MANY ORCHARDS CONDEMNED.

South Haven, Mich., Sept. 15.-"The littles" is the strange name of a new disease which is threatening the peace of mind and the pocketbooks of

peace of mind and the pocketbooks of fruit growers. 'Peach paralysis' will describe the effects of the new tell of 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. Tlift, an expert from the Agricultural Department at Washington, is inspecting the orchards around South Haven. 'Wherever the 'littles' is found at order is issued immediately for the destruction of all the trees, which must be cut down and burned as rapilly as possible. Many fruit growers will be practically ruined, as to eradicate the disease means the destruction of the entire orchard,

orchard, Gr. with is Dwarfed.

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

In the unspection about South Haven Mr. Taft 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 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 Wasnington are investigating it. Dr. W. K. Jaques, of the Chicago city laboratory, also has become interested in the study of the new disease.

Blow for the Growers. "The fruit growers are in a had 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 praches shrivel up to the size of marb es. Around South Haven hundreds of acres have been condemned.

"The disease has not affected the erop greatly this year, because it has just secured a foothold in the orchards. The effect will be noticed next year. Unless some remedy twickly found there is l'kely to be great scarcity in Michigan p

## M'HUGH GETS OUT OF JAIL

by Nationalists.

DENOUNCES HIS PROSECUTION.

Dublin, Sept. 15.—Patrick A. Mc-Hugh, member of Partament for the North Division of Leitrim, was re-leased from Sago Jail this morning at the explication of his sentence of three months in jail for contempt of

three months in jail for contempt of court. He was accorded a great reception, in which the Mayor, the town Councillors and 2,030 Nationalists took part. The streets of Sligo 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 malgnity to the tribunals which Robesplerre set up during the reign of terror. "While I was a prisoner," said Mr. McHugh. "the Crown solicitor, Mr. Fenton, who was my acttor, Mr. Fenton, who was my ac-cuser at the time of the scene which led to my imprisonment, had me adjudged a bankrupt, looted my pre-mises, and closed the offices of the Skgo Champion, People do not care to ave in a country where their property is liable to confiscation by their political opponents on the award of this grotesque Belfast tribunal. This Belfast guillotine will be proved more effective than packed juries, coercion courts, and Sergeant Sheridans all combined, in rendering the country un habitabe for Irish Nationalists.

"So long as this horror is allowed

oppress and terrorize the the sanction of the Govern ment, men must needs fly from Ire hand as from a land where justic ts not."

Irish Members Summoned. London, Sept. 15.-In connection with the United Irish League meetg, held at Birr last month, says telegram from Dublin, summon are being issued under the Act against Michael Reddy, M. P.; E. Haylland Burke, M. P.; John O'Donnell, M. P.; Chairman Lowery, of the Birr Board of Guardians, and the two local members of the league.

## WOMEN BUTCHERS.

Curious Result of Bitter War. 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 herde war waged by Paraguay

more than thirty years ago against the overwheiming 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 aguilation of the able-bedied male 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 1873, 1,337,439; in 1873, three years after the termination of the war, it emounted 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 worker.

poverty and were on the verge of starvation, being driven to such ex-pedients as to eat cats, dogs and horses. Worse still, owing to the Oregon,

destruction of the male population anarchy prevailed, and all the work formerly perform d by males fell on the fair sex. They rebuilt the houses which had been burned down, tilled the fields, and wore for themselves rough homespur clothing from the cotton grown on their own fields.

In the public slaughter houses the cattle are despatched 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 carcases are then conveyed to the butchers' stalls, where the meat is cut up and sawed 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 hest meat may be bought for about a penny.

Women of all ages act the part of hutchers—some are young and pretty, others old and wrinkled. The women are great bargainers and keen as mustard to pull a new arrival almost to pieces in the hope of securing his custom. These women butchers earn good wages.

# LOST TRIBE OF ESOUIMAUX

Until Recently Never Saw a White Ma .

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 establishof 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 price of

Southampton Island, a piece of water-girt land nearly as large as the State of Maine, lying at the ex-treme north end of Hudson Bay. These people or their ancestors have undoubtedly inhabited the island 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 utanilis, weapons of the chase, and other others was secured by Mr. Proceedings. Accorded a Great Reception 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 disbelieve the story that Andree was murdered by the Esqui-maux. He has lived for years with these people in their tents, and cannot say too much for their kindliness of disposition and readiness to as-sist strangers. He explains the find-ing by them of instruments and other property by the hypothesis that they belonged to the Tyrrell brothers who 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, plates, etc.

Mr. Buckland, in conflicts.

Mr. Buckland is confident that Andree 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, H:s Mijesty, referring to the accident to President Roosevelt, "Electric cars are the enemies of humanty." He referred to the number of persons who had been killed or wounded by electric cars in the

wounded by cleatric cars
streets of Berlin,
Last night, as on former occasions.
Emperor William discussed the poseibility of his visiting America some
day. The idea evidently presents
great Attractions for him, but he
added, regretfully: "I fear I can

great intractions for him, but he added, regretfully: "I fear I can never realize that dream."

Commander Beehler was invited to the dinner, although he does not attend the manoeuvres, because Emission of the distribution of the statement of th 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 Beelier with a large photograph of himself, bearing the royal autograph. He expressed his regret at the rescall of the American naval attache, and asked him what rew thing he had heard about the German navy. To this Commander Beehler 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 Potslam at 6 o'clock in the evening, and returned 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 Gen-eral Wood engaged in a long conver-sation, in which they compared their

Extensive forest fires are destroy-ing a large amount of property in

respective experiences in South Af-

rica and Cuba.

## GIRL KILLS FOUR MEN:

Victims Were Her Husbands and Gold Was Her Bane.

First Husband Disappears.

Mollie Foxwater is not an ugly, soarse-featured woman, as many squaws are, but she possesses many of the refining features of her white listers. She has been well educated and has also travelled much. Ten years ago she was married to a roung man named Mercer. He came from I'linois 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 rause any young man with romantic tendencies to seek her out. Mercer 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 speud and did not have to work, but all the time he sought to know whence the gold came, One day he was missed by fills First Husband Disappears.

Guthrie, Okia., 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. Their bleached bones lately were foand by a prospecting party—at least, they are supposed to have been the remains of the white men—and later the woman confessed to the fact that they were.

She confessed that she killed these men because they tried to wring from her the secret of a lost gold mine of which she claims to know the whereabouts. She rejused to tell them, and they went in search of it, and with the knowledge they had from time to time pleked up from the total the time the Indians told these white people that they were in possession of vast gold mines in their domain, which they caused the Spaniards to give up.

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 hone of finding the mines or some



ompanions. She said he was tired of living with her, and that was all there was to it. People supposed he had returned to his home in Illinois.

Three Others Follow. hree years later she was mar ried again. This time A. F. Grines, a farmhand, was charmed into thinking he could worm the secret of her wealth and hidden treasure from her. But it was not long until he disappeared as musteriously as did his predecessor. She was suspected of murdering him, but no one could enter sufficient proof to could enter sufficient proof hold her and the man never any relatives who cared enough attempt to secure proof agai

her.

Four years ago she was married again, this time to a man whose name was Smith. He was taken on a long trip, wined and dined at the expense of the Indian maiden. In less than six months his curiosity got the better of him and he was put out of his way for trying to make his wife tell him where she got her gold. This summer she was married for the fourth time to William Winters. He died three weeks Lam Winters. He died three weeks ago and his body was found by the roadside. The doctors found he had been given slow poison and it had been given slow poison and it killed him while en route home. Her calculations had failed her, and he dropped from his horse dead and his body was found and carried to a physician before she knew anything about it."

A warrant was sworn out for the arrest of the woman and she was

arrest of the woman and she was placed in jail at Tulsa. Yesterday she gave out the following confes-

Woman Makes Confession.

"When my father died he told me 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 some of them even attempted to follow me when I would go to visit it to get the gold to buy food for their when I would go to visit it to get the gold to buy food for their mouths. None of them ever had to work a stroke after they married me, and I could not 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-defence. 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 Fond of Literature.

lization has to offer either in the di-rection of pleasure or refinement, and 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 ap-

she was lond of reading, and appeared exceptionally devoted to her husbands, 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). white man at all costs. Consequently while she sacrificed herself and her inclinations to the men she married nothing could induce her to betray the secret to them. Her tenacity wa something like the power which prevents a Mason disclosing the secrets of his order with which he may have become officially corner to the secret of his order with which he may have become officially cognizant, or a mar-tyr in the old days who refused to etray a comrade even under tortur

# POOR HARVEST IN ENGLAND.

Constant Heavy Rains Cause Fallure of Crops.

London, Sept. 15 .- Owing to con stant 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

Destructive gales and floods have prevailed throughout the United Kingdom this week. At Belfast, in the North of Ireland, the water rose to a height of six feet in the bu part of the city. In many of the streets the children threw off their clothing and "went in swimming. Boys with hand-carts did a thriv ing business wheeling women and girls about the streets. The tents of four batteries of artillery, en camped at Oakhampton, Devonshire, were blown away, and the soldiers vere compelled to pass the night without shelter.

The British Trades Congress passed a resolution expressing sym-pathy with the American working-men in "resisting trusts and rail-residents." STROMBOLI IN ERUPTION.

Voicanic Island Near Sicily Hidden by Smoke.

Rome, Sept. 15.—The voicano 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 Leparl 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 Leparl Islands, vulcan, was purchased some years

Vulcan, 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.

Sixty Thousand Infantry Take Part in Sham Battle.

TONS OF POWDER WERE USED.

Frankfort-on-the-Oler, 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 maneeuvres being quite a distance by rail from Frankfort, the princes and generals had to assemble at the railroad station at 4.30 a.m. 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 to-day. 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 hiltop midway between a portion of the hostile lines.

on from a hiltop 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 lafantry 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 from far around assembled on the hills. Rabbito and deer, frightened out of their coverts, ran scared across the their coverts, ran scared across the

fields.
The "Red" army pushed through
the "Blues" 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 umpires 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 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 concerns.

The place and precipitated a shower of the surrounding of the content of the content of the concerns. The visitor crossed the ky at 2.30 o'clock, travelling in a southerly direction, and disappeared down her white blood has prompted her to the concerns.

New York, Sept. 15.—Gen. Herbtake full advantage of the concerns. 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 ap 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 of the contact the offer was subjected. city was subjected to a sever dibration, resembling a seismic shock

## STRUCK DOWN BY BOLT.

Enterprise Girl Badly Injured in

Storm Which Wrecked Home. Kingston, Ont., despatch: 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 regress found on locking for the parents found on looking for their daughter, that she had been struck. Her clothes were burned com-pletely 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.

Pretoria despatch: The pegging of claims in the Zoutpansberg dis trict began this week. There is a great rush to the district, which the prospectors are confident con-tains great wealth in minerals. Danger arises from whites flocking there without capital to sustain 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 re-Transvani. The banks at Pieters-burg, in the Zoutpansberg, have re-opened. Many Arab traders have started stores there, and are doing a large trade with the Kaffirs.

Since the Middle of July There Were 16,209 Deaths

## A PRINCE IN OLD BAILEY.

Frue Bill Against Francis Joseph, of Bragauza, for au Unnamed Criminal Offence-Defence Will be Conspiracy to Rob and Blackmail

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 Balley 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-Hun-garian mission to the Coronation of King Edward, charged with mis-conduct under the criminal law amendment."

amendment,"
The hearing of the charges brought against Prince Francis Joseph of Braganza and other men took place in the Southwark Police 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 "felouy" to "misconduct under the criminal law amendmenty". Sir Edward intimated that the defence would be 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 court-

friends were in the crowded court-room. In opening the case counsel for the prosecution said the offence with which the prince was charged was far too common in London.

### AN ABANDONED PLACER.

All Gold Creek 50 Miles From Dawson Yielding Paying Values.

Dawson despatch: .The abandoned for years, All Gold Creek, 50 miles up the Klondike River from Dawson, has suddenly become a bonanza. The stream is aiready 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.

fore 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 to men at work, ground suicing.

FAMILY SEPARATING.

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

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

tion Army.
Three daughters are in the army yet, Lucy, Eva and Emma Booth-

CRUSHED BY CARS.

Fatal Accident to G.T.R. Employee

at Stratford. Stratford, Ont., despatch: A terrible accident occurred here at 1.45 this afternoon at the round-house in the Grand Trunk Railway yards, has since resulted fatally Joseph Phillips, 19 years of age, son of A. F. Phillips, station agent at Seaforth, formerly trainmaster of Stratford, was coupling cars with a chain, when the cars came together unexpectedly, and crush-ed his abdomen and arms. He was taken to the hospital, but died from his injuries shortly after. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips arrived from Sea-forth just after his death had taken

Phillips had only worked at the round-house a few weeks.

CHAMBERLAIN APPROVES.

London despatch: The unique pl advanced by the Vicar of Gorle of running theatres in conj with churches throughout lages of the United Kingdon ceived the support of no te thority than Jos. Chambe Colonial Secretary. Mr. laln has written a letter to in which he sympathize project and says he is all to hear of anything b