

## DEATH CAME LIKE A THIEF

### M. Zola, the French Novelist, Gone to His Rest

## THE FUMES FROM A STOVE

### Caused the Demise of the Great Writer of Fiction

## AT FIRST PARIS BELIEVED THAT SUICIDE WAS THE CAUSE OF THE SUDDEN TAKING OFF OF THE GREAT AUTHOR—THE WIDOW NOT INFORMED.

PARIS, Sept. 29.—M. Zola, the novelist, who was born in Paris April 20, 1840, died this morning. Zola was found dead in his house from asphyxiation. His wife is gravely ill. Zola was asphyxiated by fumes from a stove, the pipes of which are said to have been out of order. At the same time it is stated that there are indications of suicide.

Zola and his wife returned to his Paris home from their country house at Medan yesterday, and owing to a sudden spell of cold weather here he ordered the heating stove in his bedroom to be lighted. The stove burned badly, but Zola and his wife retired at 10 o'clock last night and the servants, not hearing any movement in the apartment this morning, entered the bedroom at 9:30 a. m. and found M. Zola lying on the bed inanimate. Zola was lying half out of bed, with his head and shoulders on the floor and his legs on the bed. Doctors were summoned, but they failed to restore Zola's life. After prolonged efforts they resuscitated Mme. Zola.

The rumor circulated regarding Zola's supposed suicide from poison was based on the fact that ejectors supposed to have come from his stomach were found on the floor, but the doctors say they came from Zola's dog, which was also in the bedroom, and which did not suffer from asphyxiation. Zola dined with a good appetite yesterday evening, and the servants of the household ate of the same dishes.

Nothing unusual was heard in the bedroom during the night.

Some workmen arrived at the Zola residence at half past 9 this morning, in order to make certain repairs in Zola's bedroom, but the servants, already become alarmed at hearing no sound from the room, decided to enter it and burst the door open. A slight odor of carbonic gas was at once noticed, and the bodies of the novelist and his wife were found in the positions already stated. Zola had been awakened by a choking sensation, tried to rise but was evidently unable to do so.

The windows were immediately opened, doctors and a commissary of police were summoned, and the utmost efforts were made to revive the novelist and his wife, but the former had already succumbed. Mme. Zola regained consciousness about noon. She now lies in a state of complete prostration. An improvement in her condition is anxiously awaited in order to get light upon the accident.

M. Zola and wife retired at 10 o'clock last night. Mme. Zola was seriously ill when the room was broken into this morning. At noon she was removed to a private hospital, where she recovered consciousness for a short time, and was able briefly to explain to the magistrate what had happened.

Owing to the sudden spell of cold weather, the heating stove in their bedroom was ordered lighted. The stove burned badly and the pipes were said to have been out of order. To the magistrate, Mme. Zola explained that she awoke early this morning with a splitting headache. She awakened her husband, and asked him to open the window. She saw him rise and attempt to move toward the window, but he staggered and fell to the floor unconscious. Mme. Zola fainting at the same moment, and was therefore unable to help him. Mme. Zola does not know of her husband's death, and it is feared she may suffer a relapse when informed of it. It is thought tonight, however, that she will recover.

## CHOLERA IN SAMAR

### WHOLE TOWN ARE DESERTED AND THE ISLANDS THREATENED WITH DEPOPULATION.

MANILA, Sept. 29.—The cholera threatens to depopulate the island of Samar. The population of many towns has been heavily reduced through death, and the flight of the panic-stricken people.

Many of the dead are unburied, and the government is sending surgeons and medicine to fight the disease. The epidemic also continues its ravages at Ilo Ilo. It is reported that the totals of the islands are 70,222 cases, and 48,420 deaths.

## PRESIDENT'S CONDITION

### He Passed an Uneventful Day in a Wheel Chair

## PROGRESS IS VERY GOOD

### The Army Maneuvers in a Disagreeable Rain Storm

### WERE CARRIED ON ACCORDING TO PROGRAM—ESTIMATES FOR THE FREE RURAL MAIL DELIVERY FOR NEXT YEAR DOUBLE PAST TWELVE MONTHS.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—The President has passed an uneventful day, remaining most of the time in his wheel chair, by which means he was able to be moved to various parts of the room. Tonight he is reported to be progressing satisfactorily.

### The Maneuvers.

Fort Riley, Kas., Sept. 29.—Marching over a soggy field, swept at frequent intervals by a blinding rain driven by a 10-mile gale, the men of the maneuver division carried out the program in splendid style. The work was carried on without a flaw, and at the conclusion of the day's work, the umpires pronounced it the most satisfactory work achieved in the maneuvers.

### Free Rural Mail.

Washington, Sept. 29.—The estimates for the Rural Free Delivery service for the next fiscal year were finally framed today. The aggregate \$12,655,800, a net increase of \$5,126,400 over the appropriation made for the current year.

### A New Commander.

Washington, Sept. 29.—The Navy Department has detached Commander Calkins from the command of the Vixen and assigned him to the command of the Thirteenth lighthouse district, with headquarters at Portland, Oregon, relieving Commander William P. Day. Commander Day will be assigned to command the training ship Mohican, now at Mare Island.

## THE STRATTON LITIGATION

### Big Colorado Will Case Attracts More Attention

## COUNTY JUDGE IN TROUBLE

### Sensational Charges are Made Against the Three Administrators

### BY THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE HEIRS UNDER THE WILL—TWO CONVICTS IN MISSOURI TELL OF THE ROBBERY OF A MAIL CARRIER.

COLORADO, SPRINGS, Sept. 29.—Counsel of the executors in the already famous litigation over the estate of the late W. S. Stratton this afternoon took a step in all respects the most sensational yet taken in the controversy. Formal charges of conspiracy to invade the Stratton estate in litigation for the profit of the heirs are made, and charges are brought against Messrs. H. M. Blackmer and C. C. Hamlin, two of the administrators appointed by Judge Orr, Blackmer being declared to have already put up considerable money of his own in his effort to carry out the terms of a deliberate and fraudulent conspiracy, entered into with a view to a speculation upon the will and estate. The charge is made that the court itself, the judge of which is a brother-in-law of the third administrator, has been itself biased and prejudiced and grossly imposed upon and the demand is made that the litigation be taken out of this court and transferred to the District Court of El Paso county.

### Robbed Mail Carrier.

St. Louis, Sept. 29.—Through the confession of two convicts now serving seven year sentences in the Penitentiary at Jefferson City, Postoffice Inspector Dice, this afternoon caused the arrest of five persons in St. Louis, on a charge of having robbed Oscar Koelling, a mail carrier, of a pouch containing registered mail valued at \$3000, in December, 1901. The persons under surveillance are Jack Fickles and Tom Connel, employes in the city register's office; Jerry Kahler, a saloonkeeper; Jerry Crendon, and Emma Higgins.

\$18,274,767, says the Journal of Commerce. This is much below the monthly average, which is perhaps best illustrated by the fact that the figures, barring those for February and September, which were \$17,450,722 and \$16,943,967, respectively, are the smallest of the year. Next month's total is also below that of October, 1901, which can be explained by the absence of several dividends from the list this year.

## GOLD WAS WORTHLESS

### AN AUSTRIAN BANKER, WHO IS SAID TO HAVE FLED FROM AUSTRIA IN POORHOUSE.

## RESERVE NOW REQUIRED

### Will Hereafter Be Available for Benefit of Commerce

### REVENUE AGGREGATING A HALF MILLION DOLLARS PER DAY WILL BE DEPOSITED BY THE TREASURY DEPARTMENT—THE SITUATION BETTER.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—Ending his days as an inmate of the Almshouse on Blackwell's island, there has been identified in Adolph Boedesch, says the Times, a onetime banker of Vienna, whom the Austrian police have been hunting for years. In Vienna, Boedesch is said to have been known as Adolph Bettelheim, a banker, and he is alleged to have disappeared with upwards of \$250,000. The identification was made by a city detective, but it is not likely that Boedesch will be deported for his alleged crime. The man is now over 60 years old, and is absolutely penniless. There would be little to induce the Austrian authorities to request his extradition.

It was in 1894 that Bettelheim disappeared from Vienna. A few days after he had been reported missing, his hat, and various parts of his clothing, which had belonged to him were discovered beside the Danube, on the outskirts of the city. A body found a few days afterwards in the river was identified by Mrs. Bettelheim as that of her husband. A week or so later Mrs. Bettelheim herself disappeared. Now both husband and wife are in the almshouse together.

In the four years in which the Bettelheims have been in this city their career has been checked. For awhile they prospered as a banker and broker in Lower Broadway, but the shadow of the cloud under which they had fled from the Austrian capital seems to have been always over them, and after getting into trouble with the local police, Boedesch lost money rapidly until last January, when he was stricken with paralysis and had to go to a hospital, and his wife went to the almshouse. When Boedesch left the hospital he followed his wife.

## MONEY RATES ARE HIGH

### STOCK MARKET SUFFERS SEVERELY AS A RESULT OF DISQUIETING RUMORS.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—With call money up to 35 per cent and a number of other adversaries, today's stock market received a very severe shaking. The net losses in many active issues ranged from 2 to 10 per cent. The greatest loss was suffered by the Louisville & Nashville. Disappointment regarding the probable disposition of the road, as much as anything else is supposed to have been the cause.

Other features that combined to unsettle the market were the disquieting reports concerning the President, the prolongation of the coal strike, and undoubtedly the fact that London and the continent are unloading "Americans" in large blocks.

Practically all the money loaned on call today came from the trust companies and out of town corporations, and private individuals. The banks and clearing house associations stood aloof and made practically no loans for speculative purposes. The substantial interests offered no support to the market which, with a few exceptions, including the Atchafalpa and St. Paul, closed at the lowest level.

## AID FOR NEW YORK BANKS

### Secretary Shaw Outlines a Plan for Helping Them

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NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—Secretary of the Treasury Shaw, who was in New York tonight, has issued a statement in which he says that the banks hereafter will not be required to carry a reserve against Government deposits secured by Government bonds. This will make available tomorrow over \$30,000,000.

Secretary Shaw says the Treasury Department would co-operate as far as possible with the banks in their effort to supply the necessary credit to do the unprecedented amount of business that is taxing the railroads and steamship lines, as well as the banks, to the utmost. The Treasury has on deposit with the various banks scattered throughout the country, in round numbers \$130,000,000, against which the banks have heretofore been compelled to hold more than \$30,000,000 of gold or its equivalent. This reserve will release that much reserve and \$30,000,000 additional credit.

The Secretary said he would continue to make deposits of the entire revenue and miscellaneous receipts (all available for that purpose) practically a half million per day, as long as the situation required it, and if the banks were unable to retain the Government bonds to secure the same, he would accept the same general class of securities, municipal bonds, etc., as are made available by the laws of the several states for savings banks.

J. P. Morgan was at his office until late this afternoon. Asked for his opinion regarding the outlook, he said: "Things are very much better today. We have paid out something like \$15,000,000 in coupons. I believe the worst is over, but it may take some time for things to settle."

## REVOLT IN MACEDONIA

### WILL HAVE THE ACTIVE SUPPORT OF RUSSIA—THE SULTAN MUST SUBMIT.

CHICAGO, Sept. 29.—"There have been other revolts in Macedonia, and a good many attempts at uprising against the Turkish Government, but efforts now being planned will arouse Europe," said Theodore Christoff, of Kananlik, Bulgaria, last night. "This uprising was being planned when I left my country in the early summer, and it has been truly said that the conditions in Macedonia and in some of the other Turkish territories are such as to arouse the Bulgarians to assist the Macedonians in any effort to free themselves from the Turkish yoke. The Sultan has repeatedly promised the Macedonians that they shall have autonomy and self-government, acknowledging, of course, his sovereignty and right to levy taxes, but he has

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## ADVOCOTES SECESSION

### PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND MUCH DISSATISFIED WITH THE AUSTRALIAN FEDERATION

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—Although ominous reports have for some time past been received from Queensland, Premier Robert Philip now openly advocates the secession of that state from the Federal Union, the constitution cannot be unmade with the ease that the Premier of Queensland imagines. The Commonwealth Constitution Act does not make provision for secession and apparently there are no means of obtaining separation short of an act of repeal of Civil War. Premier Philip seems to anticipate that he will receive the support of the people of New South Wales and West Australia who are also dissatisfied with present conditions, but the extreme measure is not likely to be taken.

Still, this unrest is having a very prejudicial effect on business in the commonwealth and nearly every Australian Government loan has suffered in value during the last fortnight. The trouble arose out of the fact that Queensland had been hard hit by Federal legislation on the colored labor question, which practically will annihilate the sugar industry, in which hundreds of thousands of pounds of British capital has been invested.

## LAYING BRITISH CABLE

### SHIPS WORKING ON LINE PUGET SOUND TO AUSTRALIA ARE MAKING PROGRESS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 29.—The bark Vidette, Captain Dodd, from San Pedro, reports that on September 23d at noon, in latitude 27 degrees 33 minutes north, longitude 137 degrees 18 minutes west she sighted a steamer laying a cable. The steamer was no doubt the Colonia, which left Puget Sound some days ago for the purpose of laying the British-Australian cable between the northern coast and Fanning Island. The position of the vessel when seen by the Vidette was about midway between Cape Flattery and Fanning Island, and indicates good progress in the work. At Fanning Island—in the neighborhood of 1000 miles south of Honolulu—the station is said to be in full readiness for the cable. Other steamers are engaged in laying the cable between Fanning Island and New Zealand.

### O'BRIEN WON.

CHICAGO, Sept. 29.—Jack O'Brien, of Philadelphia, won on points from Joe Choynski in a six-round contest tonight. O'Brien was too fast for Choynski.

## INDUSTRIAL DIVIDENDS.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—October does not give much promise of being an important month as regards dividend disbursements by industrial companies, the total thus far announced reaching

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