American Union,

Denton, Md.

We are at the mercy of the aviators.

As we remember it now, winter had some good points.

To orphan banana republics the fatherland refuses to be a mother.

Now here come the dentists with that anti-kissing thing, too.

Going swimming looks like the only rational employment in hot weather.

The army may have to help devise means for a sane artillery drill.

Are there any records that this year's weather has not broken?

Europe might try exporting its surplus rainwater to our middle west.

As a diversion to swatting the fly, keep your stable clean, if you've got one.

Chopping Americans into little bits is still a favorite pastime of the Moros.

Speaking of weights and measures prosecutions, how'd you like to be the iceman?

Swatting the common house fly is now one of our most popular indoor lady sports.

Even though the water is fine, if you can't swim, don't go in beyond your depth.

For the sake of thirsty crops any good citizen should willingly sacrifice his straw hat.

"What's the right word for an aeroplane garage?" asks the Boston Globe. How's planebunk?

What has become of the Chicago joy rider who killed a woman and was afterward captured?

The assistant chef of a lake boat refused to cook fried potatoes and the chef at once mashed him.

The boat rocker and the fellow who stands up in the boat are in evidence again, but have escaped so far.

As if it were not bad enough for the earth to fly up and hit aeroplanes, lightning has begun striking them.

What bald-headed man had hoped to live to see a flyless world? Yet that is what the scientists are planning.

Giddy New York regards the idea of closing its lobster palaces at 1 a. m. as very little better than a curfew law.

We wonder how one small cone can hold so many kinds of chemicals,and have room left for a nickel's worth of ice cream.

It costs $3,000,000 a day to run the national government. What will the government cost when aeroplaning is in fashion?

A Chicago man paid $300 for "mere bit of a meal." It probably was a steak with one overlaying slice of breakfast bacon.

The government is turning out 3,000,000 postal cards a day, due to the summer resort season being in full blast, we presume.

Considering the size of the heads of some of the hatpins that the girls are wearing, they certainly do not come under the law forbidding the carrying of concealed weapons.

The word-coiner has an easy task. All he needs to do in expressing his views on a public policy is to select the name of a man he dislikes and attach the syllable "ism."

London and New York may soon be connected with telephone communication. None of the fictious of fairy tales can surpass this modern miracle of a chat over the ocean.

The Kaiser has been writing poetry to a party of German maidens who sailed upon him and took him chocolate. Incidentally, it is to be hoped the chocolate was better than the poetry.

United States certificates of merit to enlisted men are going largely to the cooks and musicians. Has no one a word for a soldier?

Rudyard Kipling urges that airmen wear pneumatic armor for protection in case of accident. That is simpler than covering the earth with feather beds.

The man who rescued his mother-in-law from his burning home and left his fishing tackle to the mercy of the flames may have been absent minded. Charitable benedicts will do well to give him the benefit of the doubt until he is found guilty.

A returned missionary from Hankow district says that the Chinese are manifesting less hostility to foreigners. Sure. They're a square business race, but, missionary or not, you've got to produce the check before you get the washing.

Mayor Fitzgerald of Boston has excited comment because he has declared banana peelings, peanut shells, scraps of paper and other litter to be offenses to the public eye and taste and should not be tolerated. But the mayor is right, and if receptacles are placed near at hand, those who indulge in eating while they arepedestrianating or sight-seeing can have no excuse for throwing the refuse either into the streets or near the sidewalks. Some people drop banana skins on the sidewalks as if walks were the proper place for the disposal of garbage.

WEEK'S BIG NEWS STORIES RETOLD IN PARAGRAPHS

WASHINGTON.

Col. Sylvester R. Burch of Kansas, chief clerk of the department of agriculture, is dead. He was born March 1, 1842, near Dresden, Ohio.

According to the census bureau the population of Mobile, Ala., is 51,521, an increase of 13,052, or 33.9 per cent., since 1900. Kalamazoo, Mich., has 39,437, an increase of 15,033, or 61.6 per cent.

It was announced that all the members of the cabinet would meet the President in Washington at the time of his several days' stay at the White House.

The forest supervisor announces that 114 of his employes have perished in the western flames.

Inadequate means of protecting the forests and unusually dangerous conditions are blamed by Associate Forester Potter for the fires in the northwest.

Senator Warner of Missouri announced in Washington that on account of ill health he would not seek re-election.

Five American citizens in jail on the Isle of Pines, Cuba, cabled to Washington they had been unjustly arrested and that they are being treated shamefully.

PERSONAL.

Mayor Gaynor of New York walked about his room in the hospital at Hoboken, N. J. All diet restrictions have been removed.

Colonel Roosevelt spoke to enthusiastic audiences in Buffalo, Cleveland, Chicago and other cities.

Beverly reports that President Taft only awaits a real demand from the business interests of the country to decide him to call an extra senate session for the confirmation of new Supreme court justices.

W. A. Larned, by defeating T. C. Bundy of California retains the lawn tennis championship of America.

Wilkinson Call, aged seventy-six, United States senator from Florida from 1879 to 1897, died at his Washington home from apoplexy.

In her will Mrs. Harriet Coles of Glen Cove, L. I., leaves the bulk of her million-dollar estate to revert to the Female Guardian society.

Mrs. Jack Cudahy, whose husband slashed Banker Lillis, was granted a divorce in Kansas City. She alleged cruelty.

President Taft, it was announced in Beverly, is in favor of a further revision of the tariff; he has written a letter to Congressman McKinley for publication in the Republican campaign textbook giving his views in detail.

Senator La Follette is directing his fight for renomination from his farm, three miles from Madison, Wis. His campaign managers and stenographers go over to the farm daily and receive his directions.

Rev. Dr. William Vail Wilson Davis, pastor of the First Congregational church of Pittsfield, Mass., and father of William Stearns Davis, the author, was killed by falling over a ledge at Bash Bish Falls, one mile from the New York state line.

GENERAL NEWS.

Minor Heir paced a new record of 2:00 in a race at Galesburg, Ill.

The forest fire situation in Montana is brighter than at any time for a week, and unless heavy winds set in and again fan the dying embers into flames and spread these into new districts it is thought that no new property will be destroyed.

Timothy L. Woodruff issued a statement blaming Griscom for "springing" Roosevelt's name without consulting the New York state committeemen. He adds that Taft is "in no way involved in this matter."

A fresh revelation in regard to rubber trust methods was that boots that averaged $4 a pair here at retail were sold in England wholesale at 48 cents.

The board of health of New York City decided that infantile paralysis must be placed on the list of diseases to be reported.

It is said that Thomas F. Ryan will enter the private banking field to compete with the biggest firms, especially J. P. Morgan & Co.

Six Pullman passengers were hurt, five others were injured and eight escaped unhurt in a rear-end collision on the Grand Trunk railroad near Durand, Mich.

In the final round for the national lawn tennis championship Beals C. Wright lost to Thomas C. Bundy of California by 6—3, 6—3, 6—8, 10—8.

Joseph C. Sibley, following his withdrawal from the race for congress in the Twenty-eighth Pennsylvania district, was arrested at Franklin, Pa., on a warrant charging him with "conspiracy to debauch voters."

More than a score of persons were injured, crops in the surrounding district were destroyed and damage which may amount to $1,000,000 was wrought in a storm which swept Chicago and suburbs. At Ludlington, Mich., damage estimated at a million dollars was done by a tornado.

Theodore Roosevelt, at the estate of Douglas Robinson, at Mohawk, N. Y., declared that the "old guard" would have all the fight they wanted.

The Republican county convention of Orleans county, N. Y., instructed delegates to the state convention to favor Theodore Roosevelt for temporary chairman.

With more than fifty persons known to be dead, more than one hundred missing, 200 injured, half of Wallace burned, and two or three villages obliterated, forest fires spread death and destruction over a large territory in northern Idaho, eastern Washington and western Montana.

Ex-President Roosevelt, in an address to the granges of Herkimer and Oneida counties in Utica, aligned himself with President Taft and Governor Hughes.

Edward Wagner, of Pearl River, N. Y., was arrested as the murderer of his wife by a constable, who had to fight to rescue the man from a mob.

Kate Elizabeth Stevenson, known on the stage as Kate Claxton, famous for her work in "The Two Orphans," filed suit in the city court, in East St. Louis, to have set aside a divorce decree obtained by her husband, Charles A. Stevenson, on February 11, 1901, without her knowledge.

SAYS HE RULES BY GOD'S GRACE

Emperor William Declares Independence of Parliaments.

AGAINST VOTES FOR THE WOMEN.

Martial and Militant Address By the Emperor at the Provincial Banquet at Koeningsberg — Doctrine of the Divine Right of Kings Is Sharply Set Forth By Him—He quotes the Words of His Grandfather William I., In Regard to the Crown.

Berlin (Special).—The speech delivered by Emperor William of Germany before the provincial banquet at Koenigsburg, in which he reiterated and emphasized his belief in the divine mandate by which he rules, referred to the Prussian crown as bestowed by God's grace and not by parliaments or people's assemblies, and laid a lance against the present movement for women suffrage, is the political sensation of the hour.

The leading organs of the German press devote extended comment to it, generally criticizing the Emperor's utterances, and there are indications that the discourse will have a deep political effect upon the country, nearly all of the Berlin papers discussing the subject in connection with the political crisis of November, 1908, when the publication by the London Daily Telegraph of an interview with the Emperor aroused a storm against the uncontrolled public speaking of the Emperor.

The serious Vossische Zeitung, the Tageblatt, the Post and other papers point out the constitutional character of the Kingdom of Prussia in the empire, and inquire whether the chancellor, Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, was privy to the Emperer's purpose in delivering such a speech. They predict that it will lead to a renewed discussion of the Emperor's constitutional position when the Reichstag reassembles in November.

The strongly monarchist Tagliche Rundschau, the favorite journal of army officers, says:

"This speech means a storm. * * * Never before has Emperor William set into such clear relief his romantic, mediaval idea of his non-responsibility to man's judgment, of his not being bound by the constitutional co-operation of the people and of ruling by God's free grace against all those convictions and feelings which today determine our existence as a state."

"Why," asks the Tageliche Rundschau, "should the Emperor choose this moment to emphasize his ruling by God's grace and his own right, when it will nourish an anti-monarchical agitation and good monarchists be thrown into a condition of tragic disruption?"

The organ of the landed nobility, The Deutsche Tages Zietung, thoroughly approves of the declarations of the Emperor.

The Local Anzeiger lays stress upon the desire of the Emperor that the people co-operate with him, and points out that the Emperor delivered the speech in the castle where the Prussian kings were formerly crowned. He said in the same hall in May, 1890: "We Hohenzollerns take our crown from heaven alone," and in the same place on September 6, 1894, he quoted the words of his grandfather—William I.—about ruling by divine right, and added: "So, too, do I take my kingdom by God's grace."

The Tageblatt affirms that although prices did not fall on the exchange, trading slackened, and brokers apprehend an unfavorable influence of the speech upon markets at home and abroad.

SMITH BY 3,476.

Hoke Has 230 Votes to Gov. Brown's 138.

Atlanta, Ga. (Special).—Complete returns from the Democratic state primaries show that Hoke Smith will have 230 votes in convention against Governor Brown's 138.

Smith's popular majority is 3,476 votes. The vote fell about 30,000 short of the total vote of two years ago, owing to the registration date being two months earlier.

Other results were unchanged except that latest returns reversed the decision of prison commissioner, Robert E. Davison winning over G. R. Hutchens.

CLIMBS PIKE'S PEAK.

Woman, Aged 70, Only Little Tired After Feat.

Colorado Springs, Col. (Special).—Mrs. Mary Powell, of Philadelphia, 70 years old, has walked from Manitou to the top of Pike's Peak and back, returning to Manitou. Mrs. Powell, who is visiting Manitou, is an experienced pedestrian.

On returning from her trip to the peak, which many strong, young men would shun, Mrs. Powell said, "I'm a little tired from my walk." She started out Wednesday morning, reaching the summit before dark and returned by moonlight.

JERSEY JAIL ROBBED.

Thieves Steal Breakfast Intended for Prisoners.

Morristown, N. J. (Special).—For the third time in two months the Morris County Courthouse has been broken open and the jail pantry raided. George Hill, janitor and cook, discovered the thieves had gotten away with 10 pounds of roast beef and a dozen loaves of bread which were to have been used for the breakfast of the prisoners.

Entrance was effected through a basement window.

His Pardon Too Late.

Chicago (Special).—At the funeral of Mrs. Caroline Shipman McReynolds, at Kenilworth was her son, George, whose release from Joliet Penitentiary after nearly three years, was accomplished through the mother's requests and tears, although her cherished hope that she might see him before she died was not realized. McReynolds, a former broker, who was convicted of securing $700,000 from banks on fraudulent grain receipts, was set free ten hours after his mother died.

Indians Sacrifice $2,000.

Los Angeles, Cal. (Special).—Two thousand dollars was sacrificed to the god of fire by poor Indians at the cremation of the body of one of their tribe, Jose Escalate, in the Yuma district. The superstitious act was reported to the Bureau of Indian Affairs at Washington, and the bureau sent an order that the burning of money was forbidden for the future on the reservation. Escalate, who was a teacher in the government school at Old Fort Yuma, had committed suicide when his love was rejected by a white girl.

BELIEVED NOW THE WORST IS OVER

Reported That Forest Fires Are Not So Violent.

Sixty-five Men Reach Spokane and State That Fifteen Austrians and Two American Choppers Were Burned to Death Last Saturday On Big Creek, Idaho—Many Rangers and Forest Fighters Are Still Missing.

Spokane, Was. (Special).—Following is the revised tabulation of the dead in the Northwestern forest fires:

United States fire fighters in and near Idaho, 86.

Montana deaths, including Bullion Mine, 13.

At Newport, Wash., 3.

At Wallace, Idaho, 4.

Near Avery, Idaho, probably settlers, 47.

At Mullan, Idaho, 2.

At Spokane, 1.

On Big Creek, Idaho, 47.

Total, 203.

This gives a total of 303 dead, but it is probable that some of those listed by places may duplicate those listed as fire fighters. But as many are still missing the total dead will probably total more than 200 when the record is completed.

The fires are not so violent, and it is believed that the worst is over. Sixty-five men arrived in Spokane from Big Creek and said that 15 Austrians and 2 American choppers were burned to death. Thirty Italians had already been reported dead near that point.

The Austrians were undertaking to backfire, but their work was so unsuccessful that they were killed by the fire they themselves had just lighted. It flew back on them and drove them against a line of flame advancing from the opposite direction.

MINISTER FALLS TO DEATH.

Father of William Stearns Davis Tumbles Off Ledge.

Mount Washington, Mass. (Special).—Rev. Dr. William Wall Wilson Davis, prominent Congregational minister of Pittsfield and father of William Stearns Davis, the author, was killed by falling over a ledge at Bash Bish Falls, one mile from the New York State line. Rev. Dr. Davis was formerly stationed at Cleveland, O., and Worcester, Mass.

Accompanied by his daughter, Miss Fannie Stearns Davis, and his two sons, William and Harold, the clergyman was having an outing at Bash Bish Falls. While the other members of the family were a little distance away, Dr. Davis undertook to harness a pair of horses to his carriage. As he was swinging the carriage around, one of the wheels struck him and pushed him over the ledge. He fell 20 feet to the bottom, striking on his head and breaking his neck.

Dr. Davis was born in Western New York, 57 years ago. His wife, who was a daughter of the late President Stearns, of Amherst College, died about two years ago.

NEW METHOD OF WARFARE.

Submarine Invented to Pull Battleship to Bottom of Sea.

Washington (Special).—In the intervals between the transaction of such business as preparation of his annual estimates, writing of his annual report and supervising relief from the army to the forest fires in the Northwest, Gen. Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the Army, has had his attention called to a novel method of naval warfare. An inventor sent to his office designs of a gigantic submarine construction, capable of approaching a fleet under water, at the psychological moment flapping a huge wing over the unsuspecting battleship, dragging it down to the bottom of the ocean and holding the vessel there until its crew was "drowned." General Wood has forwarded the plan to the Navy Department.

CURE WAS ALMOST FATAL.

Man Uses Chloroform to Relieve Neuralgia and Escapes Death.

New York (Special).—Henry B. Lindsay, of Dallas, Texas, who is staying at the Hotel Knickerbocker, applied chloroform to his face in an effort to cure neuralgia and narrowly escaped being killed by the fumes. He was found lying on the bed unconscious.

Two physicians worked over him for an hour and finally managed to restore him to consciousness. He will recover. Lindsay is manager of the Southwestern Life Insurance Company, with headquarters at Dallas.

KILLED DURING QUARREL.

Italian Shot Brother Because He Annoyed His Wife.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa. (Special).—During a quarrel at their home at Pittston, near here, Mattao Pidanto was shot and killed by his brother, Frank. The men quarreled because Frank had been annoying his brother's wife. The latter informed her husband, and when Mattao called his brother to account Frank drew a revolver and shot him. The murderer escaped.

YOUTHFUL MAIL ROBBER.

Twelve-Year-Old Confesses to Detective Who Arrested Him.

Nelson, Neb. (Special).—A government agent arrested William Moody, aged 12, charging him with robbing the mails. The boy broke down and confessed, after which he took the officer to a cave where he had secreted nearly a bushel of letters, $2,900 in cash and several hundred dollars in drafts.

TWO LIVES LOST.

Excursion Boat Runs Down and Sinks Launch.

New York (Special).—Two lives were lost when the excursion boat Majestic, returning to Newark, N. J., from Coney Island, ran down and sank a launch containing a party of merrymakers in New Bay. The work of rescue was made difficult by the fast-running tide and darkness. Mary Kops and David Sunes were drowned.

SIX KILLED IN A REAR-END CRASH

Locomotive Ploughs Through Pullman Sleeper.

VICTIMS ARE UNABLE TO ESCAPE.

Collision Took Place Near Durand, Mich., Between Second and First Sections of the Boston and Montreal Express—The Sleeper "Nebraska" Is Set On Fire From Firebox of Engine and Burned—Five Passengers Were Injured and Eight Escaped.

Durand, Mich. (Special).—Superintendent Ehrke, of the Grand Trunk, gave out a statement that six passengers were killed, five were injured and eight escaped without injury in the Grand Trunk rear-end collision, three miles east of here, when the Pullman car Nebraska, on the eastbound train No. 14, was demolished and set on fire by the locomotive of passenger train No. 4.

Superintendent Ehrke's statement says that the assertion that there were just 19 passengers on the wrecked car is borne out by the train chart of Pullman Conductor Haynes and the list given out at Chicago by H. G. Elliott, first assistant general passenger agent of the Grand Trunk.

The uninjured passengers, according to Superintendent Ehrke, who has charge of the Grand Trunk lines west of the Detroit and St. Clair Rivers during the absence of Superintendent Egan, were checked up when the train started eastward after the wreck.

The forward section, which was known as No. 14, had stopped because of an accident to the air brakes, and Engineer Mitchell, of the forward section, had crawled under his engine to locate the trouble. The locomotive of the second section, known as No. 4, plowed half way through the rear sleeper of the forward train, and the locomotive fire-box set fire to the Pullman car. The passengers in the rear berths had not the slightest chance to escape, and those not killed by the crashing timbers as the locomotive forged through the sleeper were burned to death by the fire that followed. Half a dozen passengers, however, seriously injured, were rescued from the forward berths and taken to hospitals in Lurand and Flint.

DROWNED RESCUING GIRL.

Grabs Man About Neck When Boat Capsizes On Pond.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y. (Special).—A sailboat containing a party of eight campers capsized on Pinks Pond, 17 miles from this city, and two of the party, Irving G. Paulding, an electrical engineer of New York, and Miss Bessie Drake, aged 19, of New Hamburgh, were drowned.

All of the young women in the boat, except Miss Drake and one of the men, caught hold of the overturned boat. Miss Drake went down and Paulding swam to her rescue. The young woman grabbed Paulding about the neck and both sank.

YOUNG GIRL A BURGLAR.

Fourteen-Year-Old's Effort to Become a Heroine.

Newark, N. J. (Special).—Alice McLaughlin, 14 years old, unable to resist a desire to become a heroine, has confessed to having committed two "burglaries."

While her aunt, with whom she lives, was away one day last week she ransacked the house and later told of having encountered a burglar, whom she drove away with a parasol. Today while her aunt was again away she repeated the little drama and told the same story. After severe questioning by the police she confessed all.

Wanted: A Xylotomist.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—The government is hunting for a xylotomist. A xylotomist is admitted by the forest officials to be a rarity and to find just one, capable of making microscopical studies of trees and their structure the Civil Service Commission will hold examinations in all principal cities of the country October 5. The position pays $1,100 per annum.

Gets Reward of $1,000.

New York (Special).—John Deans, the chauffeur, who speeded after Edward T. Rosenheim's automobile after it had killed Miss Grace Hough, will receive a reward of $1,000 from Walter B. Hough, the father of the girl. Mr. Hough declared that it was but just that Deans should be rewarded for bringing Rosenheim to justice.

Big Colliery Destroyed.

Mahanoy City, Pa. (Special).—West Bear Ridge colliery, owned and operated by the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company, at Mahanoy Plane, near here, was destroyed by fire. The colliery, which gave employment to 500 men and boys, was idle yesterday and the cause of the fire is not known. The colliery prepared and shipped 175,000 tons of coal annually and the loss is heavy.

To Deport Japanese.

Seattle, Wash. (Special).—Eighteen Japanese women and 11 men are in the detention sheds of the United States Immigration Service here awaiting deportation as the result of raids in the restricted districts of Seattle and Tacoma, conducted by Inspector T. M. Fisher and deputies. They were arrested under the new act, which provides that any immoral aliens may be deported, no matter how long they have been in the country.

Oil Well Shooter Dies.

Butler, Pa. (Special).—Frederick Emerson Hinman, 82 years old, an oil well shooter for forty years, died at Petrolia. In forty years he shot 5,500 wells, the wells requiring from 2 to 333 quarts apiece, and he manufactured and handled more than 2,500,000 pounds of nitroglycerine. In the early days of the industry he was leader of the "moonlighters," so called because they were compelled to shoot wells at night. His daughter, Fanchion, for years helped him shoot wells.

Would Drop Old Glory.

Harrisburg, Pa. (Special).—Asking to be registered as the candidate of the "Jesus Christ Party" for governor, a man from a southwestern county whose name is not disclosed sent a communication to the State Department. In his platform he declares for the substitution of the cross for the Stars and Stripes, the prohibition of all religions except the Christian, prohibition of low wages, likewise of gossip, substituting a flat 5 per cent. assessment on all possessions for other forms of taxation, and permitting women to vote.

C. CASTRO BEHIND THE GOMEZ PLOT

He Conspired Against Venezuela's President.

The Government Publishes a Full Statement of the Facts In Which Is Shown That the Exiled Former President Was the Guiding Spirit In the Move to Seize President Gomez—Intercepted Letters Foiled Plots.

Caracas (Special).—The government published a full statement concerning the recent conspiracy against President Vicente Gomez, in which it is stated that Cipriano Castro, the former president of Venezuela,, who is now in exile in Europe, was the instigator of the plot.

On July 26, the statement says, General Uribe informed the governor of Caracas that he had been approached by Carlos Gafaro, a Colombian, who asked him to join a plot for the capture of President Gomez. The plan was for the seizure to take place at Senor Gomez's farm in the suburbs of the capital, and the conspirators, armed with poignards in order to overcome any resistance, were to compel Senor Gomez to telephone orders to the governor and to Inspector General Galavis to surrender the garrison at Caracas.

According to the statement meetings were held at Cipriano Castro's Villa Zoila. Gen. Benjamin Ruiz, a Colombian, was the leader in the plot, and from a dozen to 20 other persons are said to have been connected with it. Senora Nieves Castro de Parra, a sister of Cipriano Castro, the statement declares, guaranteed $30,000 to the conspirators.

The government, it is said, intercepted a letter from Celestino Castro, a brother of Cipriano, to his sister, which indicated his complicity in the plot, and also a circular by Romero Garcia, a follower of Cipriano Castro, saying that President Gomez had better carry his will in his pocket, as Castro would make him pay for his treachery with his blood.

The statement concludes by saying that the Castro families have been expelled from Venezuela, that General Ruiz had escaped and that several others of the alleged plotters are under arrest.

CHILD HACKED TO PIECES.

Disappeared Last Friday, Believed He Was Kidnapped.

Kingston, N. Y. (Special).—Peter, the four-year-old son of Frank Fabian, an Italian, disappeared from his home, at Porterville, a few miles north of Kingston, on Friday last. Hundreds of Italians searched for the boy until Wednesday morning, when his body was found cut to pieces alongside an outhouse on an adjoining neighbors' property.

The father went to New York Sunday and consulted a fortune-teller, and when he returned Monday night the father said that the fortune-teller had told him that the boy would return within three days. The opinion now prevails that the boy was kidnapped, and when the kidnapper learned of what the fortune-teller had told the father he killed the child and placed the body where it was found.

SHOOTS WIFE TO DEATH.

Husband After Securing Shotgun Lies In Wait.

Nyack, N. Y. (Special).—Edward Wegner, of Nanunt, shot and killed his wife with a shotgun and he was arrested during the day and held for the grand jury on a charge of murder by Justice Cooper, of Pearl River. Wegner and his wife were married 25 years ago, and have one son, 18. For several years past the home had been unhappy because of Wegner's hard drinking.

For the last few months the couple have been separated. Mrs. Wegner and her son living together. The husband visited the farm, evidently for the purpose of killing his wife. He secreted himself behind a small building about 70 feet from the house, and when his wife came out to feed the chickens he raised his gun and fired. The woman fell dead.

Child Kills Mother.

Corry, Pa. (Special).—Mrs. Robert Thompson, aged 32, of Pittsfield, near here, was shot and instantly killed by her 12-year-old son, Dewey. The boy had been presented with a rifle and was showing his mother how he would kill a burglar. The gun was discharged, the bullet striking Mrs. Thompson in the head.

Gov. Flower's Widow Dead.

Watertown, N. Y. (Special).—Mrs. Roswel P. Flower, aged 74, widow of former Governor Flower, died at her home in this city after a month's illness from heart trouble. She leaves an estate variously estimated at from $4,000,0000 to $8,000,000. One daughter (Mrs. Emma Flower Taylor) survives.

Went to Bed Smoking.

Pittsburg (Special).—A guest at a large downtown hotel went to bed with a lighted cigar in his mouth. In a few moments his bed was afire. An alarm was turned in calling out all the downtown fire fighting apparatus. Guests in the hotel fled panic stricken into the streets scantily clad. Frightened women narrowly escaped being run down by the fire horses.

Manufacturer Kills Himself.

New York (Special).—Made despondent by ill health, W. S. Klee, 37 years old, a Brooklyn clothing manufacturer, who lived at the Hotel Ansonia with his wife and 10-year-old daughter, committed suicide in his apartment by shooting himself in the head.

Gaynor's Wound Healed.

New York (Special).—The bullet wound in Mayor Gaynor's neck has healed on the outside, and the irritation of the throat caused by granulation on the inside has ceased. The Mayor eats heartily, and will go back to his regular diet of three meals a day. No bulletins are now issued, and only the hospital physicians are in attendance. There will be a consultation of physicians toward the end of this week to fix a date at which it will be wise to allow the Mayor to leave.

Big Hats to Stay.

Chicago (Special).—There is no relief in sight for women who have accepted the dictates of fashion and struggled under the unwieldiness of hats of the size of an umbrella. That is the edict of the National Association of Retail Milliners, which held a convention here. Big hats are to be bigger and small hats smaller than ever before. The desire for extreme extends even to the coloring, according to Mme. Maerie, president of the association. The more brilliant the colors the more nearly to the ideal effect will the new hat conform.

JAPAN FORMALLY ANNEXES KOREA

Representatives of the Powers Are Informed.

FEAR DISORDER IN HERMIT KINGDOM.

Text of Convention Under Which Korea Is Annexed Is Given to Representatives of Other Nations. Japanese Newspapers Warned Not to Publish Unauthorized Statements. Threats of Disorder Made Openly.

Tokio (Special).—The next of the convention under which Korea is annexed to Japan was communicated to the representatives of the powers. The document, which, according to now established facts, was signed August 22, will be effective when officially promulgated. This will occur, according to some of the ministers, August 29 or August 30, when the independent existence of the Hermit Kingdom, the struggle for whose control started the Russo-Japanese War, will cease.

Baron Hirata, minister of the Interior, summoned the proprietors of all the Japanese newspapers to his cabinet today and requested them to publish no unauthorized information regarding the situation in Korea. He pointed out that such publication under existing conditions would only make the task of the Japanese government in carrying out the annexation more difficult. The newspapers agreed to his wishes and nothing regarding the annexation beyond official statements will, therefore, be published here before the publication of the promulgation of the convention.

The Japanese government, which has a large number of representatives already in Korea, will be prepared to take over the machinery of administration in Korea without any delay.

Considerable uneasiness is reported at Seoul owing to the circulation of threats of disorder following the annexation. These emanate, according to the view taken here, from malcontents who have not received the consideration which they think their due in the provision made by the convention for the future of the Korean royal family, nobles and officials.

Sporadic outbreaks in protest against the absorption of Korea by Japan are anticipated, but serious rioting or even widespread objection from the Koreans to the annexation are not expected.

Girl Jumps In River.

Richmond, Va. (Special).—Miss Maud Smith, a well-known young woman of this city, jumped from Mayo's bridge into the James River. Her escort told the bridge-keeper that while talking to him Miss Smith had dropped her hat and then jumped over the railing. Frank Gainnotti, who was fishing below the bridge, rescued the girl. The river is deep and the drop was 25 feet. She is in a serious condition and could not give a coherent explanation of the affair. Her escort, an unidentified young man, has disappeared and the police are searching for him.

Killed In Runaway.

Coatesville, Pa. (Special).—Morris Pierce, a prominent farmer of Cochranville, was thrown out of his carriage sustaining fatal injuries. He was found lying in the road with his neck broken and died before those who found him got him home. A coroner is investigating the matter. The horse he was driving is said to have become frightened and run away.

Found Dead in Surrey.

White Plains, N. Y. (Special).—Geo. W. Burlinson, former deputy commissioner of jurors of Westchester county, was found dead here in a surrey in the rear of Joseph Smith's blacksmith shop. His head was hanging down over the side of the carriage and he had evidently been choked to death by a high collar which he was wearing. Burlinson was assistant secretary of the Democratic county committee for several years. He leaves a widow and two sons, who live in Danbury, Conn.

Madriz In Flight.

Colon (Special).—The victorious army of the insurgents is rushing on Managua to save Americans from the wrath of mobs in the capital of Nicaragua, according to dispatches received here. President Madriz is reported to be in flight and Gen. Juan Estrada, who will receive the reins of government from his brother, to whom they were given by Madriz, is determined to make the most of his opportunity of gaining the good graces of Washington by protecting Americans.

Kills Wife and Self.

Philadelphia (Special).—During a quarrel at their home here, Elwood M. Smith, a contractor, well-known among local horsemen, shot his wife in the breast and then fired a bullet into his own brain, dying instantly. Mrs. Smith expired on the way to the hospital. The couple had been separated for six months but a reconciliation was effected. About noon, however, Smith's voice was heard in angry tones and a few moments later the two shots rang out. The Smiths leave three children.

Stung By Wasp; Dies.

Watertown, N. Y. (Special).—Mrs. Frank Dimmock, aged 66 years, of Natural Bridge, while picking berries in a field near her home was stung on the arm by a yellow wasp, walked a few feet and dropped dead.

Take Up Automobiles.

Pottstown, Pa. (Special).—An evidence of the farmers' prosperity and their inclination to keep up with dwellers in the cities in the way of modern enjoyments is the reports from automobile agents, who say they are doing more business with them than with town people. Down in Skippack township, Montgomery county, a distinctively Mennonite community, five cars have been sold recently to these plain farmers, who even taboo the poke bonnet and wide-brim hat for the latest up-to-date automobile toggery.

Bullet Ends Bliss.

Milwaukee, Wis. (Special).—Angered by her repeated refusals to live with him, Henry Wagner killed his wife, Ella, at her brother's residence and then shot himself. He died a few minutes later. The double tragedy occurred while the woman was playing with her two babies on the floor of the dining-room. At the time she was holding her one-year-old baby boy in her arms, the bullet which ended her life tearing away part of the dress of the baby and inflicting a cut on his shoulder.

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