

# OUR COAST IS SAFE.

NO FEAR OF HOSTILE INVASION FELT.

There is Much Yet to Be Done, but Our Defenses Are Now as Good as Those of Any Nation—Fatal Railway Collision.

Defenses of Eastern Ports.  
Col. Joseph A. Smith, United States Government engineer, has just returned to Cleveland after a month's absence largely spent in inspecting the Atlantic coast defenses, and especially the harbor defenses at New York, Boston and Portland, Me. "Our harbor defenses," said Col. Smith, "while not yet completed, are sufficiently advanced that it would be suicidal for a warship of any foreign country to enter any of these harbors. It is not necessary to be done, but work is being pushed forward rapidly. Very few people have any idea of the power or accuracy of our coast defenses. Our defenses are as good as any in the world for their purposes. No better can be found anywhere. The works are being rapidly completed and it will not be a great while until the coast is well high impregnable."

## STEAMER COLUMBIA WRECKED.

Pacific Coast Vessel Disabled in a Storm Goes Ashore at Hilo.

The steamship City of Columbia, from Honolulu for Puget sound, sank in the harbor of Hilo, H. I., and is a total wreck. The second day after a terrible storm drove and the sea washed completely over her smokestacks. She stood this terrible strain ten hours, when her engines broke. They were repaired and she put back with ten leaks, giving out and one and a half inches per hour over the pumps. Lifeboats were manned, as the failure of the engines or an explosion of the boilers was momentarily expected. It was a fight for life. She miraculously reached Hilo harbor. As she entered her engines broke again, and she drifted helplessly upon the beach. She soon began to break up and became a total wreck. Perfect discipline prevailed and passengers and crew were gotten ashore.

## SELLS WIFE ON INSTALLMENTS.

New Jersey Man Gets Five Dollars, Three of Which is Paid Down.

The sale of a woman on the installment plan recently took place in New Jersey. The woman is Mrs. Nellie Van Hise. She is 18 years old and pretty. The man who sold her is her husband, Harry S. Van Hise. The purchaser is William A. Devere. He is 30 years old and was a member of Company D, First New Jersey volunteers, until that regiment was mustered out, a few days ago. The purchase price was \$5. Of this amount \$3 was paid down and the remaining \$2 is to be paid later on.

## EXPRESS RUNS INTO FREIGHT.

Eight Persons Killed or Fatally Injured in Train Wreck.

The Grand Trunk express from Montreal for Toronto collided with a freight train near Trenton. Eight persons were killed or fatally injured. Three passengers, names unknown, were fatally injured. Twenty passengers, most of them being in the Pullman cars, were more or less seriously hurt. The accident occurred at a place called the Diamond Crossing, about two miles from Trenton. The express ran into an open switch and dashed into the freight train.

## Indians Are Forced to Obey.

Major A. E. Woodman, Indian agent for the Cheyennes, has recently had a school house built on old White Shields of the Moon branch of the Cheyennes revolted and persuaded many Indians to keep the children from school. By order of the Indian commissioner the school was cut off, which brought them at once to obey treaty rules.

## Son Accuses His Mother.

Mrs. Rebecca Rosenberg was arrested at Princeton, Ind. on the charge of attempted murder, entered against her by her 16-year-old son, Alvin, who alleges that she attempted to poison him to collect that she might receive the money on his life insurance policy, which names her as the beneficiary.

## Death Is Due to Hydrophobia.

Thomas Moore, aged 7 years, died at Sedalia, Mo., of hydrophobia, after having been bitten by a dog a month before. He had convulsion after convulsion, during which he barked like a dog and frothed at the mouth, and the efforts of two men to hold him.

## Adeline Patti to Wed Again.

Patti, the widow of Nicollini, has informed some of her friends of her intention to marry again. The gentleman who will become the prima donna's third husband is Baron Oederich, who is to return to his native land to take place in February.

## Drive Out the Chinese.

The miners employed in the vicinity of Silverton, B. C., have rounded up all the Chinese laborers in the various camps and shipped them out of the district. The Mongolians are expected to return to China by the next steamer.

## Great Fire at Dawson City.

Dawson has again been swept by fire and forty of the principal buildings are in ashes. As was the case before, a drunken and infuriated woman and a lamp were the cause of the disaster. The loss is estimated at half a million.

## Merritt and Shafter Assigned.

A special from Washington says: "Gen. Merritt will resume command of the Department of the East when he returns from Europe, and Gen. Shafter will be sent to San Francisco to command the Department of the Pacific, which he relinquished when the war began."

## 2,000 Miles by Telephone.

The last wire by which Austin, Texas, can have telephone connection with Bar Harbor, Me., has been strung. The line is 2,000 miles long and is the longest in the world.

## Lives Lost at a Fire.

At Haverhill, Mass., the general store of C. A. Stearns was followed by a terrific explosion, which blew out the sides of the building, killing four men. Over a dozen were injured, including C. A. Stearns, the proprietor of the store, who had an arm and leg broken, his shoulder crushed, and considerable burns about the body.

## Buyers Columbia University Site.

Dr. John S. White, head master of Berkeley School, has purchased, as the representative of a syndicate, the old site of Columbia University. The site was considered one of the most valuable of the Manhattan portion and was valued at \$1,000,000.

## Death Dealt by a Meteor.

A report from Perry O. T. says that there was a brilliant as well as fatal shower of meteors near that place, causing much consternation among the people. Two children named Henderson were reported as having been killed by a large meteor.

## Two Injured by Derailed Engine.

The engine on Baltimore and Ohio train No. 8 ran off the track at Mt. Vernon, near Washington, D. C., turning over. Engineer Moore was seriously injured. H. Upham, clerk to the master mechanic, was slightly injured.

## SAVED FROM SINKING VESSEL.

Thrilling Rescue of Norwegian Sailor in Mid-ocean.

The German oil tank steamer Standard, which arrived at Philadelphia, brings Anders Anderson, a sailor, who was rescued at sea from the wrecked Norwegian bark Sigrid. The rescue by a boat's crew from the Standard was a thrilling and gallant one, and was accomplished after the boat had been dashed to pieces against the side of the steamer and a number of daring attempts had been made to reach the wrecked bark. Finally Anderson was thrown a rope, which he fastened to a post, and then jumped into the sea. He was dragged into the boat in an unconscious condition. Anderson says the remainder of the crew had been taken off the bark by an unknown vessel. He had evidently been forgotten, for the crew failed to come back to rescue him. The derelict was left nearly submerged.

## LAD DEFENDED HIS MOTHER.

Seven-Year-Old Boy Is Arrested for Shooting a Negro.

Johnnie Gordon, aged 7 years, was under arrest in Justice J. C. Gillespie's court at Columbia, Mo., charged with assault with intent to kill. Johnnie's mother, Mrs. Sallie Gordon, owns a little home in the northwestern part of Columbia. Warren Field, a drunken negro, engaged in the pastime of throwing rocks at Mrs. Gordon's house. She undertook to drive him away, but the negro would not leave. Johnnie, seeing his mother in trouble, got down an old shotgun which hung on the wall, pointed it through a window at Field and pulled the trigger. The shot struck Field, injuring him slightly. When he sobered up he had the boy arrested. When Prosecuting Attorney J. L. Murry heard the testimony of the prosecution, he dismissed the case.

## NEGRO COLONY FOR SANTIAGO.

Colored Preacher at Topeka, Kan., Has a Movement in Progress.

Kansas will furnish the first colony of negroes to settle in the island of Santiago. John T. Vence, a colored Baptist preacher, well known in Topeka, has made arrangements for a settlement of colored persons near Santiago. He has about thirty families in twenty or thirty days. For several years it has been a cherished dream of Mr. Vence to effect a settlement of his race in some southern clime. Since the war has closed he has turned his attention toward Cuba, and has concluded that there are more inducements for his project in that country. He has been over the island, and has seen the place to establish a town on the high land above Santiago, which he will call Topeka.

## RUSSIA WILL ASSIST SPAIN.

St. Petersburg Government Has a Scheme of Intervention in Philippines.

Russia has undertaken to help Spain in her struggle to retain the Philippines, or at least to prevent the establishment of American rule over the group. The St. Petersburg government revealed its scheme through representations to all the great powers of Europe, with the possible exception of England. Italy is the only power which has declined to enlist on her side. The Italian government was requested to join in presenting a note to the United States regarding the control of the Philippines.

## Big Mills for Cripple Creek.

Charles Phillips, a mining expert who has been in the South African gold fields, has gone to Colorado in the interest of Eastern capitalists who own valuable claims in the Cripple Creek district. "The gentleman," says Mr. Phillips, "has seen great possibilities in the development of low-grade properties in Colorado. They see the necessity of mills for treating low-grade ore, and realize that the only thing lacking is the facilities. I am in a position to state that several Eastern capitalists are planning for the construction of big mills. One is already in process of erection with a capacity of 500 tons of low-grade ore a day. This mill will quote prices greatly below the standard now prevailing, making a rate of about \$30 per ton. There is every reason to believe that in a year other mills will go up, treating ore by the new electric process for \$3 or \$3.50 per ton. This will revolutionize mining in the Cripple Creek district, as well as in Victor, Golden and other surrounding camps. Seven-dollar surface and dump ore can be treated at an enormous profit, not only to the mine owners, but to the mill as well."

## Farmer Does Murder in Self-Defense.

Joseph Woodward, a farmer living near Richfield Center, Ohio, died by the effects of injuries inflicted by his half-brother, Edward Woodward, as the result of a quarrel. The Woodward family were loading fodder and Edward started to place some of it where Joseph objected. Edward insisted and Joseph drew a jackknife, opened it and advanced toward his brother with the remark: "If you don't move that fodder I will kill you." Edward picked up a pitchfork and as Joseph approached struck him over the head and knocked him down. Joseph jumped up and again started for his brother, only to be met by another blow. This did not knock him down, but dashed him. He walked a short distance and sat down. Later he was taken to the house and died there. There were two witnesses to the affair. One, a neighbor named John Woodring, says that Edward acted in self-defense. The whole township is wrought up over the tragedy. Both men were popular. Joseph was a well-to-do farmer and a bachelor, while Edward is 35 and has a family.

## Crew Libels Steam Whaler.

Fifteen sailors of the steam whaling bark Belvidere have filed a libel against the bark's captain, District Judge, District Court at San Francisco. They allege that they shipped for a twelve months' whaling cruise, that they were frozen in all winter in the Arctic near the Alaskan coast, and that when the vessel got away and reached Port Clarence at the expiration of their term of service they asked to be discharged. They aver that the master, Captain Mallard, not only refused to comply with their request, but kept them virtually prisoners on board the bark for eight months longer.

## Private Mailing Cards Admitted.

Postmaster Emory Smith has issued an order admitting private mailing cards, authorized by the act of May 19, 1898, into the foreign mails at 1 cent postage each for Canada and Mexico, and 2 cents each for all other post office countries. This permits the sending of any kind of card in lieu of requiring the usual postal card, provided the size is the same as official cards.

## Troops Sailed for Manila.

The transport Newport has sailed from San Francisco for Manila with Gen. Miller and staff and the last of the Philippine expedition. The troops that went away consist of some of the Kansas regiment, the Alger battery of Wyoming and a regiment of the California heavy artillery.

## Tie Up Dallas Street Cars.

The lines of the Consolidated Electric Street Car Company in Dallas, Texas, are tied up by a strike. Several motormen were discharged by the new superintendent and other men were put in their places. The employees demanded the reinstatement of the discharged men.

## Golf Player Chloroformed.

Ockley C. Johnson, a professional golfer, was chloroformed in a hotel on the Natural Bridge road near St. Louis and robbed of \$100 in cash, a gold watch and chain and other valuables.

## New Republic Moves Capital.

The Government of the United States of Central America is removing its capital from Managua, Honduras, to Nicaragua, which will be the permanent seat of government.

## Influence of Elections and Weather.

Bradstreet's views the business situation thus: "While the influence of the elections and of unfavorable weather has

been such as temporarily to reduce the volume of current trade, the innate strength of the general trade situation is shown by the very satisfactory reports received as to bank clearings, railroad earnings, prices and other measures of business development. More inquiry is to be reported for pig iron, and although orders are not as yet numerous, this fact itself is an encouraging one. The cereal markets have been quite steadily held, notwithstanding the subsidence of the war talk and less active foreign demand, pointing to the strength of the statistical position of most grains. Spot cotton has been unchanged on good domestic and foreign demand, but quotations have been affected rather unfavorably by the growing belief in a maximum yield. Government estimates pointing to a yield of 1,000,000 below last year's turnout are practically ignored. The sugar was gone mercifully on, an independent refinery has started and the margin between raw and refined is now only .41 per cent against a margin before the fight began of nearly 92 per cent. Wheat, including foreign shipments, for the week aggregates 3,647,693 bushels, against 3,773,043 bushels last week. Corn exports for the week aggregate 2,142,745 bushels, against 3,356,640 bushels last week."

## CINCINNATI OFFICIAL KILLED.

John C. Roth, County Treasurer, is Crushed in an Elevator.

County Treasurer John C. Roth met a tragic death at Cincinnati. He was found with his head crushed on the elevator in his big pork packing establishment. The theory as to the accident which is accepted by the coroner and the family is that after stepping on the elevator he pulled the lever. It worked hard and he gave a violent start. He fell backward and was shipped and fell. His head dropped over the edge, and as he could not right himself in time his head was caught between the elevator and the bottom of the third floor. The elevator went on and did not stop until the automatic mechanism had done its duty.

## AWFUL TRAGEDY IN KENTUCKY.

Robert Brown Kills His Wife and Her Parents—He Is Captured.

Near Glasgow, Ky., Robert Brown shot and killed his father-in-law, Louis McClellan, his mother-in-law and his wife, Bertha, and dangerously wounded his brother-in-law. He then made his escape. An alarm was soon given and a posse quickly collected and gave pursuit. Brown was tracked to his barn, which was surrounded. He opened fire on his pursuers, which was returned, over 100 shots being fired. The pursuers were about to burn the barn over his head when Brown appeared at the door with his weapons in his hands and surrendered.

## Murderer Bakes His Victim.

A sensational murder was committed in a North London (England) bakery. A homeless Pole of the name of Schneider was given lodging in the bakery and he murdered the baker's German assistant, throwing the victim inside the oven. The baker, aroused by the stench of the burning body, descended to the bakery house. Schneider tried to escape, but was also, clucking him over the head and stabbing him in the chest. The shrieks of the baker brought the police and Schneider was overpowered.

## Is the Infanta Maria Teresa.

Wreckers who have arrived at Nassau brought with them stories from the stranded wreck of the Infanta Maria Teresa, which beyond a doubt that she is the Infanta Maria Teresa. They report that the water is in her between decks, that she has a list to starboard, which side is damaged, and that she is dismantled.

## Missouri Bank Cleaned Out.

The Kirsckville, Mo., Savings Bank was entered by burglars and the sum of \$14,000 in Government bonds, belonging to Samuel Reed, president, and \$18,000 in gold and greenbacks. Two thousand dollars in silver was left, evidently being too precious to take. The vault was overlooked by the robbers.

## Thirteen Murderers Hanged.

The main town Sierra Leone, West Africa, bring news of the hanging at Kwelli of thirteen murderers of American missionaries, members of the United Brotherhood of Christ, in the Sherbro district of Sierra Leone, last May.

## Missouri Soldiers Mustered Out.

The last company of the Fifth Missouri volunteers has been mustered out and the men have left for their homes. With the exception of a few soldiers, all of the Third and Fifth are now out.

## Luccheni Goes to Prison for Life.

At Geneva, Switzerland, the Italian anarchist, Luigi Luccheni, who shot and killed Empress Elizabeth of Austria in September last, was placed on trial. The prisoner was sentenced to rigorous imprisonment for life.

## Tragedy off Turtle Light.

Fishermen from Green Island report that off the Lightkeeper's light, the wreck of the Turtle light, saw a small schooner with a crew of six men and one woman go down during the recent gale.

## Suffocated in a Hotel Fire.

Gus Enz, night clerk, and John Moore, waiter, in the New York kitchen at Waldorf-Astoria, were suffocated in a fire in the Idaho hotel.

## Ex-Mayor Cregier Is Dead.

DeWitt C. Cregier, ex-Mayor of Chicago, died at his home in that city. For two years he had suffered from Bright's disease.

## Death of Mexico's Chief Justice.

Francisco Baca, Chief Justice of Mexico, died at his home in Mexico City. He was one of the chief members of the Liberty party.

## Yamagata Forms a Cabinet.

A new cabinet has been formed to assist Premier Yamagata in administering the affairs of Japan.

## THE MARKETS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$3.75; hogs, shipping grade, \$3.00 to \$3.75; wheat, No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904,