

TRANSVAAL DISPUTE

The Orange Free State Asks American Intervention.

UNANIMITY AMONG THE BOERS.

The Transvaal State Secretary Denies Reports of Internal Dissensions, and Says the Transvaal and Orange Free State Are Acting in Conjunction.

London, Sept. 19.—The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily Mail says: The United States consul in Cape Town has gone to Bloemfontein at the request of the government of the Orange Free State, to confer regarding the crisis. The Orange Free State is anxious to secure American intervention.

Boer spies infect all the border towns. Two thousand troops will be dispatched to Kimberley within a week. Five hundred started last night and others will go forward tomorrow. There has been a lively interchange of dispatches between the foreign, war and colonial offices, but no summons has yet been issued for a cabinet council.

Long dispatches were sent last evening to the viceroy of India, Lord Curzon, and to the British high commissioner in South Africa, Sir Alfred Milner.

General Lord Garnet Wolseley, field marshal and commander-in-chief, returned to London yesterday and immediately repaired to the war office, where he remained busily employed the greater part of the day.

The special dispatches from South Africa confirm the report telegraphed yesterday that the Boers are massing artillery in positions commanding Ladysmith. Small Boer detachments occupy positions above Buffalo river. The members of the Afrikaner bond in Cape Town intend to convene the bond in congress to consider the situation.

A Bloemfontein paper reports the dismissal of several Englishmen from the Bloemfontein police force because of their refusal to serve on the commando.

A Pretoria dispatch says: The Transvaal state secretary, F. W. Reitz, in the course of an interview today declared that the government, the volksraad and the people were unanimous regarding the attitude which the Transvaal had assumed, and that there was no foundation whatever for the reports of differences. Mr. Reitz also asserted that in the Transvaal's decision was arrived at in conjunction with the Orange Free State.

The Transvaal volksraad yesterday re-adopted the mining article in the gold law, eliminated last year, empowering the government to confiscate the claims and mines belonging to people convicted of treason or conspiracy against the state, and empowering the government to order that the mines be worked, and if this instruction is disregarded, to work them through its own agents. The re-adopted article comes into force immediately.

The Daily Telegraph publishes a communication from a military correspondent who, discussing the effect of the Free State throwing its lot in with the Transvaal, says:

"In the event of war this will greatly increase our difficulties and will lengthen the duration of the campaign, but the work will be accomplished and the Union Jack will float over consolidated South Africa between the Zambesi and the Cape.

"The principal danger which besets the British position is a sudden outbreak of hostilities, enabling the Boers to score a few minor successes, which would bring down upon us every Dutchman in South Africa, and probably the statement that the Boers are sending compressed forage to the Natal border seems to signify that they will not wait for new grass, but are preparing an immediate advance."

Duel on a Virginia Street.
Charlottesville, Va., Sept. 19.—Late yesterday afternoon a shooting affray occurred on the main street, in which Police Officer I. S. Hall was shot in the shoulder, Officer E. H. Stratton shot in the wrist and Charles W. Josephs, of Batesville, was seriously wounded in the region of the heart. The shooting grew out of an altercation between J. Frank Kelley, the superintendent of the telephone exchange, and Officer Hall, the former objecting to the latter's visiting one of the ladies in the exchange during business hours.

League of American Municipalities.
Syracuse, N. Y., Sept. 19.—More than 300 delegates, including mayors, aldermen, councilmen and city engineers, assembled this morning at the opening session of the convention of the League of American Municipalities. The largest delegation to arrive so far includes Mayor Maybury, of Detroit, with a delegation of 50 city officials. Large delegations are on the way from San Francisco, San Jose, Atlanta, New Orleans, Indianapolis, Florida and Chicago.

To Close Russian Ports.
London, Sept. 19.—The Daily Mail publishes the following from Copenhagen: Emperor Nicholas has signed a ukase decreeing that when the Middle Europe canal and the Siberian railway are completed, in 1901, all important Russian ports on the Pacific, Baltic and Black sea shall be closed forever to any but Russian ships.

Welcome Rain for Ohio.
Cleveland, Sept. 19.—The prolonged drought, which has continued practically since the 4th of August, was broken yesterday. It has been raining for about 20 hours and bids fair to continue. The conditions in the country were very bad. Pastures were parched, streams and wells nearly dry and late crops seriously affected.

German Army Secretly Steals.
Berlin, Sept. 19.—The strong box of the Second Artillery brigade, at Wurzburg, was forced in the absence of the regimental staff at the manufactory, and the secret mobilization documents were stolen. A deserter named Schloemer is suspected. He is believed to have escaped to France.

REVEREND CONVICT "PADDOLED."

The Notorious Swindler Who Escaped From the Ohio Penitentiary.

Columbus, O., Sept. 19.—At the Ohio penitentiary yesterday Rev. G. F. B. Howard, the noted swindler, who has taught college students the principle of logic, and who has administered to large and fashionable congregations in several places, was compelled to bend over a box while a lusty guard vigorously applied a hickory handle. Howard was returned Sunday night to the penitentiary, from which he escaped Sept. 12, 1894. He was captured at Horton, Mich., where he was



REV. G. F. B. HOWARD.

tured at Horton, Mich., where he was pastor of the leading congregation of that village. Howard lost all of the good time he had gained, about 400 days. He will be given one of the hardest tasks in the prison.

Yesterday's mail brought a letter to Warden Coffin from Mt. Auburn, Ills. The letter was written by John W. Auger, who said that Howard had been in the community preaching. He held collections, incidentally borrowed a little money from the different brethren, and then suddenly left.

A PROTEST FROM CHINA.

Declares Chinese Exclusion from Philippines Opposes International Law.

Washington, Sept. 19.—The imperial Chinese government, through its minister here, Mr. Wu Ting-fang, has lodged with the state department an emphatic protest against the military order of General Otis excluding Chinese from the Philippines. Neither the state department nor the Chinese legation will give any information concerning the protest, but from entirely reliable quarters it is now learned that it insists that General Otis' action is contrary to international law, in violation of existing treaties, and in complete disregard of the friendly relations which have been so long maintained between the two countries. Minister Wu called at the state department last Friday, and it is believed he submitted the protest in person at that time.

General Otis' order excludes such Chinese as have previously lived in the Philippines, and who hold certificates showing this fact. It also excludes Chinese officials, travelers, etc., excepted under the treaty between the United States and China. Provision is made for registering the Chinese in the Philippines, and their deportation to China in case of failure to register. As very few Chinese other than those now in the Philippines come within the exceptions, the effect of the decree is to make the exclusion practically absolute.

The Chinese protest is said to be couched in most dignified and courteous terms, but to be so pointed that no doubt is left as to the deep umbrage the Chinese government feels over this order of General Otis.

DECLARES DREYFUS GUILTY.

A Former Fellow Officer Denounces Him as a Traitor.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 19.—Lieutenant Clin was one of the 91 members of the Canadian militia who returned yesterday from Yukon on the steamer Alpha, and the most interesting passenger on board. On arriving he eagerly asked for the latest news of the Dreyfus trial, and when told exclaimed: "Good, he deserves more. He is guilty, a traitor to his country. Before becoming a British soldier I was an officer in the French army, a brother officer of Dreyfus. I was his comrade and knew him well. I perhaps spoke hastily, but if you knew what I know you would not sympathize with Dreyfus. I believe him guilty, and could give reasons why." At this juncture several soldiers passed, and the excited little Austrian stopped speaking and refused to say any more.

New Foundland's Deadly Hurricane.

St. John's, N. F., Sept. 19.—Reports just received add 16 lives to the death toll resulting from Thursday's hurricane. The schooner Angler went down in Placinta bay, with five men; the schooner Lily May was driven ashore on Mistaken Point, with the loss of seven men, and the schooner Daisy lost one man overboard, and subsequently had a boat capsized, drowning three. It is feared that even these casualties will not exhaust the tale of disaster.

Alger Retired For Personal Reasons.

Detroit, Sept. 19.—General Russell A. Alger yesterday gave out a letter written by himself in New York on Sept. 8, in which he announces his withdrawal from candidacy for United States senator. The letter says: "My reasons for this determination are personal and of a business nature. I fully appreciate and thank my many friends for offered support." General Alger declined to say anything further concerning his withdrawal than was contained in the letter.

M. Cambon Expects to Return.

Washington, Sept. 19.—The French charge d'affaires, M. Thiebaud, has returned to Washington after an extended absence, part of the time at Paris and more recently at Newport. There has been no confirmation received by the French officials here of the report that Ambassador Cambon would be succeeded here by M. Camille Barrere, and a recent letter from M. Cambon made no reference to any change, but on the contrary referred to his anticipated return to Washington.

ILLINOIS STRIKE RIOT

Results in the Killing of Five Negro Non-Union Miners.

NEGROES STARTED THE SHOOTING

The Whites Promptly Retaliated, Firing at the Non-Unionists as They Fled—Two of the Negroes Missing. The Militia Ordered Out.

Carterville, Ills., Sept. 18.—Carterville was the scene of a bloody riot yesterday, in which five negroes were instantly killed and two others are missing. Trouble has been brewing since the militia was recalled by Governor Tanner last Monday. The white miners of this place have refused to allow the negro miners to come into town, always meeting them and ordering them back. Yesterday, however, 13 negroes, all armed, marched into town, going to the Illinois Central depot, where they exchanged a few words with the white miners there. Then the negroes pulled their pistols and opened fire on the whites, who at once returned the fire. A running fight was kept up. The negroes scattered, some being closely followed by the whites up the main street, while the remainder fled down the railroad track. Here the execution was done, all who went through town escaping. After the fight was over six dead bodies were picked up and another mortally wounded. Two other dead negroes were found last night near the Brush mines. The dead: Sidney Cummins, Henry Brannen, Rev. T. J. Floyd, John Black and Ustad Bradley, all from Jellico, Tenn. Missing: Sam Browning and Jim Hayes. Every one of the dead men had from one to five bullet holes in his head.

One of the negroes, when first shot, started to run. He was shot again and fell. One of the white men then ran up and shot him through the head with a rifle. The shooting took place immediately in front of Mayor Zimmerman's house, and in full view of several ladies seated on the porch. Before the noise of the first shots had died away the streets began to fill with excited men. After the crowd of negroes had been killed and scattered it was the evident intention of the infuriated miners to go to Greenville, where the big non-union negro camp is located, and finish the work. All afternoon an angry crowd of men patrolled the streets. Later the projected trip to Greenville was apparently called off.

Trouble has existed here off and on for over a year, but no fatalities occurred until June 30, when a passenger train on the Illinois Central railroad was fired into and one negro woman killed. These negroes were on their way to the mines, having come from Pana. A short time afterwards a pitched battle ensued between the union and non-union forces, during which time the dwellings occupied by the non-union negroes were burned. Several arrests were made, and the accused are in jail at Marion awaiting trial on the charge of murder.

Superintendent Donely, of the Brush mines, where the negroes reside, reports that the negroes are worked into a frenzy, and that while he is doing all in his power to hold them in check he is afraid he cannot do so much longer. Company C, Fourth regiment, I. N. G., arrived here last night and will endeavor to preserve order. The company from Newton arrived this morning. Forty miners from the Herrin mines are reported to have left that place for this city armed with Krag-Jorgensen rifles and determined to assist the white miners here.

THAT CONFESSION "FAKE"

Prosecutor Jenkins Denounces the Whole Story as Nonsense.

Camden, Sept. 18.—Nothing remains of the Shaw sensation. Camden awoke Thursday to hear of the arrest of a prominent young citizen, Eugene Darnell, charged with being accessory after the fact in the murder of Mrs. Zane and Mrs. Shaw, upon the night of Oct. 7, 1897, and to read of a confession by Eli Shaw that he was guilty of these crimes. The witnesses who were supposed to be ready to connect Darnell with the crime and substantiate Shaw's confession was Silas C. Cline, a tollgate keeper, and Mrs. Neilson, mother of the young woman to whom Shaw was engaged at the time of the murders, and an unknown man living on Pine street. All but the "unknown" have been interviewed, and all declare that there is not a scintilla of truth in the story. Prosecutor Jenkins declares that "the whole story is nonsense from beginning to end, and there is not a particle of evidence to warrant Darnell's arrest." Darnell, who is out on bail, declares he will prosecute the conspirators who caused his arrest and sue the paper publishing the story for damages.

Adobe House Collapsed, Eight Killed.

Las Vegas, N. M., Sept. 18.—An adobe house five miles from Mora, N. M., collapsed Saturday night, killing Manuel Cordova and his wife and six children. It had been raining in that vicinity for several days, and the dirt roof of the house having become saturated fell on the inmates, crushing them. Only one member of the family, a boy of 10 years, escaped, he being outside the house when the accident occurred.

Striking Miners Compromise.

Springfield, Ills., Sept. 19.—At a joint conference of representatives of the operators and striking miners of the Chicago and Alton sub-district and state officials of the United Mine Workers yesterday an agreement was reached, and the strike which has affected over a thousand men since April 1 last is declared off. The agreement is in the nature of a compromise.

Democratic Executive Officer.

Chicago, Sept. 19.—John G. Johnson, of Peabody, Kan., yesterday was made the executive officer of the Democratic national committee. He will take charge of the active work of the ways and means and press committees and within two weeks will come to Chicago to open up headquarters.

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Wednesday, Sept. 18.

President McKinley will be unable to take part in New York's Dewey reception.

New York state trades unions have increased 131 in number and 31,000 in membership in a year.

Miss Alice Knott was found dead in bed at Washington, having been asphyxiated. A pet parrot had turned on the gas.

Cornelius Vanderbilt, multi-millionaire and head of the famous Vanderbilt family, died suddenly of cerebral hemorrhage in New York, aged 56.

At Tuckahoe, N. Y., Terry McGovern, of Brooklyn, defeated Pedlar Palmer, of England, in 2 minutes and 22 seconds for a \$10,000 purse and the world's bantamweight championship.

Thursday, Sept. 14.

There are now 11,608 soldiers quartered at the Presidio, San Francisco.

At Fiskdale, Mass., Peter King murdered his aged parents while under the influence of liquor.

Ex-Speaker Reed thinks the American people will soon tire of spending \$50,000,000 annually on the Philippines.

Charles E. Snedes, a grain merchant of Harlem, N. D., suicided by shooting on a crowded train near Glenview, Ills.

Philadelphia's export exposition was formally opened today, under auspicious circumstances. First day's attendance, 22,027.

Mr. and Mrs. Shenoweth, Christian Scientists, of Frankfort, Ind., are under arrest for murder. They refused to give their dying child medicine.

Judge Talcott, of Valparaiso, Ind., aged 89, married 74-year-old Mrs. Boardman. The judge's first wife died after 62 years of married life.

Friday, Sept. 15.

None of the cabinet officials will take part in New York's Dewey reception.

A platoon of Indians is to be recruited for service in the Philippines.

Postmaster General Smith will speak for the administration in the Ohio campaign.

Mrs. Catherine Kennedy was burned to death in a tenement house fire in Brooklyn.

Paul E. Ayer, of Columbia, S. C., a veteran of the Spanish war, challenges Count Esterhazy to a duel.

Colonel Denby and Professor Worcester, of the Philippines commission, have been summoned home for conference by the president.

Saturday, Sept. 16.

Two marines of the cruiser Philadelphia were killed by drinking wood alcohol.

An aerolite weighing 500 pounds fell near Sycamore, O., making the earth tremble.

The revolution in Venezuela, despite contrary reports, is assuming alarming proportions.

The Chinese government is suppressing telegrams to the German minister at Peking regarding the destruction of German property by natives in the Hinterland.

B. R. Banning, a Hawaiian capitalist, arrived at San Francisco with a valise containing \$30,000. He afterwards missed it, and it is believed to have been sent back to the islands by mistake.

Sunday, Sept. 17.

The pope's encyclical to France does not refer to the Dreyfus case.

Seven hours of rain has broken the drought which has existed in northern Texas since June 25.

A Paris dispatch says General Mercoeur will be a candidate for the senate in the department of Sarthe.

Manuel Cordova, wife and six children were killed by the collapse of their adobe house near Mora, N. M.

Charles A. Pillsbury, founder of the famous Pillsbury flour mills in Minneapolis, died in that city, aged 57.

Congressman Daniel Ermentrout, of the Ninth Pennsylvania district, died in Reading, aged 62.

Maurus Jokai, the noted Hungarian novelist, 75 years old, married 18-year-old Arabella Grossnaky, a popular actress.

FRENCH POLITICIANS

On Trial For Plotting to Overthrow the Government.

ADJOURNMENT FOR SOME WEEKS.

The French Senate, Sitting as a High Court, Will Allow the Prisoners to Be Represented by Counsel During the Parliamentary Hearing.

Paris, Sept. 19.—The senate met as a high court of justice yesterday for the purpose of trying 22 politicians, including MM. De Monicourt, Deroulede, Marcel Habert, Thiebaud, Baron De Vaux and Jules Guerin, on the charge of conspiring against the government.

Not one of the accused was present or in the palace, but nine cells have been fitted up for them in the library. The cells are very comfortably furnished. The floor is covered with linoleum and the walls are hung with greenish cloth. The furniture consists of an iron bedstead, an easy chair, a marble topped toilet table, a cuspidor and a washstand. Thus the prisoners will have time to complain of, and may congratulate themselves that times have changed since the Girondins were confined in the palace of the senate by Robespierre during the reign of terror and languished in its dungeons, and since Marshal Ney was immured in an unventilated cell until led forth to be shot in the gardens.

President Fallieres opened the proceedings, amid general silence, by reading the decree of the president of the republic constituting the senate, on the report of the minister of justice, into a high court to try the charge against the accused of making an attempt on the security of the state.

M. Fallieres then declared the senate constituted as a high court, and the clerk of the court called the roll of senators, who answered with the word "present."

Then the door through which M. Fallieres entered was again opened wide, and three tall figures, in long scarlet robes, appeared on the threshold and with stately mien marched into the hall, and ascending the steps of the platform took up their places on the right hand of the president. The first was M. Bernard, the procurator general, who was a handsome figure in his scarlet robe trimmed with a broad strip of ermine. M. Bernard immediately began to read the indictment in a monotonous voice.

The indictment commenced by reciting the facts of the arrest of MM. Deroulede and Marcel Habert, and said the inquiry has showed the existence of a conspiracy to change the form of government, to which the disorders of last February, it was added, were due.

A letter from the Duke of Orleans to his representative, M. Buffet, written from Marienbad, in July, 1896, instructing him to commence a royalist organization, was read, and then order secret instructions, in which it was stipulated that the sum to be spent was not to exceed 300,000 francs. The mention of this figure evoked laughter from the senators and others present.

After a number of incidents in which street rioting was fomented by the conspirators, the indictment proceeded with a recapitulation of the royalist maneuvers, and declared the royalists led and paid a mob to insult President Loubet on the day of his election.

The culminating point of the royalist conspiracy was reached Feb. 23, when M. Deroulede made his notorious attempt on the Place de la Nation to induce a brigade of infantry to march on the Elysee palace. Everything, it seems, was prepared to carry out the royalist plan that day, but M. Deroulede's failure spoiled all, and the Duke of Orleans, who was awaiting at Brussels the signal to come to Paris, received instead a telegram from M. Buffet, saying: "Useless to come."

Continuing, the indictment then explained that the conspiracy was not abandoned with the failure of Feb. 23, but that the machinations continued in secret and public meetings were continually held.

The indictments evoked frequent outbursts of derisive laughter and ironical comment at the expense of the royalists, especially on the reading of the various telegrams exchanged and the failure of the plots.

At the conclusion of the reading of the indictment M. Bernard and his colleagues left the senate, and M. Fallieres ordered the senators to sit behind closed doors.

On the resumption of the public sitting M. Fallieres announced that the senate had decided, by a vote of 234 against 32, to allow prisoners to be represented by counsel during the preliminary inquiry, but that the question of the competency of the senate to sit as a high court to try the charges had been adjourned until after the conclusion of the preliminary inquiry. This is tantamount to an adjournment of the high court for several weeks at least.

The general comment in the senate lobbies was that the indictment displayed the ridiculous but still criminal character of the royalist intrigues to overthrow the republic.

Forest Fires Raging.

Carthage, N. Y., Sept. 19.—Forest fires are raging within the vicinity around Benson's Mines and Newton's Falls, 15 miles from here, on the edge of the Adirondacks. Four dwellings at Benson's Mines have been destroyed and the flames threaten the plant of the Magnetic ore company. The company has been forced to shut down its plant, which was recently started up, after being idle for years. The employees are fighting the fires. Much pulp wood has been destroyed. The fire department from this village has been at work for hours in the burning district. The loss at present is many thousands of dollars.

Killed by Deserted Lover.

New York, Sept. 19.—Michael Bucny, a laborer, shot and killed his former mistress, Regina Klein, yesterday because she refused to live with him. Bucny was arrested. The woman was 25 years old. She deserted Bucny because he was out of work and had no money.

CONGRESSMAN ERMENTROUT DEAD

For Thirty-five Years a Democratic Leader in Pennsylvania Politics.

Reading, Pa., Sept. 18.—Hon. Daniel Ermentrout, who was elected in November last to his sixth term in congress from the Ninth district (Berks and Lehigh counties), died at his home here yesterday. He was 62 years of age. On Thursday last, while at dinner, a piece of meat lodged in his throat and a physician had to be called to save him from strangulation. Paralysis of the parts affected followed, but his death was unexpected. Mr. Ermentrout is survived by a widow and two children, Fitz Daniel Ermentrout, a member of the bar here, and Miss Adelaide Tonise Ermentrout.

Daniel Ermentrout was born in Reading in 1837. He was admitted to the bar in 1859, filed the office of district attorney from 1862 to 1865, that of city solicitor from 1867 to 1870 and state senator from 1873 to 1889. In 1889 he was elected to congress and was re-elected for three following terms, thus serving continuously from 1881 to 1893. He was again elected in 1896 to the Fifty-fifth congress and last year was re-elected to the Fifty-sixth congress. Mr. Ermentrout was prominent in the national councils of the Democratic party for years, and was a leading figure and participant in state conventions. For 25 years he was a leader in Berks county politics.

THE SPEEDY SHAMROCK.

British Challenger Makes Remarkable Time Before the Wind.

New York, Sept. 19.—The Shamrock had another sail trial yesterday outside of Sandy Hook, starting from the Scotland Lightship, and sailing over a 15 mile course to windward and return. The Irish boat certainly showed great speed, especially on the run home, in an increasing breeze, making the last 15 miles in one hour and 14 minutes, a remarkable performance, considering that her sheets were apparently trimmed well in, while the course was a broad reach. Her beat to the mark was also made in good time, although the last five miles was sailed with sheets lifted as the wind shifted from southeast to south, letting her up in good shape. She used her new main sail and aluminum gaff, and seemed to carry her sail very well. The Shamrock was accompanied by Sir Thomas Lipton's steam yacht Erin and a press boat, but on the run home the yacht rapidly dropped both the Erin and the press tug, so that neither had a good view of the big boat as she passed the lightship at the finish, and the time had to be taken from shore. She covered the 30 miles in about three hours, 28 minutes and 10 seconds.

ITEMS OF STATE NEWS.

Philadelphia, Sept. 19.—While playing with a small revolver last night Harry Hubbs, aged 12 years, of this city, accidentally shot his brother Charles, aged 10, in the stomach. The boy died shortly after being moved to a hospital. The boy who did the shooting is in custody.

Shamokin, Pa., Sept. 16.—Officials of the Shamokin Coal company yesterday announced that they had purchased the Natcha colliery. Within two weeks the colliery will resume work, giving employment to 1,400 men and boys. It has been idle since 1897, owing to a quarrel among stockholders.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Sept. 19.—Much destruction is said to exist among the families of the striking miners in Natcha. An appeal has been issued for food supplies. Local merchants have contributed flour, potatoes and meat. The number of men on strike is close on to 3,500, and they have been out now over two months.

Philadelphia, Sept. 19.—A meeting of the officers of the Third regiment, National Guard of Pennsylvania, was held here last night, and it was decided to take the regiment to New York for the purpose of participating in the Dewey demonstration. The Tenth Pennsylvania, which is also going to New York, will be the guest of the Third when it stops in this city while en route to the metropolis.

Philadelphia, Sept. 19.—The Pattern Makers' association of Philadelphia yesterday sent a circular letter to every shop in the city where pattern makers are employed demanding a nine hours' work day. The employers are given until Thursday to accede to the demands, when a strike will be inaugurated in all the places where the request of the men is not complied with. There are about 500 pattern makers in the city, many of whom are employed at Cramps' shipyard and at the Baldwin locomotive works.

Verdict Against Ex-Senator Cameron. Charleston, Sept. 16.—A Hebrew Cross Roads merchant named Schem, on St. Helena Island, sued ex-Senator Don Cameron for \$10,000 damages for a horsewhipping inflicted in November, 1896, and the Beaufort county jury yesterday returned a verdict of \$850 in favor of the plaintiff. Senator Cameron was not present at the trial, but his attorney, Congressman Ellett, claimed that Schem had been selling liquor to negroes on Mr. Cameron's hunting preserve, near Coffin's Point, on St. Helena Island, and that the alleged assault and battery was made in fun and as a joke, and was not resented at the time.

The New Baseball League. Chicago, Sept. 19.—Affairs of the new baseball league assumed a more serious aspect yesterday, with the arrival of one eastern representative, Frank Hough, of Philadelphia. The delegates got down to business, canvassed the situation, figured up what financial power they could command, and discussed their circuit. At present the circuit they announce consists of St. Louis, Chicago, Milwaukee and either Detroit or Buffalo in the west and New York, Washington, Philadelphia and either Baltimore or Boston in the east. In St. Louis the new league promoters have a park, which the Schaeffers control. It is proposed to charge 25 cents admission.