MINERS ARE OFFERED AN ADVANCE

MAY BREAK STRIKE.

The National Executive of the Union is Ignored in an Effort to Resume Work at Collieries.

The following notice, bearing date of Monday, has been posted in the vicinity of all the collieries of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company in the anthracite region:

"Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, October 1, 1900. This company will pay an advance of 10 per cent. on the wages of all men and boys employed at its collieries. This advance takes effect at once.

(Signed) "R. C. Luther, Gen. Supt."

Beneath this notice another was posted which read as follows:

"Fellow Mine Workers — United Mine Workers of America: Do not pay any attention to this notice posted by Mr. Luther, of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, but wait until you hear from President Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers of America, or until you have decided by your own locals what is right for you to do.

(Signed) "C. B. Potter."

Mr. Potter is an officer in the district branch of the United Mine Workers of America. The regular Reading Company advance for the last half of September and the first half of October had previously been fixed at 6 per cent. above the $2.50 basis. The scale for the proceeding 30 days was at the $2.50 basis. The advance of 10 per cent. offered in the posted notice by the Reading Company, is separate and distinct from the natural scale increase, and hence the total increase to the miners would be 16 per cent.

HURT UNITED STATES TRADE.

War With China Causes Exports to Fall Off $3,000,000 in One Month.

The war in China dealt a stunning blow to the United States export trade in the east during the month of August. According to a report just issued by the treasury bureau of statistics the trade fell off nearly $3,000,000 during that month. Another reason for the poor showing is the fact that the merchants of the Pacific coast refuse to make any statement of their trade with Hawaii to the government officials, claiming that the islands are now United States territory and business with them does not come under the jurisdiction of the treasury department. Notwithstanding these adverse conditions the report continues:

"Our exports to Asia and Oceanica will show during the eight months ending with August an increase of more than 20 per cent. over those of the corresponding months last year. To Japan our exports during the eight months ending with August amount to more than $21,000,000 as against $12,000,000 in the corresponding months of last year.

"To China, our exports in the seven months ended with July up to which time the disturbances had not seriously affected the exports, showed an increase over the corresponding months of 1899 and 1898, to Hong Kong our exports for the eight months amount to nearly $6,000,000, as against a trifle more than $5,000,000 in the corresponding months of last year and to the Philippines, our total exports for the eight months amount to $1,826,000, against $391,850 in the corresponding months of last year."

CONTRIBUTIONS TO TEXAS.

Governor Sayers Has So Far Received $642,476—All Being Cared For.

Regarding the contributions for the Galveston flood sufferers, Gov. Sayers has made the following statement:

"The amount of money received by me up to noon of Saturday, is $642,476. This sum includes $3,892 that remained of the fund contributed for the relief of the Brazos valley sufferers last year. It also includes all drafts and authorizations to draw and which are in transit and are yet uncollected. This only embraces moneys and remittances that have been made to me directly and amounts for which I have been authorized to draw. During the present week I will submit a full itemized statement of the entire fund that has come into my hands, giving the amount and source of each contribution and the manner in which the sum total has been expended and distributed. Every portion of the storm-stricken district is being provided for."

BENT ON DISFRANCHISEMENT.

Second Attempt Before the Georgia Legislature Will be Made This Fall.

An effort will be made at the first session of the Georgia Legislature, which will be elected on the first Wednesday in October and will assemble on the fourth Wednesday in November, to submit a franchise amendment to the State constitution like that which has recently been adopted in North Carolina. The proposed amendment was offered in the last Legislature, but though it was permitted to pass to a third reading and all the time desired for debate was allowed, it received only three votes out of 175 in the popular branches of the general assembly, where it originated. The author of the measure, however, will be a member of the new Legislature, and he has announced already that he will make another effort to secure the submission of his amendment.

Home Fired by a Child.

"I set fire to the home because I did not care to stay there any longer." This is the excuse pretty little Margaret May Kinley laughingly gives for placing the lives of the 20 inmates of the Children's home in Wilkinsburg, Pa., in jeopardy and the destruction of $10,000 worth of property. In the same calm manner this miniature degenerate tells how she tried to poison her playmates by putting ammonia and carbon oil in their coffee. The maiden is now in jail with a charge of arson hanging over her, but she says she is not the least bit sorry.

Wounded by Burglars.

Charles A. Collier, one of the most prominent men in the South, was found Thursday lying at the foot of the stairs in the back yard of his residence in Atlanta, Ga., with a bullet hole in his left side in the region of the heart. He uttered but one word, "burglars," and became unconscious. His condition is regarded as critical.

Mr. Collier was a former mayor of Atlanta, one of the 12 United States commissioners to the Paris exposition and a member of the Lafayette Monument association.

Two Dead From Explosion.

A blaze generated by the brisk application of gasoline to an article of clothing and communicated to a tub of the liquid standing near partly wrecked and burned a cleaning and dyeing establishment at Pittsburg, Pa., Friday afternoon, destroyed two lives and injured others.

Would Wipe Out Foreigners.

The French consul at Shanghai cables that, according to Chinese information, the viceroys and governors have received an imperial secret decree instructing them to fight the foreigners and destroy them. Tung Fuh Sian, an ardent anti-foreigner, has been appointed general of the western and northern armies.

LATEST NEWS NOTES.

The Fiji islands are taking steps to federate with New Zealand.

Dowieties at Chicago still refuse to stay away from Mansfield, O.

The Viola Coal Company of Moundsville, W. Va., has been chartered.

Miners at Oak Hill, O., will strike unless operators agree to pay the scale.

The Bank of the Republic of Rio Janeiro has passed under government control.

The Twelfth regiment, N. G. P., stationed at Shenandoah, Pa., has been ordered home.

Henry Werdman's grist mill, sawmill and dwelling were burned at Allentown, Pa.; loss $12,000.

In Idaho the Ontario and Burns stage was held up by a lone highwayman and robbed of the mails.

A pickpocket reaped a harvest from a party of West Virginia Methodist preachers on a train.

The steamer Alameda has sailed from Sydney, N. S. W., for San Francisco with £800,000 in gold.

South Morgantown has declared for annexation to Morgantown, W. Va., and other suburbs will follow.

Because of lack of patronage the Dominion Government will close the Canadian canal at the Soo.

James Howard, convicted as a principal in the murder of Governor Goebel, has moved for a new trial.

Lorenzo Snow, president of the Mormon church at Salt Lake City, has been sued for non-support of his wife.

Judge Lacombe, of New York, has appointed three receivers for the United States Flour Milling Company.

The health of Secretary of State Hay is so improved that he will be enabled to resume his duties next week.

The Wisconsin State board of medical examiners will prosecute every doctor of osteopathy in Milwaukee.

The price of anthracite coal in New York has fallen $1 a ton in consequence of reports of the strike settlement.

One hundred and four engravers of the Dueber Watch Company, Canton, O., are out, demanding higher wages.

The navy department has ordered an inspection of the cruiser Baltimore. She will probably be sent into dry dock.

Lieut. Hobson has applied to the navy department for six months' leave of absence, because of trouble with his eyes.

A hurricane at Ofiord, Ireland, September 20, drove fishing smacks ashore, razed houses and killed several people.

A crusade against illegal hunting and fishing has been started at Connellsville, Pa. Many warrants for arrest are out.

Lieutenant General Miles has issued a general order intended to improve the moral and physical condition of the army.

The Trinity river has reached 35 feet Friday and many people were driven from their homes. No loss of life is reported.

Dr. Lazear, one of three medical experts who went to Havana to study yellow fever, died Wednesday of that disease.

L. E. McWhorter, of Parkersburg, W. Va., has been appointed receiver of the Montgomery Banking and Trust Company.

Two hundred men employed by the Page Boiler Company, Norwich, Conn., are out on strike because of a 10 per cent. cut.

Because of the employment of three non-union men 1,000 cigarmakers at Tampa, Fla., went out on strike Wednesday.

Fifty per cent. of the 5,000 coke ovens in McDowell and Mercer counties, W. Va., have been put out of blast within the past week.

The postoffice at Bowling Green, Ky., was broken into Saturday night and robbed of between $4,500 and $5,000 in money and stamps.

A rebellion against the government of President Jiminez has begun at Moca, Santo Domingo, and is led by the vice president of the republic.

The Shenango furnace at Sharpsville, Pa., has been closed on account of a strike. Several employes were discharged and 40 colored men substituted.

John Bosung, proprietor of a drug store at Louisville, Ky., killed Miss Grace Preston Thursday and committed suicide. Jealousy was the cause.

At Fond du lac, Wis., the Helmer milling plant and elevator, containing 30,000 bushels of grain, have burned. Loss, $65,000; insurance, about $35,000.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Company is about to make the experiment of hauling Nova Scotia coal from St. John, N. B., to Montreal and the West.

The quarterly statement of the commissioner of navigation shows that 308 sail vessels were built in the United States for the quarter ending September 30.

Detective William L. Eotiks was shot and instantly killed at Cleveland, O., while trying to put a stop to a shooting affray between union and non-union molders.

Crews boring out the tunnel two miles in length through the Cascade mountains in Oregon have met from the east and west. The tunnel will cost $5,000,000.

Congressman-at-large S. A. Davenport is framing a bill asking Congress to appropriate $10,000 to raise the Niagara, Commodore Perry's flagship, in Erie bay.

The 11-year-old son of H. W. Barker, of Thomas, W. Va., who was kidnapped by gypsies from his home at Peoria, Ill., six years ago, has just been restored to his father.

Fayette county (Pa.) auditors refuse to allow the bill of $2,100 for removal of bodies from the old Connellsville graveyard site of the proposed Carnegie library.

The ingrain department of the Bigelow Carpet Company at Lowell, Mass., will shut down for two weeks, beginning next Monday. About 500 hands will be affected.

A Chinese squadron of 15 vessels is now hovering off Shanghai and a naval battle with the allied fleet is regarded as imminent. The Boxer forces in the vicinity of Shanghai are estimated at 130,000.

Hope Barnett and Edward Stanford were killed at Port Tampa city, Fla., Saturday night in a street duel growing out of a political quarrel. Charles Barnett, a brother of Hope, was seriously wounded.

At Beatrice, Neb., William J. Hurn was fatally shot by Dr. W. F. Lee, one of the most prominent physicians in the State. The shooting occurred during a quarrel over a bill which Lee claimed Hurn owed him.

Sheriff May at Greensburg, Pa., Tuesday, read John Sadler's death warrant to him, but it had no more effect upon him than the reading of the Declaration of Independence would have upon a Hottentot.

A recent operation for cataract performed on the eyes of Judge James G. Jenkins, of the United States circuit court at Milwaukee, Wis., has been a complete success, and the jurist's sight so long threatened is restored.

Hon. S. M. Parent has accepted the premiership of Quebec province, to succeed the late premier, Marchand. Hon. Thomas Duffy will be the provincial treasurer and L. Gouin, M. P., of Montreal, will succeed Mr. Duffy as the commissioner of public works.

The plant of the Albion Lumber Company, situated at Albion, Cal., was destroyed by fire, together with 400,000 feet of lumber and 1,000 cords of tanbark. The dry kiln, store, hotel and several dwellings belonging to the company were also consumed. The loss is between $125,000 and $150,000.

LORD ROBERTS HAS BEEN PROMOTED

BULLER TO SUCCEED.

Victor of the South African War Becomes Commander-in-Chief of the British Army. Canadians Sail Homeward.

It is officially announced that Lord Roberts has been appointed commander-in-chief of the British army, succeeding Gen. Wolseley. Sunday was Lord Roberts' sixty-eighth birthday.

The announcement is hailed by the Unionist party as a welcome pledge that army re-organization will be carried out in the most effective manner. It was beginning to be recognized that something was needed to give strength to the Unionist campaign. Accordingly semi-official announcements are out that George Wyndham, parliamentary under secretary of state for war, in his speech at Derby Monday evening, will outline the government's scheme of army reforms and the war office is arranging with Lord Roberts for the return of a large portion of the army in South Africa.

The Canadian contingents, under Col. Telletier, sailed Sunday on board the transport Idaho. The people of Cape Town accorded them a splendid impromptu reception, the mayor voicing the thanks of the city for their brilliant services in the field.

A report comes from Komati Poort that Mr. Kruger, in a letter to his wife, announcing that he is going on a six months' holiday, said that after the capture of Machadadorp he knew the struggle was hopeless and counseled moderation, but that Mr. Steyn's "arbitrary behavior" overruled his counsels.

EMISSARY FROM AGUINALDO.

The Rebel's Former Secretary Comes to Tell What the Filipinos Desire.

Saxto Lopez, formerly secretary and confidant of Aguinaldo, arrived at New York Sunday on the Campania. He is said to have come here at the invitation of Fiske Warren. He gave out this statement:

"My object in visiting the United States is not to interfere in American politics, but solely to tell the American people what the Filipinos desire in reference to the future government of our country. It has been said that my coming to America is in the interest of certain persons and parties. We, as Filipinos, know no parties in the United States. We have only one desire. To seek justice for our country. Those who desire to give us justice will no doubt be glad to know what the wants and conditions of the Philippines. All we want is peace with honor to both parties, and I hope to be able to show that the conditions of our country are such as to fit us for the maintenance of that independence."

FILLIPINOS ACTIVE.

Two Americans and Many Natives Killed in Engagements Monday.

On Monday night vigorous insurgent attacks were made upon the United States outposts in the district 12 miles south of Manila, the scene of the fighting last October. It is estimated that the rebels numbered 400. The Americans dispersed the enemy, killing and wounding 50.

A party of scouts belonging to the Twenty-fifth infantry landed on the island of Samar, the inhabitants and insurgents fleeing to the mountains. They met with but slight resistance and burned a town.

It is reported that an American scouting party encountered a body of insurgents in the province of Nueva Ecija, two skirmishes ensuing, in which 12 of the natives were killed. Similar brushes have taken place near Indang and Silang, in Cavite province, and near Iba and Subig, in Zambales province, the Americans having two killed and three wounded.

ENGLISH ELECTIONS OVER.

Returns Show Great Victory for Government Now in Power.

The elections throughout Great Britain show a great conservative victory, the liberals being almost snowed under and lost to sight, their returns being only three to the tory's five. It is a distinct and emphatic endorsement of the government now in power, and Lord Salisbury, Mr. Balfour and Mr. Chamberlain may regard their African war and other extreme measures of the past year as overwhelmingly sustained by the English public.

It is possible that some of the weaker members of the cabinet will be dispensed with, but this is not likely to happen until it gets far down beyond Mr. Chamberlain's name. His waning popularity at the time of Gen. Buller's repeated defeats has long since been forgotten and he is now known only as one who added new territories to the imperial government.

WITHDRAWAL FROM PEKIN.

Only an American Guard to Remain in the Chinese Capital.

The United States government Tuesday took the first step toward the redemption of its pledge made to the Russian government August 28 by a cable dispatch of instruction to Gen. Chaffee to reduce the American forces in China to the proportions of a legation guard. This small force will not be included in any military operations which may be conducted by the allied armies, and so will not fall subject to the direction of Field Marshal Count von Waldersee, the commander-in-chief.

It is stated at the quartermaster's department that there are enough transports available to bring off the force which will come out of China. Three or four vessels will be at Taku by the time the troops are ready to move.

Government Advances Silver.

Owing to the advance in the price of silver Director of the Mint Roberts has increased the price to be paid by the Government for silver purchased from 55 to 57 cents a standard ounce.

The Government at present purchases only such silver as is contained in gold deposits from the Klondike, and other gold-producing sections. Under the existing statute all silver in gold deposits is paid for at the market price. The price has advanced steadily since 1896, when it touched 47 cents for a standard ounce. The new price went into effect on Monday.

Great Sale of Stamps for Year.

The annual report of Third Assistant Postmaster General Madden for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1900, soon to be published, will show a largely-increased use of the postal system. The total number of postage stamps of all kinds issued, including ordinary stamps, postage-due stamps, stamped envelopes and postal cards, reached the enormous total of five and one-third billions, valued at $98,000,000, an increase of over 400,000,000 stamps over the preceding year.

An Immense Massacre.

A telegram from the convent of the Holy Soul, in Shanghai, says that 45,000 Chinese Catholics have been massacred in various parts of the empire. Other dispatches state that Bishop Fantosali was horribly tortured to death in Yun Nan province and that Father Quirine was killed at the same time.

George Marrifold, a hay fever sufferer at Berlin, Pa., sneezed so hard that he broke a rib.

DIPTHERIA IS ALARMING.

Fifty-four Cases Reported in Altoona—Disease is Raging in Blair and Bedford Counties—Schools Closed.

The epidemic of diphtheria continues to spread in Altoona, Pa., and unless it is soon checked the death rate will far exceed any previous year in the history of that city. To guard against the spread of the disease the Millvile schools have been closed, and it is likely that the Fifth ward schools of the city will close in a day or two. There are now 54 cases of the disease known to the local board of health, which is using all its power to prevent a spread of the epidemic.

An epidemic of diphtheria has been raging for the last week in the small town of Pavia, Bedford county, Pa., 20 miles from Johnstown. Nine children have so far died with the disease, and more than twice that number are now suffering from it, besides many grown persons. The public schools have been closed and a town board of health organized, and everything possible is being done by the citizens to combat the disease.

The diphtheria epidemic continues to spread at Altoona and the situation has become alarming. Twelve new cases were reported Thursday, making a total of 76 cases reported to the health board this week. Three deaths occurred as the result of the disease. The Millville and Ninth ward schools and churches have been closed to prevent the disease from spreading.

J. R. ADAMS SUICIDES.

The Well-Known Philadelphia Politician Kills Himself Friday by Shooting.

Josiah R. Adams, a prominent clubman and lawyer of Philadelphia, Pa., committed suicide Friday in the Hotel Flanders by blowing out his brains with a revolver. He had given his wife no intimation of such an intention and left no note to show that the act was premeditated. The couple had been living at the hotel for some time.

Mr. Adams was about 52 years of age and about a year ago the nominee of the Republican party for judge of the supreme court of Pennsylvania. His candidacy met with much opposition within his party, led by one of the anti-Quay Republican morning papers. He finally resigned as a candidate and ex-United States Senator John I. Mitchell, of Tioga county, was named in his place and elected.

He was a graduate of Princeton and was admitted to the bar in 1874. He was a member of the University, Art, Clover and Philadelphia Yacht clubs. He was recently commodore of the latter.

CHINA MADE A BLUNDER.

Appointment of Tuan Likely to Block the Peace Parleys.

Apprehensions of delay in peace negotiations with China, caused by the appointment of Prince Tuan, the Boxer chief and father of the heir apparent to the throne, as grand secretary to the emperor, were strengthened, when the State department received from Sheng, taotai of Shanghai, announcement that the appointment had been made. Sheng says nothing of the reported designation of Tuan as president of the privy council, but it is according to Chinese forms for a prince of Tuan's rank to fill both posts simultaneously.

The State department has taken steps through Minister Wu to impress upon the Chinese government the undesirability of the appointment of Prince Tuan as grand secretary, and the painful impression this appointment has created throughout this country. The effect of his appointment, if persisted in, might be to retard any negotiations.

CUBAN OFFICER MURDERED.

Deed Committed in a Santiago Cafe by a Drunken Friend.

Wednesday evening shortly before midnight, Col. Pavon, of the Cuban army, was killed in the cafe Comercio, at Santiago, by Octavio Mena, formerly a clerk in the office of the captain of the port.

Mena and one of his companions were intoxicated and had been breaking furniture. It was proposed that they should practice revolver shooting at a quarter of a dollar tossed into the air. Col. Pavon intervened and a sharp controversy ensued. This quickly developed into a furious quarrel and Mena, snatching the revolver of one of his party, shot Col. Pavon in the back of the neck. The officer turned to face his assailant and received two bullets in the head, being instantly killed.

In civil life Pavon carried on the business of a tobacco merchant at Holguin. Mena is in jail and incommunicado.

MRS. HENROTIN HAS FAILED.

One Who Won Fame Telling Women How to Succeed, Wrecked Financially.

Mrs. Ellen M. Henrotin, of Chicago, former president of the National Federation of Women's Clubs, and now a vice president of the organization, has failed in business. She attracted attention for two years by her speeches and pleas for "Women in Business."

Mrs. Henrotin held that an up-to-date woman was well qualified for conducting business enterprises. When the routine of the household became irksome all she had to do was to go into business and shine resplendently. Thousands of women all over the land applauded and looked for business openings.

Mrs. Henrotin went into business. Sad to say, the business has gone to everlasting smash. She was a partner, so the unsympathetic creditors say, in the firm of Ulric G. Peters & Co., stock brokers. Peters & Co. have failed, with liabilities $73,244 and assets at $2,967.

James Howard to Hang.

The motion for a new trial in the case of James Howard was overruled by Judge Cantrill, and Howard has been sentenced to hang December 7. It was agreed that the attorneys should be allowed to file their bill of exceptions in the appeal to the court of appeals any time between now and the third week in October.

Howard did not weaken or appear agitated when the solemn sentence of the court consigning him to the gallows was pronounced upon him, but in answer to the usual question of the court if he could show cause why sentence should not be pronounced, he said in a firm, clear voice: "I am innocent."

Burglars Loot a Bank.

Wolf Bros.' bank at Centerville, Mich., was robbed Friday night of $10,000. The thieves gained entrance to the building by prying and springing the double door apart with a large file. The outer door to the vault was then blown open and then the inner door to the cash drawer, where about $10,000 was stored.

The bank was insured in the Bankers Mutual Casualty Company, of Des Moines, Ia., for $10,000 against loss by burglary or fire.

Race War Threatened.

Monday morning at 12:50 o'clock Gov. McSweeney, at Columbia, S. C., received a telegram from Mayor W. D. Morgan, of Georgetown, appealing to have the militia ordered out to suppress a threatened race riot. The governor immediately wired Col. Sparkman, of Georgetown, to have his cavalry troops hurried there. The trouble was caused by a negro killing a white man. Georgetown is on the coast and the negroes outnumber the whites overwhelmingly.

BOXER LEADERS WILL BE PUNISHED

PRINCE DEGRADED.

Tuan, the Boxer Leader, to be Tried by the Highest Chinese Court—Opens the Way for Peace.

Consul General Goodnow, at Shanghai, cables to the State department at Washington that Sheng, director of railroads and telegraphs, has handed him a decree from the empress dowager and the emperor, dated at Taig Nan, ordering the degradation of four princes and depriving Prince Tuan, leader of the Boxers, of his salary and official servants. Tuan is to be brought to trial before the imperial clan court. This court is the supreme judicial tribunal of China, and is presided over by Prince Li, with Prince Ching, friend of the foreigners and co-peace envoy with Li Hung Chang, as first vice president. This action is very satisfactory to the United States government, which regards it as a long step forward toward a final settlement.

Princes Chwang and Yih, who are reported to have been dismissed from hereditary rank and all offices, were prominent advisers of the throne and have given anti-foreign advice. Secondary Prince Tsai Ying, also said to have been degraded, and Duke Tsai Lan, whose penalty for anti-foreign action is now pending before the board of war, are Tartar generals in command of Manchu battalions. Grand Secretary Kank Yi, said to have handed over to a board of war for the fixing of penalty, is a member of the privy council and a virulent anti-foreigner. Chao Chui Chen and Secondary Prince Tsai Lien are conspicuous anti-foreign leaders.

Mr. Wu, the Chinese minister, expresses his strong approval of Li Hung Chang's suggestion that the United States act as mediator between China and the powers.

AMERICA WILL INSIST

On the Death of Prince of the Blood and Prominent Boxer Chiefs.

Deprivation of the yellow jacket or imprisonment in the cases of General Tung-Fu-Siang and Prince Tuan will, it is authoritatively stated, not be adequate punishment. While no statement to that effect is to be had on the subject the general understanding is the death penalty for Tuan, a Prince of the blood, Yung-Lu, Tung-Fu-Siang and Chuang will be exacted by the United States as well as the rest of the powers. The only disagreement with Germany on that point is as to when those men shall be decapitated, before or after negotiations are formally resumed.

There was undisguised satisfaction at the state department over the announcement that Great Britain has answered Germany in the same terms as the United States. At the department it was protested that no information as to Great Britain's position had been received before the press dispatches were received. Britain's answer instead of showing America's isolation shows that Germany is practically alone.

STUDENTS FIERCE FIGHT.

A Class Rush at the Western University Results in Broken Heads.

Broken heads, bruised faces, bloody noses and ruined clothes figured in a desperate battle between students at the Western university, Allegheny, Pa., Wednesday morning in the annual rush of the freshman and sophomore classes. Three students are confined to their beds with serious injuries, and a number of others are nursing painful bruises.

The conflict was precipitated by the sophomores' successful attempt to tear down the "'04" pennant, which the freshmen raised before the regular exercises. The flag had been unfurled on the pole above the university building after the sophomores had gone to their class room. At lunch the sophomores saw the flag and several started to climb the pole to tear it down. The freshman class came out at this stage and a fight among 100 students followed.

Prof. Daniel Carhart, dean of the university, and Prof. A. B. Frost made a futile effort to prevent trouble. The battle lasted nearly an hour.

STRUCK A GREAT GUSHER.

Lewis County, W. Va., Produces a Well That Flows 4,800 Barrels a Day.

The South Penn Oil Company has made a tremendous strike in a new oil well in Lewis county, W. Va. The well is flowing at the rate of 200 barrels an hour, or 4,800 barrels a day. The tanks provided are too small to hold this great flow and the oil is being allowed to run into a creek and is there dammed up, with a view of pumping it out later.

Tuesday the well made a tremendous spurt and increased to upward to 250 barrels an hour or 6,000 barrels a day. Unfortunately, there is no tankage for this large volume of oil, and much of it flows on the ground and is dammed up.

Only about 1,000 barrels a day can be handled by the two-inch pipe connected with the two 250-barrel tanks at the well, so that 5,000 barrels flows on the ground every 24 hours.

Slavery in a Georgia Convict Camp.

Charges have been filed with the prison commission of Georgia by Solicitor J. W. Edmondson, of Brooks county, against the McRee convict camp managers in Lowndes county, Ga., in the form of affidavits from prominent citizens to the effect that the McRee brothers have kidnaped innocent men and women and made them work under armed guards for an indefinite period.

It is charged that one practice of the McRee camp has been to employ "trappers" to arrest innocent negroes passing through the county and without the form of trial to imprison them and put them to work.

Talk of Settlement.

President Truesdale, of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railway, says, referring to the meeting at J. P. Morgan & Co.'s office:

"I was at the meeting Thursday and at other previous meetings. I know of no settlement having yet been made, but it will do no harm now for me to tell you that negotiations toward the settling of the strike are actually under way. They are being conducted by a man who does not directly represent either party to the difficulty."

Deadly Oil Can's Work.

Mrs. William Sloan, of McDonald, Pa., aged 18 years, is nearing death, and her 12-year-old sister, Ida Hogan, is dead as a result of lighting a fire with kerosene. The child's screams were heard by Mrs. Sloan, who ran to her assistance, and in an instant the clothing of both was on fire.

Murdered For His Money.

Charles F. Peck, of New York, a wealthy real estate dealer, was found dead on the sidewalk in West Seventeenth street. A large sum of money and a costly watch and chain were missing, and there is no doubt that he was murdered and robbed.

Prof. T. R. Bell, principal of the West Alexandria (Pa.) schools, broke both bones of his ankle in a football game.

In the view of many of the best posted politicians in the State, the attempt to place Georgia in line with Mississippi, Louisiana and the Carolinas will fail.

A lamp explosion killed Otto Hurst, 19 years old, at Fredericksburg, O.

PROGRAM OUTLINED.

Both the Kaiser and the Empress Dowager Seem Eager for the Fray—A Secret Edict Issued by Prince Tuan.

Telegrams from London, dated Tuesday, say: News from China indicates that events are rapidly drifting in the direction of war between China and Germany.

There is the best reason for believing that Count von Waldersee, on arriving at Taku, will present an ultimatum demanding the surrender of five leaders of the anti-foreign uprising. After a few hours' grace he will formally declare war, and, taking advantage of Germany's position as a belligerent, will proceed to seize everything available with the German forces and fleet.

It is expected Germany will take the Wu-Sung forts and Kiangan arsenal, thus dominating Shanghai. It is also believed she will attack the Kiang-Win forts on the Yang-tse from the land and endeavor to seize the Chinese fleet, including the valuable new cruisers. Failing this, she will at least occupy all the province of Kiang-Su north of the Yang-tse-kiang.

The French will support Germany. This is no rumor, but reliable information, and will probably be confirmed at the foreign office. Prompt action is necessary to prevent a coup, which will constitute a serious menace to British interests.

Chinese officials report that Prince Tuan has issued a secret edict in the name of the empress dowager to the effect that the imperial court has decided to continue the war against the powers at whatever cost. The edict threatens that any official failing to support the Manchus will be beheaded as a traitor, his whole family executed and the tombs of his ancestors demolished.

It is reported from Chinese sources that the dowager empress has issued a secret edict commanding Li Hung Chang to raise an army and recapture Peking.

AGED FARMER MURDERED.

Wealthy Resident of Ohio Beaten to Death and Robbed in His Yard.

One of the most horrible murders that ever occured in Lawrence county, O., was that of George Washington Noble, on Buffalo Creek, three miles from the Ohio river. Mr. Noble was 65 years of age and for many years had lived alone at his pretty country home on Buffalo creek. He was one of the pioneer settlers of this section, and had amassed quite a fortune.

Monday afternoon several little girls, who chanced to be passing by the Noble homestead, were horrified to see the dead body of Mr. Noble in the yard in the rear of his house. Mr. Noble's skull was crushed and his left jaw bone was broken. His body was badly bruised and a big gash was inflicted across his left hand. Hogs, which had reached the body, had eaten away the greater part of the face. By his side lay a huge hickory club covered with blood intermingled with hair from the aged man's head.

Mr. Noble's pockets were turned wrong side out, his watch taken, and also a rifle which had been in a room of his residence. The house had also been ransacked. The authorities of Lawrence county are diligently at work on the case, but no clew has yet developed. Mr. Noble was a member of the Masonic lodge of South Point.

JIM HOWARD CONVICTED.

Verdict Unexpected—Jury Disagreed on Penalty, but Finally Agreed.

James B. Howard, who has been on trial for the past ten days at Frankfort, Ky., charged with being a principal in the assassination of William Goebel, has been found guilty, the jury fixing his punishment at death.

W. H. Culton, who is under indictment as an accessory to the Goebel murder, and who gave damaging evidence against both Howard and Caleb Powers, was released on bail and his case was continued until the January term. His bond was fixed at $10,000.

Jim Howard, as he is commonly known in the mountains, was the leader of the Howard-White faction in the Baker-Howard feud in Clay county, in which numerous lives were taken. He had killed George Baker and was suspected of the assassination of Tom Baker, who was killed after the same fashion as the Goebel murder, and Howard's friends believe that these facts had very much to do with the making of the verdict sentencing him to the gallows.

The trial of Henry E. Youtsey, of Newport, will be called next at Georgetown, next Monday.

CABLE FLASHES.

At Hamburg fire has destroyed warehouses and lumber yards to the value of more than 1,000,000 marks.

Marquis Yamagata has resigned the premiership of Japan, and Marquis Ito has been asked to construct a new cabinet.

Capt. Sidney O'Danne, a tutor of Emperor William during his boyhood, who was arrested at the beginning of the year for swindling, has been declared insane.

Emperor William of Germany has bestowed the order of the Red Eagle on Maj. Gen. Stoessel, "commander of the international forces at Taku and Tien Tsin."

Emperor William has conferred on George G. Ward, of New York, vice president of the Commercial Cable Company, the order of the Crown of the Second Class.

In honor of the mayoral banquet in Paris, the minister of war has pardoned all military prisoners, and it is probable that the minister of marine will take similar action in the case of naval prisoners.

Leon Berd, a former United States vice consul at Hamburg, was sentenced to 15 months' imprisonment for misappropriating 23,500 marks, part of an inheritance which he received for two American women.

George J. Goschen, first lord of the admiralty, will, in the event of the triumph of the Salisbury-Chamberlain coalition at the coming general election, be continued in his present post after having received a peerage.

During the beatification of Antoinez Frassi, one of the first chiefs of the Order of Oratorians, at St. Peter's cathedral, at Rome, Sunday, the pope venerated the effigy of the new saint in the presence of thousands.

Pennsylvania Republican leaders will charge Postmaster General Smith before the President with disloyalty to his party.

Ellis Glenn, the female robber and male impersonator at Parkersburg, W. Va., is free on bail after pleading not guilty.

George Emig and C. R. O'Donnell were sentenced at Atlantic City to two months in jail for scalping railroad tickets.

A storm at Cape Nome, Alaska, on September 12 and 13, made 500 people homeless, and many lives are believed to have been lost.

A general merchandise concern under the romantic name of the Love & Sunshine Company, of Johnstown, has been chartered at Harrisburg.

A natural gas explosion at Greensburg wrecked the house of Amos Brooks, throwing the family out of bed and badly injuring Mr. Brooks.

The shops of the Iron Mountain railroad, at Baring Cross, Ark., were burned, causing a loss of $250,000, and throwing 400 men out of employment.

DR. TALMAGE'S SUNDAY SERMON.

AN ELOQUENT DISCOURSE.

Subject: Spread the Gospel—Efforts of the Churches Should Be Directed Toward Saving Sinners—They Should Get in Sympathy With Strangers.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.—In this discourse Dr. Talmage points to fields of usefulness that are not yet thoroughly cultivated, and shows the need of more activity. The text is Romans xv, 20, "Lest I should build upon another man's foundation."

In laying out the plan of his missionary tour Paul sought out towns and cities which had not yet been preached to. He goes to Corinth, a city famous for splendor and vice, and Jerusalem, where the priesthood and the sanhedrin were ready to leap with both feet upon the Christian religion. He feels he has especial work to do, and he means to do it. What was the result? The grandest life of usefulness that a man ever lived. We modern Christian workers are not apt to imitate Paul. We build on other people's foundations. If we erect a church, we prefer to have it filled with families all of whom have been pious. Do we gather a Sabbath-school class, we want good boys and girls, hair combed, faces washed, manners attractive. So a church in this day is apt to be built out of other churches. Some ministers spend all their time in fishing in other people's ponds, and they throw the line into that church pond and jerk out a Methodist, and throw the line into another church pond and bring out a Presbyterian, or there is a religious row in some neighboring church, and a whole school of fish swim off from that pond, and we take them all in with one sweep of the net. What is gained? Absolutely nothing for the cause of Christ. What strengthens an army is new recruits. While courtesons to those coming from other flocks, we should build our churches not out of other churches, but out of the world, lest we build on another man's foundation.

The fact is this is a big world. When in our schoolboy days we learned the diameter and circumference of this planet we did not learn half. It is the latitude and longitude and diameter and circumference of want and woe and sin that no figures can calculate. This one spiritual continent of wretchedness reaches across all zones, and if I were called to give its geographical boundary I would say it was bounded on the north and south and east and west by the great heart of God's sympathy and love. Oh, it is a great world! Since 6 o'clock this morning 60,800 persons have been born, and all these multiplied populations are to be reached by the gospel. In England or in our Eastern American cities we are being much crowded, and an acre of ground is of great value, but in Western America 500 acres is a small farm, and 20,000 acres is no unusual possession. There is a vast field here and everywhere unoccupied, plenty of room more, not building on another man's foundation.

We need as churches to stop bombarding the old iron-clad sinners that have been proof against thirty years of Christian assault. Alas for that church which lacks the spirit of evangelism, spending on one chandelier enough to light 500 souls to glory, and in one carved pillar enough to have made 4 thousand men "pillars in the house of our God forever," and doing less good than many a log cabin meeting-house with tallow candles stuck in wooden sockets and a minister who has never seen a college and does not know the difference between Greek and Choctaw! We need as churches to get into sympathy with the great outside world, and let them know that none are so broken-hearted or hardly bested that they will not be welcomed. "No," says some fastidious Christian; "I don't like to be crowded in church. Don't put any one in my pew."

My brother, what will you do in heaven? When a great multitude that no man can number assembles, they will put fifty in your pew. What are the select few to-day assembled in the Christian churches compared with the mightier millions outside of them? Many of the churches are like a hospital that should advertise that its patients must have nothing more than toothache or "run rounds," but no broken heads, no crushed ankles, no fractured thighs. Give us for treatment moderate sinners, velvet-coated sinners and sinners with a gloss on. It is as though a man had a farm of 3000 acres and put all his work on one acre. He may raise ever so large ears of corn, ever so big heads of wheat—he would remain poor. The church of God has bestowed its chief care on one acre, and has raised splendid men women in that small inclosure, but the field is the world. That means North and South America, Europe, Asia and Africa and all the islands of the sea. It is as though, after a great battle, there were left 50,000 wounded and dying on the field and three surgeons gave all their time to three patients under their charge. The major general comes and says to the doctors, "Come out here and look at the nearly 30,000 dying for lack of surgical attendance." "No," say the three doctors, standing there fanning their patients, "we have three important cases here, and we are attending to them, and when we are not positively busy with their wounds it takes all our time to keep the flies off." In this awful battle of sin and sorrow, where millions have fallen on millions, do not let us spend all our time in taking care of a few people, and when the command comes, "Go into the world," say practically: "No, I cannot. I have here a few choice cases, and I am busy keeping off the flies." There are multitudes today who have never had any Christian worker look them in the eye and with earnestness in the accentuation say, "Come!" or they would long ago have been in the kingdom. My friends, religion is either a sham or a great reality. If it be a sham, let us disband our churches and Christian associations. If it be a reality, then great populations are on the way to the bar of God unfitted for the ordeal. And what are we doing?

In order to reach the multitude of outsiders we must drop all technicalities out of our religion. When we talk to people about the hypostatic union and French encyclopedianism and Erastinianism and Complutensianism, we are impolite and as little understood as if a physician should talk to an ordinary patient about the pericardium and intercostal muscle and scorbutic emptoms. Many of us come out of the theological seminaries so loaded up that we take the first ten years to show our people how much we know and the next ten years to get our people to know as much as we know, and at the end we find that neither of us knows anything as we ought to know. Here are hundreds of thousands of sinning, struggling and dying people who need to realize just one thing—that Jesus Christ came to save them and will save them now. But we get in a profound and elaborate definition of what justification is, and after all the work there are not, outside of the learned professions, 10,000 people who can tell what