

On the 16th Queen Wilhelmina of The Netherlands proclaimed her betrothal to Duke Henry of Mecklenburg-Schwerin.

F. W. Vaille, director of posts in the Philippines, has notified the post office department that he has opened a night school for native postal employees at Samolpec, where they may study English.

Prof. Pickering, of Harvard, arrived at Kingston, Jamaica, on the 16th, to establish an astronomical observatory at Mandeville immediately. He says the surroundings there are favorable for special researches.

A conservative estimate of Florida's orange crop this year places the yield at 1,000,000 boxes. The groves are in healthy condition. Fruit will begin to be marketed about the 1st. The average price per box is two dollars.

Prof. Wilhelm Oncken, of the University of Giessen (Hesse), who was intimately acquainted with the late Prince Bismarck, writes to a Dresden journal that Bismarck's last prayer was: "Lord, I believe. Help Thou mine unbelief."

It is regarded in Pekin as certain that the alleged imperial edict ordering the punishment of high officials was forged, and was concocted with the object of preventing the advance of the allies on Pao Ting Fu. Both Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang deny its authenticity.

Nicholas Scalp, a Swedish naval cook, who was on the battleship Maine when she was blown up in Havana harbor, shot and killed himself in Brooklyn on the 19th. His jaw was shattered by flying iron in the Maine explosion, and he had been unable to eat solid food since.

The comptroller of the currency says that applications have been received under the act of March 14, 1900, for the organization of 496 new national banks, with a total capacity of \$23,505,000. Of this number 373 will have a capacity of less than \$50,000 each, and 123 of \$50,000 or more.

The report that the Dowager Empress Frederick was married, last April, to Baron Seckendorff, who was Hofmeister under Emperor Frederick, although widely circulated abroad, had always been strenuously denied in Berlin, until the present crisis in her disease. Now, however, it is being circulated again and accepted as true.

Former cabinet officer and senator, John Sherman, is dangerously ill at his residence, on K street, in Washington city. The attack has taken the form of a general collapse, in part due to the debility incident to old age and to the effects of the serious illness which he suffered while on a trip to the West Indies two years ago.

The bazaar for the benefit of the homeless Galveston orphans, which began in New York city, on the night of the 15th, in the Waldorf-Astoria, was closed, on the 17th, by Mark Twain, who spoke for about ten minutes. The management of the bazaar estimated the net receipts for the three nights at between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

Gov. Sayers of Texas was among the president's callers on the 19th. He was on his way back to Texas from New York, where he went to attend the charity bazaar for the benefit of the orphans of the Galveston disaster, and stopped in Washington to pay his respects to the president and to thank him for the aid the government had extended the victims of the storm.

Secretary Long has ordered that there be no further proceedings in the case of Capt. Wilde of the Oregon, who was being investigated by a court of inquiry to determine the responsibility for the grounding of the battleship in the Gulf of Pe Chi Li, last summer, while hurrying to Taku from Shanghai. This action finally disposed of the case.

Gen. J. W. Fisher died at his home in Cheyenne, Wyo., on the 18th, at the age of 86 years. He was one of Wyoming's pioneers, going to Cheyenne in 1871 as associate justice of the territorial court, appointed by President Grant. He was afterward chief justice of the supreme court for over eight years. His war record was particularly brilliant, rising from the ranks of the volunteers to be a brigadier general.

Gov. Mount of Indiana, on the 15th, received a deed to the 16 acres of land in Spencer county, Indiana, surrounding the grave of Nancy Hanks Lincoln, the mother of Abraham Lincoln. The deed conveys the land from the county commissioners of Spencer county to the Nancy Hanks Lincoln Memorial association, of which the governor is president. The work on the monument has begun, and will, it is believed, be completed this fall, when dedicatory services will be held.

Seven masked men wrecked the safe of the Farmers' bank at Bronaugh, Mo., at about half-past one o'clock on the morning of the 19th. Dynamite was used, and the report was heard by Constable William T. Morren and the proprietor of the Bronaugh house, across the street from the bank. Constable Morren fired several times in the darkness in the direction of the report, and shot after shot was returned by the robbers, one of which struck Morren and killed him. He was shot squarely between the eyes with a .44-caliber bullet.

## NEWS IN BRIEF.

Compiled from Various Sources.

### PERSONAL AND GENERAL

S. L. Morris was arrested in Chicago, on the 19th, for an alleged attempt upon the life of John W. Gates, ex-president of the American Steel and Wire Co. When searched at the police station, two large revolvers were found concealed in his pockets.

Charles Francis Adams, president of the Massachusetts Historical society, delivered the formal dedicatory address of the Wisconsin State Historical society's new library and museum building at Madison, on the 19th, before a large audience.

Marquis Ito has formed a new Japanese cabinet. Viscount Katsura Taro and Admiral Yamamoto retain the portfolios of war and marine respectively. The other members of the ministry belong to the premier's new party.

It was officially reported, on the 17th, that there were 100 cases of yellow fever in Havana.

The statistical bureau of Berlin has been awarded a grand prix at the Paris exposition.

Mr. J. Clancy gave notice, on the 19th, that he would move, at the next meeting of the corporation, that the freedom of the city of Dublin be conferred upon ex-President Kruger of the Transvaal republic.

The municipal council of Berlin, on the 19th, adopted a resolution to build municipal street railways after the expiration of the present charters.

Nearly four million dollars in gold arrived at San Francisco, on the 19th, from Australia, on the steamer Alameda.

There was no material change in Mr. Sherman's condition, on the 18th, except that he showed signs of increasing weakness. The patient was partially unconscious much of the time, rallying and brightening at intervals. He has a disagreeable cough, which irritates him a great deal in his debilitated condition.

The state department, on the 18th, received a report from the consul at Nagasaki, Japan, of the death at that place, on September 13, of Bertrand W. Ragsdale, vice-consul and marshal of the consular court at Tien Tsin, China. He had gone from Tien Tsin to Nagasaki in July for the benefit of his health.

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It is announced that the immediate danger attaching to the illness of King Oscar has passed, but that he will require a long rest.

Rabbi Heyman Schwarz, a well-known Jewish litterateur, died at Houston, Tex., on the 18th, aged 76. He had an international reputation as a writer on the Jewish religion.

A home for women students at the Berlin university will be erected, following the general plan of college dormitories in the United States.

Former Gov. W. P. Dillingham was elected United States senator by the Vermont legislature, at Montpelier, on the 18th.

Hard coal prices will never be reduced to the point where they were before the Pennsylvania strike in the opinion of retail coal dealers. They say that the strike has permanently raised the price of coal at least 50 cents on the ton.

William Millham, of Solomon City, Kas., a veteran of the civil war, and a furloughed inmate of the national military home at Leavenworth, Kas., was killed, on the 18th, at St. Louis, by the Kinloch special on the Wabash railroad.

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The feeling was prevalent at Hazelton, Pa., on the 18th, that the decision of the operators' meeting at Scranton to insist that the reduction in the price of power must be taken into consideration in determining the net ten per cent. increase in wages has complicated matters somewhat.

Health Commissioner Reynolds of Chicago is considering the advisability of licensing dealers in horse meat. Inspectors have discovered that a large amount of the product is being disposed of in the city markets.

The new Piltonger Grand opera house at Centralia, Ill., nearly completed, at an outlay of \$35,000, was burned on the 18th. There was only \$8,000 insurance. A meeting of citizens was called to devise means to aid in rebuilding. A portion of the walls can be saved.

The statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, issued on the 19th, showed: Available cash balance, \$135,730,184; gold, \$86,304,185.

### LATE NEWS ITEMS.

Senor Cencio, Cuban secretary of finance, in the course of a pamphlet just issued on the financial condition of the municipalities of the island, urges better business management, pointing out that a municipality should be as carefully conducted on its financial side as a business corporation.

The state department, on the 21st, received a copy of the Anglo-German agreement regarding China from Count De Quadt, the German charge d'affaires, who, earlier in the day, had received it by telegraph from Count Von Buelow, the German chancellor at Berlin.

The Vremdenblatt and the Neue Freie Presse, of Vienna, approve the agreement between England and Germany, and express themselves as confident that all the powers will adhere to it, "because any power declining to do so would excite distrust."

Baroness Von Ketteler, the widow of the murdered German ambassador to China, arrived in Detroit, Mich., on the 21st, and was immediately driven to the residence of her father, Henry W. Ragsdale, vice-consul and marshal of the consular court at Tien Tsin, China. He had gone from Tien Tsin to Nagasaki in July for the benefit of his health.

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Advices received from Hayti, on the 21st, assert that the revolution in Santo Domingo is not ended, and that fighting was proceeding in the interior, although the revolutionists were weak.

Maj.-Gen. Leonard Wood, military governor general of Cuba, arrived in Washington on the 21st. During the afternoon he called at the White House and had a conference with the president.

The new British minister to China, Sir Ernest Mason Satow, arrived at Pekin on the 21st.

### CURRENT NEWS NOTES.

The seventeenth annual St. Louis exposition is a thing of the past.

Eduard Strauss, the waltz king, has arrived from Germany. It is his first trip over in ten years.

William J. Bryan has mailed his letter accepting the nomination for president given him by the silver republicans.

The looted bank at Bronaugh, Mo., was insured against robbery by the Bankers' Mutual, of Des Moines, Ia., in the sum of \$3,500.

R. Percy Kennett, a native of St. Louis, was killed by the accidental discharge of his own revolver at Victor, Mont.

Burglars cracked the safe in the post office at La Prairie, Ill., securing \$14 in money and \$70 worth of postage stamps.

Jewels worth \$1,000 were stolen from the trunk of Mrs. C. S. McGuire while on her way to Cincinnati from a visit in St. Louis.

A cablegram announces that Sir Roderick William Cameron died in London, Friday, in his seventy-sixth year.

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## WITHIN OUR LIMITS.

News by Telegraph from Various Towns in Indiana.

### Probably Fatal Affray.

Salem, Ind., Oct. 19.—Ex-Auditor John L. Williams shot and probably fatally wounded Marion Mayfield at the home of the latter's mother, to whom Williams was said to be paying attention. Young Mayfield is about 22 years of age, is married and lives in the same house with his mother. Williams is a widower and was auditor of this county for eight years, retiring and going into the grocery business about 12 years ago. He is about 60 years of age. Mrs. Mayfield is separated from her husband, William Mayfield.

### Gift of a See House.

Michigan City, Ind., Oct. 19.—John H. Barker has made a handsome gift to the Episcopal diocese of Michigan City in the form of a residence to cost from \$20,000 to \$25,000. It will be known as the bishop's house and will be occupied by the bishop and his family. The structure will be of Bedford stone, in modern style of architecture. Mr. Barker's gift will result in making this place permanently the see city of the diocese.

### Fatally Shot.

Muncie, Ind., Oct. 19.—Louis Wilhelm, 38 years old, a window glass blower belonging to the old labor assembly, No. 300, was shot in the abdomen at Eaton by Andrew Cowan, a cutter belonging to the new organization. Wilhelm will die. The tragedy is a result of the starting up of the Baur window plant with new Knights of Labor men. Cowan is in custody.

### Will Recover.

Elkhart, Ind., Oct. 19.—Lewis Reynolds, the Lake Shore engineer who went down with his wrecked locomotive near Chicago Sunday night, will recover. For 36 hours he was unconscious, but his vigorous constitution prevailed, and he is now out of danger. He was an Andersonville prisoner during the civil war, and is famed for his great courage.

### New Fact...

South Bend, Ind., Oct. 19.—A new factory which will cost not less than \$1,000,000 to build and equip will be established in this city by the Singer Manufacturing company, makers of the sewing machine. The company has already an enormous plant here, but this will be abandoned, to be replaced by the new plant.

### State Recovers in Part.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 19.—Judge Carter in the superior court handed down his opinion in the suit by the state of Indiana to recover nearly \$3,000,000 from the Vandalia railroad. He holds that the state is entitled to recover \$745,154.65 instead of nearly four times that sum, which was demanded.

### Fatally Burned.

South Bend, Ind., Oct. 19.—Mrs. Eliza Croker, age 76 years, awoke in the night and lighted a match to find a glass of water. She dropped the match on the floor, setting the carpet on fire. The flames reached the bed clothing, and before she could be rescued her body was burned almost to a crisp.

### Student Hurt.

Madison, Ind., Oct. 19.—During the initiation of Paul Snyder, son of Capt. James O. Snyder, of Milton, Ky., into the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, at Hanover college, the candidate was so violently thrown that his right arm was broken.

### Rural Mail Routes.

Goshen, Ind., Oct. 19.—Special Agent DeBauw was in the city and established four new rural postal routes from this city, two east and two west of the city, which makes six free rural routes established in this county within the last month.

### Killed in the Philippines.

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