

In 1880 there were 350 cities or towns in the United States having more than 4,000 population, and in the cities the total number of inhabitants in these towns was 12,000,000, or one-quarter of the whole at that time. In 1890 the percentage of city population was found to be steadily on the increase. There were then 905 cities or towns having more than 4,000 persons each, the urban population making a total of 30,000,000, or one-third of the population of the whole country. Still more marked is the same tendency according to the census of 1900. There are now 10,692 incorporated towns or cities in the United States, of which 38 have more than 100,000 population each. The combined population of the cities and towns having more than 4,000 inhabitants is now 38,000,000, or one-half the whole population of the country. All sociologists recognize how unfortunate the tendency of the masses to congregate in cities is. It means more prisons, more crimes and more idleness. There is no such safeguard of the national morals as a sturdy peasantry. It is this that has kept France from decay, and it is this which may be reckoned as one of the chiefest safeguards in America. Cities are the great nest-hiding localities of the depraved and criminal classes. It is in the cities that political corruption most thrives. It is true that cities have their advantages for some, but for the ignorant classes, such as very largely immigrate to this country, the cities are the breeding places of crime, idleness and misery. It is a sociological fact that the poorer a country and the greater the oppression and the squeeze of taxation the greater the tendency to mass in cities, where the people can the better hide from the tax gatherer and criminal prosecutor.

The physiological benefits of laughter cannot be overestimated. It shakes up the diaphragm, sets the pulses beating to a lively measure, stimulates the blood corpuscles, enlivens the brain and sometimes produces dislocation of the jaw when indulged in too heartily by a man with a large mouth. Used with discretion, observes the Literary Era, laughter is as inspiring as a sea breeze, as refreshing as an August shower. Its moral effect is beyond computation. It has killed more ridiculous superstitions by its rollicking roars of unbelief than any other agency. What can be more derisive than a laugh. The man who laughs never kills himself. That is the reason so few Irishmen commit suicide.

Americans have been so disconsolate over the failure of the corn crop, from which such great things are expected, says an eastern exchange, that they have almost overlooked the fact that the wheat yield this year is likely to exceed the early expectations by several million bushels. The experts now estimate winter wheat at 425,000,000 and spring wheat at 300,000,000 bushels—a total of 725,000,000 bushels. Last year's crop was 522,000,000 bushels and that of 1898, the largest on record, was 675,000,000 bushels. So this year's figures are well worth bragging about.

The judgment of the municipal court, at Rochester, N. Y., awarding damages to a plaintiff whose horse had been frightened into running away by a "noisy and odorous" automobile, has been affirmed by the appellate division of the New York supreme court. These vehicles go fast enough now for inventors and manufacturers to devote special attention to reducing or doing away with their too frequent accompaniments of puffing, exhaust vapors, rumbling or "smelling."

Five dentists in the employ of the United States government are performing duty in the Philippines; ten are on their way there, one has been ordered to Cuba, one to Porto Rico, one to West Point, one to Fort Mifflin, and one to Fort Monroe. They have been provided with a kit of operating machinery. This outfit is identical with that contained in the appointed offices of the highest dentists in civil life, each costing in the neighborhood of \$300.

Akron, O., has the oddest automobile in the world. It is a police van which has an electric motorman. The motor is of huge proportions, 7 feet 5 inches in height. Within the figure is a motor that propels the van, at the rate of 20 miles an hour. The motorman rolls his eyes and talks in a manner of a gigantic French doll.

Chicago professor is lecturing on "How to Lie When Sleeping." The police are much interested. In the course of a campaign much time has been lost because lying has been found to be a waste of time. The effect of the learned professor's discourse upon the next campaign are being watched with interest.

Madison (N. H.) bank cashier has been attacked by smallpox, which, it was reported, was contracted by handling bank notes. However, subscribers in need not hesitate on our account. We have been vaccinated, and

KEYSTONE HAPPENINGS

News of Interest From All Parts of the State.

NEW UNION PARTY'S CONVENTION

Pennsylvania's Independent Voters Will Get Together September 12 at Philadelphia—Yerkes and Cory to Be Indorsed As Candidates.

Philadelphia, Aug. 28.—The committee on city and state relations of the Union party held a meeting yesterday and decided to issue a call next week for a state and a city convention in this city on September 12. The state convention will be held in the Academy of Music and the city convention will convene in a hall yet to be selected. On the evening of that day a ratification meeting will be held in the academy. According to the present plans of the managers of the Union party, it is likely that Judge Yerkes, of Bucks county, the Democratic nominee for supreme court judge, will receive the Union nomination for the same office, and that Representative Cory, the Independent Republican of Luzerne county, will receive the nomination for state treasurer. The city convention will probably adopt the recommendations of the conferees of the various reform organizations of the city. P. F. Rothermel will head the ticket for district attorney.

YOUNG GIRL'S PATHETIC SUICIDE

Accused By Her Uncle of Stealing \$5, She Shot Herself.

Waynesboro, Pa., Aug. 31.—Fearing disgrace in the eyes of relatives and friends because her uncle accused her of the theft of a \$5 gold piece, Katie B. Fair, aged 15 years, committed suicide last night by sending a bullet crashing into her brain. Some time ago \$5 in gold was stolen from the girl's cousin, Norman Fair. While walking along the street yesterday the uncle heard one of a group of girls say his niece had stolen the money. Mr. Fair went home and accused his niece of the theft. She left the room crying and a few minutes later the report of the revolver was heard.

Horseshoers' Union Elects Officers.

Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 3.—The seventh annual meeting of the Master Horseshoers of Pennsylvania was held here yesterday. Fifty representatives of Horseshoers' Union throughout the state were present. The following officers were elected: President, William J. Moore, Pittsburg; vice presidents, William S. Jamison, Philadelphia; J. J. McNamery, Reading, and William Warren, Pittston.

"Woppy" Men To Be Paid.

Altoona, Pa., Sept. 3.—Superintendent J. O. Reed, of the "Woppy" railroad, received \$1,300 yesterday from President S. P. Langdon, with which to pay the employees, who recently struck because their wages had not been paid. Superintendent Reed says that trains will be running as usual today.

Battleship Indiana at League Island.

Philadelphia, Sept. 3.—The battleship Indiana arrived at the League Island navy yard yesterday, and will be tied up in ordinary until further orders are received. During the past few months the Indiana has been doing duty as a practice ship for the Annapolis cadets.

Adams Democrats Name Officers.

Gettysburg, Pa., Sept. 3.—The Democratic convention of Adams county yesterday nominated William E. Kapp, of Butler township, for prothonotary; John Unger, of Littlestown, for director of the poor, and Daniel P. Delay, of Biglersville, for county surveyor.

Mitchell Day, October 29.

Hazleton, Pa., Aug. 30.—At yesterday's session of the United Mine Workers it was decided that October 29, the anniversary of the closing of last fall's strike, shall be known as Mitchell day.

PENNSYLVANIA NEWS IN BRIEF.

Charles M. Schwab will build a \$64,000 school house at Weatherly in honor of his wife.

Cumberland and York counties have been stricken with a plague of caterpillars.

Thomas Bemus, of Company F, Second Troop, United States Cavalry, was killed by a train at Sharon on Monday.

Puddlers of the Glasgow Iron Company, Pottstown, have been granted a wage increase of from \$4 to \$4.25 per ton.

Charles Eckert was perhaps fatally hurt and W. C. Laubach badly injured, their horse running away at Allentown.

Dairymen of Butler and Sugar Loaf Valleys, who sell at Hazleton, have increased the price of milk from 5 to 6 cents per quart.

An attempt to wreck a passenger train at Meadville failed, the train passing over planks the would-be wreckers placed in switches.

Miss Sue Porter, of Bloomsburg, and C. M. Eves, cashier of the Millville First National Bank, were united in marriage at the home of the bride.

George M. Geuzhart and Miss Mattie M. Breuckers, of East Mauch Chunk, were married by the Rev. A. A. Brecko, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church.

The plant of the South Chester Tube company started to roll 12-inch pipe. This is the only mill not in the trust that is turning out pipe of such size.

The Rev. William Harrison Towle, of Brooklyn, has accepted the rectorate of St. Luke's Protestant Episcopal Church, Chester, to succeed the Rev. George C. Moore, resigned.

Colonel W. F. Reynolds, of Governor Stone's staff, has offered his farms at Rock View, Centre county, as a site for next year's division encampment of the National Guard.

SHAFFER SPEAKS BOLDLY

Denies That Steel Workers Broke Their Contract.

DECLARES STRIKE IS NOT LOST

His Motto: "A Speedy Death Is Preferable to Starvation"—Would Be Thankful for Coal Miners' Support. Brennan Has a Remedy.

Pittsburg Sept. 3.—The big Labor Day demonstration monopolized the attention of workmen and strikers here and in the surrounding towns. Between 15,000 and 20,000 men were in line in the parade. In the afternoon President Shaffer and William J. Brennan, counsel for the Amalgamated Association, were the speakers at an open-air meeting.

President Shaffer said in part: "What we need today is not the men who will recall the mistakes of Irons and Debs. Don't let us say with some of the newspapers that Shaffer will go where Debs and Irons went." This remark was the signal for prolonged applause. "I cannot go into the details of the deliberations, but sufficient to say that the trust decided to extinguish our organization, when in last March it told the workers in the Dewees Wood plant at McKeesport that they would be discharged if they organized. We asked the trust to sign the scale for all its mills. Its answer was 'we will not sign, for if we let you organize all the mills, the Amalgamated Association will be too strong. We must have enough non-union mills to hold the balance of power.' What is a non-union mill? It is a menace to wages. It helps to lower the wages of the workers and to enrich the rich man in Wall street."

"They say that we broke our contracts when we came out on this strike. As the head of the Amalgamated Association in the United States, I am here to say that such a statement is as false as the heart of the man who made it. Our scale book is our contract and we are willing to work for the wages agreed to therein. There is nothing in our contract to compel us to continue working with the trust throughout a year."

"It has been said that the strike is already lost and that a wise general is always ready to retreat if by so doing he can save his army from annihilation. All I have to say to this is, that Shaffer's motto is 'a speedy death is preferable to starvation.' If we yield to the trust now, they will steal more mills and soon we shall be in their power. I would rather go down with the Amalgamated Association in destruction than be its president with its members starving. But the Amalgamated is not going to be licked. The trust and newspapers will have their inning, but there will be a few of us left at the finish."

"If it comes to a last resort, there are the local coal miners. If in the course of time their leader shall think it best to quit work to help us, then we shall be thankful for support."

Mr. Shaffer's closing words were: "If the mighty tyrant sitting on his golden throne in Wall street should descend to the humbler walks of life and grip the Amalgamated Association by the throat and then to strangle it to death, other labor organizations will rise up and push the monster back and say 'you are mighty, but hold, for he is our brother.'"

Mr. Brennan preceded Mr. Shaffer in an address that wrought his hearers up to a high pitch of enthusiasm. He advised them to guard the ballot as the "ark of labor's covenant," and told them that it was their ultimate salvation. The old ways of fighting by laboring men will have to be abandoned, he said, and up to date methods employed. He reviewed the present troubles and closed by proposing a remedy. This remedy he denominated as "labor's injunction," which he said is lawful and equitable. "Enjoin and restrain the banks from loaning your money to the trusts." Giving a mass of statistics, he said: "Of the 6,107,000 depositors in the banks one-third of them at least must be union men and friends of labor. When labor commences a run on the banks Mr. Morgan will know that there is something to arbitrate. Six billions of dollars cannot be paid with \$1,000,000,000 of gold; \$2,500,000,000 of deposits cannot be paid with \$1,000,000,000 of gold; \$2,300,000,000 of loans cannot be paid with \$1,000,000,000 of gold. Demand your money. Have every friend of labor demand his. Deprive the trust of its life: Money. Be united to a man, and the trust will cry for quarter within a week."

SHAFFER NOT TO BLAME

Davis Says Fifteen Others Were at Hotel Lincoln Conference.

Pittsburg, Sept. 3.—"If we had known what we do now, the last offer of the United States Steel Corporation at the Hotel Lincoln conference in July would probably have been accepted," said Benjamin I. Davis, of the advisory board and executive committee of the Amalgamated Association, and recognized as an official representative of President T. J. Shaffer in all his utterances, yesterday. "However, that is past and gone and we are now in a fight with the corporation. Some of the people who have elected to place the brunt of all alleged mistakes on President Shaffer have pointed to the refusal to accept the offer made at the Hotel Lincoln as his mistakes. There were 15 men there, and any one had as much voice as President Shaffer. The people who are now criticising the conduct of the strike are doing so from personal pique."

LABOR IN PROUD ARRAY

Thousands of Union Workmen All Over the Country Celebrated.

AUSPICIOUS CENTURY'S OPENING

Seven Thousand Men in Philadelphia's Big Parade—Bryan Spoke to Enthusiastic Crowd at Kansas City, While Roosevelt Entertained Minneapolis.

Philadelphia, Sept. 3.—Seven thousand men marched in the Labor Day parade here. Twenty mounted policemen led the line. Close behind came Joseph B. Allen, of the House Painters' Union, chief marshal of the parade, followed by the committees of the various organizations in carriages.

White gloves were worn by all the members of the Typographical Union in the first division, and the men made a fine appearance. At the head of the cigar makers came a float showing a gigantic cigar box with a union label. Another float showed four cigar makers at work, and the cigars made on the way were tossed to the spectators along the curb, creating many a lively scramble.

At the end of the Hardwood Finishers' line came a float bearing a rather unique motto:

Life Without Labor
Is a Crime.
Labor Without Art
Is Cruel.

Then came delegates of the Socialist party, bearing a banner inscribed: Use Ballot and Abolish Wage Slavery.

After the parade the organizations went to Washington Park, on the Delaware, where Max Hayes, of Cleveland, editor of a labor journal, made an address.

Since 1895 the English-speaking trades have never before yesterday participated in a Labor Day parade. Two years ago the painters were the only union men to march.

BRYAN IN KANSAS CITY'S PARADE

Later He Spoke to 10,000 at Open Air Meeting.

Kansas City, Sept. 3.—Labor Day was marked by the largest and most imposing parade of labor unions ever seen here, and by the participation of William J. Bryan in the procession and exercises. Eight thousand men marched through the streets, grouped in their unions and each union wearing a distinguishing uniform. Mr. Bryan occupied a carriage at the head of the line, was cheered as he was recognized. A striking feature of the parade was the hood carriers union, negroes, 225 men, led by a negro band.

In the afternoon Mr. Bryan spoke to over 10,000 people at an open air meeting. He raised a laugh at the outset by taking a position sheltered from the sun saying: "I've been in the shade for several months now and I'm used to it." The portion of his speech most wildly cheered was that in which he said: "If the laboring men were half as active on election day as they are in enforcement of their strikes, they would wield a force that would right the evils which beset them."

ROOSEVELT'S BUSY LABOR DAY

Vice President Had a Strenuous Time Out in Minneapolis.

Minneapolis, Sept. 3.—Vice President Roosevelt had a strenuous Labor Day. Arriving yesterday morning, he was the orator of the day at the formal opening of the Minnesota State Fair, by invitation of the Minnesota Agricultural Society. He shook a thousand hands at a reception following the exercises; was the guest of the fair association at lunch on the ground, and reviewed the Third Infantry and First Artillery, Minnesota National Guard. Colonel Roosevelt occupied the judges' stand at the race track with General Miles, Archbishop Ireland and Governor Van Sant of Minnesota. The grand stand was literally packed, and when Governor Van Sant introduced the honored guest the welcome was one which the vice president might long remember.

SAN FRANCISCO'S LABOR DAY

Men Out of Work Had Honor Places in Parade.

San Francisco, Sept. 3.—Labor Day was celebrated in this city by a parade of workmen, in which it is estimated that not less than 20,000 members of various unions participated. In the evening a ball was given for the benefit of the locked-out men and the strikers.

The parade occupied nearly three hours in passing a given point. Every man carried a small American flag. The men temporarily out of work were given the place of honor, and as they passed they were greeted with almost continuous cheers from thousands of sympathizers.

Carnegie's Gift to Brave Miners.

London, Sept. 3.—Andrew Carnegie has given \$500 each to Sheddon, Law, Jones and Olek, four miners who displayed conspicuous bravery in the rescue of their comrades at the time of the recent Dolnibristle, Perthshire, colliery disaster.

Oyster Season Opens Auspiciously.

Baltimore, Sept. 3.—The oyster season opened auspiciously yesterday in this state. At least 20 pungees are expected in port today with many bushels of bivalves as a result of the work yesterday. Eighty-five cents a bushel is the prevailing price.

Thought It Wasn't Loaded.

Wilmington, Del., Sept. 3.—Samuel J. White, Jr., aged 14 years, son of S. J. White, was accidentally shot and killed while examining a gun which he thought was not loaded.

MISS EASTWICK IN COURT

Philadelphia Woman Arraigned For Alleged \$500,000 Forgery.

London, Sept. 3.—Marie Josephine Eastwick, of Philadelphia, was arraigned in the Guild Hall police court yesterday, charged with having forged a railway certificate to the value of £100,000 (\$500,000). Sensational evidence was presented.

It was testified that she received an introduction to Mr. Beeton, a member of the stock exchange, to whom she represented herself to be the owner of securities worth, roughly £500,000. She said she wanted to buy a thousand shares of the United States Steel Corporation as a speculation. This operation required £1,000, which the defendant said she did not have at the time, but expected to receive it shortly from Philadelphia.

Later, the public prosecutor said, she went to a broker's office, and after some argument about the smallness of the purchase, was accommodated with five shares of Canadian Pacific stock. Then she asked Mr. Beeton for a loan on a thousand shares of Canadian Pacific and sent him the certificate, which she had received from the brokers, but skillfully altered so as to read a thousand instead of five. The forgery was skillfully done, but the document bore a shilling revenue stamp instead of one for £10, which a certificate for 1,000 shares would carry.

Beeton's suspicions were aroused and he notified the police. The defendant was arrested on Saturday. The receipt for the registered letter in which the certificate was sent was found among the defendant's effects.

TWENTY-EIGHT VICTIMS

This the Police Estimate of City of Trenton Explosion.

Philadelphia, Sept. 2.—It is now reasonably certain that at least 28 persons perished as a result of the explosion of one of the boilers of the steamer City of Trenton on the Delaware river above this city on Wednesday afternoon. This conclusion is reached by the police authorities through the fact that four more bodies were recovered yesterday, making a total of 25 in all. Four persons are still missing, and six lie at the morgue awaiting identification, but it is more than probable that one of those reported missing is among that number.

Many of the passengers, who escaped injury, maintain that the City of Trenton, which was late when she left her wharf in this city Wednesday, was racing at her topmost speed, and that if this had not been the case the accident would not have happened. This is partly borne out by a statement said to have been made by Assistant Engineer John D. Chew. Chew told his wife that he expected to be killed by an explosion on the steamer as the company made the engineers keep up too high a pressure of steam.

TWO MURDERED IN ATTIC

Negro Steward and Waiter of Yonkers Golf Club Killed.

New York, Sept. 2.—The bodies of David Scott and John Stevens, the one the steward and the other the head waiter of the Siwanoy Golf Club, were found yesterday in a room which the men occupied in the attic of the club house, which is located on the outskirts of Yonkers. They had been murdered with a butcher knife, which was found on the floor of the room, and this had been repeatedly plunged into them, as many as a dozen cuts being located.

The men were negroes, and Warner Simms, a colored waiter, is held on suspicion of knowing something of the murder, while Frank Dunnington, another negro, who called at the club on Saturday looking for work, is under detention.

The police found in the room the steel portion of a golf putter. It had on it blood and hair, and this the police claim belonged to Simms. The handle was found down stairs, and this handle had the name "Simms" on it. The cash box, which was in the keeping of Scott, cannot be found. The box contained about \$150. Simms says he believes that burglars entered the house, and after searching below stairs had ascended to the attic and tried to rob Scott and Stevens, that one of them was awakened, and that the burglar used the knife.

Twenty-six Ministers at This Funeral.

Newark, N. Y., Sept. 3.—The entire community of Newark was in mourning yesterday over the victims of the Northern Central railroad wreck of last Thursday. Business was entirely suspended. Twenty-six ministers from Syracuse, Buffalo, Rochester, Wayne, Ontario, Cayuga counties and other places assisted in the funeral of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. A. Parke Burgess.

One Survivor of Crew of Forty.

Constantinople, Sept. 3.—The Belgian steamer Noranmore, whose loss while bound from Batoum for Bombay was reported yesterday, foundered in the Black Sea during the night of August 25 in a severe storm. The solitary survivor of a crew of 40 was picked up four days later in an open boat and was landed at Rizeh, east of Trebizonde.

Making It Easy for Prince Chun.

Berlin, Sept. 3.—The Ostasiatische Correspondenz asserts that Emperor William, of his own initiative, has had Prince Chun informed of his willingness to receive him alone at Potsdam, accompanied solely by an interpreter, and that Prince Chun has replied, thanking the Kaiser.

Masked Cyclist Holds Up Stage.

Sydney, N. S. W., Sept. 3.—A masked cyclist last night held up the White Cliffs-Hilliana mail coach, wounded a passenger, secured the mails and opals valued at \$7,000 and escaped.

RAIN FLOODS CLEVELAND

Terrific Storm Overflows City's Finest Residence Portion.

DAMAGE AMOUNTS TO A MILLION

Houses Undermined As Though Made of Straw—Graves Washed Out and Corpses Whirled Through the Streets—No Loss of Life Reported.

Cleveland, O., Sept. 2.—With the breaking of dawn yesterday morning the citizens of Cleveland awoke to look upon a scene of unparalleled devastation and destruction caused by a raging flood. While the entire city was more or less affected, the great volume of raging water vented its anger over miles of the eastern portion of the city, and caused an amount of damage approximated at \$1,000,000. The appalling overflow was caused by a terrific rain that commenced to fall shortly after 2 o'clock, which turned into a perfect cloudburst between the hours of 3 and 5, and then continued with great force until nearly 10 o'clock. The storm, according to the weather officials, was the heaviest that ever swept over Cleveland since the establishment of the government bureau in this city over 40 years ago. That no lives were lost is nothing short of a miracle, as the stories of thrilling escapes from the water on several of the principal resident streets of the city are told.

Great volumes of water poured over from Doan and Giddings brooks down Quincy street, swamped Vienna street, rushed over Cedar avenue back over on East Prospect street, rushed like a mill race down Lincoln avenue to Euclid avenue, and then on to Glen Park place where houses were undermined as though built of straw and almost incredible damage done to streets and property.

Over a large share of this exclusive residence territory the water rushed with terrific force varying in depth from 1 to 6 feet. Culverts, trestles and bridges were torn down and for hours nothing seemed capable of stemming the tide of destruction.

Hundreds of residents who were imprisoned in their beautiful homes like stranded islanders were almost panic stricken, expecting to be called upon to wade out into the swirling water at almost every minute. Danger signals were flashed about the city as speedily as the disabled telephone system would allow and the work of rescue commenced. Row boats plied back and forth assisting whole families from perilous positions but these proved pitifully inadequate and it was soon found necessary to go to the extraordinary precaution of calling on the life saving crew from the river, a distance of seven miles. The life boats were quickly loaded on wagons and hurried to the scene of destruction.

Shortly before noon the torrent succeeded in undermining a score of graves in the St. Joseph cemetery at the corner of East Madison and Woodland, and the bodies were soon being tossed about in the waters. Fully a dozen of the corpses were washed into gutters and had not been recovered early this morning.

The train service on all roads was blocked from two to six hours by the fearful effect of the storm and flood. Every road entering the city was terribly handicapped by sand and dirt, which was swept over the tracks. Several washouts occurred, the worst being on the Lake Shore near Gordon Park where the trestle was buffeted about by the force of the water until rendered almost worthless. The damage to the railways cannot be even estimated now. The mail service from the east was completely tied up from 10 o'clock in the morning until 8 o'clock last night when a train got through on the Lake Shore. But the vast amount of damage falls upon the householders in the flooded district.

The great sea of water reached a depth of 1 foot on the first floors of scores of the east end homes, boiling up from the sewers and pouring in off from the streets carrying everything that came in its path along with it. In many cases the fear-stricken residents battered down cellar walls in order to give the torrent an outlet and prevent the swamping of their entire homes.

A remarkable feature of the storm which caused such terrific destruction is that up until 6 o'clock yesterday morning hardly a drop of rain fell west of Willson avenue while during the morning hours the east end was being fairly swamped in a perfect deluge of rain. Another remarkable thing is that no thunder and lightning accompanied the record-breaking downfall. While thousands of citizens in the most aristocratic section of the city were aroused, seeing thousands upon thousands of dollars worth of their property being crushed and destroyed, another and greater portion of the city was wrapped in slumber totally oblivious to the danger surrounding their fellow citizens.

Sampson Gaining in Health.

Lake Sunapee, N. H., Sept. 3.—Admiral Sampson, who, it has been reported, is dangerously ill, was on the lake the greater part of the day and chatted with his friends on the hotel veranda after his return. He remains in his room but little, and the hotel people declare he is steadily gaining in health.

Ho Yow to Succeed Wu Ting Fang.

San Francisco, Sept. 3.—It is reported here that Consul General Ho Yow will be appointed to succeed Minister Wu Ting Fang if the latter is transferred to London.