THE NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD.

A terrific storm is reported to have raged at Cape Nome on August 7, resulting in much loss of life and the destruction of many vessels.

Water splashed into a vessel of mol ten metal at the Bethlehem Steel Company's works, at Bethlehem, Pa., and caused an explosion. Seven men were dangerously hurt.

The remains of "Tom Hall," the wellknown writer and soldier, who died at Hannibal, Mo., were taken to Chicago and interred there.

The Building Trades Council of San Francisco has ordered a general boycott of all the goods turned out by nine-hour planing mills.

A terrific electrical storm struck St. Joseph, Mich., and did much damage to property.

A small tornado visited Milwaukee. One man was killed and another fatally injured by a live electric wire in Philadelphia.

The will of the late C. P. Huntington was filed in New York. The widow, adopted daughter (Princess Hatzfeldt) and his nephews are the chief beneficiaries.

Andrew Carter Gilligan has begun his sentence of 18 years in Virginia penitentiary for the murder of Mr. Turner, father of his one-time sweet-The population of St. Louis is 575,

In 1890 its population was 451,770 The increase during the past ten years was 123,468, or 27.33 per cent. Hon, W. L. Wilson, former Postmas-

ter-General, and now president of Washington and Lee University, is reported to be seriously ill. Hon. Harry L. Maynard, of Ports-

mouth, was nominated for Congress by Democrats of Second Virginia District Omaha, Neb., is the first city thus far counted in the twelfth census that shows a decrease in population during the past decade. The count of the population shows 102,555. The population in 1890 was 140,452. This indicates a decrease in ten years of 37,-

897, or 26.98 per cent. The population of Jersey City is 206,-433, against 163,003 for 1890, an increase of 43,430, or 26.64 per cent. Hoboken's population is 53,364, as against 43,648 for 1890, an increase of 15,716, or 36.01 per cent.

The sixteenth annual convention and third exhibition of the Society of American Florists and Ornamental Horticulturists adjourned in New York.

A fire which has smoldered for 40 years in Summit Hill Mine, Allentown, Pa., has broken out afresh, and is raging furiously.

On account of pressure of public business the President may not be able to visit the G. A. R. Encampment in Chicago.

Judge Cantrill of Kentucky, continued the case of Henry Youtsey until the next term of the court on account of the prisoner's illness.

Major John B. Kerr and Captain Slocum have been ordered to Berlin and sauntered toward the door. Lisbon, respectively, as United States military attaches. Bartholomew Ruella, a noted Italian

delphia of making and passing bad sil- suers. Harrington raised his weapon lar to the powers of July 3, 1900. ver dollars. Hon: J. P. Dolliver was appointed United States Senator by Governor

Shaw, of Iowa, to succeed the late Sen-Thomas Green, the well-known hotel preprietor in Philadelphia, died there,

aged 70 years. Caleb Corbin and his father were killed near Brooks Run, W. Va., by a

hand-car plunging into the creek. Adolph Sinks, principal of the Sink's Institute, Chicago, died at Hartford, Conn., aged 68 years.

Mrs. Florida Grant, wife of Bishop Grant, of the A. M. E. Church, died at

Atlantic City. A statue to ex-United States Senator Zebulon Vance was unveiled at Raleigh, N. C.

The Berkeley County (W. Va.) Agricultural Fair is the most successful ever held.

The Faverweather will case in New York has been opened again. The steamer Spectacular was sunk in

The Farmers' National Congress assembled in Colorado Springs. A large number of delegates from various sections of the country were present. The visitors were welcomed by Mayor J. R.

Robinson. According to census returns, the population of St. Paul is 163,632, an increase over 1890 of 30,476, or 22.89 per cent., and that of Minneapolis is 202,-718, an increase over 1890 of 37,980, or

Mr. W. J. Bryan addressed an audience at Wahoo, the seat of Saunders county, near Lincoln.

23.05 per cent.

A freight train wreck occurred on the Harlem division of the New York Cenpersons were killed.

It is estimated that the losses caused by the forest fires in Colorado and Wyoming amount to \$10,000,000. John D. Flower, a New York banker

and brother of the late Roswell P. Flower, is dead.

The suggestion of the Baltimore American for a floral exhibit in Baltimore next year meets the approval of those attending the convention and trade exhibition of the Society American Florists and Ornamental Horticulturists in New York.

Gen. John B. Gordon has replied to the United Confederate Veterans, who protested against future reunions of the Blue and the Gray and against his acceptance of an invitation to attend the G. A. R. Encampment in Chicago. He states that he will continue to work for harmony between the North and the South, and that he must be the judge of his acts.

Miss May Fosburg was fatally shot by a burglar in her father's home, at Pittsfield, Mass, Her father and brother were beaten into insensibility. There were three burglars, all of whom

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has ruled that Porto Rico is not to be considered a foreign country after

Census returns for Chicago show the population of the city to be 1,698,-575, as against 1,099.850 in 1890.

Dr. Howard M. Wilkinson and Miss Packard, the eloping couple of Dover, Del., were arrested in Atlanta, Ga.

A TRAIL OF DEATH.

DRINK-CRAZED PHYSICIAN KILLS THREE AND IS SHOT DOWN.

CHILD A FORCED WITNESS.

Dr. Sturley Harrington of Missouri Shoots Down His Uncle and Mother-in-Law While in Search of Wife, Whom He Had Driven Away, and Kills Pursuing Sheriff -Shot by Sheriff's Son.

Leavenworth, Kan. (Special) .- A peculiarly distressing quadruple tragedy took place at Farley, a small town across the river in Missouri. Dr. Sturey Harrington, a physician, of Farley, drunk and imagining fancied wrongs, killed James Wallace, his uncle, a wealthy farmer; Mrs. Wm. Wallace, Harrington's mother-in-law, and J. P. Dillingham, sheriff of Platte county, who tried to arrest him. He was, in turn, shot dead by Harry Dillingham, the sheriff's son.

Harrington's 12-year-old daughter was a forced witness of the different tages of the tragedy, the physician taking her with him in his buggy as he went from place to place on his bloody errand.

Saturday night Harrington quarreled with his wife and drove her from home. threatening her life. He had had words with James Wallace over a line fence, and had been on a protracted spree. Mrs. Harrington had not returned home, and Harrington, repair- | day. ing to Wallace's home, demanded to know where she could be found. Wallace professed to have no knowledge of twice, once in the head and once again

through the heart. Leaving his victim as he lay. Harrington drove half a mile to the home of Mrs. William Wallace, and again deace answered that she knew nothing early reply. of Mrs. Harrington, and the physician shot her dead before she could make an outery.

Harrington drove immediately to Leavenworth, taking his little girl dened him. Reaching Farley, he en- and 21, 1900. tered William Ehee's general store and demanded some money of Daniel Cannon, the clerk.

"I have only three dollars and can not let you have that," said Cannon. 'Yes, you can, for I will pay it back,' replied Harrington.

money. He missed, and Harrington turning ive suspension of hostindes there and keep the people at bay and Harrington prepared to appoint a representative the county jail. Give us the nigger

nd fired at the sheriff, the ball enter ng Dillingham's forehead. Harring on a moment later stepped over the Department of State, Washington, Auoody of the dying sheriff and started to run. He had gone but a few rod when a shot from the revolver of Har ry Dillingham, son of the sheriff brought him to the ground. Both Sheriff Dillingham and Harrington died within a few minutes.

DETAINED ITALIANS KEEP QUIET.

Secret Service Men's Prisoners Have Nothing to Say.

New York (Special) .- Michael Guida and Mateo Moresca, the two Italians arrested by Secret Service men on the steamship Kaiser Wilhelm II., were brought over from Ellis Island to the barge office with the rest of the detained immigrants. The men, as far as appearances went, were no more guarded than are the persons in deention. They walked about the pen, but had very little to say to their companions

Captain Howard, head of the contract labor department, was in charge at the barge office, and said there was nothing new in the case.

Whether the Government authorities will have a special court of inquiry for the Anarchists remains to be seen. was suggested by an official that there may be a special board of investiga-It is understood that the officials at Washington are waiting for evidence from the Consul at Naples which is to be gathered by the Italian police.

London (By Cable) .- The Rome cor-New York arose out of some letters recived at Bresci's lodging subsequent to breeze. the assassination of King Humbert. One of these, dated New York, July 25, tral Railroad at Kensico, N. Y. Seven and signed 'Mabor,' urged Bresci to plause which greeted the appearance President McKinley. Maresca is known to the Italian police as a most fanatical Anarchist.

Tried to Impais Train.

Wilkesbarre, Pa. (Special) .-- A po ceman crossing the tracks of the Lehigh Valley Railroad in the extreme northern part of the city came upon a serious obstruction on the track. He from the crossing something that proruded from the rocky embankment. and reaching out onto the track at an midnight.

The rail was so placed that it would | ward. strike the cylinder of an engine comwould follow blow open and rob the safe in the express car.

Latimer a West Virginian. Lieut. Julian L. Latimer, who is with the United States Army in Pekin for the purpose of transmitting authentic nformation to Admiral Remey, to be

the Circuit Court. He was appointed a cadet at the Na val Academy in 1886 by Hon. Wm. L. Wilson, was a bright and industrious found in bed with his skull crushed student, and graduated with credit, while Myers was on the floor uncon-In July of last year he was commis- scious. sloned lieutenant. He has spent eight was no weapon, nor anything to indivears at sea.

OUR REPLY TO EARL LL.

Latest Correspondence Between the Chinese and This Government.

Department made public the following correspondence: (Handed to Mr. Adee by Mr. Wu,

August 20, 1900.) Cablegram dated August 19, from Viceroy Li Hung Chang, transmitted by the Chinese Minister in London and received by Mr. Wu on the night

of the same day. It was the declaration of all the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the great powers that the expedition of the allied troops was solely for the rescue of the ministers in Pekin. Now the allied troops having entered Pekin and found all the ministers safe, it seems proper that hostilities should at once cease, and that negotiations in jail on the charge of criminally asshould commence. I therefore request the United States Government to appoint an envoy with full powers, or appoint the minister now in Pekin for the purpose, as he is necessarily acquainted with the affairs between Chiif the conference will take place in Pekin. After receipt of a definite reply I will at once proceed to the North. Please request the Secretary of State prison, where the Mayor tried to induce o lay the matter before his Excellency | them to disperse. he President. I await reply.

August 21, 1900.) Cablegram from Viceroy Ll Hung Chang, dated August 21, 1900, and re-

ceived by Minister Wu on the same

The Boxer rebels in Pekin having been dispersed, there will be positively no more fighting. Further military opher whereabouts, whereat Harrington erations on the part of the powers are whipped out a revolver and shot him greatly to be deplored. Besides urging cessation of hostilities, please confer with Secretary of State upon subject of withdrawal of troops and appointment of plenipotentiary to negotiate settlement of all other questions manded news of his wife. Mrs. Wal- to preserve amicable relations. I await

> (Sent to the Chinese Minister, Aug. 22, 1900.)

Memorandum in response to the Chinese Minister's communication of cablegrams from Viceroy Earl Li Hung with him. He purchased some cart- Chang, dated August 19 and 21, proridges for his revolver and a 41-caliber posing the immediate cessation of hosrifle and ammunition for it. As he re- | tilities and the appointment of an entraced his steps the liquor and the voy to conduct negotiations, received thoughts of his crime apparently mad- at the Department of State August 20

While the condition set forth in the memorandum delivered to the Chinese Minister August 12 has not been fulfilled, and the powers have been compelled to rescue their ministers by force of arms, unaided by the Chinese Gov- city prison at 7.30 o'clock and forced Cannon still refused, and Harrington | ready to welcome any overtures for a lrew a revolver and demanded the truce, and invite the other powers to The clerk turned over the join, when security is established in money and Harrington started to leave the Chinese capital and the Chinese the store. As he did so Cannon seized Government shows its ability and wilrevolver and fired one shot at him. linguess to make on its part an effectquickly, emptied his revolver in the di- elsewhere in China. When this is rection of the crowd. None of the done-and we hope it will be done shots took effect, but they sufficed to promptly-the United States will be to join with the representatives of the and we will deal with him." Sheriff Dillingham and his posse had other similarly interested powers and en following Harrington closely, and of the authoritative and responsible as the murderer emerged from the government of the Chinese Empire to counterfeiter, was convicted at Phila- store he stood face to face with his pur- attain the ends declared in our circu-

> ALVEY A. ADEE, Acting Secretary.

gust 22, 1900. BRYAN'S SECOND NOTIFICATION.

Came From the Populist Party-Wit-

nessed by Large Crowd. Topeka, Kan. (Special). - William Jennings Bryan received the second official notification of his nomination for the Presidency. This notification came from the Populist party and Thomas M. Patterson, of Colorado, acted as the mouthpiece of the party in

Mr. Bryan was at the same time informed of the indorsement of his candidacy by the United States Monetary League, this notification being given by A. W. Rucker. The ceremonies occurred in the spacious and beautiful grounds of the State Capitol and were witnessed by a large number of people.

In many respects the meeting paraleled the Indianapolis notification. This was true in the fact that both were held in parks, in that the weather was intensely hot, and that the impatience of the crowd compelled the speakers preceding Mr. Bryan to curtail their remarks. Indeed, not one of the speakers was permitted to speak at the length he had counted upon, and as a result the entire proceeding covered only an hour and a half. Rain had been threatened early in the day, but before the meeting was called to order the clouds had lifted and the fear of a storm which might compel the meeting to be held indoors had given place to espondent of the Daily Mail says; the certainty of nercely beating sun-The arrest of Maresca and/Guida in shine, which was intensified by great humidity and untempered by any

An audible sigh of relief from the sweltering crowd mingled with the apcommit the crime, urging that Maresca of the national leader upon the platand Guida would do their duty toward form when he arrived at 3.30 o'clock, and it was evident even then that while there was a general desire to hear and see him the audience was finding the situation too uncomfortable to be long endured.

Girl Killed by Robber. York (Special). - Catherine Scharff, aged 22, was beaten to death the history of Henderson county. Eight with a hammer in her rooms on the could see down the line some distance second floor of 674 Second avenue some time between 7 p. m. and midnight Saturday, the body not being found un-He made an examination and found a til morning. Her brother made the 30-foot steel rail imbedded in the rock discovery when he came home after The woman's body lay blood, face downof bloody hammer, and the rooms had ing from the west. It is thought the been ransacked of every thing of value. purpose was to wreck the express from It is the opinion of the police that a harboring criminals." The truth, how-Buffalo, and in the excitement that thief entered the house and was surprised in his work by the girl, and that much about illicit stills and other vio-

he killed her to prevent identification. lations of the law. Assaulted as They Slept. Charleston, W. Va. (Special) .-- Clint Samples, a 19-year-old printer, employed on the Gazette, had his skull crushed while lying asleep in bed at ent on to Washington, is a native of Shamblin's Hotel, and Bert Myers, his Jefferson county, W. Va., where his room-mate, was rendered unconscious

father was for several years Clerk of by a blow at the same tim The assault is shrouded in mystery. Samples gave one scream about 1 o'clock, rousing the house. He was The room was open, but there date who had committed the crime

RIOT IN AKRON, OHIO.

Washington (Special) .- The State LARGE CROWD GATHERED TO LYNCH COLORED MAN.

TWO CHILDREN KILLED.

Jail Officials Fired Upon and Many People Injured in Melee-Crime for Which Colored Man was Arrested was Assault Upon a Six-Year-Old Girl - Prisoner Taken to Cleveland.

Akron, Ohio (Special) .- In this city the heart of the boasted Western Reserve, a mob sought the life of a negro prisoner and in a conflict with the authorities shed blood.

Louis Peck, a colored man, was put saulting the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Mans. The report that he had confessed

spread rapidly and a mob gathered. Not believing the statement of the Sheriff that Peck had been sent out of iese and foreigners, and to inform me the city the crowd sent committees through the city prison and the county jail to search. This proving fruitless, the mob gathered in front of the city

Some one fired a shot at the (Received at the Department of State prison. Other shots followed and for few minutes there were terrible scenes. Two persons are dead from bullets

and several are badly wounded, at least one of the latter fatally. Between 1 and 2 o'clock a. m. Officer John Duffy arrested Peck, who during the day confessed to Prison Keeper Washer of having attempted to assault Christina, the 6-year-old daughter of

ous and respectable people, who live on Perkins Hill. The colored man offered to give the child a ride in his buggy. Christina accepted the invitation, and a few hours later she was found on the side

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Maas, industri-

of the road west of the city. The prisoner is about 40 years of age, married, and recently moved here. The story of his confession spread like wildfire through the city and officers learned that an attempt would be made to lynch him. Peck was badly frightened. Officers had been searching for him since Monday night, and he was arrested at the Union Depot as he stepped from a Baltimore and Ohio passenger train. In Police Court he pleaded guilty and was bound over to the Common Pleas Court. His bail was placed at \$5000.

A large crowd gathered about the ernment, still this Government is in the doors. The prison was soon packed with the mob and the officers offered no resistance, as Peck earlier in the evening had been quietly taken

away to Cleveland. To satisfy the mob the officers suggested that a committee of six be appointed to search all the cells and go through every part of the building. This was done, and as the negro was not found a yell was made, "Now for

A mad rush followed for the jail, and soon the jail was in the hands of

the mob. After gaining the private apartments of the jail the crowd started to batter lown the big iron Sheriff Stone stood in front of the prison doors and made a speech. He nformed the crowd that Peck could not be found in there and told the people in the mob to select a committee and he would allow the committee to search the fail from top to bottom. A committee was quickly selected and the jail was searched, every cell being

examined. The city prison was again surrounded and hundreds of people forced their way into the prison for the second time, insisting that Peck was there.

Mayor W. E. Young at this time appeared at one of the windows in the upper part of the building. He addressed the mob as best he could, saying that Peck had been taken out of the prison at 4 o'clock by Sheriff Kelly and driven out of the city in a closed carriage. The people in the mob would not believe the Mayor and continued to yell and demand sthat Peck be sur-

redered. At 10 o'clock the mob began for the third time to attack the city prison. Someone in the crowd began shooting at the building. This was followed by several more shots. The officers in the building appeared at the windows and began to shoot over the heads of the people. A man with a shotgun then

fired at the officers. It is said that several officers were wounded. The crowd then began to smash in the windows of the city building and the firing became general. Hundreds of shots were exchanged, and one boy, name unknown, was carried dead from the street. It is certain that dozens of men were wounded.

LIFE SENTENCE FOR LYNCHERS. Four More Whites Go to Jail for Killing

Humphries Men. Dallas, Texas (Special) .- Four lynchwhite men, recognized as among the leading citizens of Henderson county, pleaded guilty before Judge Lipscomb, at Palestine, in Anderson county, before whom they were to be tried on change of venue, and received life sentences in the penitentiary. They were Former Justice of the Peace Jos. Wilkerson, J. A. Johns, Sam'l Hall and John F. Gaddis. This concludes the most sensational criminal chapter in white men have been convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for life for the lynching on the night of May 23, 1899, of James, John and George Humphries, white farmers, in what is known as the trans-cedar district. Two others, Polk Weeks and John Greenhaw, turned State's evidence and will Near by on the floor was a escape punishment. The excuse for lynching the Humphries brothers was that they were "bad citizens and were ever, appears to be that they knew too

ABOUT NOTED PEOPLE.

The little King of Spain prefers bullfighting to any imported sports. The little Grand Duchess Olga of Russia is the richest baby in the world. At one time the Kaiser called Victor Emmanuel III. "the wandering royal

Daniel Howell, of the New York City Postoffice, has resigned after an un-broken service of 47 years. President Hadley, of Yale, is an ex-

pert with the foils, and is said to be a better fencer than anyone in his colHOW PEKIN WAS TAKEN.

Foreigners Were Attacked the Day Refore Allies Entered.

agreement of the allied commanders the Russians advanced and occupied the first door of Pekin's east gate early Tuesday morning, but failed to force AN IMPORTANT MOVE.

Americans and British entered the gate near the legations and met with only slight resistance. The Japanese met more serious opposition at the upper east gate all day. At midnight they blew up the gate and entered the city Many Chinese were killed. The persons in the legation were well, but somewhat starved. Minister Conger

"They tried to annihilate us the day before you got in. Prince Ching, president of the Tsung Li Yamen, sent word that his officers had received orders to cease firing on us under pain of death. At 7 o'clock in the evening of the same day the Chinese opened fire and this continued. If the relieving column had not arrived we must have succumbed. The Americans lest 7 marines killed and 15 wounded. One child died.

"The whole movement is purely : governmental one. The Boxers are only a pretense, having no guns. The confidential adviser of the Empress was the leader of the imperial troops here.

'In 11 days over 2000 shells fell among us. The American marines, under Captain Myers, held a position on the wall throughout the siege. Upon the allies passing the wall the Chinese retreated. The imperial family left four days ago for Shensi Province,

It is estimated that the strength of the Pekin garrison was 10,000 men. The United States legation was urged to leave the city under an escort of Chinese troops, but refused, fearing treachery. The Chinese in the Tartar city made a stout resistance. After shelling them the allies succeeded in forcing the gate and entering the city about noon on the 15th. The American loss in this action was the greatest. Captain Reilly, of the Fifth Artillery, was killed.

In an interview Sir Claude McDonald, the British Minister, said:

The Chinese broke every engagement with the foreign Ministers. There is no truth in the story that the imperial palace supplied the legations with food. The palace sent vegetables, which were refused. Our total losses during the siege of the legations were 67 killed and 120 wounded."

NOW A SUPPLICANT.

China Makes Formal Application for Peace.

Washington (Special).-The latest news about the situation in Pekin comes in a message from James W. Ragsdale, United States Consul at Tientsin, to the State Department. He says the Chinese troops are surrounded by the allied army in the palace grounds at Pekin. Hard fighting has

been going on there. It is believed that the Emperor and the Dowager Empress have fied, the Chinese Minister at London having reother sources. They are supposed to on the way to Talyuenfu, sometimes called Sianfu or Sinanfu, the capital of Shensi Province, west of Pekin. From Pekin to Taiyuenfu is about 300 miles. The Emperor and Empress are reported to be under the restraint of Prince

Tuan, the noted anti-foreign leader. According to London advices the monarchs and their freasure train, protected by 30,000 troops, have arrived it Wutaisan, 200 miles from Pekin. Another account says they have traversed but 60 miles. The Viceroys of quested the powers that no personal ing the obligations assumed by China, indignity be shown to the Emperor or to the continental conference. Empress Dowager. It develops that the consuls at Tientsin actually proposed recently that the tombs of the Ming dynasty in China-the predeces- A Swath of Ruin Through the City of sors of the present Manchu dynastybe destroyed. The powers unanimous-

ly rejected the proposition. A Pekin cablegram states that Minfore the allies entered. A renewed attack was made, and if the allies had not arrived the legations would proba- intensely hot. A few minutes before ing that "the Boxers are only a prethe Emperor and Empress Dowager

have fled from the city. Li asks that Minister Conger or some other official be named on the part of not disposed to negotiate.

Field Marshal Count von Waldersee, who is to command the allied troops in China, left Berlin on his way to the Orient.

The Fifteenth United States Infantry and a battalion each of the Second and

Drought Killing Kansas Corn. Kansas City, Mo. (Special) .-- Twothirds of Kansas, west of three easternmost tiers of counties, is experiencing one of the most severe droughts in tories the employees were in many the history of the State, and the gen- cases, bruised and cut from wreckage. eral opinion is that the Kansas corn crop will be the smallest, in proportion to its requirements for feeding, that

has been raised in many years. In 1899 the crop was 225,000,000 bushels. Secretary Coburn's report of Zunker, named Frida and Adele, were conditions on August 4 indicated a yield this year of about 145,000,000 bushels. Since then there have been ning, a section of the roof torn away two weeks of hot, dry weather, which and the electric plant rendered useless. has further materially reduced condiditions, and the most liberal estimate hail storm swept over Rock county, of well-informed men on 'Change do and it is estimated that two-fifths of not exceed 100,000,000, while many place the crop at not over 75,000,000

Killed Wife and Children

Arlington, Minn. (Special),-Theodore Wallart, a farmer, living three miles from town, killed his wife, a boy of 19 years, a girl of 16 and a baby. the stable with nine horses, a corn crib tion of one child, a boy, who was wounded, however, and probably will Wallart fled.

POWERS QUERIED.

Pekin (By Cabie).—Contrary to the ASKED TO DEFINE THEIR ATTI-TUDE TOWARD CHINA.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the In View of the Warlike Preparations of Germany and Hostile Moves of Russia, the United States Government Wants to Know Their Intentions in China.

> Washington (Special) .-- It was decided at Friday's meeting of the Cabinet to sound the foreign powers on the proposition to continue the present oncert of action in China. The American ministers at London, Paris, Berlin, St. Petersburg and Tokio were cabled by Acting Secretary of State Adee to make inquiry at the respective foreign offices as to the attitude which these powers will assume toward China now that the purpose of the first alliance has been accomplished.

> The diplomatic situation in China was the sole topic of discussion before the Cabinet, the question of cailing an extra session not coming up at all. The difficulties which were feared are already making their appearance.

The conduct of Russia and of Germany arouse the gravest apprehension. The reported announcement of the Russian commander in Pekin that his country has declared war against China, together with the tone of Germany's reply to Li Hung Chang's request for the appointment of a peace commissioner, together with the German Emperor's recent speeches, indicate clearly that both these Governments have plans and intentions far beyond the rescue of the ministers and the restoration of order.

Steps have been taken by the State Department to learn if the Russian commander has been accurately reported.

Surprise is expressed here that the first intelligence of such grave action by the Russian Government should ome in such an indirect way. There s a disposition to doubt the accuracy of the report. If the Chinese Minister at St. Petersburg has been given his passports, it is thought that either Minister Wu should have learned of it r that the American Embassy at St. Petersburg would have reported it. That both Russia and Germany are acting in concert with a view to territorial acquisitions in China is scarcely doubted. The demonstrative continuance of Germany's military preparations, in spite of the fact that Pekin is in the hands of the allies, and that the country has begun diverting its troops from China, is too significant of that Government's determination to obtain land indemnity for the death of

its Minister. The project of inviting all the nations to an international conference. which was tentatively considered by the Cabinet some time ago, is again being discussed. The formal announcement by the War Department that no more troops would be sent to China was intended as an official declaceived official advices to that effect ration by the Government that it reand the report being confirmed by garded the military operations in China as now near an end. With the have left Pekin August 13 and to be Russian commander announcing that country is at war with China at a moment when American troops are be ing withdrawn, a state of confusion is bound to arise, which can be cleared up only by diplomatic conferences. It is too early to state whether this international congress shall be identical with the peace congress to be held in Pekin, or whether it shall meet on the Continent after the Pekin peace convention has completed the work of arranging a preliminary peace, leaving the broader questions of reparation China's southern provinces have re- and indemnity and the methods of pay-

HARD HIT BY TORNADO.

She bovean.

Sheboygan, Wis. (Special) .- A terrific windstorm struck this city, coming suddenly from the north. ister Conger says the Chinese tried to large buildings were completely wreckannihilate the foreigners the day be- ed and 200 small houses were blown down, causing a loss of \$309,000.

At noon it was as dark as night and bly have succumbed. Minister Conger 1 o'clock the storm broke, increasing blames the Chinese Government, say- in force until it became a tornado People were thrown down and fences tense, having no guns." He also says and signs hurled hundreds of feet. The storm, which raged for only ten minutes, was two miles wide. The street The Chinese Government, through car barns were wrecked, and cars were Li Hung Chang, applied to each of the smashed to pieces. The electric wires powers to name a commissioner to were all blown down. The roof of the bring about a cessation of hostilities. warehouse of the Crocker Chair Company was blown off and thrown against the factory, wrecking the building. the United States. As fighting has been The tent of a horse and pony show was continuing at Pekin, the powers are torn from the ground and blown away, leaving the animals to run panic-

stricken through the city. The steeple of the Lutheran Church was blown down into two residences, smashing in the roofs. The Fourth Ward schoolhouse was completely wrecked. The wind wrecked building Eighth Infantry, sailed from San Fran-cisco for Taku. after building with the greatest rapid-ity and there was little warning of the approach of the storm. The people in every case, however, were out of their houses before the storm struck, and those who were hit by flying debris were only slightly injured. In the fac-

Milwaukee, Wis. (Special) .- During the storm two little children of Chas. killed by a bolt of lightning. county hospital was struck by light-Janesville, Wis. (Special) .- A terrific the tobacco crop is ruined. If this should prove to be true the loss wi'

reach \$500,000. Our Largest Gun.

South Bethlehem, Pa. (Special) .- In the presence of Lieutenant-General Miles, General Wilson, General Buffington and other army officials the new 18-inch Gathaman torpedo gun, the He then set fire to his barn, destroying largest ever built in this country, was tested at the Bethlehem Steel Works and a full hay barn. Mrs. Wallart had to determine the velocity of the shot been trying to secure a divorce, the and the strength of the gun and proved couple having separated. Wallart ena gratifying success. The Government tered the house through a window and made an appropriation of \$65,000 for slaughtered the family with the excep- the experiment and demanded that ten shots be fired, the tests to show a pressure of 18,000 pounds per inch and a velocity of 18,000 feet to the second.