

## DEATH IN CYCLONE

Four Hundred People Perish  
on Island of Sicily.

## PROPERTY DAMAGE IS IMMENSE

Path of the Storm is 124 Miles Long—  
Rains Are Torn From Ties by the  
Wind—Disaster Due to a Ma-  
rine Waterspout.

SYRACUSE, Sicily, Sept. 26.—A severe cyclone on the eastern coast of Sicily has resulted in the death of several hundred persons and immense damage to property. For 24 hours before the cyclone burst over the island a violent storm raged on the eastern coast of Sicily. The path of the cyclone was 124 miles long, and everything in the line of the storm was destroyed. The sea swept inland for several kilometers, doing enormous damage, while there were violent submarine agitations between Sicily and the mainland. Along the railroad from Catania to Palermo the force of the cyclone was such that rails were torn up and hurled to a great distance. It is reported from Modica, 32 miles southwest of Syracuse, that a hundred bodies have already been found, but that the number of dead bodies is still increasing. The British steamer Caperna was wrecked at Catania, after a terrible struggle with the waves.

The torrent destroyed everything on the ground floors in houses in the vicinity of Modica. Bridges and roads have disappeared, the damage amounting to many millions lire (worth about 20 cents). The survivors of the catastrophe have taken refuge in the hills. A relief committee and search parties have been organized at Modica. The disaster is supposed to have been due to a marine waterspout. The British steamer Caperna was wrecked at Catania, after a terrible struggle with the waves.

## PARIS AFTER AMERICAN JOCKEYS

Police Accuse Them of Gambling and  
Fleeing Others.

PARIS, Sept. 26.—The police of Paris have been watching for some time the doings of several well-known American jockeys and their friends, who met nightly in a certain place where card playing for high stakes was indulged in, and where victims are said to have been plucked. Yesterday, according to Le Soir, the police made six arrests, and their prisoners included a celebrated American jockey, a racehorse owner and a bookmaker. Four of the prisoners were released today, but the examining magistrate told them to help themselves at his disposal. The magistrate has summoned several American jockeys for examination tomorrow.

## RUSSIA WILL GET OUT ON TIME.

Evacuation of Manchuria Will Be  
Completed by October 8.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26.—The State Department has received a cablegram from United States Minister Conger, at Peking, stating that the evacuation of Manchuria has begun by the Russians, who already have returned the railway. It is stated that the territory up the Liao River will be evacuated completely by October 8, as stipulated in the agreement.

## Queen Tenders Court a Dinner.

THE HAGUE, Sept. 26.—Queen Wilhelmina has gone to Castle Loo to spend the autumn. At the dinner which Her Majesty gave last night to the members of the American-Mexican arbitration court, United States Minister Newell, the Mexican Minister, and the Foreign Minister, Dr. Vanlyden, were present. Newell occupied the place of honor at the Queen's right. She conversed in the most friendly and animated manner with him and the other guests, and discussed with great interest the subject of arbitration, showing general appreciation of the work of the international court now in session here.

## Rebels Force Turkish Cordons.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 26.—Three hundred Bulgarian revolutionaries, who were surrounded by Turkish troops in the Villayet of Salonica, succeeded in forcing the cordons after a sanguinary fight, during which both sides suffered severe losses. Reinforcements of troops have been sent in pursuit of the Bulgarians.

## SAONICA, European Turkey, Sept. 26.

—The military forces have been called out, and troops are being dispatched into the interior of Macedonia.

## Put Out of Army for Disobedience.

NANTES, France, Sept. 26.—Commandant Le Roy Ladurie, of the Nineteenth Infantry, who on August 18 was placed under arrest for refusing to obey an order to aid in closing unauthorized schools, has been tried by court-martial and dismissed from the service. Ladurie admitted the charge of disobedience, but declared that his conscience forbade him to participate in anti-religious measures and evicting women, which he did not consider to be duties of the army.

## More of Mexico's Side of Plus Case.

THE HAGUE, Sept. 26.—The International Court of Arbitration was occupied today by hearing Attorney De Lacroix's arguments in behalf of Mexico in the hearing of the Plus fund case between the United States and Mexico. He contended that the Supreme Court of California in an analogous case ruled that the church had no right to acquire the property of ancient missions which were given its members.

## Sultan Carries Out His Promise.

NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—In a dispatch from Fez, Morocco, the correspondent of the Times says the Sultan has carried out his promise to improve the condition of the prisoners of the country. The work of cleaning and draining the prisons and supplying the inmates with better food is already in progress.

## Troops to Quell Riot of Peasants.

VIENNA, Sept. 26.—Neue Wiener Journal today announces that as a result of a revolt of peasants in the district of Baden, Hungary, the military were called on to suppress the disorder, and fired a volley, killing four persons and wounding others.

## Thirty Miners Killed by Gas.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—The Madrid correspondent of the Morning Leader says 20 miners have been killed at Masegosa, Province of Murcia, by poisonous gas.

## London Paper Suggests Aid for Boers.

LONDON, Sept. 27.—The Daily News, in announcing that General Botha has cordially and unreservedly agreed to Arnold White's conditions as to the administration

tion of the gift of \$100,000 by Henry Phipps, of New York, to destitute Boers, under which the gift will be applied solely to widows and orphans, suggests to its readers that it would be better for Englishmen to swell the Phipps fund than to aim at separate benevolence.

Many Greeks Coming to America.  
LONDON, Sept. 27.—The Athens correspondent of the Standard draws attention to the exodus of emigrants to the United States, which, he says, is probably due to the failure of the current crop in Greece. Official reports say that 800 persons have emigrated during the past year, and that this exodus continues.

No Lives Lost in Sinking of Barge.  
VIENNA, Sept. 26.—The only foundation for the report published in the United States by a news agency yesterday that a Danube steamer sank near Vienna Thursday and that 14 persons were drowned, is that a coal barge sank at the Iron gate of the Danube, near Orsova. There was no loss of life.

Miners Vote for Eight-Hour Day.  
COMMENTRY, France, Sept. 26.—The National Congress of French Miners, in session here, adopted a resolution today by a vote of 80 to 15 in favor of an eight-hour day, including the time occupied in descending and ascending to and from the mines and at meals.

Lovesick Youth Murders Sinner.  
LONDON, Sept. 26.—It is reported here from Moscow that a lovesick youth belonging to an aristocratic family named Kramurka has murdered Miss Ebonoff, a Russian prima donna, at Kaluga, Russia.

Booth Sails for America Today.  
LONDON, Sept. 26.—General Booth, commander-in-chief of the Salvation Army, is a passenger on the steamer Philadelphia, which is to sail from Southampton tomorrow for New York.

## HIGH TAX KILLS FOREST.

Need of Modification of Wash-  
ington's Practice.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-  
ington, Sept. 27.—According to ideas advanced by the Bureau of Forestry, in a report on the Western hemlock, the tax system of the State of Washington stands in need of material alteration insofar as it applies to certain classes of lands. Among other questions studied by the bureau was the manner of best improving logged-off areas. It was found that such lands are as valuable for agriculture as for what they will bring, and the remainder are abandoned by the lumbermen. Occasionally an owner pays taxes on such property, but he is the exception. Very few expect to log a second time.

"Excessive taxation in the United States is one of the greatest obstacles to conservative forest management by private owner," says the report. "In Western Washington, cut-over lands, valuable for the production of timber alone, are assessed at a value from \$1 to \$5 an acre, at a combined county and state rate of from 15 to 30 mills on the dollar. Assessors may attempt to make a more reasonable adjustment, but are often prevented from doing so by the demand of the state for a revenue from these lands far out of proportion to that required from other property. The state takes no account of the annual decrease of standing timber from cutting, and continues to levy the same tax, although it must be borne by less valuable land each year. In Chehalis County alone 30,000 acres are annually cut over, yet the tax rate is unchanged. An attempt was made to get logged-off lands placed in a separate, slightly taxed class, but the board of directors divided among other classes of property, but it failed.

"Calculating logged-off land as worth \$1 an acre, with the assessment at \$5 an acre, and the rate at 2 cents, the burden of holding a quarter section of such land for 50 years would be \$1742, or \$10.90 an acre. It is thus evident that the community offers little encouragement to the timber-grower. Under such conditions few men will hold logged-off land. The effect of the system is to defeat its own end. The property reverts to the state for delinquent taxes, still classed as valuable, and wholly unprotected, it is burned and reburned until it becomes a desert. The gain to the community would be much greater were the land assessed at 50 cents an acre and the tax collected.

"The laws of Washington prohibit the sale of any state lands for less than \$10 an acre; therefore the large and increasing area of abandoned lands, except the small portion which may become valuable for farming, must continue to be state property until it can find a purchaser at \$10 who is willing to take up the tax burden which could not be borne even when the land was offered at \$1. This area must therefore remain unproductive, non-taxpaying, and, on account of fire, a menace to adjacent lands. The state is not a deplorable state of affairs entails far more than financial loss to the state and its inhabitants. It is generally admitted that the exhaustion of the mature timber of the state is a matter of but one or two generations, and that thereafter second growth must be used to supply the natural needs. It is the Pacific Coast region, with its climate and heavy rainfall, which promises the most certain and rapid return of logged-off land to forest, and to this region the country will naturally turn for much of the supply in the future. With the exception of the Government forest reserves, no provision is being made to meet this demand, and for this condition of affairs no wise taxation is largely responsible.

"Over the larger part of Western Oregon and Washington, red fir is the tree which takes possession of burned-over land, and, if undisturbed, it does so almost immediately. It is at present the most valuable timber of the region, and its readiness to reforest denuded land seems exceedingly fortunate. There are, however, certain regions in which there is practically no reproduction of fir, and here the market value of hemlock will fix the price of growing a second crop. This is largely the case along the coast, where fir and spruce are to be found all over and only such fir as is conky or otherwise unsound, and hence unable to play an important part in the supply in the future. There is, of course, the adjacent untouched forest, which, under some conditions, would, by aid of the wind, seed up openings as fast as they might be made by ordinary fire, but here the fir is burned irregularly and scantily, and little seed is produced. On the other hand, the hemlock, which is left untouched in the slashings and forms a large part of the neighboring forest, bears abundantly every year. Furthermore, the slashings may escape fire, in which case fir seed finds an unsuitable seed bed and is shaded too much by uncut timber and underbrush. The final result under such conditions is a dense stand of hemlock, often some spruce, but only occasionally a red fir.

"It is not impossible that this result might often be somewhat modified by judicious burning. While many loggers prefer, if possible, to avoid fire altogether, there are two arguments for a contrary course—safety in the future and a better chance for reproduction of fir. There remains little doubt that fire after logging greatly assists this species to reproduce successfully. "If fire is to run, it is usually safer to burn at that time in the Spring when the slashings are inflammable but the surrounding woods are still too wet to be in danger than to allow a large area to remain unburned under the dry season, when fire is sure to be destructive.

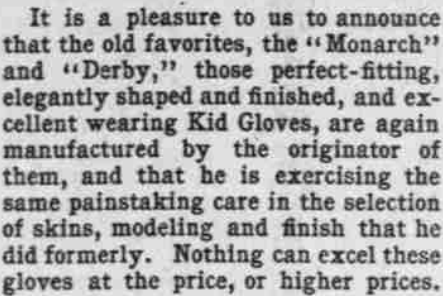
"To sum up, where fir is a poor seeder and where it is desirable to prevent fire entirely from the first, there is little use in trying to get anything but Hemlock for a second crop, and in such a case there is nothing to do except to protect the slashings from fire. Where the fir left standing is vigorous enough to seed freely and where the slashings are not too numerous, it would often seem the best policy to fire the slashings in the Spring."

## Olds, Wortman &amp; King

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The Return of the  
Derby and Monarch Kid Gloves

The "Monarch," full pique, sells for \$2.00



The "Derby," full pique, sells for \$1.50

## The Dorothy Dodd \$3.00 Shoe

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Bright kid, straight foxing, patent leather tip and military heel.

Bright kid, vamp and heel foxing, dull tip, medium colonial heel.

Dull kid, patent tip, straight foxing, military heel.

Dull kid top, patent leather straight foxing, colonial heel.

Dull kid top, vamp and tip of English calf, welted sole, medium heel.

In the Dorothy Dodd dress shoe we have two very pretty styles; one with dull kid top, patent leather straight foxing, light sole and military heel; the other of bright kid, straight foxing, patent tip and military heel.

The price on each pair is but \$3.00. You will find nothing nearly so nice on the market for the price.

We are making the initial showing of this shoe now and will be pleased to have you ask to see it.

## TODAY'S SPECIALS

## Hat Trimmings

Here are some very desirable items on stylish hat trimming, the prices of which will be quite a saving to you if you purchase today.

Ostrich Plumes, 75c grade, today ..... 25c

Pom-Poms, white or black, today ..... 25c

Breasts, in all colors, today ..... 25c

Blackbirds, today ..... 15c

Children's Crushers

Saturday Price

A most satisfactory rough-and-ready hat for the school girl; colors, castor, brown, navy and red; regular price, 75c; special ..... 29c

## Handkerchiefs

All Linen

Very desirable bargains, either scalloped, or with double or single hemstitching and dainty corner and parallel embroidery, in a great variety of designs, worth 35c and 40c; today only ..... 25c

## NOTIONS

Pure Spanish Castile Soap, 2-lb. bar, special ..... 15c

Choice Toilet Soaps, oatmeal, honey, magnolia, lilac, rose and unio; special, per cake ..... 3c

Genuine French Bristle Tooth Brushes, 4-row bristles, each ..... 12c

Genuine Ed. Pinaud's French Perfumes, 12 different odors; special, per oz. .... 25c

Royal Cabinet Writing Paper, 60 sheets of paper and 50 envelopes, smooth or rough finish; reg. price 35c; spec'l, box, 15c

Fancy Crepe Paper Napkins, with fancy colored borders, size 14 x 14; special, per 100 ..... 25c

Pure Sperm Machine Oil, large size; special, per bottle ..... 3c

Darning Cotton, all colors; special, per spool ..... 2c

Turn-Over Shell-Back Combs, special, each ..... 15c

Oxydized Metal Purses, with long neck chains; special, each 20c

Lace Pins, Waist Sets, Hat Pins and Belt Pins, plain, enameled, jeweled, gilt and turquoise; special, each ..... 13c

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Mrs. Charles A. Bartholomew were a handsome French gown, in which she attended the races at the conclusion of her ostrich drive. After she had dismounted from the carriage she said:

"It is the most interesting experience imaginable to anybody who is used to driving horses. A ostrich is impossible, I cannot convey the ostrich's neck into a question mark by a strong pull on both lines; but the touch must be sympathetic and the bird acts as by your will rather than his own. Mr. Campbell, as you know, says the big birds have no sense, but they are more readily directed than horses. A mere touch of the right rein will cause the bird to swerve in that direction. It is unnecessary to say that inattention might be followed by a serious upset.

"If a proper blinder can be invented the ostrich will become perfectly safe to drive with a light wagon on any road. They never can be useful for drawing heavy loads."

Mrs. Bartholomew hopes to drive the bird to her hotel during the coming week.

Northwest People in New York.  
NEW YORK, Sept. 26.—(Special.)—Northwestern people registered at New York hotels today as follows:

From Portland—W. B. Honeyman, Mrs. W. Honeyman, Miss E. Honeyman, at the Grand.

From Spokane—J. M. Gleason, at the Herald Square; S. C. Barton, at the Grand Union.

From Seattle—D. B. May, at the Savoy; J. B. Ault, A. D. Coulter, at the Broadway Central.

The Failure of a Bluff.  
Kansas City Star.

When Senator Platt, of New York, remarked some days ago that his state might not endorse the administration of President Roosevelt, and that the Baragot convention would certainly not in-dorse Mr. Roosevelt for the nomination in 1904, everybody knew that this statement was meant as a warning from the trusts to the President to desist from his

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## Sale of Ribbons

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Seasonable Underwear  
Bargains

Ladies' ribbed fleeced cotton Oneita Union Suits, ecru and natural. Special 79c

Ladies' ribbed Norfolk and New Brunswicks Vests and Drawers, Natural and white, 50c

Children's ribbed fleeced cotton Vests and Drawers, and Pantalettes, ecru and natural. At 19c, 33c

## Kid Glove Bargains

300 pairs of the famous 5-clasp "Consuelo" overseam Kid Gloves, Paris point and embroidery, all shades. Regular price \$1.75 pair. At \$1.49

## Veiling Bargains

Chiffon Veiling, Tuxedo Veiling, Sewing-Silk Veiling, all the latest shades. Regular price 55c. At 23c

## Special Values in Ladies' Neckwear

Venise Lace Collars ..... 60c

Embroidery Polka-dot Crepe de Chine Automobiles ..... \$1.65

New Twice-Arounds ..... 50c

Novelty Silk Ruffs ..... \$12.00, \$15.00, \$18.00, \$20.00

Muffs to match ..... \$10.50, \$12.50, \$18.00, \$20.00

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celebrated that such a threat should devolve upon a man like President Roosevelt from a thing what he believed to be his duty. Politically it was calculated to strengthen the President immeasurably. Not one man who might be successful in making a combination to defeat the indorsement of the President at the forthcoming convention would dare to risk his political future on an issue compelling him to take sides with the trusts as against the President, who has urged nothing except the reasonable regulation of the trusts.

Senator Platt has seen his folly in time to save himself and the trusts from the humiliating defeat that was being prepared for them. He has announced positively that, as a result of a conference held Saturday in New York City, the President's administration will be in-

orsed and that Mr. Roosevelt will be named as the state's choice for the nomination of 1904.

This incident will go into history. It records one of Platt's few failures. The "bluff" was as surprising as it was audacious. How any man or Platt's acumen and reputed knowledge of men could have supposed that he could intimidate Theodore Roosevelt is one of the strangest of the many strange things that have grown out of the new conditions and leanings of the Republican party.

Dr. Yung Wing, who was instrumental in sending the new Chinese Minister to this country for his education, was one of the three Chinese who brought to this country in 1848 by Rev. Samuel Rollins Brown, who established the first Protestant Christian school in China.

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