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## CURRENT TOPICS.

### THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

### PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

THE steamer Victoria, which arrived in Tacoma, Wash., on the 4th, brought news of the most disastrous floods that have visited China for many years. Sixty villages near Tung Chou, containing over 80,000 inhabitants, were destroyed, and 15,000 to 20,000 persons were drowned.

CONSUL GRIMKE at Santo Domingo, informs the state department that, on August 9, a new tariff law was enacted which imposes a tax of three per cent. on all exports and imports.

THE Iowa supreme court, on the 5th, affirmed the decision of the lower court in not holding S. J. Spaulding, who embezzled $13,000 from the secretary of the state pharmacy commission.

THE October term of the United States supreme court begins on the 11th. There are 426 cases on the docket, as against 616 at the beginning of the October term in 1895, of which 183 came over from the last term, and 80 have been added during the court's vacation.

IT is not expected that the mints will coin over 2,000,000 silver dollars during October, as they are being pushed to their fullest capacity in turning out subsidiary coin, for which the demand can hardly be met.

THE defense in the Luetgert alleged wife-murder case in Chicago rested, on the 5th, and the prosecution resumed, in rebuttal, on the 5th. Both sides professed to be satisfied with the showing thus far made.

THE president has appointed L. S. Swenson, of Minnesota, envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Denmark. Prof. Swenson is well known among the educators of the country. He comes of Norwegian stock, but was born in Minnesota.

INDIAN AGENT WISDOM, at Tuskahoma, I. T., where the Choctaw council is now in session, wired another reassuring message to the Indian bureau on the 6th. He says the lower house had concluded to vote to refer all matters of dispute to the attorney for the Choctaw nation and to abide by his decision.

EIGHT masked robbers held up the St. Louis-Chicago express on the Chicago & Alton railroad within one mile of the famous Blue Cut, about six miles east of Kansas City, Mo. After detaching the engine and baggage and express cars and running them to a safe distance they were frightened from their work by a charge of dynamite placed upon the through safe, and which, failing to explode, they were afraid to re-enter the car and made off through the underbrush.

MAJ. MOSES B. HANDY, the special United States commissioner to the Paris exposition of 1900, has secured 25 per cent. additional space for the American exhibits, making the space of the United States equal to that of the other big nations.

TWO MASKED men held up Night Agent Cass at the Chicago & Alton depot in Louisiana, Mo., on the 6th, at 3 a. m., and with revolvers held at his head compelled him to give up the contents of the money drawer, amounting to about $19.

AT a monster meeting in Cooper Union, New York city, on the night of the 5th, Henry George formally entered the lists as candidate for mayor of Greater New York of what is known as the "Jeffersonian Democracy."

THE general officers of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union have requested all local unions to hold memorial services for the late Gen. Neal Dow.

AT the launching of the Kaiser Friedrich at Dantic, on the 5th, Emperor William said: "I ought to be jealous of the Lloyd fleet, as it is larger than mine."

WM. A. STILES, editor of Forest and Stream and a park commissioner of New York city, died, on the 6th, of cancer of the stomach.

TWO COLORED women, Mrs. Mary Sammon and Mrs. Jennie Layton, were arrested, on the 7th, at Camden, N. J., charged with causing the death of three children. All of Mrs. Layton's five children had diedunder peculiar circumstances, requiring a coroner's certificate.

GEN. WILLIAM THOMPSON, retired, died, on the 7th, at Tacoma, Wash., aged 84. Deceased served throughout the the civil war, retiring, at his own request, with the rank of captain in the Seventh cavalry. By a vote of the last congress he was breveted brigadier-general in the regular army.

FIRE which originated on the stage of the Detroit (Mich.) opera house, on the 9th, at 1 a. m., caused a loss of between $600,000 and $700,000. The fire spread to the block bounded by the Campus Martius, Woodward, Gratiot and Monroe avenues, in the center of the business district.

FIFTY high-class horses perished by fire in the stables of the Chesshire Improvement Co., on Ocean parkway, Brooklyn, on the 7th; loss, $50,000.

MRS. MARY MCNIFF, widow of a wealthy St. Louis merchant, hired an expressman to haul a trunk, said to have contained $5,000 worth of negotiable paper, $6,000 worth of jewelry and $1,000 in gold. The expressman disappeared with the trunk.

A DISPATCH from Lima, Peru, says: "After a discussion, which continued for several days, the chamber of deputies adopted the gold standard by a majority of one vote."

THE sum of £100,000 in American eagles was withdrawn from the Bank of England, on the 7th, for shipment to the United States.

A HAVANA dispatch states that Senorita Evangelina Cossio y Cisneros made her escape from the Casa de Recogidas some time during the night of the 6th or early morning of the 7th. One of the bars on the window of her room was cut and bent outward. Weyler is furious.

THE Mormon church has again entered the political arena, and has started out flat-footed to control everything in the state of Utah. The Gentile political leaders are discussing the advisability of reorganizing the old liberal party.

A SEVEN-FOOT vein of rich gold ore is said to have been struck in the Red Rover mine at Acton, Cal. It is said to be sprinkled freely with free gold. There are tens of thousands tons of ore in sight.

C. E. HASTINGS, a nephew of Grover Cleveland, has been arrested at Ellinwood, Kas., charged by State Agent Yates of the Central Life Insurance Co. with embezzling $1,200 of the company's money.

WILLIAM J. SCANLON, United States consul at Port Antonio, Jamaica, died of yellow fever on the 6th. He was appointed from the District of Columbia, and had been only a few weeks at his post.

A DISPATCH from Washington says President McKinley will probably go to Canton to vote at the November election.

ON the 8th, silver scored a rise of 1 penny, to 27 pence, in London, and 2 cents, to 58 cents, in New York. Bullion dealers were unable to assign any other cause for the rise than a scarcity of supply.

O. D. WEBSTER, of St. Louis, aged 70, despondent from lack of employment, took a dose of carbolic acid, on the 9th, and died shortly after his reception at the city hospital.

IT was made public in Vienna, on the 8th, that Count Wurmbrand, aged 19, the son of Count Wurmbrand, who was minister of commerce in 1895, had committed suicide by shooting himself in a cab owing to his unreciprocated attachment for the family's English governess, who declined to marry him.

THE eleventh annual convention of the Illinois union of the Christian Endeavor society was called to order at Central music hall, Chicago, on the 8th, by President O. W. Stewart, with about 1,200 delegates present, nearly every district in the state being represented.

HON. HOKE SMITH, former secretary of the interior, has been elected president of the board of education of Atlanta, Ga., to succeed Judge Howard Van Epps, resigned. Mr. Smith's election was unanimous.

ON the 8th the president appointed Ambrose W. Nanlin collector of internal revenue for the sixth district of Indiana, and David W. Henry collector of internal revenue for the seventh district of Indiana.

UNITED STATES CONSUL DAY at Amoy has reported to the state department that the bubonic plague, which had raged in that section of China for three months, is now regarded as having run its course.

THE president, on the 8th, appointed George H. Bridgeman, of New York, minister to Bolivia.

### LATE NEWS ITEMS

THE sale of the eastern division of the Kansas Pacific under foreclosure will take place at Topeka, Kas., November 5. The entire property with lands, equipments, telegraph lines, etc., is to be sold in one parcel. The upset price is placed at $4,500,000. A deposit of $200,000 will be required five days before the sale. On the following day the middle division of the road will be sold at Salina, Kas., under like conditions, the upset price being $5,000,000.

THE trial of the lighthouse tender Manilla, which had been undergoing registration at the Astoria (Ore.) iron works for the past five weeks, was fairly successful, and the vessel was accepted by the board of United States officials. Without forced draught she attained a speed slightly in excess of 11 knots, about one knot more than she was capable of making before the repairs were made.

COL. HENRY D. SHELTON, of Hughesville, Pettis county, Mo., is in receipt of a letter from President McKinley in which he consents to visit Pettis county some time next month, the exact date to be fixed later. Col. Shelton is at the head of the sugar making industry, which is to be formally inaugurated in central Missouri on the occasion of the president's visit.

THE bureau of foreign commerce of the state department is busily engaged in the preparation for publication of the volume known as "Commercial Relations of the United States," embodying annual reports from United States consuls in every country in the world upon the trade conditions in their respective districts.

THE statement of the associated banks of New York city for the week ended on the 9th, showed the following changes: Surplus reserve, decrease, $2,064,000; loans, decrease, $262,300; specie, increase, $1,583,400; legal tenders, decrease, $4,302,300; deposits, decrease, $2,616,000; circulation, increase, $29,800.

CAPT. J. H. H. WIBORG has been released from prison in Philadelphia after serving a 16-months' sentence for taking the Danish steamship Horsa on a filibustering expedition to Cuba. His fine, with costs, amounting to $500, was paid by popular subscription.

AMONG the passengers on the French liner La Bretagne, which arrived at New York, on the 10th, from Havre, was Clara Barton, president of the American Red Cross society.

ALLEN W. VAN DUSEN, art editor of of "Outing," of New York city, died at Gowanda, N. Y., on the 9th.

### MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

**Berry Growers Meet.**

The Co-operative Berry Growers' association of Southwest Missouri and Northern Arkansas met at Springfield. It was estimated that the berry acreage in the territory covered by the association would be about doubled this year. The question of distributing the small fruits among the most available markets was the chief topic of the meeting. The failure in recent years to market the berry crop in a systematic way had caused great losses to shippers. When a good demand had been reported at any given point, the excessive shipping to that point soon overstocked the market. To correct the irregularity, the co-operative plan of distribution has been adopted, and agents were sent last season to the principal berry markets of the country.

**In Northwest Missouri.**

The entire region of northwest Missouri is parched as if from a furnace. The corn crop is thoroughly dry and ready for gathering, and averages fair. The worst effect of the protracted drought is the disaster to the winter wheat. The grain lies in the dust, and can not germinate until rain comes, and the crop will be late at best. Fox river, the Wyaconda and other streams have ceased running, and many wells and ponds have failed. Pastures have dried up, and stock has to be fed a month earlier than usual.

**Surprised His Friends.**

Elder J. J. Lockhart pastor of the Christian church at Nevada, doubly surprised his friends a few days ago. In company with Mrs. Lois Fuller, a wealthy and handsome widow, he drove to Fort Scott, where the twain were made one, and later in the evning, after returning to Nevada, he resigned his pastorate.

**Say It Is "Mizzoury."**

The Columbia school board upon motion of Walter Williams, passed unanimously a resolution declaring that the teachers employed by the district should hereafter teach as the proper pronunciation of the name of this state "Mizzoury."

**Robbed by Masked Men.**

Two masked men held up Night Agent Cass at the Chicago & Alton depot in Louisiana at 3 a. m., and with revolvers held at his head compelled him to give up the contents of the money drawer, amounting to about $19.

**A Pettis County Elopement.**

Miss Lottie Demand, the 17-year-old daughter of Henry Demand, a prominent citizen of Smithton, eight miles east of Sedalia, eloped with Edward H. Schlotzhauer, a young farmer of the Pilot Grove neighborhood.

**Supposed to Have Committed Suicide.**

N. H. Noah, found dead in Kansas City, was a prominent farmer of Daviess county, 70 years old, and it is supposed he committed suicide, having used morphine with that intention several months ago.

**Missouri River Very Low.**

Old river men at Boonville say that the Missouri river is lower than they have known it for 30 or 40 years. But for quicksands horsemen could ride across the stream.

**Hay and Fence Burned.**

Fire, supposed to have originated from a passing train, destroyed several hundred dollars' worth of hay and a mile of fence for Hon. D. T. Killam in Lincoln county.

**Fatally Burned.**

Earlie, the eight-year-old daughter of Lee Case, of Glenwood Junction, set fire to her dress while playing with matches, and was fatally burned, dying a few hours later.

**Girl Badly Burned.**

The 16-year-old daughter of Probate Judge Poisses, of Truesdail, Warren county, was badly burned. She was stirring apple butter, and her dress caught fire.

**The Sny Levee.**

The Sny levee commissioners have awarded the contract for improving the levee between Hannibal and Louisiana to Capt. Samuel Spencer, of Hannibal.

**Barn and Contents Burned.**

The barn of J. C. Hitt, near Centralia, was destroyed by fire, together with grain, farm implements and live stock. Loss, $5,000; uninsured.

**Hon. L. R. Venerable.**

L. R. Venerable, aged 91, died at the home of his daughter in the east part of Henry county. In 1854 he was Audrain county's representative.

**Death of a Young Lawyer.**

Orlow B. Matthews, admitted to the bar at the September term of the circuit court, died, the other day, at the home of his parents in Macon.

**Diphtheria Raging.**

During the past few weeks a number of children have died in Shelby county of diphtheria. The public schools have closed in affected districs.

**Northwest Missouri Apples.**

Although the dry weather has cut the apple crop short in northwest Missouri, the yield is better than was expected a few weeks ago.

**Choked to Death with a Thimble.**

Mary Dixon, aged six, daughter of Edward Dixon, of Green Ridge, 12 miles from Sedalia, swallowed a thimble and choked to death.

**A Howard County Mill Burned.**

The flouring mill at Armstrong, Howard county, was destroyed by fire. The mill was owned by C. S. Yancey. Many farmers lose wheat.

**Fell Into a Well.**

Martha Honchens, a single lady, was drowned at her home near Florence, by falling into a well from which she was drawing water.

**Light and Water for Milan.**

The proposition to bond the city of Milan for electric light and water works was carried almost unanimously at a recent election.

### METHODIST APPOINTMENTS.

**Closing Work of the St. Louis Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South at Doniphan, Mo.**

The sermon at the ordination of deacons by the St. Louis conference of the M. E. church south, at Doniphan, was preached by Bishop A. W. Wilson. The sermon at the ordination of elders was preached by W. B. Patty, of Charleston, Mo. The devotional exercises at the opening of the last session were led by Dr. C. L. Smith, of St. Louis. The closing business was rapidly disposed of with a collection for the McAnally loan fund, the Central college, was taken, and quite a large sum promised. Dr. J. W. Lee presented each of the pages of the conference with one of his books. A resolution of thanks to the citizens for their hospitality was passed by a rising vote. The conference adjourned and the delegates left on a special train. R. F. Chew, assigned to New Madrid, surrendered his credentials as a preacher, giving as a reason the unhealthfulness of the country. Below are the appointments:

St. Louis District—Presiding elder, Dr. J. W. Lee. First church, J. H. Early; Centenary, to be supplied by John Nelson; St. John's, Dr. E. M. Messick; Lafayette Park, Dr. S. H. Werlein; St. Paul's, F. R. Hill, Jr.; Marvin, Dr. J. M. Moore; Wagoner place, M. H. Moore; Mount Auburn, J. W. Keithly; Carondelet, J. W. Worsnap; Immanuel, W. H. Lewis; Kirkwood, C. L. Smith; Bellefontaine, J. F. Triplett; Bridgeton, W. W. Moss; Ferguson, C. M. Davenport; Clayton, J. W. Robinson; Beckville, to be supplied by L. R. Mank; St. Louis City mission, Dr. T. M. Finney, Cabanne, Richard Wilkinson; Sunday-school agent and member of Centenary quarterly meeting, Dr. John Mathews.

Washington District—Presiding elder, J. B. Seay. Washington, W. H. Pascoe; New Haven, T. P. Hill; Labadie, W. Q. Danan; Manchester and Fenton, J. A. Collins; Mount Zion, J. F. Comer; Merrimac, M. L. Beard; St. Clair and Richwood, C. Burton; St. James, C. L. Rennison; Salem and Steelville, C. M. Gray; Lane's Prairie, to be supplied by E. H. Hogan; Bourbon, to be supplied by J. Stukenbrake; Oak Grove, T. L. Triplett; Scotia, supplied by T. J. Hancock; Licking, to be supplied by S. J. Upton.

West Plains District—Presiding elder, W. R. North. West Plains, R. L. Russell; Thayer, R. D. Kennedy; Alton, F. Moore; Garfield, supplied by M. L. Newberry; Mountain Grove, L. F. Cold; Pea Valley, supplied by W. L. King; Pine, W. J. Velvick; McDonald, supplied by J. C. Simpson; Birch Tree, W. F. Talley; Cannon, W. L. Tyler; Clear Springs, L. H. Davis; Summerville, E. L. Thomas; Houston, G. E. Parson; McDoc, H. A. Buff; Cedar Grove, J. J. Carty; Huzzie Mission, J. W. Riley; Fishertown, D. E. Barrett.

Charleston District—Presiding elder, O. G. Halliburton. Charleston, W. B. Patty; Sikeston, A. J. Green; Jackson, L. H. Davidson; Cape Girardeau, M. T. Haw; Commerce, O. H. Phillips; New Madrid, R. F. Chew; Charleston circuit, to be supplied; Point Pleasant, P. Rose; East Prairie, B. F. Rudd; Wolf Island, to be supplied; Bertrand and Morehouse, L. M. Lee; Benton, C. M. Cagle; Blodgett, to be supplied; Scott Mission, W. M. Holland; Ladlin, to be supplied; Caruthersville, James Ulery; Cottonwood, R. M. Ownby; Gayoso, T. M. Cooksey; Carlisle Training School, Willis Carlisle.

Popular Bluff District—Presiding elder, M. H. Eure. Poplar Bluff, W. Lowe; Kennett, J. L. Bowling; Shiloh, W. H. Paschall; Grand Prairie, A. P. Saffold; Bernie, A. C. Chasbine; Dexter, E. J. Rindle; Malden and Campbell, H. R. Singleton; Halcomb, J. A. Russell; Bloomfield, J. L. Batten; Advance, S. B. Biffle; Walnut Grove, F. Baker; Greenville, A. S. Coker; Piedmont, W. A. Humphreys; Ellington, J. M. England; Grandin, A. C. Johnson and R. D. Reed; Williamsville, J. M. King; Doniphan, Z. T. McCann; Fair Dealing, R. E. Atkinson; Centerville, R. M. Ready.

Farmington District—Presiding elder, W. R. Mayes. Farmington, S. W. Emery; Bonne Terre, J. K. P. Dickson; Fredericktown, J. C. L. Boehm; Arcadia, L. F. Aspley; DeSoto, J. Stephan; Farmington circuit, A. H. Russell; Fredericktown circuit, R. Walton; Potosi, J. R. Eddleman; Belleville circuit, J. D. Doherty; Caledonia, B. A. Smith; Desloge, L. D. Nicholds; Hematite, W. J. Hays; Festus, C. P. Maschmann; Marquand, T. Lord; Eutesville, L. L. Pinell; Marble Hill, J. B. Dodson; Piattin, T. H. Clayton; Pocahontas, A. R. Williams; Oak Ridge, J. R. Matthews; York chappel, A. M. Robinson.

President Marvin Institute—N. B. Henry.

Student to Vanderbilt University—Harry L. Jenkinson.

Student to Marvin Collegiate Institute—W. B. Barnhouse.

Transferred—C. L. Mills, to East Texas conference; H. Hainsworth, to Arkansas conference; W. F. Acuff, to Memphis conference; J. W. Oliver, to Memphis conference; H. Whitehead, to Missouri conference; W. M. Freer, to Tennessee conference.

The next annual conference will be held at De Soto.

**A Recreant Physician.**

NATCHEZ, Miss., Oct. 5.—Dr. Metcalf, of this city, has gone to take charge of the cases of yellow fever at Nittayuma, Miss. A message from Dr. C. H. Blum stated that the local physician declined to treat the disease.

**Decided Against Riley Grannan.**

ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 6.—The court of appeals has decided against Riley Grannan in his case against the Westchester Racing association, appealing from disbarment from the track by the board of stewards.

**Seals Plentiful but Restless.**

VICTORIA, B. C., Oct. 6.—Capt. Cox of the schooner Triumph has returned from Behring sea with 1,555 skins, and says seals are plentiful in the sea, and that there are as many there this season as there ever were, but for some cause or other they are very restless.

### THE NASHVILLE EX.

**Illinois and Chicago Day Appropriately Celebrated—The Attendance Was Very Large—Public Exercises Held on the Terrace of the Illinois Building—Addresses by Prominent Men of Tennessee and Illinois.**

NASHVILLE, Tenn., 10 Oct.—Illinois and Chicago day was celebrated in a very appropriate and successful manner at the Tennessee Centennial exposition.

The various delegations from Chicago arrived at 7:30 a. m., and were met by a reception committee of representative citizens of Nashville.

At 1:30 p. m. the visitors proceeded to the exposition grounds to attend the exercises there. The attendance was very large and most gratifying to the exposition management and the Illinois people.

The exercises, which were held on the terrace of the Illinois building, began with music, and Alex H. Revell, of Chicago, made the opening remarks. An address of welcome on behalf of the state of Tennessee was delivered by Gov. Taylor. Hon. Lyman J. Gage, secretary of the treasury, was the next speaker. Hon. Carter H. Harrison, mayor of Chicago, responded in behalf of that city, and Maj. John W. Thomas and Hon. Tully Brown welcomed the visitors on behalf of the exposition.

The response on behalf of the Illinois state commission was made by Judge Richard S. Tuthill, and Hon. H. N. Higginbotham, president of the World's fair, also responded. The closing speech was by United States Senator William E. Mason, who spoke on behalf of Illinois.

After the close of the exercises the various buildings were visited. The Illinois commissioners and their guests were given a luncheon at the West Side Park club in the afternoon.

### INFORMATION WANTED.

**How Are the Laws Directed Against Adulteration of Foods, Drugs, Etc., Enforced?**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—By direction of congress, the department of agriculture is investigating the character and extent of the adulteration of food and drugs. It is generally believed that adulteration, sophistication, imitation, and misbranding of foods, drugs and liquors exist to a very great extent. Many of the states have enacted laws to prevent such practices, and it is very desirable to know how these laws have been enforced, and with what results.

As the general public is interested in the matter, as it affects health, morals and legitimate trade, the department desires to secure accurate information, which may be sent direct to the chemical division of the department of agriculture. The department simply desires a concise statement of facts, which can be fully substantiated, if necessary, and not theories.

### YELLOW FEVER AT GALVESTON.

**Dr. Guiteras, However, Does not Apprehend Serious Trouble.**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—Late last night Surgeon-General Wyman, of the Marine hospital service received a brief dispatch from Dr. John Guiteras, the yellow fever expert, informing him of the appearance of the disease in Galveston, Tex. The dispatch was as follows: "Five cases of yellow fever now here; three more have been. Will report to local authorities. I do not apprehend serious trouble here, but dengue causes much confusion."

Dr. Wyman has been in communication with Dr. Fisher, of Galveston, and State Health Officer Swearingen, and has been advised that all necessary precautions have been taken to prevent the spread of the disease.

The officials of the Marine hospital service have known for several weeks of the existence of considerable dengue fever at Galveston, but they decline to express any opinion of the development of the yellow fever at that place. Dr. Guiteras would have been sent to Galveston sooner had it been possible to spare his services elsewhere. The doctors report has not yet been received.

At Mobile, Ala., there were to-day seven new cases in the city and two deaths. In the county there was one death, but no new cases.

### HUNDREDS ARE ANXIOUS.

**Want to Secure a Share of a Fortune Which Does Not Exist.**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11.—The treasury department has had many inquiries from time to time about the alleged estate of one Joseph Ball, of Philadelphia, which is supposed to be held in trust in the treasury department. The letters speak of this trust and of an alleged 84-year lease given by Mr. Ball to certain valuable property in Philadelphia. Some time ago it was stated that ex-President Harrison was interested as an attorney in the estate.

Many hundreds of people all over the country have been drawn into the struggle for the money which they erroneously imagine lies in the treasury awaiting distribution.

To all of these inquiries replies are sent out informing the "heirs" that there is no such fund in the treasury, and that the only record in the treasury department of "Joseph Ball, of Philadelphia," relates to a claim of about $3,000, which he filed as an underwriter against the government in 1801 for cargoes seized by the French. The claim is one of the ordinary French spoliation claims.

### GREAT BEDS OF FIRE.

**Results of Some of the Dried-Up Marsh Fires in Indiana.**

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Oct. 10.—The marsh fires that have been raging in this county have done unusual damage to the many huckleberry marshes, as well as burned much hay, many fences, etc. In some cases the woods have burned. On a 300-acre marsh tract, a few miles south of the city, the marsh muck has been burned down a distance of three or four feet to the underlying clay, creating in places great beds of fire under heaps of ashes.

### "COMMERCIAL RELATIONS."

**A New and Valuable Volume Soon to be Issued by the Bureau of Foreign Commerce of State Department—It is of Larger Scope than Its Predecessors.**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11.—The bureau of foreign commerce of the state department is just now busily engaged in the preparation for publication of the volume known as "Commercial Relations of the United States," embodying annual reports from United States consuls in every country in the world upon the trade conditions in their respective districts.

Within the past three years the quality and the value of this annual publication to the business interests of the country have improved in an astonishing degree, owing to careful selection of material, patient suggestion to consuls of information likely to be desired, and the addition of a compendious and thorough review prepared by the chief of the bureau, setting out conclusions as to general trade tendencies that may be impartially drawn from the vast store of matter supplied by the consuls.

The forthcoming volume is of larger scope even than its predecessors, and instead of being little more than the dry compilation of figures that it formerly was, the "Commercial Relations" for 1895-7 will present a mass of information of such variety as to be valuable and interesting not only to exporting merchants, but to public men, to manufacturers and to technical workers.

An indication of the character of the work is afforded by the extractions that have been made from the reports received within the last week only and have been given the benefit of advance publication.

From Hanover comes an account of the installation of an electric railway for handling heavy freight, suggestions for placing American tools in Germany and talk of an opening for breakfast cereals.

The consul at Barcelona reports upon the trade of Spain as affected by Italian war upon the Spanish woman's aversion to the bicycle, and upon tariff and financial questions.

From nearby Santo Domingo comes a report of railway development, of tariff changes and a comparison of European and American credit systems.

The depressing effects of American competition upon the Swiss watch trade is described by the consul at Geneva, who also tells of the preference for American bicycles, and of the growing demand for American canned goods, California fruits and sole leather.

The leather trade is also treated by the consul at Bristol, a trade center, and he adds a chapter on bacon that should be interesting to hog-raisers and packers because of the technical hints upon growing and curing for the English market. The inroads that American lead pencils are making into the formerly exclusively German foreign markets, is the subject of a chapter in the report of the consul at Nuremburg.

The consul at Straford reports upon corn and barbed wire, and the consul at Coatbrook throws out some hints to American newspaper publishers as to the means of obtaining a sale for their publications in the Dominion.

### GOLD FOR AMERICA.

**The Price of Silver Again Declines on Adverse News from India.**

LONDON, Oct. 11.—The resumption of the gold shipments has changed the outlook for the money market. Grain shipments from the United States are now large and cotton also is en route, while there is little, if any offset in the way of American purchases in this market. So far, indeed, as stock operations are concerned, special remittances in cash are being made to New York in connection with the coming sale of the Union Pacific railroad.

These circumstances combine to indicate a somewhat large drain of gold and an advance in the bank rate, although the American demand will doubtless be met to some extent from Paris. French purchases of wheat being considerable. A moderate rise in the value of money is probable. Discount is rather firmer. The banks are not taking paper freely, though money remains in good supply at one per cent. for a week. Bar silver is 1½ pence per ounce lower, owing to the general belief that the Indian government has definitely refused to reopen the Indian mints to the free coinage of silver. If this belief is well founded, all the negotiations of the American bimetallic commissioners may be considered at an end.

### SILVER AS A RESERVE.

**It Will Be Heard of No More in the Bank of England.**

LONDON, Oct. 11.—The Times, in its financial article this morning, expresses the belief that so far as the Bank of England is concerned nothing more will be heard of the offer to hold silver as a portion of the reserve. Proceeding, it says it deplores the "mischievous" effect that the governor's letter has had abroad, and it quotes at length from a letter written by a big American manufacturer, whose name is not given, dilating upon and regretting the fact that the bank's offer was to some extent a confession of the advisability of what Mr. Bryan had claimed.

### WILL NOT RETURN.

**M. Kotzebu, the Russian Minister Decides to Remain at Home.**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11.—It is stated on good authority that Mr. E. de Kotzebu, the Russian minister to the United States, who is now at St. Petersburg on a leave of absence, has decided not to return to this country. His reasons for this are said to be of a family character. It is also said that the minister's health is not so robust as when he first came to Washington. The announcement of his successor is expected within a reasonable time.

### ALASKAN NOMENCLATURE.

**Some of the Corrections Adopted by the United States Board on Geographic Names as Applied to Localities and Streams of Alaska.**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11.—The United States board of geographic names, which meets here at stated intervals, has just rendered decisions determining the spelling of 149 geographic names. These include a number in Alaska significant at this time in view of the Klondike excitement. Many variations of nomenclature for the same place are encountered, and the board's action settles the uniform usage. Following is a summary of action taken relating to places conspicuously mentioned in the gold stories:

As to Klondike, the decision is to spell it as here given, and not Clondyke, Klondyke, Chandike, Chandill, or Deer, Reindeer, Throndike, nor Thron Diuck.

One of the lakes of the upper Yukon was named LaBarge, by the Western Union Telegraph expedition in 1868, after Mike LaBarge, a member of the exploring party, who is now living somewhere near Ottawa, Canada. Late publications have fallen into the error of spelling this LaBrage, but the board adheres to the original form LaBarge. There is a LaBarge river in Alaska.

When Schwatka descended the Yukon in 1893 he named one of the lakes on its headwaters Lindeman, after Dr. Moritz Lindeman, now vice-president of the Bremen Geographical society. This sometimes appears erroneously as Lindemann and Linderman. The board adopts Lindeman.

One of the principal tributaries of the upper Yukon is the Lewes river, named by Mr. Robert Campbell, of the Hudson Bay Co., about 1848. This is often miscalled Lewis.

The inlet, river and village at the head of Lynn canal, which now appears almost daily under the form of Dyea, the starting point for the overland route, is an Indian word which has appeared in many forms. Admiral Meade, in 1869, wrote it Tyrea. Kraus, in 1882, wrote it Dejah; Schwatka, in 1883, Dayay; Dall, in 1883, Taiya. The board adopts the form Taiya.

For the lake and river variously called Hootalinqua or Hotalinga, or Teslin-Hina, or Teslin-Too, or Teslin, the board adopts Teslin. The terminations Hina and Too are said to mean river in different dialects.

An Indian village on the middle Yukon is called Nuklukayet. This has been written in several forms including the erroneous one Tuklukyet.

### A BURST WATER MAIN.

**Immense Damage Caused in the Fashionable Center of New York City.**

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.—A large Croton water main burst early yesterday morning at the corner of Madison avenue and Forty-eighth street, the heart of the fashionable districts, and wrought such havoc with property both near and remote that not even a partial calculation can be made of the financial damage at present. For blocks around scarcely a building escaped injuries from the volumes of water which poured into the streets and basements. The loss will reach far into the thousands.

The damage by water extends as far far west as Sixth avenue and as far east as First avenue. The sewers were choked by the great rush of water, and then the flood rose in the streets. The big water main was probably cracked by a blast which was fired in a sewer excavation late Saturday afternoon. Then in the night time, when the strain on the pipe was greatest, it gave way and the flood followed.

The breaking of a the pipe was announced by a rumbling noise which awakened the people in the immediate vicinity. Looking out of their windows they saw a great geyser in the middle of the avenue shooting a vast volume of water into the air, a column so high that it reached almost to the top of the electric light pole on the corner. Those who had no view of the fountain heard a mighty rush of water.

For five hours this column shot into the air before it was shut off at its source, and in that time 10,000,000 gallons of water had run down the avenue and side streets on either hand. All the streets east of Madison avenue slope gradually, and down them the water surged in a torrent, flooding the cellars and basements.

The most serious damage was done to the building of the railroad branch of the Y. M. C. A. and the Knickerbocker Athletic club house. In the basement of the latter place the dynamos, machinery, bowling alleys, bath rooms and big swimming tank have probably been ruined by the flood. The club officials place the loss at $15,000. The club house will be closed until the damage has been repaired.

After five hours the flow was stopped. Almost without exception the houses in the vicinity of the break were so flooded that they have been damaged from $500 to $2,000. The residence of J. Hooker Hamersley, William Eustace, J. Talpot and the clubhouse of the Delta Phi were among those most damaged.

**Arrival of Clara Barton.**

NEW YORK, Oct. 11.—Among the passengers on the French liner La Bretagne, which arrived yesterday from Havre, was Clara Barton, president of the American Red Cross society.

**Reorganization Committee will Buy in the Road.**

OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 11.—General Manager Dickinson of the Union Pacific, just back from New York, says that the reorganization committee will buy in the road and that S. H. H. Clark will be president.


[illegible] dance with the provisions of a certain deed of trust made and executed by [illegible] and at the request of the holder of said note, I will proceed to sell at public vendue the following described real estate at the Court House in the City of Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property, viz:

**Will Return**

HAZLETON, Pa., Oct. [illegible] and Wilkesbarre brea[illegible] return to work on [illegible] were promised an a[illegible] and with this assur[illegible]

[illegible]ber 27th, 1897, to go back.

[illegible] one o'clock p. m. and the [illegible] day to satisfy said note [illegible] and expense of executing [illegible]

MAS B. STRAUGHAN, Sheriff.

[illegible] this 1st day of October, 1897.