

STRICKEN BY AN ASSASSIN.

The Empress of Austria Killed in Geneva, Switzerland, by an Italian Anarchist.

MEN AND WOMEN WEeping IN THE STREETS AT BUDAPEST.

The President Appoints a Committee of Investigation to Examine Into the Conduct of the Commissary, Quartermaster and Medical Bureaus of the War Department. \$32,000 Gold Nugget.

Aspecial from Geneva, Switzerland, of September 10, says: The Empress of Austria was assassinated this afternoon. It appears that Her Majesty was walking from her hotel to the landing place of the steamer at about 1 o'clock, when an Italian anarchist named Lucheni, who was born in Paris, of Italian parents, suddenly approached and stabbed her to the heart. The Empress fell, got up again and was carried to the steamer, unconscious. The boat started, but seeing the Empress had not recovered consciousness, the captain returned and the Empress was carried to the Hotel Beauvillage, where she expired.

Another account of the assassination of the Empress of Austria, says: "After having been stabbed from behind, the Empress rose and walked on board the steamer, where she fell, fainting. The captain did not wish to put off from the quay, but did so at the request of the Empress and her suite, there being no apprehension that she was seriously hurt. The steamer was turned back before reaching the open lake, and the Empress, unconscious, was carried to the hotel on a stretcher. After striking the blow the assassin ran along the Ruedes Alpes, with the evident intention of entering the Square des Alpes, but before reaching it he was seized by two cabmen, who had witnessed the crime. They handed him over to a boatman and a gendarme, who conveyed him to the police station. The prisoner made no resistance. He even sang as he walked along, saying: 'I did it, and she must be dead.' At the police station he declared that he was a 'starving anarchist with no money and no food, but only for the rich.' Later, when taken to the court house and interrogated by the magistrate, in the presence of three members of the local government and the police officials, he pretended not to know French and refused to answer questions. A doctor on reaching him, found a document showing his name to be Luigi Lucheni, born in Paris in 1873, an Italian soldier. He will be tried according to the canon in which the crime was committed, which forbids capital punishment and makes life imprisonment the most severe penalty that can be imposed. The President of Switzerland and other members of the government were stunned with horror and grief when the news reached the palace that the Empress, so beloved by all Europeans, had fallen a victim to an assassin within the borders of their country.

The Federal authorities had been informed of the visit of the Empress, and they notified the governors of the cantons the Empress expected to visit, instructing them to take special police measures for her comfort and safety, if it appeared necessary. They were not informed of Her Majesty's intention to visit Geneva, nor were the officials aware of her presence, as she was traveling incognito. The police are not blamed, though the circumstances responsible for the lack of precautions are widely regretted.

All Switzerland is profoundly stirred by the sorrow and indignation. The papers of all cities have printed extras expressing horror of the crime.

The Empress of Austria was born December 24, 1837. She was a daughter of Duke Maximilian of Bavaria, and was married to Francis Joseph, Emperor of Austria and King of Hungary, April 24, 1854. They had three children, the Archduchess Gisela, who is married to Prince Leopold of Belgium, the Archduke Rudolf, who married Princess Stephanie of Belgium, and who was recently assassinated in 1889, and the Archduchess Maria Valeria, who married the Archduke Franz Salvator of Austria-Tuscany. The late Empress was an enthusiastic horsewoman.

At Havana's Gates.

A special from Havana says: Ten thousand insurgents under the command of General Haya Rodriguez and General Diaz have surrendered Havana and will attempt to enter the city during the stay of American peace commissioners. There are with them many reconsecrated who are suffering with hunger. Thus far they have remained several miles from the Spanish lines and have threatened no demonstration. The peace commissioners are expected to enter Havana on September 15, and it is expected that they will be allowed to enter peacefully.

Archives Shipped to Spain.

A special from Havana says the archives from the military government were delivered to the Spanish consular agent in Havana, and will be shipped to Spain.

Men and Women Weeping in the Streets.

The news of the assassination of the Queen of Hungary and Empress of Austria was received with consternation at Budapest, Hungary. Men and women were seen weeping in the streets. Emperor Franz Joseph received the news at Schoenbrunn. His Majesty's journey to attend the manoeuvres at Zips, Hungary, was abandoned.

THE INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE.

Complete List of Those Asked to Serve—Col. Dan Lamont One of the Number.

The President has urged the following named gentlemen, among others, to accept a place on the committee requested by Secretary Alger to investigate the conduct of the war: General John M. Schofield, Gen. John B. Gordon, Gen. Granfield M. Dodge, President C. C. Gilman, Gen. Charles F. Maudersohn, Hon. Robert T. Lincoln, Hon. Daniel S. Lamont, Dr. W. W. Keen and James A. Sexton.

The messages which President McKinley addressed to each of these follows: "Will you render the country a great service by accepting appointment as a member of the committee to examine into the conduct of the commissary, quartermaster and medical bureaus of the war department during the war, and into the extent, causes and treatment of sickness in the field and in the camps? It is my desire that the full and exact truth shall be ascertained and made known. I cannot too strongly urge upon you my earnest desire that this committee shall be of such high character as will command the complete confidence of the country, and I trust you will consent to serve."

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Khalifa's Force Meets Warm Reception.

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The Protocol Adopted.

A special from Madrid says the Senate has adopted the Hispano-American protocol by a sitting and standing vote.

Fusion between the Democrats, Populists and the Teller branch of the silver Republicans was arranged at Colorado Springs recently. After a struggle lasting 96 hours between the conference and the three parties an agreement was reached by which the party were apportioned between the Democrats. The Democrats received the governorship.

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ARMY AND NAVY DOINGS.

The Movements of Our Army and Navy Briefly Told.

Members of the Third Alabama (negro) engaged in a riot at Aniston, Ala., recently, which came near having serious results. A member of the regiment was arrested by the police for disorderly conduct and lodged in jail. The white officers and Tennessee and Second Arkansas assisted in upholding the law. At night nearly 500 of the Third Alabama slipped out of camp and went to town with the intention of liberating their comrades. At the prison they were met by the provost guard. They then gathered at another point where there were white soldiers and citizens. Here a riot was soon in progress and a dozen or more pistol shots were fired. Two negro soldiers and a member of the Second Arkansas were shot. The white officers finally formed the negro soldiers in line and marched them back to camp. The wounds were slight.

It was announced at the war department recently that there will be no more troops mustered out. The situation does not admit of any further reduction in army, and efforts are being made to put those volunteers who are retained in the service as near as possible to the footing of the regulars in the matter of drill and discipline. A little over 96,000 have already been mustered out, and it is announced positively that there will be no more mustered out in any matter what influence is brought to bear.

Col. Adel of the Fourth Illinois Regiment, was placed under arrest at Jacksonville, Fla., recently on charges preferred by Lieut. Col. McWilliams, charging him with conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, and other things. The trouble grows out of the arrest some time since of one of the majors of the regiment, for sending a telegram to the Governor of Illinois, stating that the regiment desired to go to Cuba.

The report of Colonel Charles Smart, of the medical department, and his exhaustive review of conditions at Camp Black have been given out, after several statements regarding the cleanliness and lack of medicine in some quarters had been eliminated.

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PARTS OF A WOMAN'S BODY

Found in Widely Scattered Places in Bridgeport Conn.—Cubans Suspicious of Porter—The Ultimatum to Edhem Pasha.

Judge Prouty of the Federal court, of Tecumseh, Oklahoma, was lynched by a crowd of negroes near his home late one night recently. Negroes overtook him on the public road, bound and stripped him and hanged him to a tree, where his body was found next morning. On the body was pinned a paper on which was scrawled "Justice to Negroes." A few days before the lynching cowboys got into a row with negroes, shooting one of them, and Prouty's failure to prosecute them moved the negroes to hold him responsible. Whites are aroused and are arming themselves preparatory to exterminating all the negroes in the section.

Mysterious Murder.

Bridgeport, Conn., has a murder mystery that in its gruesome aspects is as strange and unusual as the Golden-suppe case. Parts of the body of an apparently beautiful woman have been found in widely separated places. The woman was evidently murdered and the body cut in pieces by the murderer, each limb being concealed in a different place to prevent identification. The trunk of the beautiful murdered woman was found, making the case complete. There is no clue to her identity.

Cubans Suspicious of Porter.

The presence of Robert H. Porter, who is in Havana on a special commission from the United States government to study the financial and economic aspects of the situation, is regarded with suspicion by the party of free Cuba, as indicating the establishment of an American policy of guardianship. Mr. Porter is preparing a revision of the Cuban tariff which will probably be protective of Cuban industries, and is acquainting himself with every detail of local taxation.

Insurgents Disbanding.

Generals Cabredo, Castillo, Pedro Prox and other insurgent leaders, have turned over their commands to General Lawton. General Perez, has 8,000 men in the vicinity of Guantanamo, which will be disbanded by order of General Castillo. There is now a general desire on the part of the Cuban army to be disbanded as the insurgents have learned that the question of their being disbanded will not be considered by the Americans.

The Ultimatum to Edhem Pasha.

A special from Candia, Island of Crete, says: Rear Admiral Geard Noel, commander of the British naval forces in Crete waters, has issued an ultimatum to Edhem Pasha, the Turkish military governor of Crete, demanding that he should deliver up the ring-leaders of the recent outbreak and massacre, surrender the fort and ramparts commanding the town and disarm the Mussulman troops.

Becoming Interesting.

A special dispatch received at Hong Kong from Manila from a Spanish source says: "Aguinaldo has liberated all the Spanish prisoners. The Americans, in violation of the terms of the peace, have seized the public offices, destroyed the archives, disregarded the municipal laws and are collecting the Spanish overdue taxes."

The Monetary Conference.

One of the most distinguished gatherings of financial students that ever assembled was the recent session of the monetary conference at the Nebraska building, exposition grounds, at Omaha. Sterling Morton presided. Messrs. Warner, Towne, Martine, Weaver, Reynolds and other leaders of the silver and paper money sides took part in the joint debates.

Indignation in Europe.

Consternation and indignation are felt in England and on the Continent at the murder of the Empress of Austria, and it grows upon the better realization of the full import of the act of the assassin. The newspapers join in the great outcry against anarchists, and point out the necessity of resorting to the most drastic measures to stamp them out. All agree that they should be shown no mercy.

Cuban Agitators on the Scene.

Several well known Cubans have arrived at Havana, ostensibly as delegates commissioned by the Cuban junta to facilitate the work of disbanding the Cuban troops. These include the insurgent commander-in-chief, who has recently and Mitchell an hour later. Stephen Beardsley, of the Twenty-first Kansas, also died about the same time as Mitchell. All were in the typhoid ward.

General Sold to Navy Resigned.

An uncorroborated report was received by General Lewton at Santiago, that General Maximilian Goussé, the insurgent commander-in-chief, has tendered his resignation of the command of the Cuban army to the Cuban government of Camagney, and that it has been accepted.

The Yellow Fever Situation.

Secretary Hester, of the State board of health, states that there is no change in the general yellow fever situation. He says that the disease is still present in the United States, and that it has been reported in British Guiana, Trinidad and the West Indies.

CADET WHEELER LAID TO REST

Fully 5,000 People Attended the Sad and Impressive Services.

FRENCH DESIGNS IN CHINA

Situation Critical in Manila Great Iron and Steel Combination A Little Girl Kills Her Months-Old Brother With a Hobnail Rife.

Naval Cadet Thomas H. Wheeler, the younger son of General Joseph Wheeler, was buried in the family burial ground on the general's estate, at Wheeler's Station, Ala. The obsequies were conducted by Rev. Dr. Wright, of Tullahoma, Tenn., Rev. Dr. Swope, of the Second Georgia, and Rev. Dr. Bannister, of Huntsville, Ala., with the ritual of the Episcopal Church. Fully 5,000 people were present. The scene at the grave was very impressive, the casket was literally covered with flowers, all sections of the country, North and South contributing. Topping all was the body of the cadet, in a lead and gold and enveloping the coffin was an immense American flag. General Wheeler, care-worn and half ill, is completely crushed by the death of his son. He said that the undertaker and his helpers at Montauk told him his son had evidently lost his life trying to save that of his companion, whose arms were locked around Tom's body in a death grip, while the dead boy's face was covered with scratches, evidently from the finger nails of the other.

French Designs Upon China.

The London Globe, which is usually well informed, publishes a story from one of its correspondents of French aggressiveness in southern China. French consuls have adopted an extremely overbearing attitude and are industriously dealing out information to Chinese authorities to the effect that they are leaning upon a rotten prop, if they trust to British protection. The whole policy of the French government, the correspondent says, is more anti-English than anti-Chinese. The correspondent unhesitatingly affirms that should the construction of the Lufan railway be sanctioned by the Chinese and the French allowed to dominate the province of Sze Chuan, the very heart of China is lost to the empire. This and nothing less, he adds, is the aim of the French government.

Killed Her Brother With a Hobnail Rife.

While Mrs. Driscoll of Indianapolis, Ind., was attending the funeral of Howard Hanson, her cousin, who was murdered recently by George White, her five-year-old daughter picked up a hobnail rife to amuse her four-year-old brother, who was crying. In doing so she discharged the rife, unable to explain, the gun was discharged. The bullet struck the baby in the forehead, causing instant death. The accident happened at the home of a relative a short distance from the house where the body of Hanson lay.

Pushing Iron and Steel.

The projected consolidation of the Illinois Steel Co., the Minnesota Iron Co., the Lackawanna Iron & Steel Co., and other large interests into one great company representing \$200,000,000, and the organization of the Cambria Steel Co., with a capital of \$24,000,000, of Pennsylvania, whose plant is to be located in the West, are the subjects of one of the greatest deposits he ever saw. He estimates that it contains 250,000,000 tons. It is better bituminous coal than is usually found in the West.

Miscellaneous.

The Nevada Democrats rejected a proposition to fuse with the Populists and nominated a straight ticket.

George Gould, speaking to a London newspaper or reporter, says America is on the eve of an era of prosperity.

The Republican State convention of Utah adopted a platform demanding protection, bimetallicism and reciprocity.

The report of the loss of the steamer Jessie, with eighteen Klondikers in the mouth of the Kuskowim river has been confirmed.

Major General Merritt is Said to Go to Paris.

Major General Merritt is said to go to Paris empowered to ask, in the name of the insurgents, an American protectorate over the whole of the Philippine Islands.

Benjamin Jones, an aged man about sixty-eight years old, was taken from the Clay county jail and was lynched recently. He confessed that he had assaulted Annie Montgomery, a child only eleven years of age whose condition is critical.

Fire at Jerome, Ariz., Destroyed Property to the Amount of \$500,000.

Fifteen people are supposed to have perished.

Of the 900,000 Gypsies who wander to and fro over Europe, more than one-eighth make themselves at home within the limits of Spain.

The government is preparing to pay rewards to the men who sank the Spanish ships. Admiral Dewey and his men will get \$107,500. Dewey, personally, will get \$25,000. Admiral Sampson and his men will get \$25,000. Sampson, personally, will get about \$40,000.

In its annual review of the cotton year the New Orleans Picayune says that the cotton mill of the South during the year ending September 1, 1898, consumed nearly 1,200,000 bales of cotton, or 185,170 more than in 1897-98.

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Capt. Anson, Minister of Marine, at Madrid, received an important dispatch from the Philippines describing a vessel that had been captured by the Spanish galleons and was being taken to Spain.

THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

The South.

The postal clerk's convention which met in Atlanta, Ga., recently was a great success. There were 300 clerks in attendance. The railroads gave them free rates; the soda fountains free drinks, and the city stores free snacks.

At Chickamauga recently a number of men were arrested by Gen. A. P. Stewart, who had been ordered to produce the famous charge of the Confederate troops on Snodgrass Hill, during the battle of Chickamauga, in 1862.

If the mining property located in Fulton county, Georgia, by D. O. Stewart, of Atlanta, turns out one-half as much gold as the average assays indicate, citizens of the capital city will have a bonanza in their back yards, and Crispie Creek will have found a worthy rival.

The North.

Fifteen persons were killed in Philadelphia recently by the explosion of a gas line.

A log steamer, probably an iron ore carrier, numbered in Lake Superior off Apostle Island, Minnesota, recently.

Several of the officers and men of Col. Roosevelt's command have offered to stump the Empire State for him this fall.

Jack Bonner the middleweight pugilist, gained an easy victory over Dan Creedon in the second round of the fight in New York recently.

Peter Schumm, a well-known Philadelphia brewer, jumped from the front of a motor car on Niagara falls recently. His body was swept over the American falls.

In the regular biennial Vermont election recently, the Republicans elected their entire state ticket, headed by Edward C. Smith, of St. Albans.

The Populist State convention at Ellensburg, Wash., canceled the demands of the Democrats for one Supreme Court judge and a fusion agreement was reached.

Walter Bossor, a private of a Tennessee regiment, shot and killed Henry Hildebrandt, an employe of the Spree market, in San Francisco, Cal.

Chicago.

Jimmy Michael, the Welshman, met and defeated Victor Taylor, the colored rider, in a 20-mile unlimited pace race on the Manhattan Beach bicycle track recently.

Mrs. Eli Potter, a prominent woman suffragist, was robbed of \$10,000 by highwaymen in the outskirts of Kansas City, Kan., recently. She had the money sewed in the lining of her dress.

The New York City Club, composed of independent, gave out a statement recently, outlining a full State ticket, at the head of which is placed the name of Col. Theodore Roosevelt for governor.

The Largest Establishment for the Manufacture of Felt in America.

The largest establishment for the manufacture of felt in America, and the most modern in the world, is now nearing completion in Chicago, Ill. It will be run as one of the departments of Armour & Co., for the purpose of utilizing important by products.

Ex-Governor Roosevelt, J. Flower, of New York, has been selected as a delegate to the State Democratic convention at Watertown, where he lives, the district convention voting for Bryan men as delegates.

A Cable to Mount Pleasant.

An enormous spool of electric cable is standing on the Clyde wharves, and notwithstanding the fact that it bears the address of the commanding officer of the United States frigate at Charleston, it will likely prove a connecting link soon between Charleston, Mount Pleasant, Sullivan's Island and the Isle of Palms.—Charleston News and Courier.

Restored to Citizenship.

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Palmetto Notes.

A suit has been filed against the South Carolina and Georgia road by the Augusta and Savannah road for \$4,000 in the Supreme court at Augusta. The suit is for rent alleged to be due to the complainant for the South Carolina and Georgia's use of the Augusta and Savannah's tracks, right and privileges.

The understanding is that the railroads will be required to report the telegraph companies. It is estimated that the telegraph companies will receive twenty-five cents in this case for the payment of the one-cent rate per mile.

The Board of Directors of the People's Building and Loan Association of Columbia will increase the stock of the company from \$200,000 to \$500,000.

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OF INTEREST TO RAILROADS.

Judge Day Reverses the Decision of a Saluda Magistrate.

A CABLE TO MOUNT PLEASANT.

Dangerous \$10 Gold Counterfeit in Circulation in Charleston—Restored to Citizenship—Felt Like an Earthquake.

A decree just filed in the office of clerk of court for Saluda county by Judge Gage declares the Act of 1897, page 111, entitled "An Act to require all common carriers to pay all losses of or damages for loss of any articles shipped over their lines, or to refuse to do so within a certain time, to be in contravention of the Constitution of the United States, and also in violation of Article I, Section 5, of the 1895 State Constitution. The case was before Judge Gage on appeal from a magistrate, who had adjudged the plaintiff entitled to recover the statutory penalty of fifty dollars for failure to pay damages on certain articles shipped over his lines within a certain time. After stating that the "Federal Supreme Court has construed a person to include corporation," Judge Gage goes on to say: "The statute in question is a law which imposes a certain class of persons must answer (or pay) or by refusal to pay) the demands of their creditors. Other persons in like plight are not so required to answer. Does that not make the law unequal in its operation on two persons? Manifestly it does." After citing various authorities, Judge Gage reversed the magistrate and sustained the appeal. This decision will doubtless be of great interest to railroad companies of this State.

Felt Like an Earthquake.

Occupants of the Clyde Line offices in Charleston were giving a shaking recently which reminded them of earthquakes. The sensation was something like the shock of a heavy body crashing against the building, and then one of the heavy timbers placed at the end of several siding on the East Terminal Railroad gave way before the pressure of a string of empty freight cars that had been sent at a lively pace onto the track. Several of the heavy planks of the driveway were torn from their fastenings and jammed against the building. No one was hurt, and the damage to the driveway can be remedied for a few dollars.

A Dangerous Counterfeit.

A dangerous counterfeit has been found in circulation in Charleston. It is a very fine imitation of the gold eagle, and in every particular, except sound, it seems to be similar to the ten dollar gold piece. The front of the counterfeit is very nearly what had happened. One of the heavy timbers placed at the end of several siding on the East Terminal Railroad gave way before the pressure of a string of empty freight cars that had been sent at a lively pace onto the track. Several of the heavy planks of the driveway were torn from their fastenings and jammed against the building. No one was hurt, and the damage to the driveway can be remedied for a few dollars.

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