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CURRENT EVENTS OF THE DAY

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Culled From the Telegraphic Columns.

The 17th meeting of the farmers' national congress convened in St. Paul Tuesday.

The supreme court of Oregon has decided that a jury cannot be discharged on Sunday.

Mrs. John Drew, the famous actress, died at Larchmont, N. Y., after an illness of three years.

Table cutters employed in the four largest glove factories in Gloversville, N. Y., have struck for an advance in wages. About 800 skilled men are out.

By a vote of 53 to 35 the Pennsylvania state Democratic committee declared vacant the seat of William Harrity in the national Democratic committee.

At a Spanish cabinet council it was decided to summon the next class of 80,000 reserves, 27,000 of whom will be sent to Cuba and 13,000 to the Philippine islands.

A landslide occurred at tunnel No. 4, on the Northern Pacific, several miles west of the summit of the Cascades. Eastbound and westbound trains were delayed.

A genuine flying machine, it is said, was seen at Sterling, Colo., a few days ago by G. A. Nenstein. Mr. Nenstein noticed a large black object in the southeastern part of the heavens, traveling rapidly toward the northeast. He watchel it pass clear across the heavens, moving quite rapidly in a straight line. He watched it until it passed out of sight, and is convinced that it was a bona fide flying machine.

The naval officers who compose the board recently appointed by Secretary Long, of the navy department, to prepare plans for the erection of an armor-plate plant to be operated by the United States government, have concluded their inspection of the steels plants of the country, and are now ready to report. Plans will be drawn up for a government factory.

Ten saloons in Kansas City, Kan., were raided by the police and $3,500 worth of liquors seized and poured into the gutters. Saloon furniture and fixtures filling ten big drays were seized and carted to police headquarters, where it will be burned.

A dispatch from Buenos Ayres says the wheat crop in the province of Santa Fe is calculated at about 10,000 tons, scarcely more than enough to supply the province for the year. What is true in Santa Fe province is said to be true in the other provinces, that is, none will furnish more than enough for home use.

The jewelry store of W. H. Finck, at Seattle, was burglarized and goods to the amount of $10,000 taken. By sawing the iron bars off the window, the burglars secured an entrance to the store. With a seven-pound sledgehammer and an eight-inch punch they broke the handle off the outside door of the safe, and then easily pried the door open.

Five orphan children have been shipped from Honolulu to San Francisco. The government officials will not permit them to land unless $500 bonds are furnished for each of the quintet as a guarantee that they shall not become public charges, but so far the necessary amount has not been raised by the Salvation Army officer to whom they were consigned.

Official information received at Manila confirms the reports previously published as to the disastrous character of the eruption of the Manyon volcano. Several villages were completely destroyed. At Libog 150 bodies were recovered and buried, and more remained in the lava. At another place 200 persons were missing. Some of the bodies recovered were so completely calcined as to be unrecognizable.

Advices from Rio de Janeiro state that the fanatics attacked several convoys of provisions and ammunition in the interior a few days ago and a bloody battle followed. The fanatics were forced to retire after severe losses. The Brazilian troops had 28 officers wounded. The fanatics are now reorganizing their forces and another attack on convoys is expected, as the fanatics are in need of ammunition.

Involved in the question of interpretation of section 22 of the new tariff, with regard to the 10 per cent discriminating duty on foreign goods coming to the United States from Canada or Mexico, which is now before the attorney general for decision, is another question of equal if not greater magnitude. It involves the question of whether this discriminating duty of 10 per cent does not apply to all goods imported in foreign vessels landing at United States ports which are not exempt from discriminating tonnage taxes by express treaty stipulation. The matter is now before the attorney-general, awaiting an interpretation.

Another attempt has been made to destroy the life of President Faure of France. Three minutes after the president had passed the Madeline church in Paris, on his return from Russia, a bomb was exploded inside the railing around the church. An arrest followed immediately, and the railed field was closed by the police, who began an active investigation into the outrage. Nobody was injured by the explosion, but the affair, following so closely upon others of a similar nature, caused the greatest excitement.

The weekly crop report issued by the department of agriculture in Washington, D. C., says: "Early corn is maturing in Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota, but it has made slow progress in Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan. In Kentucky, Tennessee and Arkansas the crop promises to be short, owing to drought. The spring wheat harvest is nearly completed in Minnesota and North Dakota, and threshing is general. In Washington and Oregon the weather has been especially favorable for threshing the heavy wheat crop which has been grown in those states."

INCREASE IN EXPORTS.

The Business Done in July the Largest in Our History.

Washington, Sept. 6.—The figures of exports from the United States for July show an increase over the corresponding month last year of about $4,100,000. The domestic exports last year were the largest in our history. The total exports in July were $549,943,879, against $500,572,050 for the first seven months of last year. The exports of agricultural products show a decrease during the period, while those of manufactured products increased.

The exports of gold for July were $5,462,869, against $11,971,438 for July, 1896, and for the first seven months of this year, $50,559,071, against $54,926,948 for the corresponding period last year. The exports of silver for the first seven months of 1896 were $32,859,204, against $36,033,559 last year.

WANTS TO KEEP HIS OFFICE.

A Superintendent of Mails Sues the Postmaster-General.

Washington, Sept. 6.—John G. Woods, superintendent of mails at the Louisville postoffice, today brought suit against Potmater-General Gary and the postoffice department to prevent them from removing him from service. Woods was notified his services would be dispensed with, and he refused to resign. The court has issued a temporary restraining order to protect his rights.

At the postoffice department, it is stated that the office of superintendent of mails, which Woods is seeking to keep, is uniformly filled by details of employes of the railroad mail service. This is the nature of a temporary promotion, and the order against which Woods complains directed him to "resume" his former run in that service.

With this notification to Woods to return to his old work, was the formal detail of Clerk O'Donnell to succeed him as superintendent. The restraining order issued by Judge Bingham was served on Postmaster-General Gary and First Assistant Postmaster-General Heath today.

ALLEGED SPANISH VICTORY.

Official Account of Engagements With the Insurgents.

Havana, Sept. 6.—It was officially announced today that a force of 200 Spanish infantry, commanded by Captain Caesaro Ponton, at sunrise yesterday surprised an insurgent force camped on the heights of Joro, province Pinar del Rio, killing 26 of the enemy and wounding several others. The Spaniards captured several prisoners.

Another Spanish column, while reconnoitering in the hills of Ruby and La Guana, province of Pinar del Rio, killed 24 insurgents, the official reports say.

Captain-General Weyler, escorted by a detachment of 150 cavalry from Madruga, passed through San Antonio and San Nicholas yesterday, and camped for the night at the sugar plantation of Amistead, near Guines, this province. On his way through San Nicholas, the captain-general fined the mayor of that place $100 and imprisoned the military contractor at San Nicholas, both of them having been concerned in delivering incomplete rations to the troops.

A severe earthquake shock was felt at Santiago de Cuba yesterday.

Caught by an Alpine Avalanche.

Berne, Sept. 6.—Further advices from Lasalle, near Mont Pleureur, show that the reports of an accident to a party of Alpine tourists in that vicinity were not exaggerated.

Eight persons started from Sion, the capital canton of Valais, to ascend Mont Pleureur. The mount is 12,155 feet high, and is not very difficult of ascent. The tourists were led by Pastor Gonin, of Sion, and they made the ascent divided into two parties of four each.

The first party reached the summit, and the second was only a short distance behind, when the four persons composing it were swept by an avalanche into a crevasse a thousand feet deep. It is hoped that some of the tourists may be rescued. The ascending party was composed of Pastor Gonin, six schoolboys and a young Englishman named Bernard.

Tragedy of the Arizona Desert.

Hackberry, Ariz., Sept. 6.—During the latter part of last week four men who had been working at White hills, 50 miles north of here, left camp and started toward Nevada. They had been on a protracted spree, and when they left camp it was night, and they took no water. Yesterday they were found 10 miles from the river, two of them dead. The others were nearly dead, but may recover. Jara Maguire, a blacksmith, and an unknown man are dead. Their tongues are swollen and cracked and showed the marks of indescribable suffering. James Rogers and P. Goldsworthy were found nearly dead, but were carried to a settlement, where they may recover.

Hostile to Woodford.

Madrid, Sept. 6.—All the newspapers of the city publish strong protests against the mission of General Stewart Woodford, the new United States minister to Spain, thus causing widespread irritation against the United States.

Many Families Homeless.

Kansas City, Sept. 6.—Thirty-five families were rendered homeless tonight by a fire on the Kaw river bottoms, just across the Kansas line. An entire block of frame buillings bounded by James, Reynolds, North James and North First streets, were destroyed, entailing a property loss of $60,000.

Wild geese make about 48 miles an hour, and the average height at which they travel is from 1,000 to 1,500 feet.

Accident on the Grand Trunk.

London, Ont., Sept. 6.—While an eastbound express on the Grand Trunk road was standing on the main line, half a mile west of Strathroy today, a freight train came tearing down the grade, and crashed into the rear Pullman of the express, telescoping it. The car contained nine passengers, none of whom were seriously injured. Engineer John P. O'Hagen, of Point Edward was instantly killed. Fleming Fulton, a brakeman, had a leg broken, and Walter Wallace, the fireman, was badly cut and bruised.

JAPAN WANTS NICARAGUA

Negotiations Upon the Subject Now Pending.

IT IS AN AUDACIOUS PLOT

The United States Is to Be Completely Ignored—It Is Suspected That England Has a Hand in It.

New York, Sept. 6.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: Japan, not content with an interference in President McKinley's Hawaiian annexation policy, now has designs upon the Nicaragua canal. According to semi-official advices just received here from Nicaragua, the Japanese government is secretly negotiating with the diet of the Greater Republic of Central America, which recently met in Salvador, for the construction of the Nicaragua canal, independently and in defiance of the interests of the United States or other nations.

This action of Japan, taken in connection with her recent attitude in regard to Hawaiian annexation is of the greatest significance, showing as it does to the authorities that there is no limit to the ambition of the nation, and that her aggressive policy may yet get her into trouble with the United States. That the administration will resent any interference with the Nicaragua canal project as it did in the case of the Hawwaiian annexation treaty goes without saying.

If Japan can encompass it, according to the Nicaraguan advices received here, she would like to obtain the abrogation of all treaty rights possessed by the United States in relation to interoceanic transit and the forfeiture of the American canal concessions from Nicaragua, and to immediately make a treaty with the diet of the Greater Republic of Central American giving her control of the route through Nicaragua.

In the negotiations Costa Rica has not been consulted, it being well known that she would not assent to a violation of a treaty right. It has been suspected in some quarters that England, which has always been anxious to acquire at least a joint control of the canal, might be working in collusion with Japan in the "dickering" with the diet now understood to be in progress, but nothing has yet come to the surface to indicate that she has encouraged Japan in the move.

It is said that the agent of the Nicaragua canal here has laid the facts before Mr. Hitchcock, president of the canal company in New York, with the suggestion that the department be apprised of the secret negotiations that are now being carried on between Japan and the diet.

Senor Zelaya, the president of Nicaragua, it is understood, has admitted to close personal friends that Japan is now negotiating with the diet, but in each case he advised the strictest secrecy.

A private letter just received in this city from Nicaragua says:

"Among Americans in Central America the belief is general that the Greater Republic of Central America, which is represented in diplomatic affairs by a diet composed of three members, one each from Nicaragua, Salvador and Honduras, was organized principally in order that Nicaragua might absolve herself from individual responsibility as a nation, and thereby abrogate her interoceanic transit treaty with the United States. The so-called Greater Republic, resenting the failure of the United States to recognize the Greater Republic (receiving Senor Rodriguez) and in failing to accredit a United States minister to the Greater Republic, is likely to make a treaty with Japan granting her a concession for the construction of the canal.

"The United States minister here believes that when this news reaches Washington the state department will send a note to Japan asking if she is seeking to interfere with our treaty rights in the premises. The Americans in Nicaragua believe that the United States government will insist that her interoceanic treaties with Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Honduras and Colombia are yet in force, although the diet claims that Nicaragua and Honduras are no longer separate and individual nations and are therefore irresponsible."

Although state department officials will not admit that any official news has come to confirm the private advices, there are reasons for believing that the authorities have been watching Japan's movements in Central America with more or less suspicion for some time past.

Moving the Grain Crops.

Chicago, Sept. 6.—A million dollars a day at a low estimate is the amount of money being sent out by the banks of Chicago to help the farmers move the big grain crops which they have begun to harvest. Fifteen million dollars is a close approximation to the sum which has been sent to the West and Southwest during the past two weeks, and yet the movement has only begun. It shows signs of growing in strength every day. The bulk of the money thus far sent out has gone to Kansas City and Omaha, but large sums are reported as going to Minneapolis and Duluth and the Northwest.

Buried in a Collapsed Building.

Geneva, Switzerland, Sept 6.—A dispatch from Montreux, 14 miles from here, announces that the asylum for the insane, which was in course of construction, has collapsed, burying a number of workmen in the ruins. The bodies of seven dead men have been recovered.

A Minneapolis genealogist reckons up four billions of persons between William the Conqueror and one of his descendants now living.

From Preacher to Prospector.

Chicago, Sept. 6.—"I have been frozen out of the Presbyterian church and starved out of the People's church, all in one year, and I am through with preaching," said Rev. Frank B. Vrooman, co-pastor of the People's church. "I am going to Klondike." Mr. Vrooman, who has been associatetd with Dr. W. H. Thomas in the pulpit of the fashionable People's church for some time, has turned his back on the pulpit for good, and has partly organized a mining company for the Klondike regi

READY FOR ANNEXATION.

An Extra Session of the Hawaiian Senate Has Been Called.

San Francisco, Sept. 3.—The steamer Australia, from Honolulu direct, arrived today with the following Hawaiian advices:

Francis M. Hatch, minister to Washington, arrived August 20 with important information, which will require the attention of both the government and senate, and secret notice has already been issued to members of the latter body calling upon them to meet in extra session on September 6 to consider the question. Meanwhile Minister Hatch is in almost constant consultation with President Dole and his cabinet. The lawmakers will be asked to ratify an annexation treaty recently signed in Washington, and as a majority of the members favor annexation, the matter will be rushed through.

The reason for an extra session of the senate at this early date is a matter of conjecture, and much curiosity is evinced with regard to it.

A senator is authority for the statement that Minister Hatch brought word to the effect that President McKinley had resolved to call congress together two months earlier than usual for the purpose of disposing of the treaty before the regular session.

Another matter to be considered by the Hawaiian senate is that of rendering assistance to the executive in unraveling the Kaiser muddle. There are rumors of a split in the cabinet over the question, and it is said the intervention of the senate is required to prevent an open rupture.

The Hawaiian Star created a sensation by the publication of a scheme, alleged to have been backed by the sugar trust, to block annexation. It is said every Hawaiian in the group had been called upon to appear in Honolulu September 14 to participate in a mammoth demonstration against a closer political union with the United States. Senators Morgan and Quay are expected to arrive from the United States on that day, and the object of the anti-annexationists is to impress them with the feeling on the islands.

James B. Castle, who has held the post of collector of customs since the queen was deposed, has resigned on account of ill health.

STRIKE NEARLY OVER.

Miners' Trouble in the Pittsburg District Near an End.

Pittsburg, Sept. 3.—The striking coal miners and operators in Pittsburg are all at sea over the reported probable settlement of the strike. While both sides unite in the hope that the great struggle will soon be over, they all profess ignorance of the negotiations now said to be in progress with that end in view.

A large meeting of producers was in session at the Monongahela house this afternoon, the object being to formulate some plans for ending the strike. Arrangements are to be made to bring about a meeting with lake shippers for the purpose of making an effort to fix prices that will be acceptable to the miners' officials. W. A. Shields, a member of the committee appointed yesterday to arrange for the meeting, said the members will visit all the leading shippers and urge them to attend the general meeting, which will probably be held tomorrow. He believes something will be done to end the strike without resorting to the severe measures outlined by the large operators.

W. H. DeArmitt, president of the New York & Cleveland Gas Coal Company, this evening attached the signature of his company to the uniformity agreement. Those having in charge the securing of the signatures feel confident the rest of the operators will fall rapidly in line and the uniformity plan will soon be an assured fact.

Masked Men Stole Ore.

Cripple Creek, Colo., Sept. 3.—At 3 o'clock this morning five masked men entered the shaft of the Orphan Belle, on Bull hill, and covering the four men on duty there with guns, forced them to descend the mine shaft to the 300-foot level. The men were told that any attempt to return to the surface would be followed by instant death. After waiting about an hour, the men came up, and discovered that their visitors had left with 10 sacks of ore, containing 600 pounds in all, valued at $600. Quite a large amount of ore of much greater value was in the building, but the robbers apparently made a mistake in their selection. No clew has been obtained to the identity of the robbers.

Michipocoton Gold Mines.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Sept. 3.—Later developments tend to substantiate all that has been reported concerning the richness of the recent gold find at Michipicoton, and there is no end of excitement here in consequence.

The tug Annie Clark returned from the new gold fields last evening with Mr. Mackie, one of the owners of the first location. Mr. Mackie brought down with him 30 ounces of gold, valued at about $100. This gold was extracted from surface quartz. The tug will return today with prospectors.

A party of 14 residents of the Soo departed last evening on a specially chartered boat. The new territory characterized by gold indications is an extensive one, and it will take some time to prospect it thoroughly.

Poisoned by a Crazy Hired Girl.

Louisville, Sept. 3.—A special to the Post from Paducah, Ky., says: Thirteen members of the family and people living on the farm of Henry Miller, near Metropolis, Ill., were poisoned yesterday, and three are dead. It is thought that at least eight will die. The names of none of the victims are given. A hired girl, who is insane, threw a package of rough on rats in the meal. Her name could not be learned. She has not been arrested.

Monroe, Ga., Sept. 3.—Mrs. Guthrie, wife of Luther Guthrie, a prominent citizen of Walnut Grove, was killed by lightning. She had one of her children in her arms when the bolt fell. The child was burned, but not seriously injured.

San Sebastian, Aug. 24.—General Azcarraga, premier and minister of war, has decided to convene the cortes in November. The premier announces he is in accord with General Weyler's campaign in Cuba, but reserves the right to make a further examination of the Cuban question.

WILL ANNEX DAWSON CITY

Officials Claim the Camp for Uncle Sam.

BOUNDARY LINE IN DOUBT

Part of the Yukon District Is Really in Alaska—Efforts Will Be Made to Reclaim It—Complications May Follow.

Port Townsend, Sept. 6.—A letter just received from John U. Smith, United States commissioner at Dyea and Skagway, intimates that government officials now on the way to the Upper Yukon may by their official acts bring on serious international complications with the Dominion government. He says:

"It is announced here by a deputy United States marshal that the United States government is to make claim for a large portion of the Yukon gold fields which have heretofore been supposed to be in British territory, and that the territory which is claimed as being within Alaska includes Dawson City.

"The basis of the claim to be made by the United States official to the disputed territory is in the fact that the boundary line has never been determined, and that the United States claim to possess information as to surveys made by the Canadian government that fixes Dawson City and a large portion of the district in Alaska."

Tars Attacked by Gold Fever.

Santa Rosa, Cal., Sept. 6.—A letter has been received by Deputy Postmaster Griggs from his son, Joseph, who is a member of the crew of the United States gunboat Concord. The letter is dated Juneau, August 25, and gives details of the desertions of 45 men from the Concord during its cruise in Alaskan waters. It says:

"Some of the boys got the gold fever and ran away, but were brought back, and are now in double irons. The ship lost 45 good seamen, but if they are fools enough to go and starve this winter they are not fit for the ship."

To Klondike by Balloon.

Toronto, Sept. 6.—Aeronaut Lee Stevens has successfully tested his new generator for manufaturing gas for his balloon, and says he will leave for Klondike the latter part of this month. He declares he will go to Andree's rescue providing his later experiments are successful.

ALASKA'S SILENT CITY.

Members of the Luigi Party Say They Saw the Mirage.

Seattle, Sept. 6.—Alaska's Silent City has emerged once more from its mysterious hiding place, and revealed its presence to five members of the party that accompanied Prince Luigi up Mount St. Elias. In the early morning of July 13, the party, while returning from the ocean with supplies, suddenly saw the city mirrored in the clear atmosphere. The vision was so clear that C. W. Thornton, who first noticed it, wrote in his notebook as follows:

"It required no effort of the imagination to liken it to a city, for the image was so distinct and plain that it required, instead, a strong faith to believe that it was not in reality a city."

Whereas the Silent City, of which Minor W. Bruce wrote, was seen from Muir glacier, the one obsereved by Mr. Thornton and company was observed from Malaspina glacier, more than 100 miles distant. It remained a perfect image for 30 minutes, and then slowly faded away, while in its place appeared a rocky ridge.

A BRIDGE-JUMPER.

His Life Probably the Penalty of His Recklessness.

New York, Sept. 6.—William Orton jumped from the Brooklyn bridge this afternoon, and now lies in a critical condition at the marine hospital. He rode on a truck going to Brooklyn shortly before 2 o'clock. When the truck was near the center of the bridge, Orton got off and quickly climbed upon the rail. The bridge was crowded with promenaders, but no policeman was near. Orton stood on the rail for a few moments, and throwing off his hat, jumped out into space. He turned over several times in his descent, and struck the water on his right side. When he came to the surface, the crew of the tug gratitude fished him out. Orton was in an exhausted condition, and, after a while said:

"I did it; I did it; didn't I?" Then he sank off into a state of coma, from which he had not recovered at last accounts.

Fly Wheel Burst.

Portsmouth, O., Sept. 3.—A 40-ton fly-wheel at the Burgess steel and iron works was bursted by a 4,800-pound idgot stopping a roll. The mill was crowded with workmen. John Murphy was hurled 30 feet and badly bruised. The roof was wrecked. Beams two feet square were cut in two like straws. The mill was set on fire, but the flames were soon extinguished and the furnace destroyed. The loss cannot be estimated, but the damages will close the mill until a new fly wheel is secured.

Chinese Marries an English Girl.

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 3.—John H. Taylor, an Americanized Chinese, was married yesterday to Carol Dismore, a pretty woman 22 years old. The bride was born in Manchester, England. She first met her husband in the Mott street mission, after he had moved here from Oakland, Cal.

In the public schools in Japan the English language is required by law to be taught.

Michael Broke the Hour Record.

Detroit, Mich., Sept. 6.—Michael broke the American hour paced record on the Detroit Cycle Association track today. The broken record was 31 miles, 1,004 yards and 10 inches, and was made by Leena, at the Charles River Park track at Boston. At the end of the hour, Michael had covered 32 miles and 1,020 yards. He went the 10 miles in 18 minutes 52 seconds, which was 17 seconds ahead of Leena's record, and at the 25-mile mark he was 1 minute and 21 seconds ahead of the Frenchman's time. Michael rode a wheel geared at 106.

A COLLEGE "RUSH."

Resulted Seriously to Three Berkeley Freshmen.

Berkeley, Cal., Sept. 2.—There will be no more "rushes" at the university of California, if President Kellogg's latest mandate is obeyed.

Half dazed, his jaw broken, his face a bleeding mass, Benjamin Kurtz, a newly entered freshman, was found wandering about the campus on Monday night after the rush between the two lower classes. In the struggle some one put his heel on Kurtz's face, and may have sustained an injury of the brain. An examination showed that a piece of flesh had been torn from one nostril. The upper lip hung by a shred, and the ragged nature of the tear made the injury more serious. All the front teeth were gone. Four teeth had been knocked out of the lower jaw and the bone in which they had been imbedded was broken out with them. Both upper and lower jaw were smashed and the flesh of the face was crushed and bleeding.

There were two other serious casualties. Frank Marshall, a freshman, had his right leg broken just above the ankle. Conlon, another freshman, also came out of the combat with a broken leg.

ATTACKED BY MOONSHINERS.

Deputy Marshals Ambushed and Shot in Arkansas.

Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 2.—Two deputy United States marshals are dead, two seriously wounded and two more missing as a result of an attack upon a posse of officers by a gang of desperate moonshiners in Searcy county. The dead are: B. F. Taylor, of Searcy county and Joe Dodson, of Stone county. The wounded men are the Renfrew brothers. The names of the missing men were not given, but they are supposed to be deputy sheriffs of Searcy county.

Taylor, one of the murdered men, was 60 years old and was one of the wealthiest men in Searcy county. Dodson was a well-known deputy and has been a terror to moonshiners. He was leading a raid when the terrible affair occurred.

The officers had approached to within 30 yards of an illicit distillery, when they were fired upon from ambush. Taylor and Dodson fell at the first volley, dead in their tracks. The shooting occurred 35 miles from Russellville, at a point 10 miles south of Witt Springs. The locality is in the mountains, and has for many years been a favorite rendezvous for moonshiners and counterfeiters. News of the tragedy was brought to Russellville this morning by Dr. Pack, who came after the coroner.

The men who did the shooting are supposed to be a gang of moonshiners led by Horace Bruce and John Church, two of the most desperate characters in that part of the state.

A Ghastly Experiment.

Chicago, Sept. 2.—The trial of Adolph Luetgert for the murder of his wife, began in earnest today, the preliminary work of securing the jury having been completed.

Contrary to the expectations of the state, the jury will be asked by the defense to witness an experiment in the vat in the basement of the sausage factory. This is to be the result of an experiment conducted by Luetgert's attorneys Saturday and yesterday. The body of a man of about Mrs. Luetgert's age and weight, who met death by violence Thursday, was taken to the factory on Diversey avenue and immersed in a solution of caustic potash. Experts reported that after boiling the body in a 15 per cent solution of potash for the same length of time as the state alleges Luetgert disintegrated the body of his wife, the complete skeleton of the cadaver remained intact and the solution had but little effect upon the clothing.

As a result of the test, the defendant will, it is said, ask Judge Tuthill to remove his court and jury to the basement of the big sausage factory for a few hours and witness another experiment which the defense claims will completely disprove the state's theory of disintegration.

Theatrical Train Wrecked.

St. Louis, Aug. 31.—The passengers and train crew of the midnight special of the Chicago & Alton, which arrived in this city at 7:45 A. M. for Chicago, narrowly escaped death in a wreck near Alton this morning. The engine was derailed while proceeding at a high rate of speed by spreading rails, and went down a 45-foot embankment. The tender, three baggage cars containing scenery and wardrobes of the Digby Bell company and Hopkins theatrical company, and a postal car, followed and rolled on top of the engine. Peter Rafferty, of Bloomington, the engineer, was taken out fatally injured. Fireman Charles Johnson of Bloomington; Mail Clerks Robert Maltimore, of Jerseyville, Ill., and W. F. Simper and Samuel Grebbs, of Chicago, crawled out of the wreck severely hurt.

Fatal Collision in Germany.

Berlin, Sept. 1.—A collision between passenger trains took place near Vohwinkel at midnight. Three locomotives and six carriages were wrecked, two persons were killed and 14 injured. Of the latter, it is thought probably 12 will succumb to their injuries.

Strike in Ohio Settled.

Columbus, O., Sept. 2.—The coal strike is considered settled here. The plan is to resume at 64 cents and work pending arbitration. The direct parties in the conference adjustment are President Ratchford, of the miners, and the executive committee of the operators. A number of the latter were in the city today, and the result is that a decision may be looked for at any moment.

The Rodgers Failed.

Annapolis, Sept. 2.—The torpedo-boat Rodgers returned to this port late this afternoon, having failed to make the required speed of 24.5 knots per hour on her trial trip. The defective working of her blowers is said to have made the Rodgers fall short of her requirements. She will be given another trial on next Friday.

England is dependent for 70 per cent of her food and raw materials upon foreign lands.

From 1871 to 1891 2,000,000 Germans left their native land.

BRIEF PACIFIC COAST NEWS

A Resume of Events in the Northwest.

EVIDENCE OF STEADY GROWTH

News Gathered in All the Towns of Our Neighboring States—Improvement Noted in All Industries—Oregon.

It is estimated that 1,280,000 prunes were shipped in the three cars that left The Dalles for Chicago recently. That number could about supply nearly everybody in Chicago with one Dalles prune.

A plan is on foot in Pendleton to raise $16,000, to be invested in building a first-class racetrack. Nearly enough subscriptions have been promised to make up a joint stock company with the required capital.

Albert Geiser, who recently purchased the Pyx mine, in Baker county, for $15,000, sold the property this week to New York parties for $30,000. All mining properties in this section of the state are advancing in value.

The vicinity of Bly, on Sprague river, in Klamath county, was the scene of a cyclone one day last week. Extensive damage was done to fencing, outbuildings and hayricks at an estimated loss of several thousand dollars.

The Indians on the Siletz are objecting because, when they get drunk, under the law passed by congress, they get at least 30 days in jail, while a white man can get drunk without being sent up for more than five days.

The grain crop of Grant county is something enormous this year, especially wheat, and, with the good round price it is bringing in the market, will put the farmers in a fine financial condition for the coming year.

On the 1897 assessment roll, in Lane county, all church parsonages are assessed. This is the first time they have been included in the assessable property of Lane county. All lots owned by churches, but not occupied by churches, are also assessed.

The Umatilla reservation has been nearly deserted by the Indians, who enjoy summering as well as the palefaces. Many have gone to the John Day mountains and the Wallowa lake to hunt and fish. Over 200 are picking hops in the Yakima country.

Estimates of the wheat crop of Union county for 1897 range from 1,250,000 bushels to 2,000,000. While the latter figure is considered rather high, yet when the facts of increased acreage and better crops of this year, as compared with others, are taken into consideration, it is not improbable that the output will reach that amount.

Craig Blankenship, of South Salem, is packing eggs for the Klondike trade. The eggs are dipped in a preparation to preserve them before they are packed. It is the intention of Mr. Blankenship to ship his eggs to the Klondike next spring. The demand has not caused any noticeable advance in price, but has stiffened the egg market here.

The law preventing Oregon sheepraisers from driving their sheep into Washington doesn't seem to permit of reciprocity. More than 10,0000 sheep that would have crossed the Columbia at Arlington have been kept out of Washington; but thousands of Washington sheep have been driven all along the border into the mountain ranges of Eastern Oregon, so the Oregon sheepmen say.

Washington.

Grouse are reported to be quite plentiful on Blue Mountain.

Congressman James Hamilton Lewis arrived in Spokane, from Washington, last week, on his way to the Sound.

There are 62,000 sheep owned in Kittitas county. Besides this number, many bands summer there on the mountain ranges.

A party of prospectors from Seattle are reported to have made a rich strike in the Olympics about 18 miles from Duckabush.

A telephone line is to be erected at once from Oakesdale to Thornton, Sunset and St. John. Work will begin as soon as the mateiral can be had.

A Tacoma carpenter, while walking in his sleep, fell from a two-story window to the ground. Nothing but his nap and a little skin were broken.

Salmon for the interior and transcontinental shipment have begun to arrive in Tacoma from lower Puget sound canneries, and the traffic is expected to soon be brisk.

The firm of Balfour, Guthrie & Co., for the first time in the history of the crop hop industry in Yakima county, is buying in that county this year. The firm recently bought 1,200 bales on a 10-cent basis.

Two wagon-loads of immigrants passed through Walla Walla on their way to Centralia. They started from Kansas on the 29th of April and have been traveling ever since.

Whitman county warrants have recently advanced from 95 to 98 cents. As these warrants only draw 7 per cent interest, the price offered is considered good, and as speaking well for the county.

The hay crop of Kittitas county for this year is estimated, by those who are said to know, at 35,000 tons.

Fruit has been shipped from Wenatchee at the rate of a carload a day for the last few weeks. The shipments consist mostly of tomatoes, pears, peaches, watermelons and apples. The marketing of tomatoes has ceased almost entirely at present, owing to depreciated prices, and, as a consequence, hundreds of bushels will rot on the vines, as the hot weather has ripened them very fast.

The board of regents of the state agricultural college, at Pullman, being unable to come to terms with the Pullman city council for furnishing water for the college, has voted to have a system of water works put in at the college.

The first letter mail to be dispatched from this country to the Klondike region, under the reciprocal arrangement with Canada effected by establishing an international exchange between Dyea and Dawson City, will be forwarded from Seattle by steamer leaving there September 11. From that time forward letter mail will go over the new service regularly once a month.