

## CAPTURED BY BANDITS

American Citizen and Stepson Carried Off by Arabs.

DEMANDS MADE FOR RELEASE.

United States Orders Admiral Chadwick to Send Warships to Scene of Trouble.

A message from Tangier, Morocco, says: An American citizen named Perdicaris and his stepson, Cromwell Varley, a British subject, were carried off by the bandit Fraissouli and his followers and will doubtless be held for a heavy ransom. The captives were staying at Perdicaris' summer residence, three miles from Tangier, when the bandits captured them.

Perdicaris is of Greek origin, but is a naturalized citizen of the United States. He is very wealthy and has lived in Tangier for years. He married an English woman, whose son is his companion in captivity.

Perdicaris was seated at a table with his family when the house was suddenly surrounded by armed Arabs, followed by Fraissouli, who gave orders to seize Perdicaris and Varley. At the same time the leader handed to a domestic a letter for Mohammed el Torres, the sultan's representative at Tangier, notifying that functionary of his terms. It is understood that the Moroccan authorities will accede to all the demands of the brigands in order to secure the release of the prisoners.

Fraissouli requires the removal of the sultan's troops from his district, the removal of the governor of Tangier and the release of a number of imprisoned bandits. When these conditions are complied with, Fraissouli will notify Mohammed el Torres of the course he proposes to pursue with the captives.

Fraissouli, who is already more than 20 hours march from Tangier with his prisoners, has announced that he will impose further conditions for their release. Perdicaris, who is 70 years old, is in ill health.

It is affirmed that the British and United States governments have begun negotiations with Fraissouli and that they are asking the French government to act for the protection of the prisoner. European residents expect that France will send warships here immediately.

Orders were sent from Washington to Rear Admiral Chadwick which he will receive when his command, the South Atlantic squadron, reaches Tenerife, Canary Islands, directing him as soon as he arrives there to coal one of his ships and send it to Tangier. He has the Brooklyn and Atlanta and two gunboats.

## THIRTEEN SEAMEN PERISH.

British Coal Steamer Strikes on Rocks and Sinks—Only Nine of Crew Saved.

The British steamer Turret Bay, laden with coal and bound from Sydney to Montreal, struck on the rocks off St. Pauls island and sank. Only nine men from a crew of 22 were saved. The dead are: J. W. Hayden, captain; M. A. McGarra, first officer; G. R. Gray, second officer; W. H. Adams, chief engineer; H. S. Matthews, second engineer; George Johnson, boatswain, together with the steward, name unknown, cook, mess room boy, two firemen, a seaman and a helper.

A dense fog prevailed at the time and the sea was running mountain high. The crew attempted to cut the boats clear, but while thus engaged the vessel plunged down, bow first, carrying every man with her. Fourteen persons were taken off the wreckage by a life saving crew that put out from the island, but five of them died before reaching the island.

## Big Cattle Ranch.

The purchase of 1,000,000 acres in Alabama by capitalists of Chicago, to be used as a cattle ranch, is said to have been arranged. It is understood the purchasers are packing house men, who several months ago made a move to acquire land in Baldwin county, Ala., and in Western Florida.

## Japs Greatly Outnumbered.

The reports of the Japanese retreat to Fengwangcheng are officially confirmed.

The Japanese, numbering 20,000 men, came upon 32,000 Russians in a strong position Monday, 60 miles west of Fengwangcheng. It being unwise to risk a battle the Japanese retreated in good order and with great rapidity. Other divisions, however, are moving from the northward, apparently toward Mukden.

## Struck a Gusher.

One of the best oil gushers discovered in southeastern Ohio in many months was brought in by the Pittsburg Oil & Gas Company on the George Wood farm, three miles northwest of Woodville, Monroe county. It began to flow at the rate of 40 barrels an hour and is expected to be a staying producer of between 400 and 500 barrels a day.

James Callahan, colored, was convicted of murder in the first degree at Washington, Pa. He was charged with killing Moss Bay, another colored man, last February.

## THREW HIS MONEY AWAY.

Suicide Made Sure Relatives Would Get None of His Savings.

Between \$5,000 and \$4,000 in cash was thrown into the Fox river by Joseph Doehm of Green Bay, Wis., previous to his suicide by hanging. A note written by Doehm states that he had determined that his relatives as well as those of his wife who, he claimed, were trying to get his money, should not succeed in their attempt and that he had therefore thrown his money into the river.

## TWO JAPANESE SHIPS SUNK.

Battleship Hatsuse and the Armored Cruiser Yoshino Go to Bottom Off Port Arthur.

Japan's navy has suffered a terrible reverse. Admiral Togo has informed the government that the great 15,000-ton battleship Hatsuse and the armored cruiser Yoshino have been sunk off Port Arthur. A total of 711 men were lost.

The accident, according to the admiral's report, occurred on the afternoon of May 15. At 14 minutes after one in the afternoon, while maneuvering off Port Arthur, the cruiser Kasagi rammed the Yoshino, sinking the latter in a few minutes. Ninety of her crew of 360 men were saved.

The same morning the Hatsuse, while cruising off Port Arthur, covering the landing of the soldiers, struck a mine 10 knots southeast of the harbor entrance. She signaled for help and instantly struck another mine. She sank in half an hour. Three hundred of her 741 men were saved by torpedo boats.

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Special dispatches from Shanghai to the London morning papers report that the Shikishima was sunk, while the Fuji and the Asama had to be towed away badly damaged. Presumably the Russians wrongly identified the vessels, the Shikishima and the Hatsuse being practically sister ships.

Vice Admiral Togo has reported as follows: "A report from Rear Admiral Dewa says that the cruisers Kasuga and Yoshino collided during a fog off Port Arthur May 15. The Yoshino sank, only 90 of her crew being saved.

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Giving details of the disaster, Vice Admiral Togo says:

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## FIGHTING IN SANTO DOMINGO.

Government Lost 151 in Two Battles. Officers Fled After Fight.

Advices from San Domingo announce severe fighting at Navarre May 14. The government troops were defeated, losing 54 men killed and 67 wounded. Express trains carrying the wounded arrived at Puerto Plata and Santiago de los Caballeros May 15. A convoy with 20,000 cartridges from Puerto Plata to President Morales' forces, fell into the hands of the Dominican insurgents.

Dominican government troops, commanded by General Raoul Cabrera and Dominican revolutionary troops, led by General Pellico Lasala, met at Guyacanes, Santo Domingo, midway between Santiago de los Caballeros and Monte Cristi. In the fighting which followed the government force had 30 men killed or wounded and the revolutionists lost heavily. Five revolutionary generals, including Espallat, sought refuge in the French and Venezuelan consulates here, and later embarked on the French steamer Olinde Rodriguez, bound for Porto Rico.

## Brannock Law Constitutional.

The Brannock district local option law was declared constitutional by the four judges of the Common Pleas court at Columbus, sitting jointly. The law was enacted by the recent session of the Ohio Legislature, and has been the subject of much contention. The law in no way conflicts with the Beal local option law and in places where one is imperative the other may be effective.

## Flour Mill Safe Robbed.

Safecrackers visited Strabley & Fallon's flouring mill at Salineville, drilled the safe and blew it open with nitroglycerin. Some of the tools with which they operated were secured from a nearby blacksmith shop. There was about \$400 in cash in the safe and papers worth \$600 to \$800. Neighbors aroused by the explosion saw two men fleeing from the mill.

## TERSE TELEGRAMS.

The Etna Furnace of the Republic Iron and Steel Company at New Castle, Pa., will be banked for an indefinite period. The shutdown is caused by the stagnant condition of trade. It affects nearly 200 men.

Diamonds, emeralds and other jewelry amounting to \$18,000 were stolen from the residence of John W. Kiser, 3357 Michigan avenue, Chicago. Patrick Wilson, a Cleveland and Pittsburg railroad engineer, committed suicide at Steubenville, O., by shooting himself with a revolver.

A cloudburst at the head of the Cache la Poudre river caused that stream to overflow its banks and meager reports received here indicate that great damage has been caused by the flood.

## EXPLOSION KILLS SEVEN

Terrific Explosion Shatters a Torpedo Factory.

SHOCK FELT FOR MILES.

Potash Is Driven Into the Bodies of 25 Injured and Blood Poisoning Is Feared.

As a result of an explosion in the two drying rooms of the Lake Shore Novelty company's plant at Findlay, seven persons are known to be dead; five are so seriously hurt that recovery is believed to be impossible and about 15 others are injured. From reports of the physicians, 10 of the less seriously injured may die as a result of blood poisoning from the potash that was driven into their bodies.

The dead are: Joseph Sherwood, 21 years old; Jay Sherwood, 24 years old; Edith Dillon, 17 years old; Dean Shaw, 18 years old; Mary Snyder, 22 years old; Estella Decker, 15 years old; Frank Grant, 21 years old.

The Lake Shore novelty works plant covered nearly 10 acres of ground in the southwest part of the city and employed nearly 200 men, women and children. Railroad torpedoes and coal mines at Port Arthur a Russian flotilla of 16 torpedo boats and destroyers appeared, but were repulsed by the Japanese cruisers, which saved 300 of the Hatsuse's crew, including Admiral Mashiba and Capt. Nakao.

The explosion occurred shortly before the employees assembled for duty. At least 20 persons were on their way to the factory at the time.

Human forms were strewn considerable distances apart on the factory site. The remains of the Sherwood brothers were found in drying room No. 2, mangled and almost unrecognizable. Their clothing was blown from their bodies, save a stocking on the right foot of Jay Sherwood. The body of Edith Dillon was picked up 200 yards from the factory.

## HOBBOES ROLL IN WEALTH.

Priceless Gems of the De Peysters Are Found in "Growler Gang."

The sensational results of raids by the Albany (N. Y.) police upon a resort in South Lansing street, intended to break up a "growler gang," were believed to afford a sequel to the recent mysterious raid upon the family tomb on the old Livingston estate, low Hudson. A collection of jewelry of intrinsic value, running into many thousands of dollars, and of priceless value as heirlooms, was found upon the person of Thomas King, one of the vagrants, and concealed about the house.

The arrival of Chief of Police Maloy, of Tivoli-on-Hudson, exploded the tomb robbery theory, but brought to light the fact that the family residence of General Frederic de Peyster at Tivoli, was looted Monday night in the absence of the family, and Chief Maloy identified practically all of the booty as belonging to the De Peyster family.

From him it was learned that this is the third robbery of the house. Upon the last occasion, he said, \$27,000 worth of jewelry was taken. He fully identified King, who is a wandering tanner, and William Johnson, of Hudson, who is a cripple, as two of three men whom he himself saw Monday night near the De Peyster house. Charles Murphy, also of Hudson, is in custody, and is believed to be the third man.

The loot recovered includes two or three hundred articles, most of them marked with names, monograms or initials of the De Peyster and Livingston families, which intermarried, or with those of ancestors, time mosaic, strung on a golden chain of finest workmanship, was found in an ash heap.

Chief Maloy said it was known that no jewelry was entombed with beautiful "Lady Mary" Livingston; that the only thing with her in the casket was a cluster of roses.

## Farm Products.

The department of agriculture has issued a report on "the Nation's farm surplus" prepared by George K. Holmes, chief of the division of foreign market. It gives \$4,500,000,000 as a conservative estimate of the value of the farm products of this country not fed to live stock in 1903, on the basis of the census valuation. The value of the exported farm products of this country was in 1903, \$878,479,451, and the highest value reached during the last 11 years was \$951,628,331, in 1901, due chiefly to cotton. The United States has a long lead over its competitors as a purveyor of meat and meat products and live animals, is likewise prominently conspicuous in the United Kingdom's imports of cereals and cotton but is far behind its competitors in dairy products.

## Double Killing.

A double killing occurred Saturday night at Cardiff, a mining village in Elk county, Pa., when Frank Paul, a merchant, shot and killed Saverio Pellegrino, who a few minutes previously had slain Paul's 25-year-old wife. The shooting of the woman was most wanton, it is claimed.

## Tried to Wreck Czar's Train.

The Paris Petit Journal's St. Petersburg correspondent reports that an attempt was made to wreck the train bearing the emperor on his tour at the Kremenetz station. The pilot train, which preceded that of the emperor, was derailed and there were several victims of the plot.

Baptists in session at Cleveland decided to raise \$500,000 to educate a native ministry in foreign lands.

## PLOT TO KILL THE CZAR.

Girl Attended Public Demonstration and Carried Bomb.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Breslau "Zeltung" reports that the authorities detected and thwarted a plan to assassinate the emperor with a bomb during the spring parade in St. Petersburg, May 10. The emperor always reviews the parade on horseback, taking a position before and slightly to one side of the pavilion from which the empress and the grand duchesses view the pageant. The municipality erects a grandstand, tickets to which are sold publicly, the names and addresses of the buyers being noted.

As persons in the front rows could easily throw an object to the place where the emperor stands, the authorities naturally reserve the right of cancelling the sales of tickets if the buyers are not known to be absolutely trustworthy, and they subject the occupants of the grandstand to the closest scrutiny.

Just before the emperor arrived on the parade ground it was noticed that Miss Merezhevsky, daughter of a leading Russian mind healer and privy councillor, Prof. Merezhevsky, who occupied one of the seats nearest the pavilion was nervous and excited. Risking a scandal should their suspicions prove to be unfounded, the authorities ordered her arrest, which was effected unobtrusively. A search disclosed a skillfully constructed bomb concealed in her clothing. The girl did not deny her intention of hurling the missile at the emperor, but refused to give any other information.

Miss Merezhevsky has been an attendant at the courses in the women's university. It is rumored that she has been hanged, and her aged father is completely prostrated.

## Ammunition Lost.

The Birmingham Post is informed by a military authority, who is at present in Odessa, that there is great commotion at Russian headquarters over the discovery that the various reserves of ammunition kept at Kherson and other nearby places, representing 50,000,000 rubles, have either completely disappeared or are so worthless that practically none is available for use. A private inquiry into the matter is proceeding.

## CURRENT EVENTS.

King Edward will visit Emperor William during the regatta week at Kiel, which begins June 22.

Thousands of Norwegians witnessed the unveiling of a monument at Fergo, N. D., in honor of Norway's poet, Bjornstjerne Bjornson.

A cablegram from Genoa states that the Hamburg-American line has sold the steamer Columbia, 8,000 tons, to Russia.

At the Thirty-seventh (N. Y.) district Republican congressional convention Congressman E. B. Vreeland was renominated by acclamation.

A monument to General Rufus Putnam, of Revolutionary war fame, was dedicated in connection with the bi-centennial celebration of the town of Sutton, Mass.

At Helena, Mont., the safe in the office of the Billings Brewing Company was dynamited. Papers, money and diamonds valued at \$7,500 were taken, and the watchman was shot and seriously wounded.

Congressman John A. T. Hull was renominated for the ninth time by the Republicans of the Seventh Iowa district.

President Clowry of the Western Union Telegraph Company, issued an order cutting off reports of horse races to all classes of subscribers in the city of New York.

The sudden collapse of a folding bed was responsible for the death of George Barnes, for 25 years a member of the Pittsburgh fire department.

Charles Eustice, of Grove City, Pa., was killed by falling under his train. He was a brakeman on the Bessemer road and was 25 years old.

Alfred C. Clark, of the Bedford (Ind.) National bank, has been arrested on a charge of being short in his accounts.

At Cortez, Col., Mrs. C. W. Herman and her son, Frank Ingle, were shot and killed by Marshal Humphreys as the result of a feud.

Mrs. Stella Hammond dropped dead at St. Paul, Minn., after assisting in a surgical operation on her sister, Mrs. J. N. Savard.

Thieves took \$3,500 from the safe in St. Elizabeth's hospital, Chicago, while the nuns and nurses were attending daily devotions.

Lewis Oliver, who, in company with Frederick Lesarge, stole \$2 and two bits from a butcher shop, has been given a life sentence in Marquette (Mich.) prison by Judge Wiest.

Democrats of the Thirteenth Ohio district nominated David R. Crissinger, of Marion, for Congress. The delegates named for the St. Louis convention are James H. Platt, of Tiffin, and Frank Donneworth, of Bucyrus.

Contracts aggregating \$1,500,000 for the electrical equipment of the Youngstown and Southern railway, were awarded at Youngstown. Work will be commenced on the contract at once and pushed day and night.

The surviving members of the One Hundredth regiment, Pennsylvania volunteers, known as the Roundheads, will hold their annual reunion at Washington this year in August or September.

Lynched one of Their Race. Enraged by an attempted criminal assault on a child of their own race a mob of 100 negroes took Robert Whitehead, a negro, from a deputy sheriff in Northampton county, N. C., near the town of Seaboard, and hanged him to a tree. The officer and prisoner were on their way to the county jail at Jackson.

William Gardner was drowned and two others narrowly escaped the same fate while attempting to swim across the Delaware river off League Island.

## RUSSIANS SURROUNDED

Japanese Occupy Newchwang and Cut Off Retreat.

KUROKI'S ADVANCE CONTINUES.

Russian Arrivals From Port Dalny Declare Japanese Battleship and Cruiser Were Destroyed.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Paris "Matin" says that official advices have been received to the effect that the Japanese have occupied Newchwang.

Russian refugees who arrived at Chefoo on a junk from Port Dalny say that the Japanese bombarded Port Arthur last Monday. Russian officers who were on Golden Hill declared, according to the refugees, that during the bombardment a Japanese battleship and a cruiser struck mines and sank.

The warships reported to have been sunk are the battleship Shikishima and the armored cruiser Asama. The story is not believed but the Russians who brought the news insist that it is true.

An official report from the second Japanese army shows that the railroad north of Port Arthur has been cut in five places. Between May 5 and May 17 the Japanese losses have been 140 men.

Confirming the intimations that it is Gen. Kurapatkin's purpose to avoid a decisive combat with the Japanese at the present stage of the war, the statement was made by the general staff that the commander-in-chief is making preparations to fall back on Mukden and then on Harbin.

While the superior numbers of the enemy compel a retirement, it does not follow that Gen. Kurapatkin will not strike a stinging blow should a strategic mistake be made which will enable him to throw a stronger army upon one of the advancing columns of his antagonist. The most exposed position of Gen. Kuroki's command is that which moved directly northward evidently with the intention of gaining the road to Mukden, down which it will march, as soon as the other columns are within supporting distance.

## OHIO REPUBLICANS.

Ticket for State Officers and Delegates to National Convention.

The Republican state convention at Columbus nominated the following ticket:

For Secretary of state, Lewis C. Laylin of Huron; for judge of supreme court, William T. Spear of Trumbull; for dairy and food commissioner, Horace Ankeny of Greene; for member of board of public works, R. B. Crawford of Stark; for clerk of supreme court, Lawson Emerson of Belmont; delegates-at-large, Myron T. Herrick, George B. Cox, Joseph B. Foraker and Charles Dick; alternate delegates-at-large, Warren G. Harding, Charles H. Grosvenor, John B. Clingerman and H. T. Eubanks; electors-at-large, Charles P. Taft, Noah H. Swayne.

## JAPANESE KILL HUNDREDS.

Russians Suffer Loss of 2,000 Men Killed or Wounded.

The London Standard's correspondent at Tientsin cables that while the Japanese fleet was covering the landing of troops near Kai-Chan on Monday a fierce engagement occurred at Hsin-Yen-Cheng. Two thousand Russians were killed or wounded. The Russians retreated and the Japanese occupied both Kaiping and Kai-Chau. The Chinese governor at Chen-Chow has received news, the correspondent adds, that the Russians have destroyed the railway between Taischichiao and Ninchwang.

The correspondent at St. Petersburg of the Echo de Paris says: "The Russian cruiser Bogatyr grounded during a fog on the rocks near the entrance to Vladivostok. Her position is critical. The crew was saved."

The strike of the miners at North Lawrence, O., has been settled, the operators granting a satisfactory increase in wages.

## Japanese Used Submarine.

The Russian admiralty is now convinced by reports received from Port Arthur that Vice Admiral Togo used submarine boats in his operations. A letter from Lt. Gen. Stoessel says that he was standing on Golden Hill when the Russian battleship Petropavlovsk went down and he saw a submarine boat torpedo the battleship. Lt. Schreiber claims he distinctly saw periscope of a submarine boat and could trace the course of the vessel. Officers of the Russian battleship Pobieda testified that a submarine boat discharged a torpedo against their ship and they fired at the submarine boat, hoping to sink it, but failed.

## Three Killed by Train.

Lizzie Fortow, aged 24; her sister Lavina, aged 26, and their brother John, aged 18, were struck by a passenger train at Herkimer, N. Y., and instantly killed. The girls and their brother were on their way home from the house of an acquaintance. They awaited the passing of a freight train and as the last car swept by they crossed the tracks, unmindful of the approaching passenger train.

## Robbed of \$5,000.

George Newbatt, a manufacturer from London, England, stopping at the Auditorium hotel, Chicago, en route to the World's Fair, at St. Louis, reported to the hotel management that he had been robbed of \$5,000 in Bank of England notes, while he was asleep in his room. He attributed the robbery to his companion, an American, with whom he came on the same steamer, and who had impressed Newbatt as particularly honest. Newbatt is 60 years old.

## WARSHIPS SENT TO TANGIER.

Government Orders South Atlantic and European Squadrons for Perdicaris' Relief.

United States Consul General Gummere at Tangier, Morocco, telegraphs confirming the reports that the brigand which captured Perdicaris, an American citizen, and Cromwell Varley, a British subject, is the same that captured Mr. Harris, the London Times correspondent, last year.

Besides capturing the men members of the band assaulted the women of the Perdicaris party. The British and American representatives at Tangier are taking energetic measures to obtain the release of the captives and the Moorish authorities are assisting them.

The French government does not intend to send a warship to Tangier or otherwise intervene. The government view is that France is not called on to do so, as it would raise a direct issue with the Sultan of Morocco concerning the exercise of police powers.

The government's advice is that Mohammed el Torres, the representative of the Sultan at Tangier, will meet the brigands' demands in order to secure the prisoners' release.

Mr. Perdicaris and his stepson have been carried into the mountains, where pursuit is almost impossible. The state department has been advised to this effect by Mr. Gummere, United States Consul General at Tangier. He reports that no terms have been received from the brigand chief.

## ZASSALITCH LOSES COMMAND.

The General Who Met Defeat at the Yalu Is Relieved of His Position.

It is announced that Lieutenant General Zassalitch has been relieved of the command of the Second Siberian army division and that Lieutenant General Count Keller, former governor of Ekaterinoslav, has been appointed to succeed him.

Since the battle of the Yalu it has been predicted that General Zassalitch would not long retain his command, but there has been no disposition to act hastily. The emperor's advisers could not forget that while Zassalitch did not carry out the plan of operations which had been previously determined upon, he had displayed a stubborn resistance which showed to his antagonists, in the world that the Russians had not lost the courageous spirit of past generations.

What will become of Zassalitch, whether he will remain in the far east or be assigned to a less important region, cannot be learned tonight, but it is emphatically stated that there is no intention to disgrace him, and that if he returns from the far east it will be on sick leave and at his own request. It is generally believed that he will find it convenient to make such an application.

## NAVY WIRELESS.

System That Escapes Interference of Other's Messages.

General Greely, chief signal officer, has received a dispatch from an officer experimenting with wireless telegraphy between Fort Schuyler in New York harbor and Fort Wright, near the upper entrance of Long Island Sound. This officer says he has "synthesized" his system for a distance of 37 miles without interference from the wireless systems being used in the same vicinity.

General Greely has given directions to have the wireless stations which have been successfully used on Puget Sound taken to Nome and St. Michael, Alaska. The freezing of the sea in the bay has rendered cable service between these points impracticable.

## The Rhode Island Launched.

The battleship Rhode Island was successfully launched at the yards of the Fore River Ship and Engine Company. After the vessel had left the ways the launching crew experienced an unexpected disaster. The great craft had attained such headway that she could not be stopped in deep water and her anchor falling to hold, her stern was forced into a mud bank. A naval inspector, who was on the scene, expressed the opinion that as the bottom was soft the ship would not be damaged.

## Japs Lost 7,500 Men.

The correspondent of the London "Daily Mail" at St. Petersburg says that two of the 450 Russian wounded who fell into the hands of the Japanese after the Yalu battle have escaped and come into Liao-Yang. They praise the conduct of the Japanese, who, they say, treat their prisoners well, although they feed them very badly.

The two fugitives also assert that at the battle of Yalu the Japanese loss was over 7,500 men. The dead are not buried. The trenches are full of corpses, being merely covered in with earth. General Ma has adopted a defiant attitude toward the Russians and is trying to rouse the Chinese population.

## Storms Ruin Banana Crops.

The steamer Anzelm, from Puerto Cortez, brings the news of destructive storms on the Central American coast, particularly the coast of Honduras, entailing the destruction of 500,000 banana trees and a loss of over \$250,000. The worst sufferers were American fruit growers in Honduras. There will be marked decrease in the exportation of bananas.

## Boston Wool Market.

Old wools are quiet. Prices are substantially unchanged, the range being about as follows: Ohio and Pennsylvania XX and above, 32@33c; X, 29@30c; No. 1, 31@32c; No. 2, 31@32c, fine unwashed, 22@23c; 1/4, 1/2 and 3/4-blood, unwashed, 25@25 1/2c; fine washed delaine, 33@34c; Michigan X and above, 25@26c; No. 1, 29@30c; No. 2, 28@29c; fine unwashed, 21@22c; 1/4, 1/2 and 3/4-blood, 24c@25c; fine washed delaine, 31@32c; Kentucky, Indiana, etc., 1/2-blood, 25@26c; 1/4 blood, 25@26c.

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