

## NEW PEACH TREE DISEASE.

It Has Invaded Michigan and Causes Alarm.

### MANY ORCHARDS CONDEMNED.

South Haven, Mich., Sept. 15.—"The little" is the strange name of a new disease which is threatening the peace of mind and the pocketbooks of fruit growers. "Peach paralysis" would describe the effects of the new terror of the orchard. It is destroying hundreds of acres of peaches in Michigan, and heroic measures are being taken by the Federal Government to eradicate the blight.

R. L. Tift, an expert from the Agricultural Department at Washington, is inspecting the disease around South Haven. Wherever the "little" is found an order is issued immediately for the destruction of all the trees, which must be cut down and burned as rapidly as possible. Many fruit growers will be practically ruined, as to eradicate the disease means the destruction of the entire orchard.

### Growth Is Dwarfed.

"The little" is so called because the leaves and fruit of the tree attacked shrivel up. The peaches are about the size of marbles. Growth is dwarfed and the disease spreads from tree to tree with great rapidity.

In the inspection about South Haven Mr. Tift has been accompanied by F. F. Fernow, a fruit grower; J. C. Monroe, President of the First State Bank of South Haven; and L. S. Monroe, an attorney. Hundreds of acres of the finest fruit land in Michigan have been condemned by the Government.

As the disease is a new one, the cause has not been ascertained. If a germ disease the germ has not been discovered, although the bacteriologists at Washington are investigating it. Dr. W. K. Jacques, of the Chicago city laboratory, also has become interested in the study of the new disease.

### How for the Growers.

"The fruit growers are in a bad state," he said. "Many of them will have to sacrifice their entire orchards, for when the disease once starts it spreads to all the peach trees. The peaches shrivel up to the size of marbles. Around South Haven hundreds of acres have been condemned."

"The disease has not affected the crop greatly this year, because it has just secured a foothold in the orchards. The effect will be noticed next year. Unless people realize it is quickly found there is likely to be a great scarcity in Michigan peaches."

## McHUGH GETS OUT OF JAIL.

Accorded a Great Reception by Nationalists.

### DENOUNCES HIS PROSECUTION.

Dublin, Sept. 15.—Patrick A. McHugh, member of Parliament for the North Division of Leitrim, was released from Sago Jail this morning at the expiration of his sentence of three months in jail for contempt of court. He was accorded a great reception, in which the Mayor, the town councillors and 2,000 nationalists took part. The streets of Sago were decorated with flags in his honor.

In an interview Mr. McHugh heatedly denounced the methods of his political opponents, which he described as only comparable in malignity to the tribunals which Robespierre set up during the reign of terror. "While I was a prisoner," said Mr. McHugh, "the Crown solicitor, Mr. Fenton, who was my accuser at the time of the scene which led to my imprisonment, had me adjudged a bankrupt, levied my wages, and closed the offices of the Sago Champion. People do not care to live in a country where their property is liable to confiscation by their political opponents on the award of these grotesque Belfast tribunals. This Belfast guillotine will be proved more effective than packed juries, coercion courts, and Sergeant Sheridans all combined, in rendering the country uninhabitable for Irish nationalists."

"So long as this horror is allowed to oppress and terrorize the land under the sanction of the Government, men must needs fly from Ireland as from a land where justice is not."

**Irish Members Summoned.**  
London, Sept. 15.—In connection with the United Irish League meeting, held at Birr last month, says a telegram from Dublin, summonses are being issued under the Criminal Justice Act, 1908, to the following: E. J. Conboy, M. P.; John O'Donnell, M. P.; Chairman Lowry, of the Birr Board of Guardians, and the two local members of the league.

### WOMEN BUTCHERS.

Curious Result of Bitter War in South American Country.

All the butchers of Paraguay are women, and many other occupations also which invariably are assumed elsewhere by men have fallen to the lot of the gentler sex.

The cause of this state of things is the heroic war waged by Paraguay more than thirty years ago against the overwhelming forces of Brazil, the Argentine Republic and Uruguay combined. This war, which lasted five years, bore many singular points of resemblance to the recent Boer war. It ended in the almost total annihilation of the able-bodied male population of the country, and the result may be read in the following figures: Population of Paraguay in 1857, 1,337,499. In 1878, three years after the termination of the war, it amounted to only 221,079, and of these nearly all were women, children and very old men.

When the war was over the people had been reduced to the most abject poverty and were on the verge of starvation, being driven to such expedients as to eat cats, dogs and horses. Worse still, owing to the

destruction of the male population anarchy prevailed, and all the work formerly performed by males fell on the fair sex. They rebuilt the houses which had been burned down, tilled the fields, and wove for themselves rough homespun clothing from the cotton grown on their own fields. In the public slaughter houses the cattle are dispatched by men, who sever the spinal column by cutting it with a sharp cutlass just behind the nape of the neck. When the animal falls to the ground its throat is cut and it is allowed to bleed to death. This is the only part of the work done by men. The animal is skinned and otherwise prepared by women. The carcasses are then conveyed to the butchers' stalls, where the meat is cut up and saved by women, who are dexterous in the use of the saw and knife. It is then served out to customers, also by women—not generally by weight, but by the piece—and the price is so low that a pound of the best meat may be bought for about a penny.

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## LOST TRIBE OF ESQUIMAUX

Until Recently Never Saw a White Man.

### HUTS MADE OF WHALE SKULLS.

Quebec, Sept. 15.—There has been discovered upon one of the islands of Hudson Bay the remnant of a lost tribe of Esquimaux, a community which has been for centuries without intercourse with any other representatives of the human species, and whose members never, until quite recently, had an opportunity of seeing a white man. The facts of the discovery are well established, having been reported to the Federal authorities at Ottawa by the Rev. A. W. Buckland. Mr. Buckland says that these strange people still virtually live in the stone age, knowing no metals. Their habitations are built entirely of the skulls of whales.

The home of the tribe is upon Southampton Island, a piece of water-girt land nearly as large as the State of Maine, lying at the extreme north end of Hudson Bay. These people or their ancestors undoubtedly inhabited the island ever since pre-Columbian days, and at the present time they exist exactly as they must have done then. Having been isolated for so long a period it is natural that they should possess many peculiarities. A very remarkable collection of their utensils, weapons of the chase, and other objects was secured by Mr. Buckland, but to the great regret of the Canadian authorities, it was allowed by him to pass into the hands of private persons.

The huts on the island are built by putting together the great jaws of whales and then covering them with skins. In the middle of the primitive dwellings is a slight elevation, on which stands the stone lamp, employed for lighting, heating, cooking, and melting snow and drying clothes. This lamp is nothing more than an open dish of whale oil, with a wick of dry moss soaked in fat.

Mr. Buckland agrees with the explorers who describe the story that Andrew was murdered by the Esquimaux. He has lived for years with these people in their tents, and cannot say too much for their kindness of disposition and readiness to assist strangers. He explains the finding by them of instruments and other property by the hypothesis that they belonged to the Tyrrell brothers, who in 1894 nearly lost their lives near Marble Island, Hudson Bay, and left many valuable articles behind, including their camera, pistol, etc.

Mr. Buckland is confident that Andrew will never again be heard from. When he was asked by the Norwegian Government last year to undertake a search for him, he declined, believing that to do so would simply mean a waste of time and money.

### THE KAISER TALKS

At a Banquet at Potsdam—Doesn't Like Trolley Cars.

Berlin, Sept. 15.—At the banquet given by the Kaiser last night at Potsdam, His Majesty, referring to the accident to President Roosevelt, said:

"Electric cars are the enemies of humanity. He referred to the number of persons who had been killed or wounded by electric cars in the streets of Berlin."

Last night, as on former occasions, Emperor William discussed the possibility of his visiting America some day. The idea evidently presents great attractions for him, but he added, regretfully: "I fear I can never realize that dream."

Commander Bechler was invited to the dinner, although he does not attend the manoeuvres, because Emperor William wanted to bid him farewell before his return to the United States. Next month the Emperor has presented Commander Bechler with a large photograph of himself, bearing the royal autograph. He expressed his regret at the recall of the American naval attaché, and asked him what row thing he had heard about the German navy.

To this Commander Bechler replied: "The fog signals for vessels which indicate the direction in which the ships are moving; they ought to be introduced into all navies."

A special train bore His Majesty's guests from Berlin to Potsdam at 6 o'clock in the evening, and returned to Berlin at ten minutes to ten. In the course of the evening at the new palace, Earl Roberts and General Wood engaged in a long conversation, in which they compared their respective experiences in South Africa and Cuba.

Extensive forest fires are destroying a large amount of property in Oregon.

## GIRL KILLS FOUR MEN:

Victims Were Her Husbands and Gold Was Her Bane.

Guthrie, Okla., Sept. 15.—A few days ago an Osage Indian woman named Foxwater was arrested at Tulsa and placed in jail on the charge of having murdered four white men who have been her husbands within the past ten years. This is the only part of the work done by men. The animal is skinned and otherwise prepared by women. The carcasses are then conveyed to the butchers' stalls, where the meat is cut up and saved by women, who are dexterous in the use of the saw and knife. It is then served out to customers, also by women—not generally by weight, but by the piece—and the price is so low that a pound of the best meat may be bought for about a penny.

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### First Husband Disappears.

Mollie Foxwater is not an ugly, coarse-featured woman, as many squaws are, but she possesses many of the refining features of her white sisters. She has been well educated and has also traveled much. Ten years ago she was married to a young man named Meeker. He came from Illinois to the Indian country. There had always been more or less romance surrounding the maiden and the fact that she possessed a secret of a lost gold mine was enough to cause any young man with romantic tendencies to seek her out. Meeker did so to his sorrow. He was married to the young half-breed squaw and she furnished the money to take an extended wedding trip. He was given plenty of money to spend and did not have to work, but all the time he sought to know whence the gold came. One day he was misled by his

### Fond of Literature.

Her wealth has enabled her to travel widely and enjoy all that civilization has to offer either in the direction of pleasure or refinement, and her white blood has prompted her to take full advantage of the opportunities thus accorded her. Still, she is but part white, and her Indian blood showed most prominently in all but her mental make-up.

She was fond of reading, and appeared exceptionally devoted to her husband, who, each in turn, received the greatest consideration from her. At the same time she seems to have looked on the mine and its secret as a racial heritage which must be guarded against the inroads of the white man at all costs. Consequently while she sacrificed herself and her inclinations to the man she married, nothing could induce her to betray the secret to him. Her tenacity was something like the power which prevents a Mason disclosing the secrets of his order with which he may have become officially cognizant, or a martyr in the old days who refused to betray a comrade even under torture.

### POOR HARVEST IN ENGLAND.

Constant Heavy Rains Cause Failure of Crops.

London, Sept. 15.—Owing to constant heavy rains in the last six weeks, the harvest in Great Britain will be the worst since 1872. The wheat, corn, hop, and fruit crops in the southern, middle, western, and northern sections are almost total failures, and the farmers are facing an extremely gloomy prospect. In Warwickshire special prayers are being offered daily for relief from rain.

### Woman Makes Confession.

"When my father died he told me a secret about a mine supposed to be lost. This mine he took from a party of Spaniards whom he killed. He told me how to go to find the mine. I have always lived off the gold in this mine and I do not care who knows it. I am sure that no one will ever find it. I have been married four times. It is true, and in each case I always did well by my husband. But they all wanted me to tell them where the mine was, and yet cannot see why they wanted to know where this mine is located. I admit that I killed all four of them, but I say that it was done in self-defense. Did they not follow me and try to get me to tell them where the mine was? Some of them even threatened to kill me if I did not

### Secret of Mine Safe.

Efforts to learn where these mines were proved futile. At different times many men have made the trip through the Grand River hills with the hope of finding the mines or some trace of them. It is very dangerous even at this time for a white man to traverse this country from the fact that it is populated only by full-blooded Indians who hate the sight of a white man in what they term their sacred domain.

It was near the Grand River hills that Mollie Foxwater always lived, and she often made long trips into the hills alone at night. Her husbands used to come into Tulsa many times and tell the inhabitants about their wife being away in search of her lost mine. She owns a fine stone house and has a number of servants to wait upon her. She dresses well and always goes heavily armed, or did until she was arrested. She had her house furnished with goods from the eastern markets, and she reads all the books of the day.

### THE "RED" ARMY WON.

Sixty Thousand Infantry Take Part in Sham Battle.

### TONS OF POWDER WERE USED.

Frankfort-on-the-Oder, Germany, Sept. 15.—Emperor William's military guests were a tired and rather haggard lot this morning. Prince Albrecht, as the Emperor's representative, entertained all of them at dinner last evening, and it was toward 12 when the party broke up. The Emperor having directed that the battle begin at 7 and the field of the manoeuvres being quite a distance by rail from Frankfort, the princes and generals had to assemble at the railroad station at 4.30 a.m. to catch the special train. Even then the Emperor was afield before them. Tons of gunpowder were burned today. Sixty thousand infantry and two hundred pieces of artillery were in action. Lord Roberts, General French, and the other visitors and the numerous staff, in all one hundred horsemen, looked on from a hilltop midway between a portion of the hostile lines.

On a rim of the horizon to the east flashed 11 batteries of artillery, under whose imaginary shells the infantry of the "Red" army advanced. The scenic effect of the whole, especially of the seemingly limitless number of troops, satisfied the observers, hundreds of whom had gathered around assembled on the hill. Rabbits and deer, frightened out of their coverts, ran scared across the fields.

The "Red" army pushed through the "Blue" centre after three hours' brisk work, and the aeronauts sent up a great yellow ball, which was visible for 10 miles around, as a signal that the empires had ordered a suspension of the engagement.

### A METEOR IN COLORADO.

### A Mountain Divided by its Passage.

Chicago, Sept. 15.—A special to the Record-Herald from Buena Vista, Col., says: Beaver Peaks was torn asunder early yesterday morning by a meteor that descended on the twin mountains with a roar that awoke everybody in this place and precipitated a shower of meteorites over the surrounding country. The visitor crossed the sky at 2.30 o'clock, travelling in a southerly direction, and disappeared down the horizon with a shrill screeching resembling a steamboat whistle. Apparently the aerial missile was not over two feet in diameter, but reports from the peaks this afternoon say a new canyon has been opened up between the peaks, a phenomenon that can only be ascribed to the impact of the meteor. Searching parties will go out in the morning and important scientific developments are expected. At the time the contact the city was subjected to a severe vibration, resembling a seismic shock.

### STRUCK DOWN BY BOLT.

### Enterprise Girl Badly Injured in Storm Which Wrecked Home.

Kingston, Ont., Sept. 15.—As Mr. and Mrs. Martin Shire, of Enterprise, were busy on Tuesday morning milking on their farm, while their daughter Myrtle was attending to the household duties, suddenly lightning struck the north end of the house and passed right through it to the south side. The gable was torn completely off one side of the dwelling, the building being otherwise wrecked and also set on fire in three places. The flames were extinguished, but the parents found on looking for their daughter, that she had been struck. Her clothes were burned completely off, and the unfortunate girl was badly injured about the body. She is now in a precarious condition.

### A NEW ELDORADO.

### Great Rush to the Zoutpansberg District in South Africa.

Protector's despatch: The pinging of claims in the Zoutpansberg district began this week. There is a great rush to the district, which the prospectors are confident contains great wealth in minerals. Danger arises from whites flocking there without capital to sustain them for some months, there being few employers of labor. These men may become pressed for food and steal from the Kaffirs, who would resent the thefts by killing whites, the trouble eventually developing into a big native rising. There are more natives in the Zoutpansberg district than in all the rest of the Transvaal. The banks at Pietersburg, in the Zoutpansberg, have reopened. Many Arab traders have started stores there, and are doing a large trade with the Kaffirs.

## STROMBOLI IN ERUPTION.

Volcanic Island Near Sicily Hidden by Smoke.

Rome, Sept. 15.—The volcano on Stromboli Island is in full eruption, and is throwing up great columns of fire and torrents of smoke. The island is shrouded in smoke. Mount Vesuvius is showing signs of activity.

Stromboli is one of the group of Lepari Islands, north of Sicily. Its cone rises 3,022 feet above the sea. It is of special interest to scientists from the fact that it is the only example in Europe of a volcano in a state of constant activity, and also because from an elevated point above the crater, which is at the side of the cone, below the summit, it is possible when the wind blows from the observer to sit for hours and watch the operations going on within the crater.

Another of the Lepari Islands, Vulcano, was purchased some years ago by a Scotch firm for the purpose of extracting alum, boracic acid and sulphur from the numerous products which line the sides and cover the bottom of the crater.

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### AN ABANDONED PLACER.

### All Gold Creek 50 Miles From Dawson Yielding Paying Values.

Dawson despatch: The abandoned placer for years. All Gold Creek, 50 miles up the Klondike River from Dawson, has suddenly become a bonanza. The stream is already paying wages, and better on numerous claims, and has the advantage of being comparatively shallow. It was staked during the mad rush of 1898, but abandoned before development was thoroughly undertaken.

In those days the ground was considered too shallow, and the pay streak was hard to locate. This summer, a pay streak 200 feet wide, has been uncovered, with an average depth of pay gravel of two to three feet. Charles Fischer, one of the lucky discoverers of the richness of All Gold Creek, has 50 men at work, ground sluicing.

### FAMILY SEPARATING.

### Six of the Booths Have Quit the Home Nest.

New York, Sept. 15.—Gen. Herbert Booth, son of General Booth, the head of the Salvation Army, has just arrived in this country and will go into business here. He has left the Salvation Army for reasons that cannot be stated now. His last station was Australasia. His leaving has caused serious trouble.

This makes six of the Booth family who are already in this country. They are Ballington and Maude Booth, Catharine and Arthur Booth-Clibborn, and Herbert Cory Booth. All six have cut loose from the alleged domineering methods of their father and have left the Salvation Army. Only one son, Brownwell Booth, who is now in London, remains in the Salvation Army.

### CRUSHED BY CARS.

### Fatal Accident to G.T.R. Employee at Stratford.

Stratford, Ont., Sept. 15.—A terrible accident occurred here at 1.45 this afternoon at the round-house in the Grand Trunk Railway yards, which has since resulted fatally. Joseph Phillips, 19 years of age, son of A. F. Phillips, station agent at Stratford, formerly trainmaster at Cory Booth. All six have cut loose from the alleged domineering methods of their father and have left the Salvation Army. Only one son, Brownwell Booth, who is now in London, remains in the Salvation Army.

### CHAMBERLAIN APPROVES.

### London despatch: The unique plan advanced by the Vicar of Goringham of running theatres in conjunction with churches throughout the villages of the United Kingdom, has received the support of no less an authority than Jos. Chamberlain, the Colonial Secretary. Mr. Chamberlain has written a letter to the vicar in which he sympathizes with the project and says he is always pleased to hear of anything being done to bring light and happiness into the lives of the people.

## CHOLERA RIFE IN EGYPT.

Since the Middle of July There Were 16,209 Deaths

Cairo despatch: The weekly cholera returns for Egypt show that there have been 1,380 fresh cases reported, making totals since July 15th of 20,328 cases and 16,209 deaths.

A Prince Indicted.  
London despatch: The grand jury in the Old Bailey to-day returned a true bill against Francis Joseph of Braganza, a lieutenant in the Seventh Austrian Hussars, and who was a member of the Austro-Hungarian mission to the Coronation of King Edward, charged with misconduct under the criminal law amendment.

The hearing of the charges brought against Prince Francis Joseph of Braganza and other men took place in the Southwark Police Court early in July and attracted much attention. Sir Edward Clarke, the former Solicitor-General, defended the prince. The prosecutor altered the charge from "felony" to "misconduct under the criminal law amendment."

Sir Edward intimated that the defence would be the conspiracy to rob and blackmail. Strict secrecy was observed by the court officials regarding the exact nature of the charges.

Later in the day the prince and the others concerned in the charge were placed in the dock at the Central Criminal Court and pleaded "Not guilty." Prince Nicholas of Braganza and other relatives and friends were in the crowded courtroom. In opening the case counsel for the prosecution said the offence with which the prince was charged was far too common in London.