariff bill. It is believed this advance will now be met by all other planters.

The secretary of the New Orleans Sugar Exchange, who has been in Washington over a month watching the interests of producers there, declares the Louisiana sugar crop will more than double in the next five years, as the planters find now that they can get all the capital needed to extend their planting and for improved machinery. He declares the tariff bill the most favorable to sugar-producers this country ever had.

MUSIC TIMED THE DEATH.

Murderer Martinez Had a Brass Band Play While He Was Being Executed.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., July 30.—Maximo Martinez was hanged today in Floresville at 2:30 o'clock. His neck was broken. A brass band played while the hanging was in progress and furnished music for the prisoner before his execution. Several thousand people gathered in the little town at an early hour, and spent the day in merry-making, in accordance with the condemned man's request.

The crime for which Martinez was hanged was committed on the night of June 6. He assaulted and then murdered his sweetheart, Juanita Acosta, and with an ax killed Placido Correlito and his wife, the aged parents of the girl. Martinez then fled toward Mexico, but was overtaken near the Rio Grande border.

DOWN IN THE WHEAT POOL.

How the St. Louis Manipulators Harvested the Harvest.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 30.—The big pool of St. Louis grain operators, whose successful manipulation of the wheat market last year attracted general attention, is again in evidence, and, as before, former secretary of the pool, Francis A. Heiskamp, is the man in the center. The pool is said to control 8,000,000 of the 15,000,000 bushels of September wheat available. This combination bulled the wheat market up 30 cents between the last of August and January, and realized large fortunes for its members. This year, although the rise is not a month old, the price had advanced 15 cents. So far the effect itself has been felt since July 1. Not only has the rise of wheat been steady, with only a slight break, since the 22d, but the St. Louis market has been the only one in the country. The pool was formed in the same manner as last year.

A very conspicuous dealer in the pool began figuring out the visible supply of wheat in the world, taking into consideration all conditions of different countries. Haarstick and Spencer went abroad and ascertained that France is exceedingly short of wheat. The facts gleaned were laid before the other dealers, and on the following day they found the general buying movement. The deals were conducted in the quietest manner, and before the outside market realized the conditions the pool men had gathered in millions of bushels. Then the market began to climb. What the result of the present pool will be even the shrewdest brokers are unable to say. Last year's deal started in August, and the price then was about 10 cents lower than the price at which the rise began this year. The deal ended with the final settlement in January. Wheat started at 53 1/2 cents and sold up to 85 1/2. It is estimated that the St. Louis pool made \$5,000,000 out of its operations. To duplicate this performance wheat will have to reach 95 1/2 cents.

Coming with the Diamond Skulls.

NEW YORK, N. Y., July 30.—For the first time in the history of international rowing the Henley diamond skulls will be landed on American soil to-morrow, unless something unforeseen happens to the steamer St. Paul on her trip from Sandy Hook to the dock. The big liner was sighted off Fire Island to-night, and anchored outside the bar for the night. Her arrival is eagerly awaited by amateur sportsmen, as according to cables from the other side, young Ten Eyck and party are aboard.

To Sell Kansas Divisions.

LEAVENWORTH, KANS., July 30.—At a special term of the Circuit Court to-day Judge Sanborn granted a decree ordering the sale of the Kansas divisions of the Union Pacific Railroad. Judge William Cornish of St. Paul was named as special master to sell the divisions. The sale will take place at Topeka in about sixty days.

No Need for Extra Session.

CHICAGO, ILL., July 30.—Governor Tanner says that he sees no need for an extra session of the Legislature.



COLONEL FRED GRANT RESIGNS.

NEW YORK, N. Y., July 30.—Mayor Strong received and accepted to-day the resignation of Colonel Fred Grant as Police Commissioner and appointed his successor, who according to law must be a Republican. Who the new man is the Mayor refused to tell. He simply said the appointee had accepted. Colonel Grant's resignation was brought to the Mayor's office early in the morning. In a letter Grant says he resigned because of his colleagues' refusal to abolish the present methods requiring the police to associate with abandoned women in order to secure evidence against disorderly houses. He says: "My principles and all my training prevent my favoring methods so degrading, and I will not give my approval to bills for services of policemen which indicate their degradation, and the horrible details of which denote a practice that should be made impossible under our modern civilization." The salary of Police Commissioner is \$5000 a year.

STRIKERS ARE NOT DAUNTED

They Will Make a Final Effort to Bring Out Workers.

So Far De Armit's Men Have Refused to Join the Struggle.

Two Large Railroads Are Compelled to Secure Coal From Southern Mines.

PITTSBURG, Pa., July 30.—Marching strikers, brass bands and oratory scored a dire failure among the coal-miners last night. De Armit's miners would not strike. The men who had been pleaded with and coaxed the night and day before walked by the strikers' pickets this morning, shook their heads when asked if they were going to strike, and hugging their dinner buckets to keep them from being stolen, again marched into the mines.

A few hours later wagon-loads of coal began to pour out of the mines, and observers could see the mines were running with almost a complete complement.

To-night the strikers' officials at Turtle Creek are trying to hold meetings of De Armit's men.

In a speech this morning, Pat Dolan, the miners' district president, attacked the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, whose chief, Arthur, refused to attend the labor leaders' conference at Wheeling. Dolan said that owing to the inroads of electric railways and other means of rapid transit the wages of engineers would drop sooner or later, and then they would be asking assistance from other organizations.

The United Labor League has issued a call for a special meeting Sunday evening to make arrangements for a mass-meeting to be held August 5 in the interest of the striking miners. This will be one of the "solemn convocations" scheduled to be held on the same date all over the country.

About 200 strikers on the Wheeling division of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad marched to McGovern to join the strikers in the camp at the mines of J. V. H. Cook & Sons. Wagonloads of provisions were sent out to the strikers' camp, near De Armit's mines. More strikers are gathering and a last desperate effort to impress the working miners by a majority of the members will be made. The committee on uniformity to contract signatures is still revising proofs. Monday the campaign for securing signatures will begin.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 30.—The Illinois Central and Mobile and Ohio railroads, two of the largest systems of the South and West, have come to Alabama to get coal on account of the strike in the North and West. Walker County coal operators and the Southern Railway are occupied now in hauling coal to Wilson, where it is delivered to the Illinois Central, and at West Point, Miss., to the Mobile and Ohio. All the mines here are working full time. Other operators announce an increase in the coal demand and all the mines are working full time except at Blue Creek.

Eighteen Years' Hard Labor.

NEW YORK, N. Y., July 30.—John F. Ryan and John Graves, who lived in this city on July 16 and then robbed him and tried to force acid down his throat, were to-day sentenced to eighteen years' imprisonment at hard labor in Sing Sing. Both pleaded guilty yesterday. Graves is from Salt Lake City, where he was accused of complicity in the theft of \$4000 from a bank.

Overcome by Foul Air.

HINTON, W. VA., July 30.—A train was stalled in Lewis tunnel last night on the Chesapeake and Ohio, and the crew was overcome by foul air. Conductor Ed Bray is dead. Samuel Hinton, Ed Womack and Tom Kameadow are in a precarious condition.

Did on His Wife's Grave.

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, July 30.—At Degraff, Ohio, last night, Frank Wright was found lying dead on his wife's grave with a bullet in his brain. Wright was formerly a resident of Springfield, but lately lived in New York.

FATAL WORK OF TRAIN-WRECKERS

They Ditch the Chicago Express on the Big Four Road.

Engineer Winslow and Fireman Crockmore Are Crushed to Death.

The Disaster Caused by a Coupling-Pin Being Driven Into a Switch Frog.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 30.—The Chicago express of the Big Four Railroad, due here 3:30 A. M., was wrecked forty miles west of this city at 2:30 o'clock to-day near Thornton. S. B. Winslow, engineer, and J. Crockmore, fireman, were killed; Henry Pliebe and Charles Cavanaugh, two Cleveland tramps, were killed.

The wreck was caused by a coupling-pin being driven into the switch frog by train-wreckers. The report is current that it was done by some striking coal miners with the view of wrecking one of the numerous coal trains that pass over the road, but nothing has developed to justify the suspicion.

Thorntown is the regular stopping place for the train. It was running about twenty-five miles an hour when it struck the switch. The pin had opened the switch and the engine ran a short distance on the siding and turned over. The coupling then broke. This released the airbrakes and stopped the train. But for this the whole train probably would have been ditched. Engineer Winslow reversed the engine and jumped. He was found twenty feet from the train with the top of his head crushed in. Fireman Crockmore was pressed up against the boiler by the tender.

Three tramps were riding on the front of the first postal-car. One of these was scalded by steam and the other jammed between two cars. The third was not badly hurt. One of the postal-cars was thrown across the upturned tender and the other was dashed against it. The postal clerks and baggage men escaped.

BATTLING WITH THE TRIBESMEN

British Riflemen Withstand Attacks by the Forces of the Mollah.

The Situation at Camp Malakand Relieved by the Arrival of Re-enforcements.

SIMLA, INDIA, July 30.—A dispatch from Malakand reports another night attack by the tribesmen last night. The natives fought desperately for several hours, but were repulsed at all points. Bonfires had been lighted around the camp, and in the glare the tribesmen were easy targets for the British riflemen. Many fell, and in the light of the flames the natives could be seen removing their dead.

It is reported that the Mollah was badly wounded, and that several of his principal chiefs were disabled. The British lost one killed and seventeen wounded, among the latter being Lieutenant Costello, who was wounded the second time. He had received a slight wound during the day attack on Wednesday.

The forces of a strong gathering of natives on the hills to the right of the British position. The theory is that the Bonerwahs have risen. The situation is now somewhat relieved by the arrival of re-enforcements under Colonel Reed from Newshera. The road from Mardan to Malakand seems free, as an officer with an escort of only four men passed safely along the road to the camp on Wednesday.

An Incendiary Fire.

TOULON, FRANCE, July 30.—Most of the combustible material on the island Perquerolles, in the Mediterranean, was destroyed by probably an incendiary fire.

WORK ON THE MURDER THEORY

Now the Boston Police Try to Clear the Mystery.

New Facts Connected With the Tragic Death of Miss Barrett.

Keys of the Office Stolen Just Before the Tragedy Was Enacted.

BOSTON, Mass., July 30.—There have been no more interesting or startling developments in the Alice Barrett mystery than those of to-day. For the first time since her death the police have started out to work on the murder theory. Up to this time they have doggedly refused to consider anything but suicide, but are now forced to act along other lines.

Fire Marshal Whitcomb was on a still hunt to-day and refused to say a word except to admit that murder is now a possible theory. To-day it was discovered that the key which locked the dead body of Miss Barrett in the office was not hers, and the choreboy of the building admitted that the keys were mysteriously stolen shortly before the tragedy.

The police are satisfied that it was possible for the murderer to have escaped by the window of the office, as the door remained locked. To-day a hat was found buried in the debris of the ruins of the fire. This might have been dropped by the murderer in his flight. Another startling thing to-day was the positive denial by Mr. Codman, Miss Barrett's employer, of her own story, corroborated by Mr. Foss, her fiancé, of the night she spent alone at the Thorndyke Hotel. Mrs. Barrett still adheres to her determination not to disclose the name of the individual to whom her daughter Alice loaned the mysterious \$800.

In spite of the talk and the general expression of opinion that a great deal might be cleared up if the fact were known, while no harm could ensue, Mrs. Barrett remains obdurate. Mrs. Barrett was informed by her daughter who the man was who desired to borrow the money, but personally she did not see the man. She got the note given in return for the loan. She has had no reason to believe that the note would not be paid, principal and interest. The family cling strongly to the belief that this was murder in its most mysterious guise.

Edward Barrett said to-night they must dig deeper than they have yet, and they may find something more than they have thought of.

"When they get to the bottom of this thing, you mark my words, it will be found that not one dollar of the firm's money is clinging to the fingers of the girl," declared another relative. "They have only just begun," he added. "It was learned definitely from her brother that Alice Barrett's salary was but \$3 a week."

FOR A COAST TERMINUS.

The Burlington Is Reaching Out to the Pacific.

DENVER, Colo., July 30.—The Times says this afternoon: "The Burlington line is going to carry out its long-cherished plan of having an outlet to the coast, and in order to do so is going to extend its line across Colorado to Utah. The plan for extending the line was agreed upon some months ago, after General Passenger Agent Francis of the company had made an inspection of the route, and work will begin at Lyons, the terminus of the Colorado branch of the Burlington, and run through Left-hand Canyon, in Boulder County, to Ward, thence across the range to Routt County, tapping the Hahn's Peak region, and across Colorado to Utah, passing through Ogden and ending at Salt Lake City."

"The proposed route across Colorado was surveyed some time ago and it will require but little work to replace the old stakes that have been lost. Left-hand canyon, through which the line will pass, after leaving Lyons is an ideal pass for a railroad. It rises gently at Lyons to Ward, and there will be no steep grades to surmount. Beyond Ward and over the range the road is also good and only on the other side there is a very few engineering difficulties to overcome.

"At Salt Lake the road will connect with the Oregon Short Line and the Southern Pacific, thus allowing the Burlington to tap the entire Pacific Coast. Passengers can run right through from the coast from Chicago and other Eastern cities without change. Work will be begun in a very short time."

BACK TO PALESTINE.

To Establish a Jewish Independent State in the Holy Land.

NEW YORK, N. Y., July 30.—A dispatch to the World from London says: The representatives of the Baron Hirsch Charities here seem to take very seriously the scheme of Dr. Theodore Hertz of Vienna for the formation of an independent Jewish state in Palestine. It is stated that the Hebrews are organizing in all parts of the world.

The doctor intends first to send an exploring expedition to thoroughly explore the land from end to end, and to establish telephones, telegrams and other modern scientific conveniences before opening the territory to general settlement.

To obtain sovereignty over Palestine he says will be easy, as the Turks will be glad to let it go. He points to his decoration by the Turkish Government as evidence that it thinks favorably of his scheme. If Turkey should refuse to give Palestine up he says that the Ottoman empire surely will disintegrate and the Jewish Company can obtain Palestine when the powers divide up the Turkish empire territory. If it proves impossible to get Palestine, he will turn to Argentina. To confer on this point a congress will be held at Basle on August 20. The doctor says there is no doubt that this congress will be the redeemer of the Hebrews. This is no intention to follow socialistic lines. He proposes a limited monarchy like that of Great Britain. The capital of the Jewish Company is to be \$25,000,000.

In the Rushing Waters.

MIDDLETON, CORN., July 30.—At 8 o'clock this morning a dam forty feet wide, confining water from which three factories get power, burst, letting down a tremendous volume of water. The huge stones of which the dam was built crashed into the factory of William Wilcox's lockshop and the lower floors of the factory were flooded. Forty workmen were compelled to flee for their lives. Much damage has been done and the water is still rushing down.

Indistinct, with the Fram Gold. CHICAGO, ILL., July 30.—J. K. Hardy, the original compounder of oleomargarine, claims that he has made metallic

yellow substances indistinguishable from gold. He claims the stuff—like aluminum, except it is 10 per cent lighter and 50 per cent cheaper.

AND THE DUELLO IS ON.

Prince Henry of Orleans Will See His Challenger in Switzerland With Pistols.

ROME, ITALY, July 30.—Prince Henry of Orleans has telegraphed to General Sismondi and Colonel Mazzatelli, the seconds of General Albertone, notifying them that he accepts the challenge to fight a duel issued by General Albertone because of the Prince's accusations against the Italian officers in the recent Abyssinian campaign. The combat will be fought in Switzerland, probably with pistols.

TO SEND A DELEGATE.

Great Britain Will Participate in the Sealing Conference.

LONDON, Eng., July 30.—Foster, special representative in the sealing negotiations, declines to discuss the details of his mission or express any opinion regarding the attack made upon him by Professor Eliot. It is learned, however, that Great Britain has agreed to send a delegate to the proposed sealing conference at Washington in October or when the British sealing experts return from their mission, and Russia and Japan also have promised to send delegates.

SCORCHERS ON THE HEATHER.

The Meeting for the International Bicycle Races in Scotland.

GLASGOW, SCOTLAND, July 30.—The international bicycle championship meeting opened to-day on the track of the Scottish Cyclists' Union, the entries including the leading cracks of Great Britain and Continental countries and C. W. Richardson of Canada, whose selection by the Canadian Wheelmen's Association has kicked up a merry war among the Canadian riders. Owing to the fact that the National meeting of the League of the American Wheelmen takes place next week, that organization has sent no representatives, and it is the only body in the international organization that lacks representation.

The Press Cycling Club of Boston had contemplated sending a team of three riders, but it abandoned the idea at the last moment. Before the opening race the foreign visitors were welcomed by Sir Thomas D. Carmichael, member of Parliament for Edinburgh, and a great patron of the sport. The countries represented are England, Ireland, Scotland, France, Germany, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Italy, Canada, Austria and Cape Colony. A special race for the championship of the British empire was added to the programme to-day.

TREATIES ABROGATED.

Commercial Agreements Between England, Germany and Belgium Broken.

BERLIN, GERMANY, July 30.—Great Britain has denounced her commercial treaties with the German Zollverein Convention, and therefore, it will cease to be operative July 31, 1898.

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM, July 30.—The Soir says Great Britain has notified the Belgian Government that her commercial treaties with Belgium are being abrogated one year from this date. "When they get to the bottom of this thing, you mark my words, it will be found that not one dollar of the firm's money is clinging to the fingers of the girl," declared another relative. "They have only just begun," he added. "It was learned definitely from her brother that Alice Barrett's salary was but \$3 a week."

FLOODS IN LOWER AUSTRIA.

Many Streams Over Their Banks and Great Damage Done.

VIENNA, AUSTRIA, July 30.—Rain has fallen in torrents for four days in lower Austria and an immense amount of damage has resulted both in the country and the cities. Many of the streams are over their banks, crops are annihilated and the loss in the towns has been very heavy. The Danube is a torrent and is altogether too high for traffic. All railway connection here has been broken off, and Emperor Joseph's intended visit has been postponed in consequence.

PEACE IN THE EAST.

Greek Finances to Be Controlled by the Great Power.

CONSTANTINOPLE, TURKEY, July 30.—Interest in peace negotiations has centered on Germany's proposal for the establishment of foreign control of Greek finances. There has been much speculation as to whether the powers would concur in the plan. The Embassadors have now received definite instructions to adhere to the German proposal. The next conference will be held to-morrow when the preliminaries will almost certainly be signed.

Satisfying the Siamese.

LONDON, Eng., July 30.—Chulalongkorn, King of Siam, arrived off Spithead this morning in the Siamese royal yacht Maha Charkri, with the royal suite and a large retinue of servants. The British warships Inflexible, Alexandria, Calliope Hero and Victory received his Majesty with the salute reserved for royal visitors. The Duke of York and Admiral Sir Nowell Salmon, commander-in-chief at Portsmouth, went on board the yacht, and cordially welcomed the King to England. All the shipping in the harbor was grandly decorated with bunting.

NEW TO-DAY.

Look out for our Big Removal Sale, beginning next Monday. We take possession of the Golden Rule Bazaar quarters about September 1st, and must sell all our present stock of clothing in order to open with a brand new line.

S. N. WOOD & CO. (Columbian Woolen Mills), 541 Market st.

WILD ANIMALS ON THE RAMPAGE

They Break Loose at a Circus and Cause a Panic.

Omaha's Residents Badly Frightened by the Exodus From a Menagerie.

One Man Gored by an Escaping Elk and a Keeper Hurt by an Infructed Elephant.

OMAHA, NEB., July 30.—The roar of lions, the trumpeting of elephants and the shrill screams of other animals which go to make up a circus menagerie, caused a panic about daylight this morning in the northern part of the city near the grounds occupied by Hamilton's show. A fight occurred among the animals in which an enraged elephant broke his chain and escaped after knocking over and almost demolishing a cage of lions.

A big ferocious elk broke the side of the tent and roared off down through the city, and several other animals broke from their cages. A police call was turned in and after the animals had been captured and the excitement subsided it was found that Scott Johnson of Omaha had been gored by the escaping elk as it rushed through the streets. Animal-keeper Worthington had been hurt by the elephant and several others bruised, while a score of citizens had been frightened out of their wits by the unusual sight of wild animals charging through their front yards.

The row started by a mischievous monkey teasing Jessie, the man-killing elephant. The big beast finally broke her chain and with a roar started after the monkey. Like a frightened snubnose the monkey flew around the cages, taking refuge beneath that occupied by the lions. The elephant knocked the cage over and the roar of the lions started the other animals. The elk easily made its escape. The elephant appeared to be greatly enraged and in her anger finally toppled the cage of lions over and almost forced open the door.

Then the police alarm was sent in. Worthington started after his big pet, but as soon as she saw him she lifted up the canvas wall of the tent and made her escape to the outside. The trainer followed her, but by the time he got outside she was more than a block away. Before he got up with her she created a decidedly appalling apparition in the mind of an Eighteenth-street citizen who found the atmosphere in the interior of his house a little too warm for sleeping and therefore betook himself out upon the front porch in decidedly light costume. He had been asleep but was awakened by the squealing of the escaped elephant. The man escaped just as the elephant rushed through his yard. Early pedestrians fled in every direction. The elephant was captured and chained up, but at once broke away again. All the animals were caged after a very animated scene.

IN THE GERMAN ARMY.

An American Citizen Forced to Bear Arms for the Kaiser.

BERLIN, GERMANY, July 30.—Embassador White is giving close attention to a matter which promises to involve some diplomatic complications. It is the case of Alfred Wessing, son of a naturalized American citizen, Charles Wessing of New York. Young Wessing, while visiting Germany last spring, was drafted into the German army. He protested and proved that he had made a formal declaration of his intention to become a citizen of the United States, although his naturalization had not been perfected. His protest was absolutely ignored and he was enrolled in the Seventy-fourth regiment, stationed in Hanover.

Recently for a petty offense he was struck a violent blow by a sergeant. Enraged by the injustice young Wessing felled his tormentor to the ground and fled. Late at night he reached the United States Consulate in the City of Hanover, completely fagged out and half starved. United States Consul Crane persuaded him to surrender to the authorities, and he is now awaiting trial on a charge of assaulting his superior.