

A German scientist says the world weighs 11,918,000,000,000 pounds. This is a ton or two more than we made it.

In Philadelphia a young woman who played golf gave up the ghost from the blow of a brick. Which seems to argue that it may be safer to rock a boat.

Horses are said to be afflicted with the same as human beings. A fever is said to attack only because of superior intelligence, this must be looked upon as a tribute to what is called horse sense.

Hereafter railroad companies in engaging brakemen will doubtless look upon the ex-acrobats from circuses. A St. Louis train hand saw there was to be a smash-up. He made a double somersault and landed on his feet without losing his hat; consequently there will be no damage suit.

A New York doctor recommends as a sure cure for consumption the drinking of the last quart of a cow's milk, usually called "stripping," before it has lost any of its natural heat. As he strips consist of almost pure cream, it is possible the doctor might agree to compromise on a diet of saches and cream.

It has been shown by the census of Porto Rico that the whole number of whites of voting age in the island is 201,411, of whom 120,295 are whites born in Porto Rico, 5,692 are whites born in Spain, 2,104 are whites born in other countries, and 73,010 are colored. Of whites native in the island, 35,397, or 29 per cent of all; of the colored, 17,172 per cent of all, are literate.

John J. Eberle, of Pottstown, Pa., died on the 14th inst. He was 40 years of age. He celebrated his seventy-first birthday a few days ago and says he never felt better in his life. Dr. Eberle says he adopted the diet of one meal a day for the purpose of curing indigestion, and was so benefited that he determined to continue it. He eats to live, evidently.

The last Hawaii public school in which instruction was given in the native tongue has been closed, and English is now the official language throughout the islands. For half a century a dual system has been maintained in the courts, but the act which made the islands United States territory provides that only persons who can read, speak and write English may serve as jurors.

According to Prof. L. O. Howard, chief of the bureau of entomology at Washington, the honey industry has shown marked development in recent years, and there are to-day more than 300,000 persons engaged in it, the value of the product being \$20,000,000. There are 110 apiarists devoted to the industry, and of the honey is exported, England being the chief purchaser.

Russia expects to spend \$100,000,000 in addition to the \$40,000,000 already paid out, to complete and equip the Trans-Siberian road, and M. Boutskiy, vice minister, who is at present in San Francisco, is authority for the statement that a considerable part of this immense sum will come to this country, it being the Russian government's intention to patronize American manufacturers very largely.

Frank Morehead, a New York insurance agent, had a bad fall from a biplane on account of a New Jersey mosquito, which insisted upon settling itself upon his face. He was raising his hands to drive it off, but he fell, but was seriously injured. There are people who insist upon accepting this version of the story that the mosquito very pulled him off his wheel.

Without doubt, why men have to adopt the shirt waist is due to the fact that there are few changes in men's dress. It consists of the same articles made in about the same way year in and year out. Women's clothes, on the contrary, are constantly changing, and so change more or less attracts little attention. To doff or to don a coat is with them a variation of consequence. With men, however, it takes some course without it.

Abbot Castine, which was ordered by the government to protect American interests in the Gulf of Mexico, is a stinging like a hornet. She has two and two-inch guns in her battery, with a secondary battery of 10-pounders and two 3-pounders. She is 1.177-ton vessel, 204 ft long, with a beam of 32 feet, has a 100-horsepower engine, and can make 16 knots an hour. The boat carries a crew of 25 officers and 265 men, and is especially valuable for work in Chinese waters, and she draws but 12 feet of water, and can ascend the Chinese rivers.

The department of agriculture has issued a report on investigations of the big trees of California that brings out some interesting and new conclusions. It shows that the dimensions of the big trees are unequalled; that their age makes them the oldest living things. They are described by the report as the "grandest, largest, oldest and most majestically graceful of trees," and the rarest of known tree species, with the extreme scientific value of being the best representatives of a former geologic age. Being the oldest, they ought to be honored.

The trial of the submarine torpedo boat Holland at Newport has demonstrated that she is as useful on top of the water as underneath. The boat was never fully submerged, and yet the attacked vessel equipped with a powerful searchlight was never able to locate her, after her sideliights were extinguished, even when but 150 feet away. The torpedo boat Morris and Rodgers were caught in the act every time they tried to make a sneak, but the Holland demonstrated that she could be rushed in at any time, and rammed in a torpedo and got away.

A WEEK'S HISTORY

The Important Happenings of a Week Briefly Told.

IN ALL PARTS OF THE UNION

All the Latest News of Interest from Washington, From the East, the West and the South.

THE LATEST FOREIGN DISPATCHES

FROM WASHINGTON.

The president's instructions to the Philippine commission include the establishment of a civil government in which the natives shall take part so far as they show capacity to do so.

All arrangements have been made for free transportation to the United States of the remains of soldiers and sailors and civilians who lost their lives and were buried in the island possessions of the United States and in China.

THE EAST.

In the National league the percentage of the baseball clubs for the week ended on the 16th were: Brooklyn, .612; Pittsburgh, .573; Philadelphia, .522; Boston, .457; Chicago, .457; St. Louis, .458; Cincinnati, .433; New York, .427.

In his letter of acceptance of the republican nomination for vice president Gov. Roosevelt makes silver the paramount issue, but demands expansion.

In New York John B. Randolph, a famous art critic, was killed by falling from the 16th story of the Metropolitan building. He was 57 years of age.

Rains extinguished forest fires that did damage to the extent of \$500,000 near Plymouth, Mass.

In the anthracite coal region of Pennsylvania the great strike begun. Both sides were confident. Of the 142,000 miners in the district 112,000 obeyed the order to strike.

The firm of Hatch & Foote, New York brokers, failed for \$2,000,000. At Portsmouth, N. H., commemorative tablets were presented to the battleships Keokuk and Alabama.

In the Pennsylvania coal regions the leader of the strike says that at the end of the second day that 118,000 of the 141,000 mine workers in the anthracite coal fields are idle.

WEST AND SOUTH.

R. M. Davis, an ex-policeman in Chicago, shot and killed his 19-year-old daughter, wounded the girl's beau, Harry Connelly, and then killed himself.

Miners say the season clean up on the Klondike will be \$25,000,000. Fire destroyed the Merchants' and Planters' oil mill at Houston, Tex., the loss being \$400,000.

The Colorado republicans nominated Frank C. Goudy, of Denver, for governor. The gold democratic party opened national headquarters at Indianapolis.

In Cincinnati five children and one man were buried to death in a Salvation Army day nursery and four other persons were fatally injured.

Work of cleaning the streets of Galveston proceeds rapidly. A partial census of 11 of the 12 wards puts the death toll by the storm at 5,000. Twenty thousand survivors of the disaster are being fed and cared for by the relief committee.

The population of South Omaha is 26,001, against 8,662 in 1890, an increase of 17,939, or 222.51 per cent. George I. Miller, an Omaha pioneer, famous as editor of the Omaha Herald and as a democratic leader through the west, has become a raving maniac.

Six negroes were drowned by the upsetting of a boat near Savannah, Ga. The official count of the vote of Arkansas gives Jeff Davis (dem.) a plurality of 47,936 for governor.

The Missouri populists have endorsed the entire democratic state ticket. At Turtle Mound, Fla., four Indians killed each other in a fight, all wanting to marry the chief's daughter.

Throughout the Mississippi valley in Iowa heavy frost was reported. W. J. Bryan's letter of acceptance of the democratic nomination for president assails the Dingley law as breeder of trusts; reiterates intent to secure bimetallic standard; advocates arbitration of labor troubles, election of senators by popular vote, and extension of Monroe doctrine to the Philippines.

F. S. Jones, secretary of the United States legation at Buenos Ayres, was drowned at Charlottesville, Va. The season of the American Baseball league came to an end, the Chicago club winning the pennant.

The Michigan arbitration law has been upheld by the supreme court. A mile was made in 1:06 and ten miles were made in 16:02 in automobile races in Chicago.

A dike around the city is recommended to protect Galveston against a repetition of the recent disaster. Work of removing bodies from the wreckage is being pushed.

Texas republicans (Green faction) nominated a state ticket headed by G. W. Burkett for governor. At Madisonville, Tenn., the Howard-McGehee feud was resumed and four persons were killed.

With 1,648 enlisted men the transport Thomas sailed from San Francisco for Manila. Broom corn jumped in price from \$80 to \$100 a ton at Arcola, Ill.

Lord Roberts issued a proclamation stating that President Kruger and State Secretary Reitz had crossed the frontier of the Transvaal into Portuguese territory, taking with them the state archives, with the view to sailing for Europe. He also reports that there is strong reason to believe that Gen. De Wet, who has caused the British so much trouble, was killed on September 7 near Potchefstroom.

A Paris dispatch says that unless the powers speedily come to an agreement to protect China a world-wide war will ensue. Prince Ching informed the state department that he was ready to begin peace negotiations. London papers say the powers have accepted Li Hong Chang as negotiator. German troops killed 500 Boxers in a fight at Liang.

It is said that F. W. Reitz, state secretary of the Transvaal, is coming to the United States, and Kruger may follow. In a note to the powers Germany demands the execution of the leaders in the murder of Minister Von Ketteler and massacre of foreigners before it will consent to treat for peace with China.

In an encounter with Arab tribesmen in Sahara two French officers and 20 men were killed. In a steamboat collision in Cardigan bay, England, 20 persons lost their lives.

In London Lord Salisbury received an anonymous letter of a threatening character. Boers looted and burned Komatipoort and heavy fighting was proceeding, according to the latest news from the scene of the Transvaal war.

LATER NEWS.

Events at Washington indicate the powers are wide apart as to China. Russia modifies proposals on keeping troops in Peking. America will probably refuse Germany's requests. A Vienna paper says the powers are agreed that the empress dowager of China shall be executed. Li Hong Chang, Prince Ching and Sheng have been appointed peace negotiators.

President Kruger will go to Holland on a warship placed at his disposal by the Dutch government. Strikers in the anthracite coal region continue to make gains and practically every colliery in the affected district is idle.

The South Danvers national bank at Peabody, Mass., in business 75 years, was placed in a receiver's hands. Herman Petersdorf, a German farmer near Junction City, Ore., murdered his wife and then suicided while insane.

James A. White, the last survivor of the famous charge at Balaklava, died at Upper Sandusky, O. Capt. David D. Mitchell, Lieut. George A. Cooper and ten men were killed in an engagement with Filipinos near Manila.

By the caving in of a bank four men working on a new bridge near Osgood, Ind., were killed. Gen. John A. McClelland, last of the civilians appointed to high command as generals in the federal army during the civil war, died at his home in Springfield, Ill., aged 88 years.

Crackmen robbed a bank at Bush-ton, Kan., of \$7,000 in cash and \$20,000 in securities. The town of Belgrade, Mont., was nearly wiped out by fire and one man was burned to death.

While Gov. Wells was in Idaho Aquila Nebeker, acting governor of Utah, appointed O. W. Powers (dem.) United States senator. Nine fishing boats with two men in each were lost in a gale off Chatham, Mass.

Spring Lake, N. J., a summer resort, was destroyed by fire. Three men held up the first national bank at Winnemucca, Nev., and stole \$15,000.

President McKinley arrived in Washington from Canton, O. Gov. Sayers estimates the loss of life at Galveston and on the Texas coast at 12,000 and the property loss at \$20,000,000. Work of rebuilding the city is well under way.

MINOR NEWS ITEMS.

A man in north Missouri is named South West. The census shows that there are more Indians than in 1890.

A crusade against prairie dogs is to be made in northwestern Kansas. Skagway printers have formed a union with 17 members, the first in Alaska.

Lord Roberts is due in London on November 1. Buller is to command in South Africa. The postal service establishment of the United States is the greatest business concern in the world.

Pearlsh being found in great quantities in the Black and St. Francis rivers, in southwest Missouri. Cotton mills of England face a crisis and may be closed indefinitely, owing to America's short cotton crop.

Buffalo (N. Y.) is made the eighth city of the United States by the new census, having passed Cincinnati and San Francisco. Belgium uses more tobacco, in proportion, than any other country, about 130 ounces per capita yearly, while Italy uses only 22 ounces.

Japan is the largest consumer of rice in the world, the average being 200 pounds per person a year. The Americans use but four pounds per capita. Montgomery, Ala., and Columbus, Ga., have both passed ordinances requiring street railroads to provide separate accommodations for the colored passengers.

Gen. Richard O'Grady Haly, the new commander-in-chief of the British troops in Canada, won the distinguished service order in the Egyptian expedition of 1882.

During the last three years Russia has been colonizing Siberia as far as possible. At least 200,000 colonists have been sent into the country over the Trans-Siberian railway.

The University of California announces courses of instruction in Japanese and Chinese, two of the most important of the languages which it has recently become desirable for many Americans to learn.

A part of the Chinese force is armed with ancient gongs, the first firearms invented, loaded with powder and shot, and touched off at the vent with a stick of lighted incense. These old guns have been in use among the Chinese for upward of 1,500 years.

THE STRICKEN CITY

Estimates of Dead at Galveston Vary from 5,000 to 8,000.

It is said the Damage to Property by the Storm Will Reach \$40,000,000—Liberal Responses to Call for Aid.

Galveston, Tex., Sept. 17.—State Health Officer Blunt left here Sunday for Austin, where he will make a report to the governor concerning conditions in Galveston. It is said that this statement will estimate the mortality at 8,000 souls. Dr. Blunt was in Galveston several days and made a thorough investigation of the results of the storm.

No Danger of Epidemic.

New Orleans, Sept. 17.—A special from Galveston says: A more hopeful feeling is observable everywhere and the situation is brightening rapidly. Water has been turned on. Sewers and closets are flushed. The downtown portion of the city is being rapidly cleaned of debris and filth and gutters and streets disinfected. Buildings are being cleaned and floors scrubbed. Damaged stocks are being removed and aired. Cars are going through the streets sprinkling lime and a solution of carbolic acid and disinfectants over the dead and decaying matter.

Order Being Restored.

Galveston, Tex., Sept. 18.—Galveston is beginning to look like itself again. Horse cars are in operation in the business part of the city, and the electric line and water service has been partially resumed. The progress being made under the circumstances is little short of remarkable. According to statements made by Gen. Scurry, Mayor Jones, Alderman Perry and others, there is equally good reason to believe that the progress of the work during the next week or so will be even more satisfactory.

The Death List.

A partial census of 11 of the 12 wards in Galveston puts the death list before the storm at 5,000. One hundred and seven bodies were recovered and cremated on Sunday and 100 more were found yesterday. The property loss is now estimated at \$40,000,000 and 20,000 survivors of the disaster are being fed and cared for by the relief committee.

Relief Work Systematized.

Galveston, Tex., Sept. 20.—Normal conditions are fast being restored in Galveston. The work of clearing the streets of debris continues unabated, and all relief work is now thoroughly systematized. Several human bodies were found Wednesday. No attempt was made to identify them, and they were immediately cremated.

The most reliable information obtainable places the dead between 5,000 and 5,500. A census bureau was established and placed in operation Wednesday. A mortuary bureau has also been opened, where relatives or friends are to make oath of the known death of persons lost in the storm. These bureaus will materially assist in a more accurate record of the dead.

To Open Schools.

Efforts are being made to open the public schools on October 1, the date set before the storm, for their opening. There is hope that school buildings can be made habitable at slight cost. The losses to the life insurance companies are estimated at \$500,000. Most of those who carried old line life policies escaped. The fraternal orders will lose quite heavily.

THE FIRST STEP.

Germany Holds That Those Responsible for the Chinese Uprising Should Be Punished. Berlin, Sept. 19.—The foreign office has sent a circular note to all the powers announcing that the German government considers that an indispensable preliminary to the beginning of peace negotiations with China is the delivering up of those who are responsible for the outrages.

Witness Identifies the Prisoner as the Man Seen Running from State House.

Frankfort, Ky., Sept. 18.—Bowman Gaines, the most important witness for the prosecution in the Jim Howard trial, testified that Howard is the man he saw run out of the state house grounds and jump the fence immediately after the shooting of Goebel. Bowman Gaines was severely cross-examined by Col. Owens, but the witness insisted that Howard was the man he saw running out through the rear grounds of the state house.

Deputy Sheriff Stubbfield testified that Jim Howard told him he killed Goebel. Stubbfield was at Howard's house and they were intimate friends. First Heavy Frost of Season. La Crosse, Wis., Sept. 18.—The first heavy frost of the season along the Mississippi valley was reported Monday morning. It was quite general and in some instances it was a killing one. The temperature fell from 80 degrees to 40 in two days. The sudden change is quite remarkable. The first frost came earlier than it has for some years. Along the southern Minnesota division of the Milwaukee road a heavy frost is also reported.

Fargo, N. D., Sept. 18.—A heavy frost Monday morning damaged late corn and flax, especially in the northern part of the state. Flax was the dependence of many farmers, who lost their wheat by drought. The loss on flax throughout the state will be heavy.

Offer to Care for Kruger.

The Hague, Sept. 17.—The government of the Netherlands has telegraphed to Lourenzo Marques offering a Dutch warship to bring Mr. Kruger to Holland.

Lisbon, Sept. 17.—The Portuguese government has telegraphed to the governor of Mozambique authorizing the departure of Mr. Kruger for Europe. The governor, however, must satisfy himself that Mr. Kruger is really going to Europe. Meanwhile he is instructed to take all precautions to safeguard the personal security of Mr. Kruger.

Father and Son Killed.

Ardmore, I. T., Sept. 20.—At Ionis, a small place east of here, Tuesday, Postmaster Dismuke was shot and instantly killed by Sam Ashton, a well-to-do stockman. Dismuke's son rushed to his father's aid and was also shot. He died Wednesday. Ashton is under arrest.

Dust Explosion Causes Fire.

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ACCEPTS THE NOMINATION.

Bryan Discusses Issues of the Campaign—Synopsis of the Letter.

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 18.—William J. Bryan in the letter accepting the nomination for president by the democratic party, given out Monday, while declaring that imperialism is the most important question before the American people, opens with a discussion of trusts. His reason for this is given as follows: "Having in my notification speech discussed somewhat at length the paramount issue, imperialism, it is sufficient at this time to review the remaining planks of the platform."

He declares that no defense of trusts can be offered and that if elected he will favor the dissolution of every private monopoly which does business outside of the state of its origin. He declares the Dingley tariff law is a trust-breeding measure. He favors enlarged powers for the interstate commerce commission. He reiterates the position of the democratic party on the money question and says its position has not changed since four years ago. He favors the election of senators by direct vote of the people. He deals at some length with labor questions, denouncing the republican party for its support of the black list and favoring arbitration and a department of labor in the cabinet. The exclusion of Chinese and similar Asiatic peoples is favored. He favors generous pension laws, a Nicaragua canal, statehood for Arizona, Oklahoma and New Mexico, home rule for Porto Rico and Alaska, and a system for the reclamation of arid lands, and an income tax. He questions the ability of the republican party to work out the welfare of the Cuban people, if alliances are opposed. He objects to the abandonment of the Monroe doctrine and favors a protectorate over the Philippines.

ANOTHER BATTLE.

Boers Said to Have Lost Heavily in a Recent Engagement with the British. London, Sept. 19.—The Daily Telegraph publishes the following from Lourenzo Marques, dated Tuesday: A pitched battle has been fought midway between Kaap Muiden and Hector-spruit, resulting in heavy Boer losses. The Boers removed, and now threaten to destroy the cog wheels of locomotives used between Waterwalboven and Watervalboven, without which the railway cannot be worked. They have blocked and damaged the railway for six miles on the crocodile pool section, have destroyed the culverts and the Hector-spruit bridge, and looted and burned Komatipoort. The British are now at Komatipoort, and heavy fighting is proceeding.

SIX DROWNED.

Thrown into the Water from a Boat Near Eau Claire, Wis., They Fall to Reach Shore. Eau Claire, Wis., Sept. 17.—Eighteen men employed by the Northwest Lumber company were crossing the pond above the mill dam on the Eau Claire river in a bateau early Saturday evening. A heavy gale dashed the waves over the side of the boat and swamped it. Eight men attempted to swim to shore, about a quarter of a mile distant, and six of them were drowned. The dead are: John McQuinn, John McQuinn, John McQuinn, John McQuinn, John McQuinn, and John McQuinn.

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GREAT STRIKE BEGINS.

Anthracite Coal Miners Lay Down Their Picks—112,000 Men Reported Idle.

Philadelphia, Sept. 18.—The great strike of mine workers in the anthracite coal fields of Pennsylvania, which represent practically the hard coal output of the world, began Monday. According to President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers of America, who is personally directing the strike from his headquarters at Hazleton, the success of the four days' effort to tie up the mines exceeded the expectations of the strike leaders. The hard coal regions is divided into four great districts, the Leekawanna, Wyoming, Lehigh and Schuylkill regions. In the first two, representing nearly 90 per cent of the output, is practically complete. Only one mine, employing a few hundred men, is being operated, and the strikers say they hope to close soon. In the Lehigh region the situation is a standoff, about 8,000 of the 16,000 mine employees having quit work.

Hazleton, Pa., Sept. 20.—The third day of the strike passed off as quietly as the two preceding days. Beyond the occasional stoning of a mine worker going to or from his work, there has been no disorder. It is estimated that about 70 per cent of the mine workers of this region were idle Wednesday. President Mitchell said that from reports he had received he figured on more than 125,000 being idle in the anthracite district. No negotiations for a settlement of the strike are yet in sight.

St. Louis, Sept. 20.—The effect of the strike of miners throughout the anthracite fields is being felt in St. Louis, and because of the scarcity of the product from there and the consequent advance in price, bituminous coal from the Illinois field, which is being substituted for it here and by dealers in the northwest, is also going up. Anthracite is now quoted here as high as \$8.25 a ton, an advance of \$1.75 in less than two months. Dealers agree that if the strike continues long there will be a scarcity of both hard and soft coal and prices will be considerably higher. The annual consumption of hard coal in St. Louis is 200,000 tons, and dealers say that about half this amount is available.

VICTIMS OF FLAMES.

Fire Destroys Salvation Army Nursery, Five Infants and One Adult Perishing. Cincinnati, Sept. 15.—A branch nursery of the Salvation Army at No. 403 East Front street burned Monday evening, and its occupants were imprisoned so that many were suffocated to death and others seriously injured. At 4:50 p. m. Walter Fisher, a barkeeper in an adjoining saloon, discovered the fire and sent in a still alarm. On account of the cold weather a fire had been started in the stove for the little tots who were cared for there during the day while their mothers are engaged at work elsewhere. It is thought that this caused the fire, through some defect in the flues or other parts of the old tenement building of four stories.

The dead are: Myrtle Farrell, aged six; James Harkins, painter, aged 40 years; Herbert Harkins, aged four years, son of James Harkins; Rhoda Harkins, aged five months; Maggie Williams, aged three months; Edward Mullins, aged four years. All of the dead bodies were burned to a crisp and the charred remains of James Harkins were clasping what was left of his little son Herbert. The property loss was only \$1,500.

Cincinnati, Sept. 16.—Capt. Elizabeth Erickson died at the hospital Tuesday night from the effects of injuries received in the Salvation Army nursery fire on Monday. This makes eight victims, Capt. Anderson having died Tuesday morning.

To Bring Dead Home.

Washington, Sept. 19.—Col. William S. Patton, of the quartermaster's department, has completed arrangements for the transportation to the United States of the remains of soldiers and sailors and civilians who lost their lives and were buried in the island possessions of the United States and in China. The approximate number of bodies to be exhumed is 1,331, distributed in the following places: Honolulu, 36 enlisted men of the army, 1 marine; Guam, 8 men of the navy; China, 2 officers of the army, 58 enlisted men of the army and 37 men of the navy; Philippines, 17 officers of the army, 1,150 enlisted men of the army, and 25 men of the navy.

Snow Falls in Two States.

St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 17.—A drop of 25 degrees in temperature turned a rain into a snowstorm in North Dakota and northern Minnesota Saturday. In some places it reached a depth of three inches. A heavy fall of snow occurred in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Arbitration Law Upheld.

Lansing, Mich., Sept. 19.—Labor won a victory Tuesday in a case before the state supreme court, in which the constitutionality of the arbitration law was upheld and the power of the mediation tribunal to grant a rehearing after once deciding a dispute was denied.

Battle with Filipinos.

Manila, Sept. 20.—In an engagement between a body of Filipinos numbering about 1,000 men and detachment of the Fifteenth and Thirtieth United States infantry regiments, the Americans had 12 men killed, 26 wounded and five missing.

Blacks Carry Election at Santiago.

Santiago de Cuba, Sept. 19.—The elections for delegates to the constitutional convention have resulted in favor of the black party throughout this entire province, and the whites now openly declare themselves to be annexationists.

Fund Renewed.

Madisonville, Tenn., Sept. 19.—The Howard-McGehee feud had a dramatic and tragic climax Tuesday, in which Charles Jones was killed, Joshua Jones and Calvin Howard fatally wounded. The Jones boys are brothers-in-law of the McGees.

Brakeman Killed.

Carbondale, Ill., Sept. 20.—John B. Freil, a passenger brakeman on the Illinois Central railroad, was run over and killed in front of the division offices of the system in this city Wednesday.

Gold from Nome.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 18.—The steamer Valencia arrived at Seattle Monday with a large passenger list and \$500,000 in gold coin consigned by the trading companies to two local banks.

PLANS FOR PHILIPPINES.