

The Liberty Silk Works, New York, were burned on Wednesday week, causing losses aggregating \$225,000, covered by insurance.

It is authentically stated that within a year Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul will be invested with the Cardinal's hat and made Papal delegate for the United States.

There is a mission grapevine at Carpenteria, Cal., which has a girth of six feet at the base, and branches out in every direction for a hundred feet, and this year produced four tons of fruit.

The Seed Annual for 1890, issued by D. M. Ferry & Co., of Detroit, Michigan, has reached our table. Its cover this year is especially artistic and attractive. Ferry's seeds are thoroughly reliable, and the directions given in the Annual for the cultivation of both flowers and vegetables are full and explicit. A request sent to the firm at Detroit, Michigan, will bring you a copy of the Annual for 1890 by return mail.

Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, the authoress of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," has finally become hopelessly demented, as her friends are forced to acknowledge. The patient is able to walk about, but is followed constantly by a nurse. She spends her entire time singing Methodist church hymns popular fifty years ago, and talking to viewless beings, who she says are her old friends long dead and come to life again. This ghastly behaviour is very trying to her attendants. Her physicians state she will gradually lose all her faculties, and pass away some time when she sleeps.

Yellow fever of the most malignant type has appeared in Rio Janeiro. Bismarck's health is so poor that he is obliged to give up the transaction of official business almost entirely.

The reported betrothal of the Duke of Augustenberg to Princess Maud of Wales is now said to be untrue.

The Dowager Empress Augusta of Germany died on Tuesday afternoon. She had been suffering from influenza for some days.

Erste Fabriken in Pretoria, the largest structure in the Transvaal, has been burned. The loss is estimated at £100,000 sterling.

Press despatches show there was a serious political upheaval at Rio Janeiro on the 18th. Considerable fighting occurred between Monarchists and Republicans, the former finally being put down.

Rev. Francis Byng, one of the chaplains to the Queen and also chaplain to the House of Commons, is among the missing. His flight is due to a complication of betting and other pecuniary difficulties.

The Berlin Military Gazette publishes an imperial order that the regiment of dragoons entitled the Queen of England's Regiment will henceforth be called the Queen of Great Britain and Ireland's Regiment.

Dr. W. Sewell Livingstone, only son of David Livingstone, the famous African explorer, died at St. Albans on Monday night. He expressed regret that he could not live to see Stanley again. He was born in Africa 39 years ago.

The royal palace at Lacken, a suburb of Brussels, was burned on the 1st inst. Princess Clementine had a narrow escape from being burned to death. Her governess was burned. The loss is immense, as the art treasures cannot be replaced.

Floods are reported in the north-west portion of Queensland. A part of the town of Normanton is submerged, the water in many places being twenty feet deep. All the adjacent territory is under water. The floods cover an area of 300 miles.

Despite the order issued by the Swiss Government prohibiting holding meetings by the salvation army in Switzerland, members of the organization continue to hold open air meetings in Geneva. The authorities have decided to adopt vigorous measures to suppress the gatherings of salvationists.

Prince Albert Victor, eldest son of the Prince of Wales, recently arrived at Calcutta from Burmah. The Marquis of Lansdowne, Viceroy of India, met him at the pier and welcomed him to the city, after which they entered a carriage and drove to the Government House. The streets, which were profusely decorated, were crowded with natives, it being estimated that 100,000 of them gathered to see His Highness. The municipal authorities presented an address to the Prince.

Captain O'Shea, ex-member of the house of commons, has filed a petition for divorce from his wife on the ground of adultery, naming Charles Stewart Parnell as co-respondent. The plaintiff has engaged Mr. Inderwich and Sir Edward Clarke as counsel. The interests of Mrs. O'Shea will be looked after by Mr. Lockwood, while Sir Charles Russell has been again retained by Mr. Parnell. It is expected that this famous advocate's cross-examination of O'Shea will equal his excoriation of Piggott.

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