

DEAD NUMBER ABOUT 250.

Awful Loss of Life at Hoboken, New Jersey.

TWO STEAMSHIPS ARE BURNED

More Than 200 Persons Are Missing. Most of Whom Are No Doubt Drowned. Underwriters Place Damage at About \$16,000,000.

With a loss of no fewer than 250 lives and the destruction of property valued at nearly \$10,000,000, the entire pier system of the North German Lloyd Steamship company at Hoboken, N. Y., was burned Saturday. The magnificent ocean liners, Main, Saale and Bremen were destroyed by the flames and the peerless Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse was scorched and only was snatched from the blazing piers and shifted into midstream by the liveliest kind of work.

Summary of Awful Disaster.

Total loss of life (approximately), 250; bodies recovered, 18; missing from the Saale, 128; missing from the Bremen, 77; missing from the Main, 61; loss to steamship Main, \$1,600,000; loss to steamship Bremen, \$1,000,000; loss to steamship Saale, \$1,100,000; loss to docks and contents, \$650,000; loss to warehouses, \$1,300,000; loss to Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, \$25,000; other losses (estimated), \$4,000,000.

List of the Dead.

The following list of the dead is the most comprehensive that could be obtained: Ahlborn, Adolph, 36 years old, chief officer of the Bremen, died in Jersey City hospital; Boighmann, Christian, 38 years old, taken from the Main, died in Christ's hospital, Jersey City; Cordts, Mrs. Lena S., 51 years old, stewardess of the Saale, died in Jersey City hospital; Cordel, Fred, longshoreman of Hoboken, body recovered from river; Blier, Fred, fireman on Saale, perished in hold of vessel; Handell, Fred, longshoreman, body found on North German Lloyd pier; Hohenstein, Karl, 50 years old, painter on Saale; four friends saw him burn while his head was through a port-hole; Irner, head fireman of Main, head to have perished in the hold of the Main by officers of the vessel; Milow, J., 50 years old, captain of the Saale, burned to a crisp on dock, but identified by means of penknives; Melinski, chief storekeeper of Main, seen to have perished in hold by one of the officers; Reichert, Paul, painter on Saale; companion saw him fall back into flames; Sander, Herman, 24 years

old, sailor on Bremen; companion saw him perish; Schumacher, Carl, of crew of Saale; body in Hoboken morgue; Vinner, Ernest, 37, from Saale, died at Christ's hospital at Jersey City; Wehlan, J., chief engineer of Saale; rescued companion saw him dead on the ship; also 31 dead whose names were not learned.

Eighteen Bodies Recovered.

Eighteen bodies have been recovered. Eleven of these were placed in a row at the morgue in New York and numbered, this being the only means the authorities have of maintaining any sort of identity over the corpses, as they are so badly charred and dismembered that identification will be made only by trinkets or pieces of clothing that were found about the bodies. The only way the steamship officials have of approximating the loss of life is by comparing the list of those reported safe with the list of the employees on the steamships. Late tonight Gustav Schwab, the general agent of the North German Lloyd line, gave out a list showing what men on each vessel had been missing up to that hour. On the Saale 255 men were employed, and only 127 of these had been accounted for up to 11 o'clock, leaving 128 men actually employed as officers, sailors, stewards, engineers, coal passers, oilers and trimmers to be accounted for.

Many Are Missing.

The Bremen had 204 men on board, but only 127 of these have been found. The Main had 137 employed on her at the time and of these only seventy-six have been reported. The scene of the great fire presented a spectacular but horrible sight. Over in Hoboken, where two days ago piers reached hundreds of feet out into the river and rose in the air like great hills, alive with outgoing and incoming commerce, stood a great waste of burning and smoldering beams, with here and there a remnant of a high brick wall, all that remains of the hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of property.

Bodies in the Sea.

When the burned and scuttled Saale is pumped out it is believed that the bodies of many people who perished below her main deck will be discovered. Some of those perished in the flames were alive when the steamship was towed to the Jersey flats just north of Ellis island.

Through the open deadlights or port-holes the poor creatures appealed for help several times before the vessel was scuttled in the hope of putting out the fire which was raging in her upper works. The port-holes, being less than a foot in diameter, it was impossible to save them, and one after another the people inside succumbed to the smoke and flames.

THE WAR WITH THE BOXERS

Severe Battles in the Empire of China.

MANY NATIONS TAKE A HAND.

Combined Force of 5,500 Men Entered Tien-Tsin - Concentrated Movement Upon Peking - Reign of Terror Is Now Feared.

Confusing dispatches reach London regarding Admiral Seymour's party. Relief forces left Tien-Tsin Monday, but somewhat disturbing reports are received as to their success. Emperor William, with Italy and Austria as allies, is reported to be planning war against the yellow race and is sending a great army to China.

Admiral Seymour's Force Fought Fifteen Days on Quarter Rations and Lost Sixty-two Killed and 313 Wounded before Rescue.

Chinese forced him to turn back before reaching Peking. Rear admiral Seymour's force of 2,000 men was reported to have been in control for his benefit. Rumor that all Russian troops are to be mobilized.

Empress Dowager Announced Burning of Palace at Peking by Chinese Troops on June 18.

Ninth Infantry sailed from Manila. War department received many offers of troops.

Russian General and 16,000 Foreign Troops Are Now Marching to Peking.

Powers are believed to be averse to a general war with China.

Whereabouts of Foreign Ministers Unknown.

Minister Conger has not been heard from and Washington authorities are uncertain whether a state of war or mere rioting exists in China.

Seymour Lost Sixty-two Killed and Wounded, of Whom Four Killed and Twenty-five Wounded were Americans.

Boxers fought advance at every village. Expedition saved from starvation because Americans took two weeks' rations, while others had them for only five days.

St. Louis Mob Chases a Woman.

Thursday Miss Mary Murray of East St. Louis was pursued by a howling mob in North St. Louis. She found refuge in a drug store. As she alighted from a Transit car some young men yelled "Scab!" and that brought the mob together. "Tear off her clothes!" shouted several voices, but the young woman beat the mob in the race to the drug store, a block away. The police dispersed the mob.

Wife Death in Niagara Falls.

A girl who registered at Niagara Falls as "Mabel Williams, Philadelphia," threw herself into the whirlpool rapids Monday. Telegrams from Allentown show the girl to be Gertrude Roth, 29 years of age, a sister of Mrs. Charles N. Wagner there. It is supposed a quarrel with a Lehigh university student led to her taking her life.

Sheldon Is Not a Candidate.

Rev. Charles M. Sheldon of Topeka, Kan., was questioned at London by a representative of the Associated Press regarding the cable report of his nomination for the vice-presidency by the United Christian party. He said: "My name has been proposed without authority. I have no intention of accepting the nomination."

ST. LOUIS STRIKE ENDED.

Transit Company and Pullman Employees Sign an Agreement.

The St. Louis street railway strike is ended. The transit company and the executive committee of the strikers have signed an agreement. Both sides claim victory. The agreement follows:

1. The provisions of the agreement of March 10, 1900, as to rates of pay and hours of service will be continued in force by the company.

2. Every employe of the company to be free to join any organization, and no discrimination to be made for or against him because of the manner in which he exercises his freedom.

3. Any attempt on the part of any employe to induce another employe by intimidation or threats to join or not join any union shall be cause for the immediate discharge of the person guilty of such attempt.

4. Any attempt to influence any employe by an official of the company to join or not join any union shall be cause for discharge of such official.

5. The company will meet any employe or committee of employes, whether representing themselves, other employes or an association of employes, regarding any matter of mutual interest.

6. For the purpose of filling vacancies which may now exist or hereafter arise the committee of former employes, of which T. B. Edwards is chairman, shall prepare a list of the men who were in the company's service on May 7 last, and as the company now or hereafter needs additional men it will select them exclusively from this list until it is exhausted, not interfering, however, with men now in the service. No person shall be eligible to this list who has been guilty of any acts of lawlessness or violence.

During the strike deeds of violence were almost of daily occurrence. The loss in life and limb is summarized as follows:

Casualties: Killed, 14; wounded by bullets, 70; otherwise injured, 150; driven insane, 3; women attacked or denuded by mobs, 155.

Losses: To men in wages, \$448,000; to company in fares, \$1,500,000; to company in operating expense and damage, \$300,000; to the city for extra police and citizens' posse, \$300,000; to the city in business, \$20,000,000.

Boy Finds Gun.

At Cincinnati Tuesday a woman excitedly entered Bremen street police station and, turning over \$200 in gold to Sergeant Juggling, informed him that her little boy, George Kramer, had found it in a cellar in Wade street, near Plum. The boy and two companions, Alfonso Churruh and Ruby Herz, were in the rear of No. 213 Wade street, and Kramer, spying a lot of gold pieces, suggested playing marbles, using the gold as chips. They played and Kramer won all the money. When he took it to his mother she nearly had hysterics. She is poor, and at first, she says, thought of keeping the money, but later concluded to give it to the police.

Trinidad Voted at Delay.

News is received that Trinidad is dissatisfied with the delay in the ratification of the treaty with the United States and that the legislative council has passed a resolution declining to agree to the delay and setting forth that it considers itself at liberty to make other arrangements.

A WEEK IN ILLINOIS

RECORD OF HAPPENINGS IN SEVEN DAYS.

H. A. Hamilton, a prominent Lake View official, died from heart disease at Whelan College Monday afternoon.

Whelan College Students.

Commencement week at Whelan college closed with the senior class. The baccalaureate sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Vincent of the Central Congregational church of Galesburg, Ill. The missionary address was by Dr. F. Van Allen of Madison, Inda. At the graduating exercises of the music and art departments certificates were presented to Miss Anna C. Skeels of Huntley; L. L. Smith, Wheeling, Mich.; C. W. Drupper, Bloomington, Ill.; Miss Flora Knight, Rockford, Ill.; Miss Alice May Sutton, Galesburg, Wis., and Lauretta Jean, Madison, Ill.

Trustees Meeting.

At the trustees' meeting Dr. C. A. Vincent of Galesburg and W. F. Jobbins of Aurora were elected to fill vacancies. President Blanchard and Dr. F. H. H. Williams, western editor of the Congregationalist, was reappointed lecturer on the history of philosophy and ethics. The Rev. E. S. Carr, pastor of the College church, Wheaton, was appointed lecturer on the relation of philosophy to Christianity. Mrs. Nora M. Kellogg was elected dean of the women's department. More than \$40,000 having been secured toward the proposed endowment of \$100,000, subscribers were requested by the trustees to grant them until July 1, 1900, to raise the entire sum.

Treasurer Hamilton Dead.

H. A. Hamilton, treasurer of the real estate board and member of the town of Lake View, died at the Whelan hospital. He was injured while crossing a bridge near his country place in Ravinia. Mr. Hamilton was a member of the firm of C. S. Hamilton & Co. and had resided in Chicago all his life, having been born there in 1862. The body of Mr. Hamilton was found by a spirited animal, that had never been trained to speak. It roared and bellowed, and while it was swarming toward a hard wire fence Mr. Hamilton decided to descend. His foot failed to leave the stirrup, and he was thrown on his back. The horse's hoofs struck him in the pit of the stomach. He was taken to his home at Ravinia, and later removed to the Whelan hospital. An operation was the only chance of saving his life. This was performed, but proved unavailing. Mr. Hamilton was a graduate of the North Division High School and the Northwestern Law School. He was married to Miss Eleanor Fargo in 1891. His widow and three daughters survive him.

Illinois Teachers Meet Officers.

The Southern Illinois Teachers' association closed its term with a lecture from Dr. Bryan of Indianapolis, Ind. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, D. J. Underwood, county superintendent of Hamilton county; first vice president, J. H. Worman, of Madison county; second vice president, Frank Cole, Jr., Edward county; recording secretary, Louis M. Trisler, Pineknobville; corresponding secretary, W. B. Kinney, Tamarua; treasurer, M. T. Van Cleave, Shawdown; ex-commissioner, W. H. Shyrock, Carbondale; T. J. McDonough, East St. Louis, and S. J. Curlee, Salem. The next meeting will be at Duquoin. An excursion was given to Chester, Ill.

Rains Damaged Crops.

The recent heavy rains have played havoc with the growing crops near Acola. John Jones, a prominent farmer and an authority on such matters, stated that Indian corn, especially in the low lands, as well as broom corn, has suffered a depreciation of at least 50 per cent. Both of these crops on higher ground have probably sustained a loss of 20 per cent. The oat crop is practically gone in this section. The heavy rain bent the grain to the earth and about all there is left of the crop is the straw, which in many instances is down and rotting. The increased acreage of broom corn will probably bring the yield up to the average.

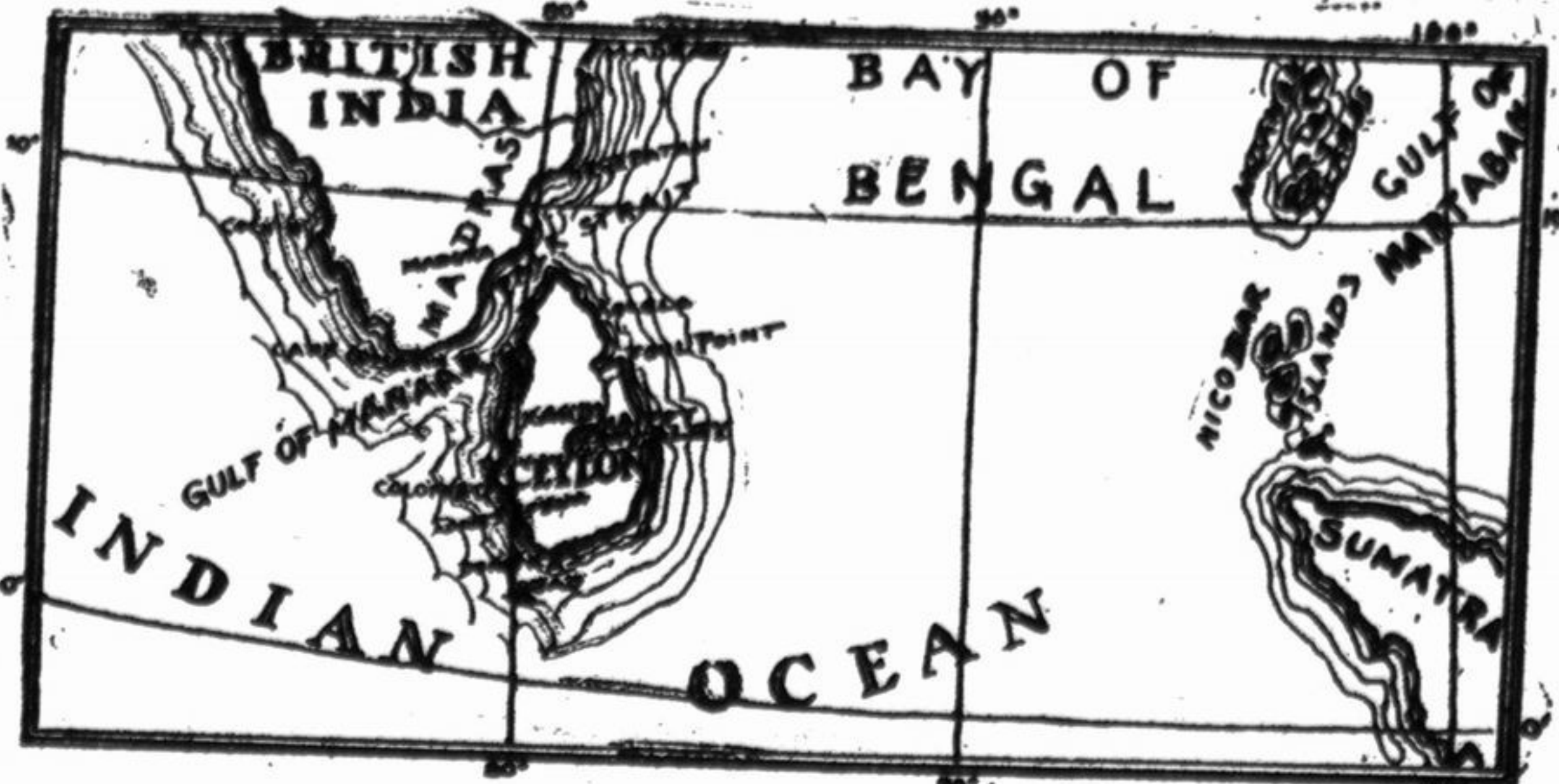
Chicago Banker Robbed.

H. K. Duffield, a board of trade broker, was robbed of \$65,000 while riding on a Cottage Grove avenue cable car in Chicago. The money was in bonds, mining stocks and deeds, which Mr. Duffield was taking to the bank. The robbery is credited to professional pickpockets, who, it is believed, have been watching board of trade men credited with making heavy profits on the big bulge in wheat. Mr. Duffield could give the police no clue.

Money for Insane Condition.

The creditors of the late Walter H. Ramsey of Carlyle will be paid in cents on the dollar at once. An order was entered in the Probate Court setting the payment of all unpaid claims and the 10 per cent dividend in the Ramsey estate in the amount of \$100,000. Ramsey died in 1898, leaving a large estate.

CEYLON, EXILE HOME OF BOER PRISONERS.



THE ISLAND OF CEYLON, SHOWING HAPPY VALLEY.

The Boer prisoners taken in the war with Great Britain are to be deported to the island of Ceylon, one of the Asiatic possessions of the queen. The island is a little more than half as big as New York state, and it has about half as many inhabitants, mostly Singalese. It is a representative colony, and the garrison numbers about 1,600 men. The Boers who, as a people, are said to bank on their God-fearing qualities will find themselves lonely as not more than a tenth of the population profess Christianity.

Yet the place to which the Boers by thousands are to be sent is so beautiful that it is called the Happy Valley, or, in Singalese, the Diyatalawa Valley. The English say the climate there is perfection. The Happy Valley is at the Bandarawata end of the great Naputale Valley. Just now the site selected is barren ground, but buildings will be put up to accommodate the prisoners from South Africa. The locality has been inspected by the

officials of the colony, and work on this has begun. The first thing to be done was to convert the footpath from the station to the site, a mile and a half distant, into a cart path. There is a natural lake at the foot of the valley which can supply all the water necessary for washing purposes, though not for drinking, and a practically unlimited supply can be drawn from the streams above the valley. Fifty buildings over 100 feet long will be built, each one of which will accommodate about 100 men.

Passenger Train Runs Away.

The Wabash passenger train from the west went through Loganport, Ind., over crossings and past the station at sixty miles an hour Thursday. In starting down the Clymer hill, three miles west, the engineer found the air brakes would not work. He began sounding distress signals, and the train of ten coaches thundered down the steep grade like a rocket. The train was not under control with-

McKinley Is At Canton.

President McKinley left Washington Friday night for Canton, Ohio, where they are to remain for several weeks. With them also went Secretary Cortlyon, Dr. P. M. Riney, the president's physician, and a stenographer from the White House. The McKinley home at Canton has been thoroughly renovated and refurbished and the president hopes to enjoy a season of comparative rest and quiet before returning to the capital.

Teachers Meet to Sound.

The commissioners of education at Honolulu have adopted a resolution prohibiting any one from teaching in the public schools who is suffering from tuberculosis or other contagious or infectious diseases. It also prohibits students afflicted with such diseases from attending public schools. This action was due to the great increase of consumption in the islands, which amounts to fully 100 per cent during the last year.

America's loftiest Mountain.

The record of the geological survey in Washington established the fact that the loftiest known mountain in North America is Mount McKinley, in Alaska, about 200 miles from the shore of Cook Inlet. The original name of the peak is Trilogan. It is 20,444 feet high. This is not far from the elevation of Mount Chimborazo, the highest peak of the Andes, and is 2,400 feet greater than that of Mount St. Helens, which was at one time believed to be America's loftiest mountain.

Sale of Old Silver.

A very interesting sale of old silver took place in a Dublin auction room, when 2,000 ounces of old Irish silver, the property of the late Mr. Bomford, of Kells, came under the hammer. Some of the silver was nearly two hundred years old, and fetched extraordinary high prices. A potato dish ring made the record price of five guineas an ounce; other things, such as porridge bowls, coasters, sauce-boats, salts, etc., making from fifteen shillings to two pounds an ounce.

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