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MIKADO'S ARMY IS ADVANCING

The Japanese Warriors Tramp Over the Sacred Soil of Tea Land.

ARE ADVANCING ON MOUKDEN

Chinese Attempt to Resist the Invaders Unsuccessful—Troops Wanted at Hong Kong and Other Ports to Protect Foreign Residents Against the Native Feeling—A Decisive Victory in Manchuria Is Reported—Russia Not Liable to Remain Friendly Without Compensation.

SHANGHAI, Sept. 28.

IT is reported here that the Japanese have succeeded in entering the province of Manchuria and that they are advancing upon the capital, Moukden. It is also said that fighting has taken place between the invaders and the Chinese at a town between that city and the frontier, which ended in a decided victory for the Japanese, who established themselves in the position previously occupied by the Chinese troops.

No details of this reported battle are given and the Chinese here discredit the report.

The Chinese report that the Japanese have been repulsed at both Anju and Wiju.

LONDON, Sept. 28.—A dispatch from Simla to the Times says that the English papers there are urging the dispatch of troops to Hong Kong and the other treaty ports from India, as letters have been received reporting a dangerous anti-foreign feeling in those places.

PARIS, Sept. 28.—It is stated "on the best authority" that in July last a provisional agreement was arrived at between Russia and China in regard to the future action of Russia to the Pamirs. It is added that the two countries agreed that the forces of neither power should pass the Sarrikul range. This agreement, it is concluded, re-establishes friendly relations between Russia and China and has an important bearing upon the final fortunes of China in the present struggle. Russia, however, it is added, is not likely to maintain a friendly attitude toward China without substantial returns.

NOT OFFICIALLY REPORTED.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—At the Japanese legation today no official confirmation of the reported Japanese invasion of Manchuria and the reported decisive victory of the Japanese near Moukden, could be obtained, but the reports were credited. It was pointed out by the Japanese that an invasion of Manchuria would be a direct result of the Japanese victory at Ping Wang, and the diplomats at the legation were willing to credit the news of a repetition of the triumph of the soldiers of the Mikado in the new territory.

The report from Paris of a provisional agreement between Russia and China said to have been effected in July by which Russia agreed not to cross Sar Rikul range was regarded as possible, if not probable, at the Japanese legation, although the fact of its having been kept so long secret was believed to militate against its authenticity. It was pointed out, however, that such an agreement made just as the trouble between China and Japan was being precipitated had no bearing on that struggle and was probably simply a provisional settlement of the Pamirian question which has long been a contention for the diplomats of the Chinese empire and czar. The Pamirian tablelands, inhabited by the Tartars, lie on the northwestern frontier of China, separating that country from Asiatic Russia.

LONDON, Sept. 29.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Times says: "It is rumored that Li Hung Chang will be permitted to take the field and that he will probably have his headquarters at Lutai. It is reported that the Chinese troops have evacuated Korea and are massed thirty miles west of Yalu river."

BURNED BY BRANDY.

Horrible Death of a Young Lady in New York.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—Miss Nettie Lee, 28 years old, the youngest daughter of Henry Lee, the millionaire, died tonight in terrible agony from severe burns about the hands, face and body, received through the upsetting of a pan full of brandy on a lighted stove.

The deplorable accident occurred shortly after 2 o'clock this afternoon. It appears that Miss Nettie usually superintended the yearly preserving of fruit for the use of the family. Shortly before the accident she went to the kitchen of her residence, 25 West Seventy-third street, and there, with the aid of two domestics, commenced "brandying" peaches. A large quantity of brandy was placed in a pan, then put upon the stove. The young woman superintended the heating of the brandy and testing it to see whether it had reached the proper temperature for adding the other preserving materials, the pan was upset, throwing the contents of the pan upon the hot stove. In a moment the unfortunate young lady was enveloped in a mass of blue flames.

The two domestics, frightened into panic, did not make any effort to extinguish the flames. After lingering in great agony until 8 o'clock this evening, Miss Lee died.

YELLOW JACK IS KING.

Foreigners Are Dying Rapidly from the Fever at Salvador.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 28.—Private advices from Salvador say that yellow fever is epidemic throughout the republic, and that the mortality is very great. The disease is particularly fatal to foreigners, taking them off inside twenty-four hours.

Among the first victims was American Consul Pollock.

DANIEL'S OPINION.

Cleveland's Secretary Sees No Reason Why Hill Should Not Be Elected.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 28.—Secretary Lamont gave his views today about the nominations made by the New York Democratic convention.

"I see no reason," said the secretary, "why Mr. Hill should not be elected. New York is a Democratic state and has been for 30 years. Mr. Hill is a vote getter and the campaign will undoubtedly be an active one. He has his own way of making a canvass and will lock elsewhere for his votes. He has unquestionably looked the ground over and knows about where his strength lies, and thoroughly understands the situation."

ORANGE GROWERS SUFFER.

Damage to Florida Property Will Run Into Tens of Thousands.

FERNANDINA, Fla., Sept. 28.—A dispatch from Palatka announces great damage at that place to river craft during the storm.

Advices from St. Augustine state that no lives were lost, but several houses were wrecked and the damage will run into tens of thousands. Nearly all the windows in the city were blown in and the houses flooded with water. The loss to the orange growers will be fully 20 per cent.

FIRE AT MESHOPPEN.

The Little Hamlet Nearly Wiped Out by Flames.

TUNKHANNOCK, Pa., Sept. 28.—The Carlin block, Harding's jewelry store, a barber shop and Hallo block at Meshoppen, were burned at midnight.

Loss, $15,000. The fire originated from a lamp in the jewelry store. Meshoppen has no fire department.

FACTORY INSPECTORS.

Deliberations at Philadelphia in the Interest of the Laboring Classes Generally.

PHILADEPHIA, Sept. 28.—At the meeting of the International Factory inspectors today a paper on "Sewer Gas and How to Detect It," by Chief Inspector Rufus R. Wade was read. A resolution was adopted calling on delegates to pledge themselves to use their best efforts to have enacted by the legislature of their state an amendment to the building laws similar to that recently enacted in Pennsylvania, regulating the weight which each floor of a building should sustain.

The committee on resolutions made its report today. The report recommends the adoption of laws fixing the hours of labor for women and minors at fifty-five per week, that all children under 14 years be prohibited from being employed in any manufacturing or industrial establishment and that their education be made compulsory, the enactment of laws of the most stringent character establishing a thorough system of inspection of buildings where people are employed in which shall be required perfect hygenic conditions, the proper guarding of machinery in all factories and the enactment of laws governing the construction of elevators, providing for the inspection of boilers and reducing the hours of labor of cable car and electric car operators to not more than ten hours or twelve hours per day.

The report also recommends the enactment of laws prohibiting the manufacturing of wearing apparel in "tenement house sweat shops."

A minority report was submitted by Inspector McClonde, of New Jessey, in which a substitute was offered providing for a limit to forty-eight hours labor per week. The report provoked considerable discussion as to the advisability of attempting to enforce an eight-hour law and of dictating the time of labor. The substitute was adopted by a vote af 24 to 14.

Resolutions were also passed relative to the obtaining uniform factory legislation in all manufacturing states; recommending the legislation looking to a still further reduction in the hours of labor be urged, and asking that the operations of the factory inspection law be extended to mercantile establishments.

After Providence, R. I., had been selected as the place for holding the next convention, the convention finally adjourned.

TWO MEN ROASTED.

Several People Injured and $100,000 Worth of Property Destroyed.

NANIMO, B. C., Sept. 28.—Two men were burned to death, two other men and a little girl were badly injured, and $100,000 worth of property was destroyed by a fire that broke out here at 5 o'clock this morning. The fire started at the corner of Wharf and Commercial streets, in the Royal hotel, which was burned.

Patrick Mayce, a bootblack, and a bartender known as "Fritz," employes in the hotel, were burned to death. Three guests were badly injured. That the newer part of the town was not completely burned was due to the absence of wind and to the vigorous work of the volunteer fire brigade.

Indorsement of Mr. Sibley.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Sept. 28.—Over 2,000 "Independent Republicans" have signed nomination papers in the interest of J. C. Sibley, the regular nominee of the Democrats and Populists in the Crawford-Erie district.

PENNSYLVANIA PICKINGS.

An unknown man died from exposure near Tamanend.

Lancaster veterans will fight a sham battle on October 4.

The receipts at the Allentown fair foot up about $1,457 daily.

Lafayette College's foot ball manager, J. A. Miller, has resigned.

There are in Berks county 32,273 voters, of whom 17,001 are in Reading.

Robbers blew open the safe of the Jersey Shore post office, but only got $10 booty.

Offering to sell a horse for $5 was the evidence that sent Jacob Johnson to Easton jail.

James Raub, a Jersey Central railroad fireman, had both legs cut off near Allentown.

Audenreid and Pen Argyle will become Presidential postoffices on Oct. 1, at $1,000 salary each.

The Reading and Temple Electric railway has been leased to the Reading Traction company.

Professor W. B. Marshall is unable to resume his duties at Lafayette college on account of illness.

Jacob Searfoss, a brakeman on the Lehigh Valley road, was cut to pieces while making a coupling at White Haven.

The Penn Iron company of Lancaster yesterday posted a notice of reduction of puddlers wages from $3 to $2.75 a ton. Other employes are reduced eight per cent.

The guidons of the Fifty-first regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, which were found several years ago by General William J. Jollors, of Philadelphia, have been sent to the state arsenal at Harrisburg.

NEWS FROM THE CHOLERA LANDS

Reports Received at Washington Marine Hospital Bureau.

RAGING IN EASTERN GERMANY

The Frontier of the District of Marienworder Closed Against Russia. Quarantine Notices at Lisbon, Sofia, Athens and Cyprus—The Situation in the Infected Portions of Europe and Asia—According to Reports the Cases Are Increasing.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.

A REPORT was received at the Marine hospital bureau today from Surgeon Irwin at London, dated the 16th, and covers the progress of cholera in Europe and Asia from Sept. 5 to 12, with intelligence to include the 15th instant. The epidemic, it says, has increased slightly in Germany and considerably in Austro-Hungary, elsewhere is appears about the same as last week

A report dated Sept. 10, from Berlin, gives ten fresh cases from Kattawitz, in Silesia. In consequence of the spread of the disease it is said that a request had been addressed to the government to order the complete closing of the frontier.

Owing to the prevalence of cholera in Eastery Germany, the frontier of the district of Marienworder has been closed against Russia, except at Ottlatschin, for railway passengers, and at Schiino for water traffic. Further, the Russian dealers have been prohibited from visiting, as usual, the weekly market in Posen.

In Gallicia there were reported between Aug. 27 and Sept. 2 1,508 cases and 749 deaths. In Bukowina for the same period 144 cases and 62 deaths. The total number of cases since the beginning of the epidemic has been 5,367 and 2,693 deaths. In Bukowina for the same period, 591 cases and 307 deaths. Advices from Vienna dated the tenth state that the last official bulletin, embracing three days, gives 533 fresh cases in Gallicia and Bukowina and 304 deaths. On this day (the 10th) for the first time, eight cases and four deaths are reported to have occurred in the city of Lemberg, where the Austrian emperor is now on a visit to the exhibition. A report from Vienna dated Sept. 13 says that the number of cholera cases is still on the increase in Galicia and Bukowina. A report today (13th) for the previous twenty-four hours announces 200 new attacks and 133 deaths in that interval.

IN A MALOY JAIL.

Advices from Rangoon, dated the 9th, state that cholera has broken out in Mandalay jail, and thirteen cases and seven deaths are reported. The jail population is being reduced by removing the prisoners condemned to short terms to two government vessels in the river.

The following late quarantine notices have been posted:

Lisbon—Quarantine on arrivals from Province of Liege.

Sofia—Commercial travellers arriving by sea from Russia direct at Bourgas and Varna, subject to strict medical inspection with disinfection of luggage, and subject to five days' medical observation at Domicile.

Athens—Forty-eight hours quarantine against Naples.

Cyprus—Five days quarantine on arrivals from Alexandretta, to Beyrout, excluding the latter place and medical inspection of arrivals at Beyrout and the coast south thereof.

WORSTED WORKERS OUT.

Two Hundred Mill Hands on Strike at Camden for Higher Wages.

CAMDEN, Sept. 28.—Two hundred employes of A. J. Priestly & Co.'s worsted mills, at Seventh and Jefferson streets, are out on a strike for an increase in wages.

A year ago they were compelled to submit to a reduction of 25 per cent., owing to the business depression. Now the mills are crowded with work, and the employes claim that they should get their old wages.

A fruitless conference between a committee of the employes and Superintendent Bottomley resulted in the refusal of the employes to go to work yesterday.

DIED RATHER THAN WED.

Winderleigh, Fearing He Could Not Support a Wife, Took a Dose of Poison.

NEWARK, Sept. 28.—George Winderleigh, a harnessmaker of Springfield avenue and Fortieth street, Irvington, committed suicide today.

Winderleigh had a shop at the above streets, and business lately has not been very good. He was to have been married in two weeks, and the thought of not being able to support a wife made him despondent.

At 9 o'clock, while he was alone in the shop, he drank two ounces of carbolic acid. Before assistance could be summoned he was dead.

HOPKINS PULLS OUT.

But the Sixteenth District Deadlock Is Still Unbroken.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Sept. 28.—Congressman A. C. Hopkins, Republican, has withdrawn from the congressional contest in this, the Sixteenth district, leaving Candidates Packer and Lewis to fight it out.

As the Clinton county conferees have thrown their support to Lewis, the conference is still a tie.

Wage Reduction Restored.

WINSTED, Conn., Sept. 28.—The managers of the Philadelphia, Reading and New England Railroad company notified the employes of the road today that the 15 per cent. reduction in wages which took place last February would be restored Nov. 1.

CONTEMPT CASE CLOSED.

Arguments All in on the Action Against the A. R. U.

CHICAGO, Sept. 28.—The closing argument in the American Railway union contempt case was made today and the cases are now in the hands of the court. Judge Woods set no date for announcing his decision, declaring he had not yet time to thoroughly review the evidence and the law cited.

It will probably be several weeks before he makes up his mind.

BALTIMORE AND NEW YORK.

The Joint Ball Games Arranged Between Its Clubs.

CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 28.—It was finally agreed this afternoon, at the conference between Managers Hanlon and Ward, that the first game of the joint series should be played at Baltimore, Thursday October 4.

The second game will be played Friday at Baltimore and the third game Saturday at New York.

APPO'S THROAT CUT.

Witness for the Lexow Committee in the Hospital.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—The throat of George Appo, the Lexow committee's green goods witness, was cut this afternoon at the corner of Barclay and West streets. Several witnesses say that Appo did the deed himself, and the police are inclined to take this view of the case. Nevertheless Captain O'Connor, of the Church street station, and his detectives were still working at a late hour tonight to obtain proof that Appo tried to kill himself. The wound inflicted was only slight, but it is not the extent, but the intent, that makes the matter serious. Appo was removed to the Chambers Street hospital a prisoner. The police say that he was taken there in such an intoxicated condition that he could not tell how he received the cut.

Since George Appo gave testimony against the green goods men and the police before the Lexow committee he has often declared that he was being hounded and that he considered his life in danger.

THE HOWGATE CASE.

Detective Drummond Will Be Asked to Produce Records That Have Vanished.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 28.—It is said that Detective Drummond, who effected the capture in New York yesterday of Captain W. H. Howgate, will be called upon to explain why no record was left in the files of the secret service office in connection with the Howgate case.

Mr. Drummond was chief of the secret service under the Harrison administration. When the Democrats came into power, Mr. Drummond was working on the Howgate case, and in consideration of that fact he was retained for a period of eight months. Having accomplished nothing at the close of that period, he was replaced by a Democrat, William P. Hazen, of Ohio. Mr. Hazen found no trace in the files of the department of anything concerning the history of the efforts of the secret service to capture Howgate.

The first impulse of the treasury officials was to demand an examination from Mr. Drummond, but this demand, for obvious reasons was postponed. It is now said that during the early part of September the secret service bureau received information that Howgate was in New York. While they were pursuing their investigations Mr. Drummond made the capture. It is now understood the department will at once call upon Mr. Drummond for any papers or data bearing upon the Howgate case which may have been in the bureau at the time he resigned.

District Attorney Birney says that immediately upon Howgate's arrival in Washington he will be taken before the criminal court and committed to jail to await trial. The district attorney does not believe Howgate will be able to furnish the bail which will be required.

CORBETT IS ANGRY.

Champion Visibly Affected by the Talk of Sullivan and Others.

PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 28.—Corbett, the prize fighter, was much displeased today when shown the dispatch sent out last night, in which ex-Champion Sullivan accuses him of beating about the bush.

Corbett said: "Sullivan had always more mouth than courage. He is a quitter from the word go, and I do not want to have anything to do with him. He is out of it. But there is one thing, if I ever meet Fitzsimmons in the ring I will make a better fight than Sullivan did with me. Of course Jake Kilrain, Sullivan and Jackson are sore, and I know it, but that does not make any difference to me. The Olympic club does not want a fight, they want to make money out of me. Now, I am not inclined to let them have a fight until I have proof that Fitzsimmons is somewhere in my class, and this he can demonstrate by knocking out O'Donnell. I am making good money now and am not taking any risks to please any number of soreheads."

Corbett plainly showed that he is deeply touched by the stories which have been circulated within the past few hours.

MISCELLANEOUS SPARKS.

Keepers of nine Chicago gambling houses have been indicted.

There were fifty-three persons killed by the recent cyclone in Iowa.

Jockey William Bourne was killed by his horse's fall in a race at Bushnell, Ill.

Shepherdstown, W. Va., became a presidential postoffice on Oct. 1, at $1,000 salary.

Chicoutimi and Bay St. Paul, Quebec, felt an earthquake at 8 o'clock yesterday morning.

A plucky Santa Fe train crew, held up near Temple, Tex., put their would-be robbers to flight.

Indianapolis is aroused over the school board refusing to allow a colored child to attend a white school.

The Spinner's union at Fall River, Mass., will ask the Federation of Labor to aid it in its struggle against reduced wages.

Manager Roberts, of the Kentucky Rosebud Variety company, mysteriously disappeared from Worcester, Mass., and left his company stranded.

The practice of hazing was formally abolished at Princeton yesterday by the unanimous action of the students assembled in a mass meeting in Alexander hall.

The schooner Addie M. Anderson, of Portsmouth, N. H., in ballast for Philadelphia, collided with and badly damaged the pilot boat Columbia, off Cape Cod, Mass.

Tom Smith, a negro desperado, fired four shots at a fair at Muskagee, I. T., killing three negro deputy marshals, and wounding two white ones who attempted his arrest.

Judge Ross, at Los Angeles, Cal., decided against the Western Union and in favor of the Postal Telegraph company in the latter's fight for a foothold along the Atlantic and Pacific railroad and into California.

ONE MINER IS STILL LIVING

Rescuers at Northwest Mine Are Greeted by Their Comrade's Voice.

HE MAY BE REACHED TONIGHT

At 3.30 O'Clock Yesterday Afternoon the Rescuing Party at Work at Simpson Are Overjoyed at Learning That John B. Fanning, One of the Imprisoned Miners, Is Still Alive—The Fate of the Three Other Men Still in Doubt—Scenes at the Mouth of the Slope.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

CARBONDALE, Sept. 28.

SINCE the time of the awful accident which occurred in the Northwest mine at Simpson yesterday afternoon, the rescuing parties have been working earnestly. They had not the remotest idea of finding any of the unfortunate miners alive, but at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon they were happy in discovering that one of the men was still living. It is John J. Fanning.

The rescuing party have carried on a conversation with him, and there is now hopes of rescuing some of the others from what at first seemed to be sure death.

On account of the narrow place it is impossible to employ many men at a time in the work of rescue. There are three shifts, each working eight hours. Each shift consists of ten men.

C. W. James and Thomas Moyles are in charge of the gangs. The whole mass of fallen rock will have to be cut through, and it is estimated that the men, or perhaps it may be their remains, will be reached some time tomorrow night.

At the mouth of the mine there are crowds of anxious ones waiting in hopes of again seeing their loved ones alive.

MRS. PEARY'S DENIAL.

She Flatly Contradicts the Story Told by Private Secretary Swain.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Mrs. Peary, the wife of the Arctic explorer, denies emphatically the strictures of some of the members of her husband's party upon their alleged treatment.

Three charges, in brief, are that Lieutenant Peary's autocratic methods were offensive to his associates; that he was inconsiderate of their comfort and ungentlemanly in his treatment to them; that they were nearly starved to death, and that they would have fared better had Mrs. Peary not been a member of the party. These allegations were made by W. T. Swain, Lieutenant Peary's private secretary.

Mrs. Peary said that her husband was unusually considerate of his men. "As to the menu, he gave them the best it was possible to obtain."

"No partiality was shown. Lieutenant Peary, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding, ate at the table with his men, and shared their hardships in every way. I could not go to the public table on account of my baby. Some of the table delicacies, given to me by friends, were used by me, but my husband declined to share them with me, saying that he preferred to have only what was given to the rest of the party."

"Mr. Swain," Mrs. Peary continued, "wants to get a little advertising out of the expedition, which accounts for his unjust criticism. He is welcome to this; but it strikes me that it is unfair to attack Mr. Peary when he is not here to reply."

Mrs. Peary, in conclusion, said that she had received a telegram from friends in Philadelphia advising her to pay no attention to the statements of Mr. Swain. In that city, she said, Mr. Peary's friends who had backed him in the expedition, are indifferent as to what any members of the party may say.

JOHNSON'S FEAT.

He Lowers the Fastest Bicycle Mile Record.

WALTHAM, Mass., Sept. 28.—The biggest cycle record of them all, a mile with pace makers, was beaten all to pieces by John S. Johnson, of Syracuse, this afternoon on the Waltham Cycle park, the most sensational piece of riding of this whole season.

Until this afternoon the worlds record was 1:52 3-5 made by J. P. Bliss at Springfield. The fastest mile ever ridden in the world on a bicyle had been 1:51 by Mike Dinneberger, of Buffalo, but this record was not accepted as official as he was paced by horses. But the Waltham track now holds a faster record, Johnson's time being 1:50 3-5. Besides breaking the world's mile record, Johnson also beat the three-quarter mile record, doing that distance in 1.23. Two more class A records were broken by Haley Davidson, of Toronto. He set the quarter class A record at 27 1-5 seconds and the third at 32 2-5.

MR. M'KINLEY'S POINT.

Wilson Would Not Be Banquetted by an American Board of Trade.

GALLIPOLIS, O., Sept. 28.—In his speech here today Governor McKinley, referring to last night's banquet to Mr. Wilson by the London board of trade, inquired if any one knew of an American board of trade banquetting the author of the late tariff law.

His speech was punctuated by hearty applause.

DIED OF CAMP FEVER.

Members of the Ninth Regiment Stricken with the Gettysburg Disease.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Sept. 28.—Frank Adams and Henry Blaine, members of Company F, Ninth regiment, died today of typhoid fever contracted at the Gettysburg encampment.

Fifteen more members are down and of these three are in a critical condition.

POLITSKA'S MURDER.

Details of the Recent Tragedy Near Miner's Mills.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Sept. 28.—Further particulars of the tragedy at Miner's Mills late last night show that the murdered man's name is Stephan Politska, who was know as Edward Kavan.

Politska and his wife had retired early, and shortly after 11 o'clock the wife was aroused by a loud noise on the outside of the house. She called her husband, who got out of bed and went to a window. He saw four men as he thought disguised, he ordered them to leave the premises at once, they replied by inviting them to come out as they wanted to see him.

Politska then procured a revolver. He again warned the men to leave. Failing to do so, Politska opened fire, which was returned by one of the men, the bullet striking Politska over the heart, and he fell dead at the window. The murderer and his accomplices then fled. There is no question but that the motive of the crime was robbery.

The scene of the tragedy was about one mile from the spot where Red-Nosed Mike and two other Italian brigands murdered Paymaster McClure and his assistant, Bernard Flanagan, six years ago.

SETTLEMENT POSSIBLE.

Manufacturers' Association and Spinners Will Confer at Fall River.

FALL RIVER, Sept. 28.—There is a possibility of settlement of the labor troubles in the mills in this city. Secretary Howard, of the Spinners' union, has written to the Manufacturers' association asking for a conference.

Secretary Rouseville has sent a letter in return saying that the members of the Manufacturers' association will meet the Spinners' representative tomorrow.

REVIEW OF TRADE.

A Marked Improvement for the Week, According to Reports of Dun & Co.

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade tomorrow will say:

Special inquiry has been made this week at all commercial centers regarding the state of retail trade. The main facts disclosed are, first, a marked improvement within the past month and a considerable excess over the business done a year ago, particularly in the necessaries of life. But second, it appears that the volume of trade at present is on the whole considerably less than in a normal year, at most points, and in the more important trades is apparently about 20 per cent. smaller than in September, 1892. There is large distribution on orders given some time ago, but new business going to the manufacturers is everywhere slackening.

The volume of business reported by clearings at the chief cities is 6.9 per cent. larger than last year, but 21.8 per cent. less than in 1892 and for the month of September the daily average has been $134,000,000 against $123,000,000 last year before recovery from the panic had come, and $177,000,000 in 1892. As these include payment resulting from trade deferred during months of uncertainty, the comparison is but moderately encouraging.

The iron industry shows a shrinkage of demand, and the prices quoted today are but little above the lowest this year. Bessemer pig is weaker at $11 at Pittsburg, with an impression that excess of production must cause further decline unless lower prices are made for steel rails. Billets, structural forms and nails are a shade weaker, and in eastern markets competion of works to get business tends to destroy profits. There is no business at the west, and Chicago reports a good demand for sheets, for bar in small lots, and for coke, pig, though plates and boiler tubes are weaker.

Failures are few. For the week they were 235 in the United States against 334 last year, and 55 in Canada against 33 last year.

BRIBER IN TROUBLE.

Councilman Armstrong Is Convicted by Criminal Court.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Sept. 28.—Richard Armstrong, an ex-councilman and well known citizen of Allegheny City, was found guilty in the criminal court this afternoon on the charge of offering a bribe of $300 to John Born, a councilman in Allegheny, to vote for a certain engineer for the new Allegheny City water works.

The jury recommended Armstrong to the mercy of the court.

HIS BREATHING PAINFUL.

Physicians Are Alarmed Over the Condition of the Czar.

ST. PETERSBURG, Sept. 28.—Professor Leyden, the eminent physician of Berlin, has been summoned from that city to Spala. The doctors attending the czar fear that his majesty's journey to the Crimea must be postponed, as they regard his condition as very serious.

His breathing is very painful.

Candy Dealers Fail.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Sept. 28.—Van Keuren & Taylor, dealers in candies, have failed. Their place of business was closed by the sheriff this evening. Their liabilities are said to be large, assets unknown.

Mr. McCullen Accepts.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 28.—Joseph P. McCullen has accepted the Democratic nomination for congress in the Third (McAleer's) district.

FRESH FOREIGN FACTS.

Ex-Sultan Murad V is dying in Constantinople.

Japan's mint runs night and day, coining silver for war expenses.

The London Times says the Reading's reorganization plan "is certain to prove abortive."

Passengers had a narrow escape from the British steamer Dorunda, stranded at Peniche, Portugal.

Editor Abbe Montencuis, a Frenchman, has been expelled from Italy for criticising Crispi's government.

Brazil's supreme court will on October 4 decide finally whether Embazzler Japez Spencer Balfour shall be extradited to England.

WASHINGTON WIRINGS.

Official test of the war ship Maine will not be made till next week.

Commander William A. Morgan and Chief Engineer Henry W. Fitch will be placed on the naval retired list on account of disability.

Internal revenue collections for the past two months aggregated $51,924,878, an increase over the corresponding period of 1893 of $26,832,574.

The Colombian and Italian governments have signed a treaty submitting the claim for reparation and indemnity in the case of Cerruti, an Italian, imprisoned in Colombia, to the president of the United States.

WEATHER FORECAST.

RAIN

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—*Forecast for Saturday: For eastern Pennsylvania: Showers in the early morning, followed in the interior by fair; northeast winds; high on the coast.*

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Fall and Winter

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We have now open the most complete stock of Underwear and Hosiery for Ladies, Gentlemen and Children ever shown in this city.

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For gentlemen.

Special drive in GENTS' NATURAL WOOL and CAMEL'S HAIR SUITS.

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