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## BLANCO SEES HIS FOES.

### COMMISSION IS IN HAVANA.

American Commissioners Landed and Were Accorded Military Honors—Formally Presented to the Captain General—Officials Visit Admiral Montalvo.

Havana, Sept. 12.—The United States transport Resolute, having on board the American commissioners, arrived Saturday morning. The Spanish government officials went on board the transport to welcome the Americans.

At 9:15 o'clock the American commissioners, accompanied by the Spanish officers representing Captain General Blanco, landed at La Machina wharf, and arrived at the palace at 9:40, where the captain general's body guard presented arms. Captain General Blanco, in full uniform, received the commissioners in the reception room, where, after the formal presentation had taken place and the official courtesies had been extended, they sat down and conferred for about 20 minutes. The captain general addressed the commissioners in English.

The United States commissioners left the palace shortly after 10 o'clock, accompanied by Dr. Congosto and General Solano. They were driven to the Machina wharf, opposite the wreck of the Maine, where they took lunch before returning to the Resolute for dinner.

Colonel Cloud and Captain Hart, accompanied by a Spanish officer, then paid a visit to Admiral Montalvo and to the captain of the port, after which they returned on board the Resolute. The general public crowded the wharf when the arrival of the Resolute became known, but there was no demonstration. The first session of the commission will take place this morning at 8 o'clock at the colonial government office.

On Friday the entire archives were carried from the military governor's palace to the wharf, where they were delivered to lighters for shipment to the Spanish mail steamer Ciudad de Cadiz, that sails for Spain tomorrow. Preparations are being made for an early departure in every branch of the government.

### WASHINGTON.

The school board of Franklin county has made a levy of three mills for teachers' salaries and other school expenses. Mr. Dickson's crew of Northern Pacific surveyors has removed its camp from the ice cave, in the vicinity of Ives, to the mouth of the Methow.

Daily mail stages now connect Chelan with Wenatchee over the state wagon road up the west bank of the Columbia river without the necessity of crossing and recrossing the river at great expense and danger, as formerly. Another small appropriation will put the road in first-class condition, and this will be asked of the next legislature.

T. F. Saffey of Olympia the other day killed a large coyote at his ranch near Patterson lake, beyond Chambers' prairie. Mr. Saffey was gunning for grouse with a light muzzle loading shotgun when he espied the coyote. The first shot did not take effect, but the second brought down the game, a kind that is very scarce in that country.

A stockman who has been over the range on Smooth Iron prairie in Asotin county, reports that stock of all kinds are in excellent shape. Wild animals, however, are getting bothersome again, and in one place he counted three carcasses of young horses recently killed, evidently by bear or cougar.

County Superintendent Rinehart of Clarke county has completed his annual report to the state superintendent. The total receipts of his office for the year from all sources amounted to \$52,903.02, and total disbursements \$40,401.45, leaving a balance on hand June 30, \$12,502.17, and a decrease of school indebtedness in the county amounts to \$10,149.70. The report shows 4206 children of school age in the county, 2323 males and 1883 females, of whom 3543, 1838 males and 1705 females are enrolled in the schools.

Governor Rogers received notice from the war department that the bill for subsistence furnished to the captains of the national guard prior to their muster into the United States service must be paid by the state, although these various items had heretofore been charged against the federal government. The state will, however, lose nothing, as the auditor of the war department promises that the state shall be reimbursed by the United States for this outlay hereafter. They amount to \$1653.18, and the parties furnishing the same will therefore present their bills to the state in order to obtain their money for supplies furnished.

The growth of the Spokane Fruit Fair has been remarkable. The fair which opens at 2 o'clock October 4, with a grand harvest festival parade, will be the fifth. The first was held in a little brick building and lasted four days. The paid admissions were 14,304. This first venture, and the second, were under the auspices of the bureau of immigration and had Manager Bolster at the head of them.

The paid first lasted ten days and the paid admissions totaled 55,407.

This third was under the management of Frank Smith and lasted 12 days, the paid admissions being 56,003. The first three fairs charged ten cents admission. The fourth, the one of last year, again came under the management of Herbert Bolster, and in the twelve days it continued the paid admissions reached a total of 60,806. The admission was 15 cents.

### Don't Use Wine.

Chicago, Sept. 12.—The President W. C. T. U. directed a letter to President McKinley today urging the prevention of the use of wine in christening the battleship Illinois by Miss Leiter.

### Fire at Omaha.

Omaha, Sept. 12.—Fire has destroyed the extensive printing house of the Reese Printing Company. The loss is \$85,000.

This year's cranberry crop in Wisconsin is estimated at 18,000 barrels.

## NINE MEN ARE WELL KNOWN.

People Selected to Investigate Alger's War Conduct.

Washington, Sept. 12.—In his selection of men to investigate the war department, it would have been difficult for the president to have selected nine men better known to the American people and yet equipped perfectly for the work they will be called upon to perform.

Lieutenant Colonel Schofield was General Miles' predecessor as commanding general of the United States army. His experience in the civil war as a corps commander, eminently fits him to pass judgment upon the operations in the field just concluded.

General Gordon has had the same experience in the confederate army as General Schofield on the northern side, and in addition he has represented the state of Georgia for two terms in the United States congress.

General Granville M. Dodge is well known as a man of large business interests in New York, but even better known among soldiers whom he led to success in the civil war. He also commanded an army corps and has never lost his interest in military affairs since entering civil life.

D. C. Gilman is one of the best known educators in the United States, at present holding the honored position of president of Johns Hopkins university in Baltimore, Md. He was selected by President Cleveland as a member of the commission appointed to settle the Venezuelan boundary controversy.

Charles F. Manderson of Nebraska was senator from that state for two terms, and also served with distinction in the war as a division commander. He is at present in Washington.

Hon. Robert T. Lincoln is, of course, well known as a member of the cabinet to the public, and the same is almost equally true of Daniel Lamont, secretary of war under the second Cleveland administration.

Dr. W. W. Keene is a citizen of Philadelphia, and enjoys the reputation of being one of the most scientific and ablest of physicians in that city.

Colonel James A. Sexton is best known to the American people on account of his election on Friday to the post of commander in chief of the G. A. R.

Gen. Gordon Declines.

Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 12.—General John B. Gordon has declined to serve on the commission requested by President McKinley to investigate the conduct of the Spanish-American war, giving as a reason his unstable health.

### Passenger Rate War Ends.

San Francisco, Sept. 12.—The transcontinental passenger rate war which has been raging with much bitterness between the Canadian Pacific railroad on the one side and the northern lines on the other, for some months past, will come to a close on the 25th inst. T. H. Goodrich, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific Company, was advised today by Chairman Caldwell of the Western Passenger Association that the interested lines had agreed to advance their rates on that date.

### Forty-Eight Cents for Club.

Pendleton, Or., Sept. 12.—Saturday afternoon the first wheat sales for several weeks were made. A total of 60,000 bushels were bought at 48 cents for club wheat under the standard grade. The total crop of this county this year amounted to over 5,000,000 bushels, of which scarcely 100,000 bushels is yet sold. It is the opinion here that if this price holds good a large amount of wheat will move from growers to buyers during the week.

### City of Tents.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 12.—At New Westminster this morning there are many peculiar scenes after the fire. On the wide open space just beyond where the fearful fire stopped a city of tents has arisen. Here the provisional government and the Vancouver authorities have housed in tents tented by the militia department all the homeless sufferers. The property loss this morning is estimated at about \$1,000,000.

### Acute Industrial Crisis.

Kingston, Jamaica, Sept. 12.—Advice received here from Antigua, the British West Indies, of the Leeward group, indicate there is an acute industrial crisis there, owing to the shutting down of the sugar plantations, constraining the government to inaugurate relief works in order to avoid a threatened outbreak of riot and pillage among the idle and starving laboring people. The sum of \$10,000 has been appropriated for the immediate relief of the crisis.

### Falcon Island Is No More.

Victoria, B. C., Sept. 12.—News comes from Suva by the steamer Mowara that Falcon Island, recently situated midway between the Tongatabu and Haafai groups and immediately opposite the Nomuka group of islets, has disappeared beneath the waves in consequence of volcanic action.

There were about 20 native fishermen on the island who have doubtless perished.

### Gasoline Killed Five.

Philadelphia, Sept. 12.—Five persons are known to have lost their lives as the result of a gasoline explosion which occurred last night at Fifteenth and South streets. It is believed that at least half a dozen bodies are yet in the ruins.

### Kuagat Like a Watermelon.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 12.—Australian advice received here on the steamer Mowara was an immense sensation has been created all over Australia by the discovery near Lake Wyne of a gold nugget weighing 115 pounds avoirdupois and valued at \$32,000.

### Jackson's Panic Is Ended.

Jackson, Miss., Sept. 12.—No new cases of yellow fever have developed. The panic which struck this city Saturday has subsided and many who fled have returned.

### Sick Soldiers Sail for Spain.

Havana, Sept. 12.—The Spanish steamer Ciudad de Cadiz left Saturday afternoon for Spain with 600 sick soldiers, two generals and their staffs.

Superstition is so common in Paris that cards tastefully embellished and containing a list of "hours to be avoided" are extensively sold.

## MINES AND MINING NEWS.

### SEVERAL LARGE SALES MADE.

Work on Nine Mile in Idaho—Altitude of Buffalo Hump—Sales Reported of the Iron Mask, the Iron Horse and the Copper Wonder—Mining Notes.

There are 15 teams and 25 men employed on the Northern Pacific's Nine Mile branch, near Wallace, Idaho, and the gap between the old grade and town will be completed this week. That is practically all the work there is to do for four miles, the old grade requiring but little repairing to put it in shape to lay ties and rails. No announcement has been made as to how far the rails will be laid this year, although there are various rumors afloat regarding it.

Among the men employed on the work the idea is prevalent that there is an understanding with W. A. Clark that he will work the Sunset and that the road will be built to it as soon as possible. It is out of the question for it to go so far as this year, as it will require several miles of heavy grading. The Sunset claim is on the very summit of Sunset peak, and has the greatest surface showing of any claim in the Coeur d'Alenes without question. Mr. Clark has owned it for years, declining to either sell or lease the property, although there are plenty of men who would jump at a chance to get to work on it on any reasonable terms. Another report is that the track for the present will run only to the Black Cloud mill, and another that it will be put through as far as the Granite mine, a mile and a half beyond the end of the old grade.

Local officials profess to know nothing of the plans of the company, and it is probable that they are honest in their statements.

### The Iron Mask Sold.

The Iron Mask in Rossland camp is soon to pass into the hands of the Blackstock-Goodrich syndicate, which lately acquired the Centre Star, and which has owned the War Eagle since it passed from the hands of the original Spokane company. That a deal has been pending for some time is well known. That it is nearing the point of consummation is asserted by those who are in a position to know the facts.

It is said that the price is to be at the rate of \$500,000, or \$1 per share, for the property. Some who are in close touch with the parties interested insist that the price is even higher than this and give as a reason therefor that the deal has been hanging fire for some time simply because the owners of the control of the property would not sell at \$1 per share, and that there is no reason to believe that they have weakened. However, it comes from an authentic source that the price is \$1 per share.

### Bought the Iron Horse.

The Iron Horse in Rossland camp has been purchased by George E. Pfunder for the Mackay syndicate, which owns the Virginia, Coloma and Monte Cristo properties. The Iron Horse was owned by the Iron Horse Mining and Milling Company of Rossland. Harry Humphrey of Spokane was one of the largest stockholders and he recently acquired the control of the property and made the deal for the sale of the control to Mr. Pfunder. J. D. Farrell was a large stockholder.

Mr. Pfunder, who was in the city last week, said that he had closed the deal for the purchase of 883,000 shares of the stock of the company, the capitalization being \$1,000,000. He declined to name the price paid for the stock, but it is claimed that the figure was 8 cents per share.

### Altitude of Buffalo Hump.

The report that the new quartz camp on old Buffalo Hump has an altitude of 12,000 feet is ridiculous, says the Idaho Free Press. The figures given by the United States geological surveyors who were through the country last summer place the altitude of the hump itself at 8810 feet above sea level. This is the elevation plotted on the map of the Bitter Root forest reserve furnished by the interior department for the use of Mr. Glindining, superintendent of the reserve. The entire country was triangulated and plotted with great accuracy, and the elevations of all prominent peaks and stations are given, making it the most serviceable map of this section we have ever seen.

### Bought the Copper Wonder.

The British America Corporation last week purchased the Copper Wonder and two other small fractions lying to the east of the Great Western for \$5000. There are 13 acres in the three fractions. The vendors were the Kennedy Brothers & Purgold, who owned a third, Chester, of Spokane, a third, and Arthur Gowing and J. S. Rogers, one-sixth each.

### Cash for Centre Star.

The sum of \$2,000,000 for the purchase of the Centre Star mine in Rossland, B. C., was deposited with Cashier T. M. Hodgson of the State Savings bank at Butte last week. The purchaser is the Blackstock-Goodrich syndicate of Toronto. The stockholders who sell out are principally Butte people.

### Paid for Government Timber.

The clerk of the United States court has been advised by the department of the interior at Washington that a check has been received there from the Le Roi Mining & Smelting Company of Spokane for \$148.18 in settlement for 148,183 feet of timber cut by the company from government land near Northport. The settlement is a compromise.

### The Le Roi Is Shipping Ore.

The Le Roi smelter at Northport is not operation, having run out of ore during the time the company was restrained from shipping. Daily shipments of 300 tons are being received and soon as enough ore

pected that both blasts will be used and a full crew put to work again. This state of affairs is pleasing to the people here, who have been undergoing a long spell of the blues on account of the closing down of the smelter as the result of the trouble between the B. A. C. and the Le Roi Company.

On the Overland. Of the various parties which left Spokane and Ashcroft in the spring for Dawson City on the overland route, some have reached Teslin lake safely. The Glenora News has chronicled the arrival of several of these parties. As a rule they have not been pleased with their trip, owing to the length of time it took to travel across the long stretch of country between Ashcroft and the Stikine river. However, no accidents are reported and if there was suffering along the route from any other cause than inexperience it has not been chronicled.

## ANOTHER BLOW TO SPAIN.

SAVAGES TAKE THE CAROLINES.

It Is Reported That the Natives Have Arisen Against the Spanish Garrison and Captured the Islands for Themselves.

San Francisco, Sept. 12.—Private advices have been received to the effect that the Caroline group of islands, which this country contemplated seizing, had the war with Spain been prolonged, and by this time in the control of the natives.

Two native kings of the group, who had long been at war with each other, some months ago declared a truce, combined their forces and began war against the Spanish authorities, who sent in vain to Guam for aid, after concentrating their forces at Ponape. The Spaniards were poorly supplied with ammunition and in no position to resist a prolonged attack.

The supposition is that the place was captured and the Spanish garrison wiped out. This would virtually mean the capture of the entire group of islands.

### MONTANA.

There are 609 children of all ages in the Red Lodge district, an increase over last year of 86.

J. Anna Cline has been appointed postmistress at White Sulphur Springs, vice G. W. Wallwork, term expired.

The Chalmers artesian well near Chouteau is increasing its flow steadily, says the Montanian. It now fills a 42-gallon barrel in 27 seconds.

The new building at Holy Family mission at Browning is nearing completion. It will be a magnificent structure. Lumber was issued to the Blackfoot Indians September 3.

H. E. Renner, who was principal of the Highwood school at Great Falls last year, has accepted a similar position at Cascade.

J. H. Conrad has donated land 70x120 feet, on the corner of Franklin and Baker streets, at Fort Benton, to the M. E. church, where the foundation work of the new building is already begun.

Advices from Dawson county report that Joseph Roach has made several cattle purchases in that section. The prices paid are about \$30 for stock cattle, \$44 for 3-year-old steers, \$30 for 2-year-olds and \$20 for yearlings.

The Clark's Fork ranchers at the mouth of Bear creek near Red Lodge are rapidly gathering their grain. It is not often that a binder is kept moving day and night, but John Kinick has one in constant operation, and the result is that grain cutting on the Youst and Williams flat is proceeding apace. The crops were never better than they are this year, the average estimated yield per acre being 40 and 60 bushels respectively of wheat and oats.

Lieutenant Tiffany, the member of Roosevelt's Rough Riders, whose death from fever has just occurred in New York, spent some time in this country several years ago as a cowboy, and has some acquaintances in Great Falls yet. About six years ago he was a guest of the Clark brothers at their ranch near Bynum, being ordered west for his health. Those who knew him say that he was inclined to be drowsy, but beneath it there was a vast amount of pluck.

In a lonely spot in Silver Bow canyon was committed on Friday night one of the most atrocious murders in the history of crime in Montana. Patrick Regan, a well known Butte miner, was the victim, and robbery was the incentive. The unfortunate miner was killed by having his brains beaten out with rocks and his body was then thrown into Silver Bow creek, where the body of the murdered man was found Saturday by a section gang of the Butte, Anaconda & Pacific railroad. A coroner's jury which investigated Regan's death at Gregson Springs decided that he was murdered.

FUSION WAS ACCOMPLISHED. The Three Conventions at Ellensburg Nominate a Ticket. Ellensburg, Wash., Sept. 12.—The ticket nominated on Saturday by the three conventions, democratic, populist and silver republican, is as follows: For congressman at large—James Hamilton Lewis, democrat, of Seattle. William C. Jones, silver republican, of Spokane. For supreme court judges—Benjamin F. Houston, populist, of Tacoma. McIvin M. Godman, democrat, of Dayton. Fusion has been effected and what the state leaders declare is the strongest ticket ever put forward in the state has been nominated. On the ticket chosen each of the three large centers of population is represented and in addition the agricultural counties have been given recognition in the selection of Judge M. M. Godman of Columbia county, as one of the supreme court judges.

Joe Wheeler's Dead Son. Wikoff, Sept. 8.—The bodies of Naval Cadet T. H. Wheeler, son of General Joseph Wheeler, and of Second Lieutenant Newton D. Kirkpatrick of the First United States cavalry, who were drowned yesterday while bathing, were recovered this morning.

### His Contracts Let.

Washington, Sept. 12.—The contract for supplying the navy with smokeless powder has been awarded to the California Powder Company and the Dupont Powder Company, each to supply half a million pounds. The price is 80 cents per pound, the government to furnish the alcohol necessary for its production.

The report of the commissioner of pensions shows that during the past fiscal year more money has been paid out in pensions than during either the first or second term of President Grant's administration.

The oldest university in the world is El Ayhar, at Cairo. It is the greatest Mohammedan university, having clear records dating back a thousand years.

## HAS ADOPTED THE PROTOCOL.

Spanish Senate Agrees to Terms of the Americans.

Madrid, Sept. 12.—The senate has adopted the Hispano-American protocol by a sitting and standing vote on Saturday.

The position of the ministry has been greatly shaken by the charges made Friday against the government, collectively and individually, by Senor Canalejas, editor of El Heraldo, and now a recognized lieutenant in the newly organized party headed by General Polavieja. It is believed that Senor Canalejas has done much to support his accusations of incapacity against General Correa, minister of marine. A majority of the cabinet listened to this speech, and the silence of the ministerial deputies was most significant.

A minister, in reply to a question as to whether a ministerial crisis is imminent, said it was idle to attempt to conceal the fact that a crisis was inevitable, and would come next week after the chambers had adopted the government's bill authorizing the alienation of national territory as a condition of peace. The queen, it is understood, informed Sagasta yesterday that she would continue to bestow her confidence upon him for some days yet. Several prominent deputies are in favor of joining General Polavieja's party.

IDAHO. Heavy forest fires have been raging in Custer county and have done a great amount of damage. It is said most of them were caused by the Indians, who are quite numerous in the mountains hunting deer.

In the land contest case of Law vs. Weil, involving 80 acres adjoining Sandpoint, which has been pending for nearly four years before the land department, a decision has been rendered by the secretary of the interior, reversing all previous decisions and ruling in favor of the contestant.

From now on the prune industry must assume greater proportions year by year, as there are within a radius of seven miles from Kendrick 2000 acres of prunes. Next week will find a number engaged in packing prunes for eastern orders, and by the 25th inst., the drying season will commence.

Thousands of sheep are ranging in the vicinity of Bear creek and Pollock mountain in Washington county this season, and the sheep men report that bear seal to be more numerous than usual, several lambs having been stolen from the various flocks.

Parties coming from the Nez Perce reservation report an excellent crop being harvested in that section, and that all are hopeful and buoyant over the ideal weather, which is exceedingly favorable to harvesting. The crops are taken as strongly indicative of the possibilities of that section when once the land is more generally tilled and developed.

The annual session of the Idaho State Medical society closed at Moscow with a banquet to the visitors. The principal business of the day was the selection of Lewiston as the place for holding the next meeting and the election of the following officers: President, Dr. C. W. Shaff, Lewiston; vice president, Dr. Guyson, Montpelier, and Dr. Ed E. Maxey of Caldwell was continued as secretary and treasurer.

It is definitely announced that the work of construction on the Snake river bridge at Lewiston will begin October 1. The specifications call for a bridge 1085 feet long, 56 feet above high water mark over the navigable channel. This channel will be crossed by a trestle or span 374 feet in the clear. There will be 12 spans. The estimated cost of the bridge is \$800,000. The site of the bridge is on Snake river avenue, 200 feet north of Main street.

Cyrus E. Babb of the hydrographic division of the United States geological survey, states that a measurement of the Boise river on August 3 showed a flow of 876 cubic feet per second. On August 24 the flow was 698 feet. In ordinary years the river at extreme low water has flowed from 850 to 900 cubic feet per second. The various canals taken from the stream have a total capacity of 1000 feet per second. It is therefore possible, in the event of their being kept running full, to divert practically all of the water.

A Recruit Sentenced. San Francisco, Sept. 12.—A series of field orders have been received from Washington by General Miles and the disposition of the expeditionary forces now at the Presidio is still uncertain.

General Miller has approved the sentence of the court-martial in the case of Private A. W. Scruggs of the First Tennessee, who pleaded guilty to an assault and battery on Dan Thomas, a negro, while the latter was under the charge of a military guard and on the Presidio reservation. The sentence is confinement at hard labor for three months, dishonorable discharge from the army and forfeiture of pay. The place of imprisonment will be Alcatraz.

No One to Blame. Colorado Springs, Sept. 8.—The five men arrested yesterday after the fight between armed bodies of men representing the two factions of the silver republican party for possession of the opera house have been released by order of the district attorney, there being no evidence to show that any one of them fired the shot which killed Charles E. Harris of Denver.

Roosevelt Not Averse. New York, Sept. 12.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt has authorized the announcement that he will accept the nomination for governor of New York should it be tendered to him by the convention of the party to be held at Saratoga.

Jurist and Author Dead. Ann Arbor, Mich., Sept. 12.—Judge Thomas M. Cooley, the noted jurist and constitutional lawyer, died today.

Poker has been forbidden in Vienna on the ground that it is a game of chance.

## FATAL AND COSTLY FIRE.

JEROME, ARIZONA, DESTROYED.

The Famous Mining Town Is Wiped Out by the Flames—The Loss Amounts to a Million Dollars—Eleven Lives Known to Be Lost.

Prescott, Ariz., Sept. 11.—The town of Jerome was completely wiped out this morning by fire, entailing a loss of \$1,000,000 in property. Eleven bodies have so far been recovered, while a score more are said to be in the ruins or in a stove in a cabin and spread so rapidly and fiercely that it was impossible to save even clothing. The fire was caused exclusively by the business part of the town and the open ground intervening between it and the main workings of the United Verde Company saved the latter's plant, otherwise a loss and suffering would have been terrible. Many people from Jerome are living here on special trains, while the remaining are being cared for by a company.

Where the fire originated was the scene of a drunken carousal last night, a while no demonstrations are being made against the men who are responsible. It was the horrors of the deed that away from the victims, attention was given to the men who are accused. They are said to be Italians.

ALGER MAKES A STATEMENT. Says He Courts the Fullest Investigation of Conduct of the War.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 10.—Secretary Alger arrived this morning. Being asked to make a statement for publication relative to the charges against his administration of the war department, the secretary replied:

"Now, what do you want me to do? Get down in the sewer with the sensational people? They are not worthy me. There is nothing to the charges excepting somebody's desire to make political capital."

"The work the department has had to do in so short a time has been a very great task. The commissary and quartermaster departments have had the distribution of more than 900 tons of provisions, rations and forage daily. Part of this has involved transportation more than half way round the world. It is not surprising that some few slips have been made."

"I have asked the president to appoint the strongest commission possible to conduct an investigation into the conduct of the war. It will be made up of some of the ablest army officers and its work will be of the greatest importance as a pledge to the past and as affecting the future. Its greatest value will be in perfecting the entire organization of the army and applying the lessons of the past."

NEW WESTMINSTER BURNED. The Business Part Destroyed, With Two and a Half Millions Lost.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 11.—The business portion of New Westminster was totally destroyed by fire this morning. It is impossible to estimate the proper loss at this writing but it will run in the hundreds of thousands. Despair at suffering are the lot of hundreds of homeless people. Food, clothing and all of all kinds is being hurriedly dispatched from Vancouver to the ill-fated "royst city."

It is not known how many people lost their lives, but it is feared several have been burned to death.

Campbell, a fireman, fell off the roof of a burning building and was killed. A woman dropped dead from fright. One woman, who had been confined two weeks ago, died while they were moving her from a burning house, while another suffering from typhoid fever, who had been twice removed from residence which were in the burning zone, died a sudden death.

So extremely fierce were the flames that apples on the trees on the side of the street opposite the burning houses were roasted.

Three river steamers were destroyed—the Edgar, Gladys and Bonaccor. Every industry save the big Royal Canadian planing mills and Cleave Canning Company has been wiped out. The Canadian Pacific railroad station and bridge across Fraser river were burned.

The fire started about midnight on the front street was caused by a spark from a steamer.

A Lively Election. New Orleans, Sept. 12.—The steamship Olympia, which has arrived here from Porto Cortes, brings news of serious rioting in Guatemala, during the recent elections, in which it is said 300 were killed and wounded. The story of the riot was brought from Porto Cortes to Porto Cortes by a trading steamer, whose captain says the facts were kept off the wire by the government censors.

Although Prospero Morales had died after his capture by the government forces, his followers were ill-tempered. They submitted to the election of President E. Urdarda, and although in no shape to make a strong fight in the balloting, gathered in forces at the polls and considerable disorder followed heated personal disputes.

Troops had been posted near all the polls and when disorders became excessive, the order to fire was given. Details are lacking, but according to the steamer captain 300 were killed or fatally wounded.

Spanish Prisoners Shot. Portsmouth, N. H., Sept. 12.—Colonel E. S. Dudley of the United States army is making an investigation of the shooting of Spanish prisoners on board the Auxiliary cruiser Harvard, which occurred just before that vessel left Cuba for Seavey's island. The shooting was the outcome of a dispute between a number of prisoners and several privates of the Ninth Massachusetts regiment.

No particular form of religion receives official recognition in Japan.