

The most terrible incendiary of modern times that briefly detailed in recent cable dispatches, resulting in the almost total destruction of the city of Kiev, in Russia. During a severe storm the city was fired simultaneously in a number of places, including the cathedral and the residence of the Russian ambassador, and the fire was not extinguished until the morning of the day after breaking out. Beside the vast destruction of property, necessarily impoverishing the mass of the population, a number of lives were sacrificed, adding the crowning horror to one of the most hideous crimes of the country.

The commander of the Cossack militia has been executed by order of the Emperor. Bismarck arrived in Vienna Sept. 22, and had a meeting with Andrassy, the Austrian Premier.

Late cable dispatches announce the conclusion of the terms of peace by Sir Garnet Wolseley with the Zulu chiefs. One of the most important stipulations of the treaty is aimed at the very efficient military system of the Zulus. This was based upon the requirement that the young warriors should not be permitted to marry until after service in battle, and distinguishing themselves by their courage. The treaty stipulation does away with that requirement.

A terrible story comes from the beautiful vale of Cashmere, to the effect that two boat-loads of famine-stricken people were taken out into the lake and drowned.

Orders have been sent by the British Government to the Acting Resident of Mandschy, Birman, to leave with his party as soon as he can without betraying undignified haste or the appearance of fear.

The *Mark Lane Express* reports that in England much grain has been stacked in such condition as renders sprouting almost inevitable, and that in Scotland the outlook is most gloomy. The crop is backward, the fields being yet green, and the season is now so far advanced that the prospect of the crop maturing is reduced to a minimum.

When the long-expired general European war between Germany and Austria will be fought side by side. The conference between Bismarck and Andrassy has been made as certain as anything within human calculations can be.

Stanley, having with characteristic pluck solved the mystery of the Nile, is now announced by a cable dispatch to have proceeded upon his expedition on the Congo.

It is more than 1,800 years since Pompey disappeared under the deluge of flame and ashes from Vesuvius, yet the first celebration of the 1,800th year will not even be held this year. The cerebrations will be held at the site of the ancient city, and concluded with addresses, examinations and researches.

The quarrel between Germany and Japan is reported to be growing more serious.

The Russian expedition against the Tatars is meeting with serious opposition, and reinforcements have been called for.

There were 2,978 incendiary fires in Russia during the month of August, involving the destruction of \$10,000,000.

There is considerable excitement in Ireland and in some parts of England, growing out of the land-tax agitation. The farm-tenants are openly resisting the payment of the heavy rents, and serious trouble is apprehended.

Savoyard farmers from Sweden have sailed for America, intending to settle in Manitoba. If their undertaking proves successful, they will be joined by 100 Swedes next spring.

The British troops in Afghanistan are advancing on Cabul in three columns. A strange tragedy was enacted in Cabul, when a British officer, Mr. T. G. Lyle, was shot and killed by his own men.

A Constantinople correspondent telegraphed to the *Standard* that understandings between Greeks and Turks had been established, and preparations are progressing on both sides. It is the opinion here that Austria is obstructing the efforts for an understanding, and that, in the event of hostilities, she would immediately occupy Macedonia. Prince Lobanoff is the bearer of a project for an alliance between Russia and Turkey. It is rumored that Russia is willing to renounce \$80,000,000 francs of war indemnity, and to give back some of the former provinces of Asia.

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE.

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A strange tragedy was enacted in Stratford, Ct., a few days ago. Rev. Dexter L. Lumbard, of Christ Episcopal Church, was shot and instantly killed by his wife. Both were in bed together, he sleeping. About 5:30 a.m., she drew a revolver from under the pillow and placed the muzzle close to his right ear, and fired; then ran up stairs and told the servant girl, "I've killed my husband." Both came down, and the girl, having nothing to say, fled. Anna, his wife, ran to give the alarm and call the doctor. The latter says death was instantaneous. At the coroner's inquest it came out that Mrs. Lumbard was insane, for a cause peculiar to females. She has since recovered her reason, and is in great grief.

The great six days' pedestrian competition at New Haven, Conn., was won by the Astley boys, emblematic of the world's championship, was won by Lowell, the Englishman. The official score sheet has it as follows: Lowell, 320 miles; Meritt, 515 miles; Hazell, 500 miles; Hart, 482½ miles; Guyon, 471 miles; Weston, 435 miles; Evans, 450½ miles; Krohne, 405 miles; Taylor, 295 miles.

A fire at Gloucester, Mass., last week, burned a hotel and several stores. Loss estimated at \$75,000.

South.

Nashville negroes have taken up the exodus where their Lancashire and Mississippi brethren left off, and are traveling toward the train-load. One hundred left last week for the promised land, and many others will follow.

There were eleven deaths from yellow fever and twenty-nine new cases at Memphis for the two days Sept. 22-23. There was no abatement of the fever at Concordia, Miss., five new cases being reported.

At Memphis the injunction asked against the State Board of Health, to prevent interference with the receipt and shipment of cotton in the quarantine district, has been granted by the local court. The decision in the case practically denies the right of the board to interfere with the transportation of cotton.

The yellow fever is gradually abating at Memphis. For the two days, Sept. 24-25, there were only seventeen new cases and ten deaths.

Marcus Whitley was executed at Pocahontas, Ark., Sept. 26, for the murder of a man named Swanner in 1877.

A fight is reported to have recently taken place in the Panhandle of Northwestern Texas between Indians and a party of young scoundrels from Dallas and Fort Worth, Texas, in which seven of the latter were killed.

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The mortality reports from Memphis indicate that the yellow fever is dying out. For the week ending Sept. 23 the number of cases was sixty-three, and the number of deaths thirty-one. For the three days ending Sept. 25 there were twenty-three new cases and fourteen deaths.

West.

Michael Raas, of Macon City, Mo., who temporarily deranged, shot and killed his wife and child, and then committed suicide.

San Francisco dispatches announce that Gen. Grant will visit Oregon during the first week of October, and expects to arrive at Virginia City, Nev., on his route East, about the 20th of the month.

A terrible accident occurred in Lake Michigan just off Chicago, a few days ago. The two steamers, *Charles W. Parker*, which were heavily laden into port, exploded her boiler and sank almost immediately afterwards.

Robert Leary, steward; John Callaghan, engineer, and John P. Bogor, fireman, were blown into fragments by the terrific force of the explosion, not a vestige of their remains having been found. Henry McGuire, a deck-hand, the only person on board beside those mentioned, was blown a distance of 200 feet, and, falling in the water, was rescued in a shockingly mangled condition. The Parker was a screw propeller of thirty-six tons burden, was built at Buffalo, and was valued at \$7,500. It is thought the accident was the result of carelessness.

A horrible murder was recently committed on the farm of Alexander White, near Edgerton, Rock county, Wis. Mrs. White missed her little boy, aged 3 years, and after a protracted search he was found in the manger of a cow-stable with his throat cut and a rip from the breast bone clean down, which let the blood out. A rope was found hanging from the nail in the manger partly cut which indicated that the little fellow was hung up and then cut open in the manner described. The horrid deed was committed by George Bumgarner, one of Mr. White's farm laborers, who was missing, together with one of the best horses on the place.

A shocking murder and suicide is reported from Bucyrus, Ohio. George Schwab, a young farmer, fell desperately in love with Mary Kinch, and, because she would not marry him, assassinated the poor girl, firing a load of buckshot into her while sleeping in bed. The wretched man then walked out of the house, and was found hanging from a nail in the manger.

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The Prohibitionists of Massachusetts, at their convention at Boston last week, nominated a full ticket headed by a clergyman, Rev. Daniel C. Eddy, for Governor.

The Colorado Democrats met in State Convention at Denver last week, and nominated George Q. Richmond, of Pueblo, for Supreme Judge.

The Minnesota Democratic State Convention was held at St. Paul, on the 23d of September. Resolutions were adopted declaring the United States an indissoluble union of indestructible States; demanding a revision of the tariff; declaring gold an silver the money of the constitution; favoring reform in the civil service; and denouncing the presence of the army at the polls.

At a meeting of the Minnesota Democratic State Convention at St. Paul, Gov. Edmund Rice, who was coming had been very extensively advertised. Hon. John R. Goodin delivered an address of welcome, Gov. St. John followed with a brief speech, after which President Hayes addressed the multitude at some length. His remarks related chiefly to the financial policy of his administration, being a repetition of his Cincinnati and Detroit speeches. Gen. Sherman then made one of his characteristic jokes.

George Baumgarten, the young man who murdered Mr. White's little 3-year-old boy near Janesville, Wis., has been arrested. He is only 17 years old. He is unable to give the motive for his crime. He says a "spit" came over him, and remembers a little of nothing that followed.

The trip of President Hayes westward, from Chicago was marked by hearty greetings at all the points along the line. The party arrived at Nodaway Falls, Kansas, on the 21st, and were received with a salute of 12 guns. About 12,000 people had gathered there to attend the dinner given in honor of the President and Gen. Sherman, who had been had been very extensively advertised.

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