

AN American woman bargaining with the prince of Wales for his house and lot is a novel situation. It is rumored in London that the duchess of Marlborough is anxious to recover "Marlborough house," the London residence of the prince of Wales, which formerly belonged to the Marlborough family.

THE Hindoos are fond of animals, but some of them carry their fondness to extremes. They have a pleasant little habit of catching tiger cubs in the jungle and making home companions of the dangerous beasts. This frequently leads to scenes of terror when the untrainable pets have grown to the man-eating stage of their careers.

THE great wall of China was recently measured by Mr. Unthank, an American engineer. His measurement gave the height of 18 feet. Every few hundred yards there is a tower 35 feet high. For 1,800 miles the wall goes over plains and mountains, every foot of the foundation being of solid granite and the rest of the structure solid masonry.

TAMAGNO, the tenor, has lost 1,700,000 francs in a real estate speculation at Rome. He bought a building and the adjoining land at a high price on a tip from an Italian deputy that the government wanted the property for a new ministry of commerce building, and found that the deputy had unloaded his own comparatively valueless land on him.

THERE are, according to an eminent archeologist, no less than from 120 to 130 absolutely distinct languages in North and South America. As the growth of language is very slow, he thinks the fact of the existence of so great a variety of speech on the Western continent proves that the native red men have inhabited them for many thousands of years.

A WONDERFUL discovery in fire-proofing is reported to have been made by a Chicago woman. It is an enamel, and when applied very thinly to the surface of combustibles renders them decidedly noncombustible. So far the experiments and tests to which the process has been subjected tend to support the claims of the discoverer. In appearance the enamel is similar to shellac, but its ingredients have not been disclosed.

THE lower grades of molasses have proved unsalable at any paying price. Many Louisiana planters dumped molasses into the bayous, until the authorities forbade it. It is now used as a fuel, being sprinkled by a machine over the bagasse, or the sugar-cane from which the juice has been extracted. This, when put into the fire, burns with a strong heat. Its coal value is greater than its value for any other use, and over a hundred thousand tons were so used last year.

A SERIES of observations made at Peterhead show that the summer warmth penetrates the sea very gradually. The sea water attains its maximum warmth only at the end of August. From that time it becomes warmer than the air. The moral is that bathing is more dangerous on the warm days of early summer than on chilly days in the late autumn. The sea is as warm at the end of October as it is in the middle of June, and the period between these dates may be taken as the normal bathing season.

THE Meyerbeer prize, a stipend worth 5,000 marks (\$1,250), was awarded for this year to Bernard Koehler, a pupil of the Cologne conservatory. This stipend was endowed by the composer in his will for the benefit of talented young composers (under 28) to enable them to spend six months each in Italy, Paris, Vienna, Munich and Dresden for the purpose of continuing their studies in these cities. One of the young men benefited by this stipend was Engelbert Humperdinck, since famous as the composer of "Haensel und Gretel."

TWENTY-FIVE years ago there were very few deer in Maine, especially in Franklin and Oxford counties. They were there unknown. In fact, I never saw a deer track in the state till about 1880, says a writer in the Boston Herald. Since that time they have increased very fast. I have no fear for deer in the future. They are to-day in every county in the state. Indeed, I may safely say, I am sure that there are more deer than sheep in the state today. And that this is so is due, in my opinion, to protection afforded them.

Mrs. LIVERMORE is a believer in co-operative housekeeping, and holds that a saving of from 12 to 15 per cent. in purchases could be made by a combination of 25 families. If the bills of fare were prepared by one set of cooks another large saving would result. "Who can estimate," Mrs. Livermore says, in conclusion, "the great gain that will enrich housekeepers who are mothers of families when cooking and laundering are eliminated from household industries and are performed outside the home by economical co-operation?"

COTTON seed waste, which formerly was considered a nuisance, is now worth \$30,000,000 a year. Every bale of cotton leaves a legacy of half a ton of seed. The oil is used for finer grades of soap, as a substitute for lard, and is so near olive oil that an expert can hardly detect the difference. The hulls are fed to cattle, make an excellent fuel, are valuable as paper stock and when burned the ashes make a splendid fertilizer. It has recently been discovered that cotton seed oil, with the addition of 18 per cent. of crude India rubber, makes an excellent imitation of genuine rubber.

SPAIN IN TROUBLE.

Resignation of the Entire Cabinet Accepted by the Queen.

Sagasta May Be Called Upon to Form a Liberal Cabinet—In This Event It Is Thought the Future Is Bright for Cuba.

Madrid, Sept. 30.—The entire Spanish cabinet has resigned. The queen has accepted the cabinet's resignation, but has asked Gen. Ascaraga to continue in office until a solution of the crisis is found. Her majesty will summon the leaders of the various parties and the presidents of the chambers to-day to consult as to the situation. Senor Sagasta has been telegraphed for and it is believed that the liberal leader will be asked to form a cabinet.

Wants Weyler Superseded. It is said that Senor Sagasta is in favor of superseding Capt. Gen. Weyler and of granting autonomy to Cuba immediately. Senor Gamazo will probably be minister of foreign affairs in the new cabinet. A strong impression prevails



SEÑOR SAGASTA.

In diplomatic circles that Senor Sagasta, the eminent liberal leader, will be called to form a cabinet.

The conservatives have a majority in the cortes at this time, so that the formation of a Sagasta cabinet would necessitate a dissolution of the cortes and an appeal to the country. There is said to be little doubt that this would result in the return of a heavy liberal majority, owing to the strong feeling said to exist throughout the country against the conservative ministry which has just laid down its commission.

Important to Cuba. But whether it be Sagasta or another the change is felt to entail important considerations on the Cuban policy. The present ministry has been an aggressive one, supporting Gen. Weyler and refusing to accept his resignation, although a strong element at Madrid has urged a more lenient policy. The choice of Sagasta would undoubtedly, it is said, lead to the recall of Gen. Weyler and a material modification of the aggressive policy in Cuba.

No Surprise in Washington. Washington, Sept. 30.—The news of the Spanish cabinet crisis was first brought to the attention of the officials of the state department and diplomatic officials through a press bulletin from Madrid, and up to a late hour from no other source was any information on the subject forthcoming. It cannot be said that the event caused surprise among the officials of the state department or among the members of the diplomatic corps in Washington. A careful inspection of the cable news for the past few weeks had left the general impression that the cabinet erected in haste after the assassination of Premier Canovas, could not be expected to survive long. There were several reasons for this expectation, but perhaps the principal one was the belief that the dissensions among the supporters of the government, caused by the personal encounter between the duke of Tetuan, the minister for foreign affairs, and one of the leaders of the dissident conservatives, had not been healed, but had been only bridged over temporarily.

Business Houses Burned. Williamsfield, Ill., Sept. 28.—Fire, which started early Monday evening in the livery barn where the fire engine was stored, wiped out the business district of the town. A strong south wind drove the flames rapidly. Galesburg sent two engines and firemen, but they arrived too late to be of any benefit. Two blocks of stores were destroyed. The total loss is \$40,000.

Named a Ticket. Worcester, Mass., Sept. 29.—George Fred Williams, of Bedham, was on Tuesday nominated for governor of Massachusetts by the democratic state convention, on a platform that squarely indorses that adopted by the national convention at Chicago last summer.

Say Prosperity Is Coming. Columbus, O., Oct. 1.—A newspaper has interviewed 28 mayors as to whether prosperity was returning, and the answers were unanimously to the effect that times were improving.

Declared Unconstitutional. Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 1.—The anti-sigarette law, enacted by the general assembly at its last session, was declared unconstitutional by United States Circuit Judge Lurton.

A Fatal Collision. Zanesville, O., Sept. 29.—Edward Davis, Winfield Halsey and William Menefee were killed in a collision between a hand car and a train near this city.

Danced a Jig. Sterling, Ill., Sept. 30.—Michael McDonald celebrated his one hundredth birthday here yesterday and amused his friends by dancing a jig.

Home Again. Washington, Sept. 30.—President McKinley and his party left North Adams, Mass., yesterday and arrived here this afternoon.

Says Weyler Has Resigned. New York, Oct. 1.—A special to the Herald from Havana says that Gen. Weyler has resigned.

THE LUETGERT TRIAL.

Witnesses for the Defense Give Some Strong Testimony.

Chicago, Sept. 28.—The leading event in the Luetgert trial yesterday was the evidence of William Charles Luetgert's business partner, who swore that the caustic potash in which the body of Mrs. Louise Luetgert is alleged by the prosecution to have been dissolved, was bought at his suggestion for the purpose of making soap to clean up the factory preparatory to its sale to an English syndicate.

Chicago, Sept. 29.—In the Luetgert murder trial yesterday Dr. B. L. Reiss, who boiled two bodies in caustic potash in the vat in Luetgert's sausage factory, said he obtained results different from those who boiled the bodies in caustic potash in behalf of the state. He also said that two gold finger rings put in the vat were not affected.

Another witness was Armadale Odyke, a peddler, who testified that long after the murder is said to have been committed he saw Mrs. Luetgert in the neighborhood of Jamesville, Wis. He said that there was no chance of his being mistaken, and he identified a photograph of her which he was shown in court in a most positive manner.

Chicago, Sept. 30.—The sensation of yesterday in the Luetgert trial came in the afternoon when Dr. W. H. Allport, professor of descriptive and comparative anatomy in Northwestern university, swore that the femur which had been identified as human was not from a man or woman, but from a hog. Prof. Long declared, as an expert chemist, that the liquid found in the vat contained nothing that indicated that a human body had been destroyed therein.

Chicago, Oct. 1.—Dr. W. H. Allport, the expert, was the one witness on the stand in the Luetgert trial yesterday. He declared that the exhibit the prosecution calls a human temporal bone is not only not human, but isn't even a temporal bone of any sort. He also said that all the bones produced in evidence by the state were not from one animal and had not been treated with the same chemical process. Dr. Dorsey testified for the prosecution that they were from the same animal and that the fact strengthened his conviction that they were from a human skeleton.

MAYORS AND COUNCILMEN.

Opening Sessions of Their National Convention at Columbus.

Columbus, O., Sept. 29.—The first annual conference of the mayors and councilmen of the United States, the Canadas and Mexico was called to order at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning by Mayor Black, of this city, about 160 regularly accredited delegates being present in the Auditorium. The mayor's opening remarks were brief and formal and he closed by introducing Gov. Asa S. Bushnell, of Ohio, who delivered the address of welcome. A resolution for the appointment of a committee of five to report a plan of organization and names of officers for the first year was adopted. United efforts to secure municipal reform throughout the United States will result from the convention. The League of American Municipalities is the same that the organization committee will recommend to-day for the association. It is planned to make it a powerful organization of national scope, and conventions are to be held annually.

Columbus, O., Oct. 1.—At the meeting of mayors yesterday the National League of American Municipalities was formed with Mayor MacVicar, of Des Moines, Ia., as president. The objects of the society are the general improvement and facilitation of every branch of municipal administration.

To Succeed Judge Kilgore. Washington, Oct. 1.—The president announces the appointment of ex-Congressman Hosea Townsend, of Silver Cliff, Col., as United States judge for the southern judicial district of the Indian territory, to succeed the late Judge Kilgore. Mr. Townsend is a straight-out republican.

Back from Hawaii. San Francisco, Sept. 30.—Congressman Cannon, of Illinois; Loudenslager, of New Jersey; Berry, of Kentucky, and Tawney, of Minnesota, arrived in this city from Hawaii, where they have been seeking information for use on the re-assembly of congress.

Shock Proved Fatal. Decatur, Ill., Sept. 27.—Carleton E. Given, a real estate man, went to his cellar Sunday to fix fire in the furnaces. In some way an electric current had charged the furnace and he received a shock from which he died in half an hour.

Amendments Defeated. Trenton, N. J., Sept. 30.—Returns from a special election in the state show that the anti-gambling amendment to the state constitution and the amendment giving women the right to vote at school elections were defeated.

Women Admitted. New York, Sept. 29.—For the first time in the history of the New York College of Veterinary Surgeons, which began its regular classes at the college Tuesday, women have been taken into the classes.

Plot to Kill. Moscow, Sept. 29.—A plot to kill Emperor Nicholas II, of Russia during his recent visit to the Polish capital has been disclosed, and the conspiracy involves a number of German army officers.

Call for Special Election. Springfield, Ill., Oct. 1.—Gov. Tanner has called a special election for congressmen in the Sixth district for November 23, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Congressman Cook.

Struck by a Train. Carrcroft, Pa., Sept. 29.—Mytro Dobinski, aged 35 years; George Baldwin, aged 6 years, and Maud Baldwin, aged 12 years, were killed here by a train.

Wealthy Farmer Suicides. Newton, Ia., Oct. 1.—Charles M. Parker, Jr., one of the wealthiest farmers of the county, suicided by plunging head first into a deep well.

HORRIBLE TRAGEDY.

The Terrible Deed of John Boecker, an Iowa Farmer.

For an Unknown Reason He Murders His Wife, Five Children and Shoots Himself—Another Child at Death's Door.

Carroll, Ia., Sept. 28.—The home of John Boecker, a farmer living eight miles west of Carroll, is the scene of a terrible tragedy which took place Sunday night. He is dying, his wife and baby are dead at his side and his son Henry is at death's door. In one bed three children are dead and in another lies the dead body of little Lizzie, aged six. Boecker was to help a neighbor thresh Monday morning, and on not putting in an appearance, about nine o'clock, his brother Henry, who lives with the old folks about 20 rods away, went to learn the reason of his failure to help. The doors were locked and there were no signs of life about. He tried to get in the house, but met with no response, and finally he kicked in the door and found the state of affairs above described.

An Awful Discovery. Boecker, with his wife and baby, slept in a back room, and the three bodies lay on one bed. The wife had been shot in the neck with a shotgun, which stood in the corner, the baby had been shot and its head crushed with the butt of a revolver. The man, still breathing, had a bullet hole high up on the forehead, and by his side was a revolver, a six-shooter, two chambers empty. It is a 1 1/2-story frame house, and upstairs Henry, aged eight, and Lizzie, aged six, lay on a bed with bullet holes in the forehead, the latter dead, the boy still breathing, and in the opposite corner of the same room Caroline, aged 14, Christine, aged nine, and John, aged three, were dead, each with a bullet hole in the forehead, though Caroline had two.

Cause Unknown. Boecker was 34 years old and for over 20 years lived in the same neighborhood, in fact, on the same farm. He was married 11 years ago, and after living a year with his parents, moved to scene of the tragedy which is almost within hailing distance of the old home. He has been regarded as a prosperous farmer and only recently bought a 200-acre farm a few miles from the old homestead.

Further Details. Carroll, Ia., Sept. 29.—John Boecker, the murderer of his wife and children, still lives, though his recovery is hopeless. The son Henry shows signs of returning strength. The bodies of the mother and five children have been prepared for burial at Breda. It is now known that Boecker bought a supply of chloroform at Breda last week, ostensibly to doctor hogs for cholera. With this he threw the family into their final sleep and was enabled to commit the horror without resistance. Those who know him best say Boecker has been "off" for some time, though his mental ailment has not been regarded serious enough to qualify him for the insane asylum. His determination not to move from the home place, which his father decided must be given to his younger brother, is no doubt the cause of his crime.

A BLOODY RIOT.

Nine Men Fatally Wounded and Others Injured in Pennsylvania. Girardville, Pa., Sept. 28.—At least nine men received fatal injuries and possibly two score others were more or less seriously wounded in a bloody riot here late Sunday night and early Monday morning. The battle was the outcome of a quarrel over the Hazleton troubles. Thirty-six men are known to have been wounded and about 50 more are being secreted by their friends who fear that they will be sent to jail.

Big Month's Work at the Mint. Philadelphia, Oct. 1.—The United States mint in this city has just completed the greatest coining in one month in its history. The total number of pieces turned out was 14,000,000, although only 12,128,841 pieces, valued at \$3,370,449.50 were United States coins. The coiners' statement for September is as follows: Gold, \$2,292,375; silver, \$846,092.50; five cents, \$184,510; cents, \$47,472.

Sad Fate of Three Children.

Alma, Neb., Sept. 29.—The farmhouse of A. L. Gordon, five miles from here, burned Monday night. Three children, aged eight, ten and twelve years, who were alone in the house, perished in the flames. The origin of the fire is uncertain, but it is thought that a lamp exploded.

Anger Makes a Murderer of Him. Middletown, N. Y., Sept. 29.—W. J. Christian, in a fit of rage, shot and killed Horace F. Pritchard, then turned his pistol against Thomas Manning, a constable of Wurtsboro, mortally wounding him. Trouble over a building contract was the cause.

Big Orders for Engines. Milwaukee, Sept. 30.—The Reliance works of the E. P. Allis company of this city have closed contracts for foreign orders aggregating \$500,000. Twenty-one engines of an average horse-power of 1,200 each are to be built for foreign trade.

For a Polish Colony. Marinette, Wis., Sept. 30.—Theodore Rudzinski, of Milwaukee, has completed a deal with the Peshtigo company for 12,000 acres of land near Beaver Creek and expects to have 400 Polish families located on the tract within a year.

Are for Gold. Boston, Oct. 1.—The "gold" democrats yesterday nominated William Everett, of Quincy, for governor. The platform insists upon the maintenance of the present gold standard and favors an extension of the civil service.

MINOR NEWS ITEMS.

For the Week Ending Oct. 1. Crude petroleum has been found at Sun Prairie, Wis. Plentiful rains have ended the terrible famine in India. The Bank of Montrose, Col., closed its doors with liabilities of \$175,000. The democrats of New York city have nominated Robert A. Van Wyck for mayor.

The free silver democrats have nominated Henry George for mayor of New York city. The police in Havana are charged with the deliberate murder of Cuban prisoners.

Green City, Mo., was visited by a fire which devastated one side of the public square. Severe storms in the western provinces of Cuba have caused a cessation of war operations.

Ex-Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii has returned to Washington from her visit to San Francisco. Andrew Y. Young, editor and proprietor of the Deutsche Pioneer, died at his home in Wausau, Wis.

Reports from Japan say that the rice crop will exceed in quantity any yield during the past 70 years. The works of the California Powder company at Santa Cruz, Cal., blew up, causing a loss of \$250,000.

The insurrection in Nicaragua has been entirely suppressed and peace restored throughout the country. Three stages traveling from Angel's Camp to Milton, Cal., were held up and robbed by two masked highwaymen.

Jules Cambon, governor general of Algeria, will succeed M. Jules Patenotre as French ambassador at Washington. At Boulder, Col., W. H. Irwin, owner of the Belcher silver mine, fatally shot his wife while drunk and then shot himself dead.

Isaac Bell, the principal owner of the Old Dominion steamship line, died of pneumonia at his home in New York, aged 83 years. A price of \$100,000 has been placed on the heads of Prospero Morales, the revolutionary leader in Guatemala, and his aid, Manuel Fuentes.

Paris Mountain, seven miles from Greenville, S. C., was shaken by an earthquake, and guests in a summer hotel were badly frightened. Schoolboys at Eau Claire, Wis., have experimented so successfully with hypnotism that the school board has forbidden the dangerous practice.

Several persons were injured by the collision of electric cars in Toledo, O. Miss Mary Waite, daughter of the late Chief Justice Waite, being probably fatally hurt.

LABOR CONVENTION.

Resolutions Adopted at the Meeting Held in Chicago.

Chicago, Sept. 30.—The labor convention at its session in this city adopted the following resolutions: "We admit the failure of the strike method, and favor a series of national conventions, to which we invite the friends of labor in a movement looking toward political action.

"We recognize necessity strikes, but the most effective strike is the ballot box. "We especially demand the abolition of the injunction evil and all forms of judicial usurpation by making all judges removable by the people, and enforcement of the constitutional right of trial by jury.

"We favor the abolition of bank issues of money and suggest the issue of a stable legal tender by the government direct and the establishment of postal savings banks. "We favor the free coinage of silver, an eight-hour day, an income and inheritance tax and the inauguration of public works to give labor to the unemployed."

SEVENTEEN ARE KILLED.

Men Employed in a Mexican Mine Cracked by a Cave-in. El Paso, Tex., Sept. 27.—News has been received here that the San Pedro mine in the Corralitos group, 12 miles from this city, in Mexico, caved in Saturday, killing 17 men who were at work in the mine at the time. The unfortunate were buried alive under 30 feet of rock and dirt. The San Pedro is one of the oldest mines in the group and rich with silver. It is the property of the wealthy Corralitos company, the principal stockholders of which reside in New York.

Ex-Secretary Robeson Dead. Trenton, N. J., Sept. 28.—Ex-Secretary of the Navy George M. Robeson died Monday at his home in this city. Mr. Robeson was 69 years old and had been in failing health for several months. In June, 1869, he was made secretary of the navy. He served in this office until the end of President Grant's second term, March, 1877.

Fire at Ironton, O. Ironton, O., Sept. 30.—Fire Wednesday night destroyed the sawmill of Newman & Spencer, the lumber plant of the Pennsylvania Lumber company, two business blocks, St. Joseph's church, school and parsonage and about 20 residences. The loss is estimated at from \$300,000 to \$400,000, with insurance of about one-half.

Assassinated. Fort Dodge, Ia., Oct. 1.—Fred Quade, a farmer living near Barnum, was murdered while asleep Wednesday night. The murderer forced an entrance through a window and fired a charge of buckshot into the sleeping man. All efforts to locate the murderer are being made.

His Imprisonment Ends. Oshkosh, Wis., Sept. 29.—Ex-Banker T. C. Shove, of Manitowoc, who was convicted of illegal banking and sentenced to pay a fine of \$4,100 or spend four months in jail here, completed his sentence Tuesday morning and at once left for Minneapolis, where his family now resides.

All Records Beaten. London, Sept. 30.—At the Crystal Palace Wednesday A. E. Walters beat all bicycle records over distances from 34 to 64 miles. He covered the 34 miles course in 1 hour, 5 minutes, 10 1/2 seconds, and the 64-mile course in 2 hours, 7 minutes 4 1/2 seconds.

Chilian Commander Dead. Santiago de Chile, Oct. 1.—Gen. Baquedano, commander in chief of the Chilian army, is dead.

Shot His Sweetheart. Baltimore, Md., Sept. 28.—Michael Simmonds, a railroad brakeman aged 28, shot his sweetheart, Miss Jennie Long, aged 19, and then committed suicide.

Horses Cremated. Mexico, Mo., Sept. 30.—Business property, estimated at \$20,000, burned Wednesday. Twenty-eight horses perished.

Lamp Explosion Causes Death. Cedar Rapids, Ia., Sept. 30.—Mrs. Joseph Ross was burned to death in her bed. A lamp in her room exploded.