

A MINE DISASTER.

Explosion of Gas and Firedamp Takes Eight Lives.

It Occurs Near Brownsville, Pa.—Seventy Men at Work in the Mine at the Time—Three Are Killed at Nanticoke, Pa.

Brownsville, Pa., Sept. 24.—Seventy men were entombed Friday in the Empire mine of Snowden, Gould & Co., one-fourth of a mile below town, as the result of an explosion of gas followed by another explosion of firedamp. Of the number entombed all escaped or were taken out by rescuing parties except eight, who were killed outright and three more or less hurt. The dead are: John Haiston, miner, aged 35 (colored), wife and two children; Salem Haiston, miner, his brother, aged 25, single; Robert Davidson, miner, aged 45 (white), no family; John Bennett, driver, aged 22, single; William Pritchard, miner, aged 50, wife and seven children; Henry Hagar, aged 17; John Cartwright, miner, aged 50, married but no children; James Hall, miner, aged 17, unmarried.

The explosion is said to have been caused by the loosening of a large block of coal which opened a pocket of gas. Immediately following the explosion of gas there was a second explosion of firedamp. There were 70 men at work in the mine at the time of the disaster and at first it seemed an impossibility for the 54 men in entries nine and ten, where the explosion occurred, to escape. Four men, Jacobs, Davis, Whetzel and Walker, who were near the entrance, managed to crawl out, and the others with the exception of those caught by falling coal escaped by traversing a mile and a half of underground passages coming out

TO FIX THE BLAME.

Commission to Investigate Conduct of War Department Holds Its First Formal Session.

Washington, Sept. 27.—The commission selected by the president to investigate the conduct of the war department held its first formal session Monday with all the members present.

The meeting was strictly secret, no newspaper representatives or others not connected with the board being admitted.

The session was confined to a meeting of two hours' duration in the forenoon, after which an adjournment was taken until ten o'clock Tuesday. The proceedings were limited to the outlining of a general policy and the formulation of letters of inquiry.

The members of the commission are: Maj. Gen. Granville M. Dodge, of Iowa; Col. J. A. Sexton, of Illinois; Capt. E. P. Howell, of Georgia; Maj. Gen. J. M. Wilson, chief of engineers of the United States army; Hon. Charles Denby, of Indiana, late minister to China; ex-Gov. Urban A. Woodbury, of Vermont; ex-Gov. James A. Beaver, of Pennsylvania; Maj. Gen. H. McD. Cook, of the army (retired), and Dr. P. S. Connor, of Cincinnati.

Granville M. Dodge is chairman and Richard Weightman is secretary of the commission. Maj. Mills, of the inspector-general's office, is to be military recorder.

HIS WESTERN TRIP.

President McKinley and Party to Leave Washington for Omaha on October 10.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 27.—A special to the Bee from Washington says that Senator John M. Thurston, accompanied by W. N. Babcock, transportation

TO ESCAPE THE FEVER.

Southern People Coming North Through Fear of Attack by "Yellow Jack."

Jackson, Miss., Sept. 26.—The yellow fever epidemic, which is now costing the state of Mississippi \$2,000 a day, not to mention the loss to commerce, prostration of business and a tie-up of railroads throughout the state, is now at its height, and the chances are good for its continuance until the frosts of November. The situation practically shows no recent change. The epidemic is still confined to the counties of Lafayette and Hinds, which are 150 miles apart. A few sporadic cases have appeared in other counties, but they were quickly isolated and the disease stamped out. Up to the present time 120 cases of genuine yellow fever have appeared, from which 25 deaths have resulted, the death rate being about six per cent, heavier than during the epidemic of last year.

Every state in the south has established a rigid quarantine against all portions of Mississippi, infected or noninfected, and business is practically at a standstill. Freight traffic is in a great measure suspended and many railroads have discontinued their train service altogether. Every road in the state is operating at a great loss on account of the quarantine, which in nearly every instance is a shotgun affair and a very bad thing to trifle with.

In Jackson, where five cases have appeared to date, fully three-fourths of the population has left the city, and each outgoing train carries special coaches loaded with refugees for northern points. The town is almost deserted. The capitol building is closed and nearly all the state officials have gone. The banks of the city are open about an hour each day, merely for the purpose of keeping the

ROOSEVELT WINS.

Famous Leader of the Rough Riders Named by New York Republicans for Governor.

Convention Hall, Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 28.—The republican convention nominated the following ticket Tuesday: For governor, Theodore Roosevelt, of Oyster Bay; lieutenant governor, Timothy L. Woodruff, of Kings; comptroller, William J. Morgan, of Erie; secretary of state, John T. McDonough, of Albany; state treasurer, John B. Jaekel, of Cayuga; state engineer, Edward A. Bond, of Jefferson; attorney-general, John C. Davies, of Oneida.

The resolutions congratulate the country upon the conclusion of the war with Spain—a war not undertaken for conquest, but for the sacred cause of humanity, and for the just protection of American interests. The patriotic wisdom, patient courage and the broad humanity which distinguished the conduct of President McKinley during the critical periods of diplomatic negotiations and battle, and which now guide him in the restoration of peace are eulogized. The army and navy is congratulated upon its splendid victories, and a welcome home is extended our brave soldiers and sailors, who, by their courage and sacrifices, have added a new dignity to American citizenship and given new power and meaning to our flag.

The platform continues: "We have abiding confidence that the president will conclude this peace upon terms that will sat-



THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

isfy the conscience, the judgment and the high purpose of the American people. We realize that when the necessities of war compelled our nation to destroy Spanish authority in the Antilles and in the Philippines, we assumed solemn duties and obligations, alike to the people of the islands we conquered, and to the civilized world. We cannot turn these islands back to Spain. We cannot leave them, unarmed for defense and untried in statecraft, to the horrors of domestic strife, or to partition among European powers. We have assumed the responsibilities of victory, and wherever our flag has gone there the liberty, the humanity and the civilization which that flag embodies and represents must remain and abide forever. The republican party has been the party of brave conservatism, of wise progress and of triumphant faith in the nationality of this people, and we know that the president and statesman and voters of the republican party will meet these issues of the future as bravely and triumphantly as we have met the issues of the past.

The annexation of Hawaii is commended, allegiance to the doctrine of the St. Louis platform is renewed, and the declaration is made that the election of republican members of congress and of a republican state legislature will mean that New York shall stand for the maintenance of the gold standard and for such a revision of the currency laws as will guarantee to the labor of the country that every paper promissory note of the United States, shall be of absolute and equal value with a gold dollar always and everywhere.

In the interests of American labor and commerce, the platform declares that American products should be carried in American ships and that the upbuilding of American merchant marine, which will give us our share in the carrying trade of the world in time of peace, and constitute an effective naval militia in time of war. The platform commends the administration of Gov. Black, the work of the legislature, and then deals with purely state issues.

The convention speedily made the nominations for the rest of the state ticket, as named above. The old eagle emblem was readopted for the party and the convention adjourned sine die.

LACKS WARM CORDIALITY.

Diplomatic Atmosphere in Paris Not Inclined Towards the American Peace Commission.

Paris, Sept. 28.—While the reception accorded the United States peace commission here is all that could be desired, and while the French foreign office has taken great pains to treat the American and Spanish commissioners in precisely the same manner, it must be admitted that the general atmosphere of Paris, especially the diplomatic atmosphere, does not incline towards America.

It is the general impression here that the American commissioners have instructions to provide for the retention of Manila and the island of Luzon, "and for a commission to pretend to negotiate is a farce," said a prominent diplomat. He continued: "America will put herself, diplomatically, in the wrong, when she exceeds the provisions of the protocol, which both nations signed. I know the Spaniards have come prepared to make concessions; but if the Americans' instructions are of an uncompromising nature, which is generally believed here to be the case, you can rest assured that the work of the commission will be futile. The Spaniards will retire and America will at last have to threaten a resumption of hostilities before she will gain her point."

The morning and afternoon sessions of the United States peace commissioners were devoted to the internal affairs of the commission and to the systematization of the working force.

TO HAVE ANOTHER TRIAL.

French Cabinet Decides on Revision of the Dreyfus Case—Action Is Approved.

Paris, Sept. 27.—At a meeting of the cabinet, all the ministers being present, a decision was taken in favor of a revision of a trial of former Capt. Dreyfus, and the documents in the case will be sent to the court of cassation.

The crowds of people outside the ministry of the interior, where the cabinet council was held, loudly cheered the ministers and there were shouts of "Vive Brisson," "Viva la revision."

The cabinet ordered the minister of justice, M. Sarrien, to lay before the court of cassation the petition of Mme. Dreyfus, wife of the prisoner of Devil's Island, for a revision of her husband's case. The court, therefore, will decide the legal question as to whether the first trial of Capt. Dreyfus was vitiated by the forgery committed by the late Lieut. Col. Henry, who was a witness before the court-martial, and who confessed to having forged a document in the case.

The minister of justice has announced that he has given instructions that proceedings are to be taken immediately against anyone attacking the army.

The cabinet meeting was prolonged and animated. The minister of agriculture, M. Vigor, is reported to have bitterly opposed a revision and it is rumored he will resign. He left the meeting before it ended, remarking to a newspaper man that he was completely voiceless.

REPRESENT THE FILIPINOS.

Emissaries of the Philippine Provisional Government Arrive—Will Visit McKinley.

San Francisco, Sept. 23.—The United States transport China arrived Thursday from Manila via Hong-Kong, Nagasaki and Kobe. She brought with her as passengers several distinguished military and naval men, besides several journalists and two representatives of the provisional government of the Philippines who are en route to Washington to plead with President McKinley for the independence of the island, after which they will probably proceed to Paris to appear before the peace commission. The Filipinos are named Felipe Agoncillo and Jose Lopez, the former being Aginaldo's chief emissary. In an interview he said the insurgents fully expected to be allowed to govern themselves and even hinted that some sort of agreement had been made with United States Consul Wildman regarding the outcome of the war made by the insurgents against Spain, but what the terms were Agoncillo would not state. He said that he expected definite instructions from Aginaldo by cable, but diplomatically refused to give the slightest hint of any he might have already received. The Filipinos are very shrewd and spoke English fluently.

WANTS TO BE A STATE.

Oklahoma Has Ambitions, According to Gov. Barnes' Annual Report.

Washington, Sept. 26.—The secretary of the interior has made public the annual report of C. M. Barnes, governor of the territory of Oklahoma. The report is a voluminous document, and takes up all the questions which affect the interest of the territory. On the question of statehood Gov. Barnes says:

"Since the passage of the Curtis bill, changing to some extent the status of the five civilized tribes, and apparently postponing the question of statehood therein for several years, the sentiment in Oklahoma is somewhat stronger for immediate statehood than when I made my last report. All political parties have this year declared in favor of statehood upon such terms and with such boundaries as may seem best to congress."

Cyclone in Ohio.

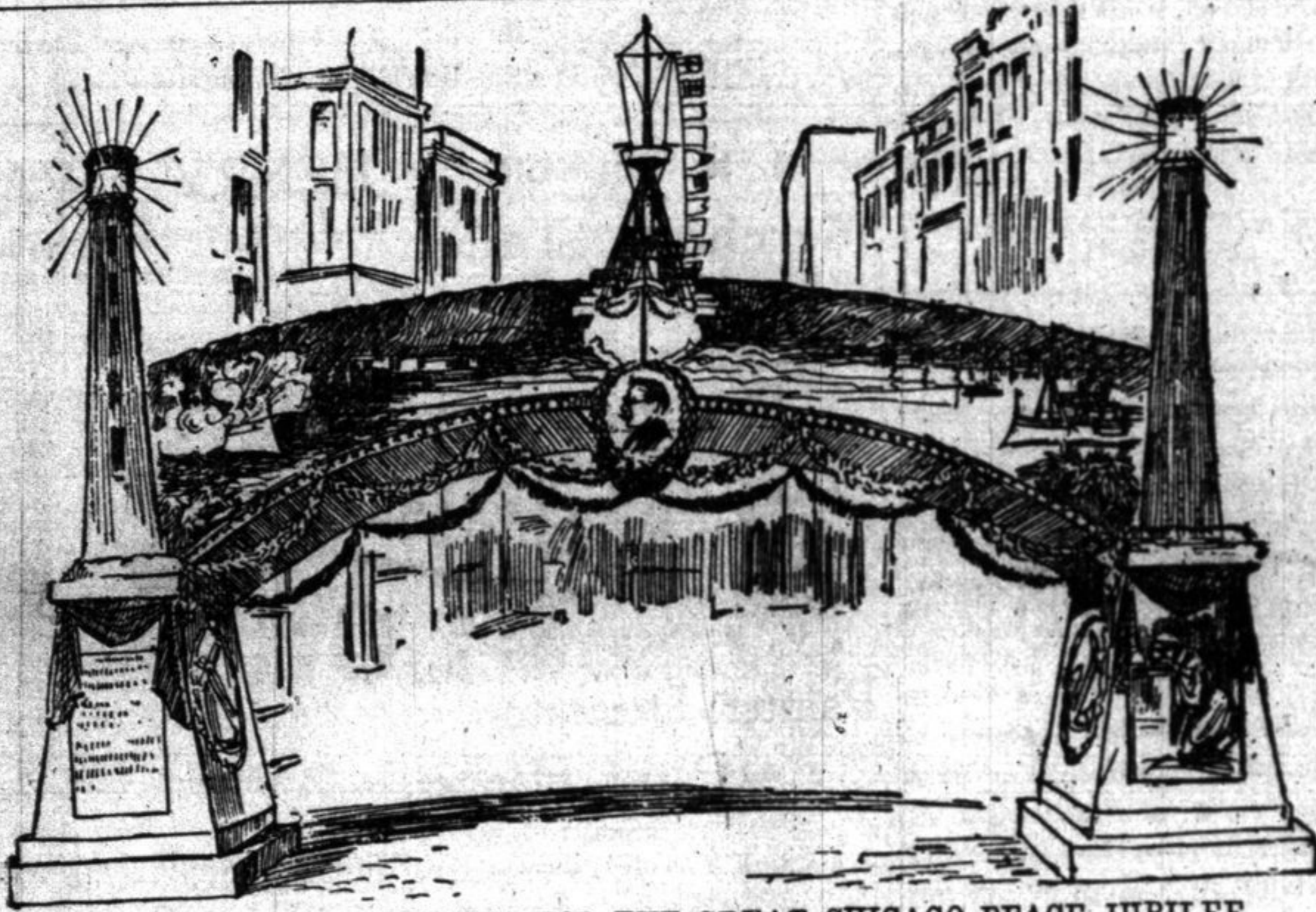
Lima, O., Sept. 26.—A storm which passed over Lima Saturday afternoon at 1:50 o'clock did thousands of dollars' worth of damage by wrecking buildings. A large number of people were injured and one child, the six-year-old son of Sidney Walthey, 374 South Scott street, cannot be found. When Mrs. Walthey saw the storm coming up she called to her son, who was in the yard, but just then the tornado struck, and the child was carried away in the flying debris. Hundreds have searched for him in vain ever since the storm. The wind and rain continued for fully an hour. The storm starting point was about three miles east of the city.

Infanta Maria Teresa Floated.

Playa del Este, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Sept. 26.—The wrecking company engaged under Lieut. Hobson in the work of saving the wrecked Spanish warships has succeeded in floating the cruiser Infanta Maria Teresa. The cruiser after being got afloat was taken in tow by the Potomac and conveyed by the cruiser Newark, the Scorpion and the Alvarado, proceeded for Guantanamo bay.

A Fatal Accident.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 23.—Capt. George J. Adams, aged 33, and Capt. Charles Miller, aged 22, his assistant, were instantly killed while conducting a fireworks display and reproduction of the Manila battle on the Allegheny river in front of the Exposition building Thursday night.



SIGSBEE ARCH, DESIGNED FOR THE GREAT CHICAGO PEACE JUBILEE.

at the entrance near Lynn station. This point is four miles from the opening of the mine on the Monongahela river.

Disaster in a Nanticoke Mine.

Nanticoke, Pa., Sept. 24.—By a rush in coal in No. 1 shaft Friday three men were entombed and probably instantly killed. They were George H. Morgan, aged 34 years; John Shannon, aged 32, and John A. Jones, aged 28. Two other miners, John Woolford and John Jones, narrowly escaped with their lives. The men were driving a rock plane in the shaft and had driven it about 35 feet above the adjoining chamber, which had been worked full and played out. This chamber was about 180 feet from the main gangway, and a stout box had been built around the pillars to prevent a rush of coal. It is supposed that this box gave way.

Cervera Arrives at Madrid.

Madrid, Sept. 23.—Admiral Cervera arrived here Thursday. There were no incidents worth noting in connection with his arrival at the capital. In an interview, he said he had a clear conscience regarding Santiago. Nations, he said, grew great by their victories and not by their defeats, however glorious they might be. Spain had lived in a dream and she now had to face reality. The admiral added that his warships were not destroyed in battle but by fire.

Loan and Trust Company Assigns.

New York, Sept. 27.—Otto T. Barnard, of 30 Broad street, was appointed receiver of the New England Loan and Trust company by Judge Shipman, of the United States circuit court, on a suit brought by the Real Estate Trust company of Philadelphia, and Sabinion Allen, of St. Albans, Vt. The company was a large lender of money on western mortgages.

Famous Actress Dead.

Duxbury, Mass., Sept. 27.—Mrs. Melbourne McDowell, the noted actress, better known as Fanny Davenport, died at her summer home, Melbourne Hall, at half past ten o'clock Monday night, of enlargement of the heart. She was born in London April 10, 1850.

manager of the exposition, interviewed President McKinley Monday in reference to his train to Omaha. Four members of the cabinet will accompany the president, namely: Secretaries Gage, Smith, Bliss and Wilson, with their wives, as will Gen. Nelson A. Miles and Commodore Philip, of the Texas, and Assistant Postmaster-General Heath. The president will leave Washington October 10 in the morning, arriving at Chicago Tuesday at 11 a. m., via the Pennsylvania. Without stop-over he will take the Burlington for Omaha, making a daylight run through Illinois and a portion of Iowa. After the Omaha visit the president will go to Denver, returning via Omaha and the Northwestern railroad to Chicago to attend the peace jubilee exercises in that city October 18.

Brewery Syndicate.

Columbus, O., Sept. 27.—Papers will be filed here in a day or two incorporating a brewery syndicate with a capital of \$25,000,000. It is asserted on reliable authority that Jay Cooke, of Philadelphia, is at the head of the syndicate which proposes to buy up all the large breweries of the country. It is said that options have been secured on nearly all the large breweries in Ohio. Hon. D. J. Ryan and T. B. Powell, of Columbus, and Senator Foraker are engineering the Ohio deal. It is said the syndicate already has secured \$35,000,000 worth of brewery stock and that the interests finally involved will aggregate \$50,000,000.

Honor the Dead.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 24.—The "daughter of the confederacy" lies at rest. From the time the body of Miss Windie Davis arrived in Richmond until it was buried in Hollywood cemetery Friday business in the city was practically suspended. More than 70,000 people either took part in or gathered on the streets to look upon the procession. Men of national fame came from a dozen states to honor her memory. All flags were at half mast, the stars and stripes and the confederate flag as well.

time locks in order. A ten-mile cordon surrounds the town and no one is allowed to enter. Those who desire to leave must go north. The board of health advises a total depopulation of the city.

TEN PERISH.

Wrecking of the Schooner C. C. Funk—Only Two Seamen Escaped Death.

San Francisco, Sept. 23.—Australian papers received here on the steamer Alameda report the wreck of the schooner C. C. Funk, on Flinder's island on July 31, with ten of her crew, all of whom shipped on the well-known coaster either here or in the north. Only two seamen, Albert Krough and John Petersen, were saved, and but one body had been recovered when the Alameda sailed. It was that of Peter Neilson.

Must Hurry Evacuation.

Washington, Sept. 26.—The instructions sent the American evacuation commissioners at Havana, practically amounting to an ultimatum to Gen. Blanco, insist that the evacuation of the island by the Spaniards begin not later than October 15, and that it be complete by December 31 next. What the result of this demand will be is not yet known, but it is said that the administration is determined to tolerate no dilatory tactics on the part of the Spanish forces in leaving the island, although disposed to permit reasonable indulgence.

Curzon Elevated to the Peerage.

London, Sept. 24.—It is officially announced that Hon. George N. Curzon, until recently parliamentary secretary for the foreign office, who is to succeed the earl of Elgin as viceroy of India, has been elevated to the peerage as Baron Curzon of Kedleston.

Found Guilty.

Chicago, Sept. 27.—Richard C. Gunning, ex-south town assessor, was found guilty Monday of soliciting a bribe from Charles Fellows, agent for the Reliance building. The maximum penalty for the offense is a \$5,000 fine.

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