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LONDON, Oct. 1.—A special dispatch from Shanghai says the announcement of the death of the emperor is confirmed. The reports as to the means employed in his taking off differ. One story has it that he died by poison, and another that death was caused by strangulation, while a third states that he was subjected to frightful torture, a red-hot iron being thrust through his bowels.

LONDON, Oct. 1.—The chief interest of Europe, perhaps, centers on China, where the fate of the emperor is still uncertain, though it is the general opinion that he has already been done to death by the dowager empress, who, it appears, was once a barmaid in a Chinese liquor shop. The emperor of China is known lately to have shown leanings toward Christianity, and it was recently reported that he had burned the Confucian classics in the palace.

The man who will now ascend the throne of China is Yin, a grandson of Prince Kung. He is a good looking, intelligent young man of decidedly prof. reign leanings. Englishmen who have met Yin declare that he will not be a puppet like his predecessor. He has a stronger will and, moreover, is not related to the dowager empress. A resident of Peking, Dr. Dugene, who is the only foreigner who ever dined with Yin, asserts that the dowager empress is not opposed to him. He adds that she was introduced to the installation of the electric light into the palace, and introduced a railway and electric launch into the palace grounds. She is also said to have favored other Western ideas.

It is now said that the dismissal of Li Hung Chang, who was the friend of the dowager empress, and the strong friend of the Russians, and the exclusion of Prince Kung, were the real causes of the emperor's downfall. The time, however, has gone by for a continuance of the old regime. The young China party will not rest satisfied with the existing state of things. Kang Yuwei, the Cantonese reformer, who is safe at Hong Kong, under British protection, is known as the modern savior of China. He is the leader of the reform party and the originator of the society formed in opposition to the custom of binding the feet of Chinese girls.

SITUATION AT FASHODA. The oyster-like reticence of the British government regarding the situation at Fashoda and the intentions of the ministers in the matter is causing a bitter outcry in the press. Even the supporters of the government are disgusted. The only hint on the subject appears in the army order of the commanding-in-chief of the forces, Lord Wolseley, on the conclusion of Gen. Kitchener's campaign, in which he says: "The campaign has resulted in the reconquest of the valley of the Nile from the second cataract to the Sobal river."

This is seized upon by the press as an indirect statement of policy upon the part of the government and as implying the intention of the govern-

ment to insist upon Maj. Marchand's evacuation of Fashoda. In the meantime the blowing of trumpets on both sides of the channel continues. Inquiries in diplomatic circles reveal the opinion that the French will retire from Fashoda, but will be permitted to retain an important part of the territory through which Maj. Marchand marched. This will be another score for French bluff, similar to the Niger settlement, which is now admitted to have been a diplomatic victory for France.

DREYFUS CASE. There has been a lull in the Dreyfus excitement since the appeal in the case and the incriminating documents were sent to the court of cassation, whose decision, however, will probably not be rendered until January. The preliminary proceeding will take three weeks, and the matter is not likely to formally come before the court before the end of October. The case would have been much more near a settlement if an annulment of the verdict instead of a revision of the case had been asked. But in the case of annulment all the responsibilities would have had to have been fixed, and this is just what is not wanted. If the court of cassation pronounces in favor of a revision, the affair will be referred back to the military authorities, which will order a new court martial, which may again take place in secret. The court of cassation, however, can order an open trial, and it can even summon Dreyfus before it.

The interesting announcement is made that the pope has ordered the papal nuncio at Paris to request the clergy and clerical organs to cease their opposition to a revision of the Dreyfus case. This is a blow at the Jesuits, who have been instigating the military authorities and who support the most virulent and more unscrupulous anti-Dreyfus newspaper, Le Parole. In the meantime Col. Picquart is confined in the military prison of Chercher Midl. No written documents, books or newspapers are allowed him. His meals are taken by two soldiers, who stand by him while he eats, but they must not talk to him.

SENSATIONAL CHARGES. M. Henri Rochefort's newspaper, the Intransigent, publishes some sensational accusations against the French military authorities in Africa, charging the officers of the naval disciplinary board with revolting cruelty and giving names and dates.

The extraordinary lax treatment of the anarchist assassin of the Empress of Austria, the Italian, Lucheni, in the prison of St. Antoine, Geneva, Switzerland, is causing much remark. He is allowed wine and cigars, books and newspapers, and spends money in newspaper interviews. When examined before the magistrates, he makes a parade of jests and frivolous answers. The assassin's trial has been fixed for the first week in November. He will be condemned to solitary confinement for life. Only one man has hitherto undergone this punishment, which has more terrors than capital punishment. The prisoner is confined in an underground cell, into which no sunshine ever penetrates. He is never allowed a bed, must sleep on the ground, and is only permitted to take exercise once a week in the prison yard.

LOSS OF A MILLION. FIRE CUTS A WIDE SWATH IN COLORADO SPRINGS. Started in a Rubbish Heap and Wiped Out a Strip Four Blocks Long and Two Wide.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., Oct. 1.—This city had a visitation of fire this afternoon which threatened for four hours to destroy the entire business district. The wind was blowing at the rate of forty-five miles an hour from the southeast when the fire started at the Denver & Rio Grande freight depot at the foot of Chuchares street, at 2:40 p. m., and the flames spread with great rapidity, a strip four blocks long, from north to south, and two blocks wide, from east to west, has been burned over, but the conflagration is under control. The flames are still leaping high in the air all over the burning district, but the wind has died down, and there is no doubt that the fire engines which have come from Denver and Pueblo in response to appeals for aid will be able to confine the flames within the present limits.

The Antlers hotel, one of the largest in the West, the lumber yards and two blocks of business houses have been destroyed. In round numbers the loss is estimated at \$1,000,000; insured for half that amount. The losses estimated are as follows: Antlers hotel, \$350,000; Newton Lumber company, \$80,000; Crissey & Fowler Lumber company, \$30,000; El Paso Lumber company, \$35,000; Irving & Sons, blacksmiths, \$2,000; Denver & Rio Grande railroad, \$80,000; Gulf depot, \$5,000; Home hotel, \$2,500. General losses of business firms and individuals not enumerated above, \$465,000. The fire started in a pile of rubbish underneath the platform at the Denver & Rio Grande freight depot. Within five minutes it had communicated to freight cars standing at the depot and it spread so rapidly that it was impossible to move any of the cars. Half a car of powder consigned to C. S. Barnes & Sons exploded. The cans were thrown a hundred feet and the powder in the air, and burned the El Paso Lumber company and the paint establishment of Sperry & Tucker. A few minutes after the Newton lumber yards caught. For a time after this it looked as if Antlers' hotel might be saved, but the heat was too great. There was not water enough to send a stream half way up the building. At 4 o'clock it was burning on the south end, and the famous hotel was burned.

BECKER FOR THE SENATE. DETROIT, Minn., Oct. 1.—(Special.)—The Republican senatorial convention for the Sixth district was held here today. Hon. John H. Smith, of Becker county, was nominated for the senate, and D. F. McCreath and John Loman, of Clay county, and Joseph C. Wood, of Wilkin county, for representatives.

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ALL SCARS HEALED.

Harmonious Convention Held by the Steele County Democrats.

OWATONNA, Minn., Oct. 1.—(Special.)—The Democratic county convention held here this afternoon was one of the largest and most enthusiastic ever held in Steele county. Although there had been some little feeling between the Democratic leaders two years ago, everything passed off harmoniously and good feeling prevailed all along the line. The chances are that the entire ticket will be elected by a handsome majority.

Mayor L. Virtue was elected chairman of the convention and R. E. Darby secretary. The following ticket was nominated: State senator, William Gauswitz; representative, W. S. Weatherston; register of deeds, J. E. Malone; sheriff, D. W. Hines; clerk of court, E. B. Keenan; county superintendent of schools, Walter F. Kasper; surveyor, J. P. Thon; commissioner of second district, F. G. Schuman, and commissioner of fourth district, M. M. Guthrie.

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Convention Held by the Republicans of Washington County.

STILLWATER, Minn., Oct. 1.—The Republican convention for the nomination of county and legislative candidates was held at the court house today, and was full of surprises. A. G. Wilcox, of Oneka, was chosen chairman of the gathering, and H. T. King, of Stillwater, was elected secretary. At the beginning of business, John Zeich, who had been mentioned as a candidate for state senator, addressed the body, and stated that he was no longer a candidate for the honor, and desired to see E. L. Hospes nominated. He said he nursed no sore spots and was willing to toil for the good of the party.

Following Mr. Zeich's remarks, a committee on credentials was appointed, and while the committee was framing its report, Congressman Stevens made a political address, in which he thanked the people of Washington county for their support. The report of the committee on credentials was accepted, after which a recess was taken until 1:30, when the delegates assembled for the battle which was to follow.

E. L. Hospes, of Stillwater, was nominated for state senator, and, there being no opposition, the nomination was made unanimous. Thomas H. Hillary, of the town of May, and Sven Magnuson, of Marine, were named for representatives from the northern part of the county. An informal ballot was taken, and Hillary received 52 to 29 for Magnuson. The ballot was made formal, and Mr. Hillary was declared the nominee. For representative from the southern part of the county J. H. Crandall, of Cottage Grove, and August Neubauer, of Newport, were named. Neubauer was nominated on the first ballot, receiving 51 votes to 30 for Crandall.

Charles H. Browne and Andrew J. Holm were placed in nomination for county auditor and clerk of court, respectively. Browne was elected on the first ballot, receiving 51 of the 81 votes cast. August Booren and E. G. Foster were the nominees for county treasurer, and Booren beat Foster by a vote of 48 to 31. Charles A. Lammers was nominated for register of deeds, receiving 49 votes to 17 for John Peterson, and 15 for John R. Gilder. Joseph Carl was nominated for sheriff, receiving 49 votes to 31 for H. B. Volmer, of Lakeland. Frank T. Wilson was nominated for judge of probate without opposition, as were also L. L. Manwaring, for county attorney; J. M. Oldham, for county surveyor, and Dr. E. B. Freiligh for coroner.

The warmest fight of the day appeared in the nomination of a candidate for superintendent of the county schools. J. Q. Mackintosh, who has held the office for many years, was a candidate for renomination, and was opposed by E. N. Swanson, of South Stillwater, and Frank S. McKean, of Lakeland. On the informal ballot Mackintosh received 35 votes, Swanson 22, and McKean 25. Swanson's vote fell away gradually until the end of the second formal ballot, when he withdrew from the field, leaving Mackintosh and McKean to fight it out to a finish. On the third formal ballot McKean was nominated, receiving 50 votes to 31 for Mackintosh.

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