

## SAMOANS DISARM

The Commission Is Evidently Doing Good Work.

Both Factions Giving Up Their Weapons—The Rival Aspirants for Kingship.

Apla, Samoan Islands, May 31 (via Auckland, N. Z., June 5).—Both native factions, the Malletos and the Matafaas, are disarming. Matafaa has surrendered 1,800 guns.

Malletos and Tamassese have visited the members of the Samoan commission on board the United States transport Badger, and Matafaa visited them the following day. Neither of them was recognized as king. Matafaa expressed willingness to abide by the commissioners' decision and blamed the Europeans for the trouble here. The commissioners informed him that they had power to establish a government with or without a king. Matafaa thought the Samoans should have a king, but expressed willingness to disarm his followers and leave the matter in the hands of the commission. The Germans acted, for the first time in many months, with the representatives of the other powers and have officially sent a guard ashore.

The naval authorities and the mission societies have submitted their views to the commission and the latter, by proclamation, fixed May 27 as the date for the natives to surrender their arms. Matafaa, however, asked for an extension of time until today, when he surrendered 1,800 guns on board the Badger. The Malletos are now disarmed. The United States cruiser Philadelphia, with Admiral Kautz, sail May 21, and the British and German consuls, Mr. E. B. Smaaxe and Herr Rose, proceed to Europe June 7. Queen Victoria's birthday was celebrated with great rejoicing, about 8,000 strong men of the Malletos party attending the festivities at Maliluu, in the presence of the British consuls and naval officers. The procession visited the graves of the British and Americans and then marched to the graves of the Germans, who were slain in the battle of Fagaiti, in 1879. The Americans fired a salute over the German graves.

The natives are gaining confidence and are freely submitting their grievances to the commission.

The natives brought here from other islands at the time of the disturbances will be returned to their homes and the warships will probably leave Samoa at an early date.

The commissioners are reticent, but it is understood they are considering a reduction of the cost of administration as reestablished by the Berlin treaty and that the number of officials may be reduced.

The residents of Apla express dissatisfaction at the indications given by the commission that the rebels will not be punished, and that they will be paid for arms illegally imported. They consider this a bad precedent, but it is admitted that it is too early to criticize the action of the commissioners.

The American engineering staff has arrived here, and will proceed to erect a naval jetty and coal stores at Pangopango.

Judge Mulligan, the former American consul, has arrived here to conduct the compensation claims and defend Matafaa. But the commission has intimated that no notice will be taken of the claims beyond recording them, and it is possible the commission will ask each power to compensate its own citizens or subjects, as the case may be.

## KRUGER AND MILNER

Conference Concluded—Result Will Be Given Out on Wednesday—Hopeful Feeling Prevails.

Bloemfontein, Orange Free State, June 6.—The conference between President Kruger and the British high commissioner, Sir Alfred Milner, who is also governor of Cape Colony, was concluded today. The president and the high commissioner took leave of each other in a cordial manner. They have agreed not to publish the result of their deliberations until Wednesday next.

A distinctly hopeful feeling that an agreement has been reached prevails here.

London, June 7.—A special dispatch from Bloemfontein states that the conference between President Kruger and Sir Alfred Milner proved abortive.

## ONE OF MARK TWAIN'S DREAMS

Finds Contentment in the Relations of England and the United States.

London, June 7.—In the course of an interview here Mr. Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), who arrived a few days ago from Vienna, said, in referring to the closer relations between Great Britain and the United States:

"It has always been a dream of mine which I hardly expected to live to see realized, but it has gone far enough toward realization to furnish me contentment."

## FAREWELL DRINK

Proved Fatal to a Prospective Bridegroom—Took Poison in Mistake for Rum.

Derby, Conn., June 7.—Miss Lena Donaldson was to have been married yesterday. An hour before the time set for the ceremony, and while she was dressing herself in bridal finery a telegram was handed her announcing the sudden death of the man who was to have been her husband. Casting aside the wedding gown, Miss Donaldson, who was a bride, accompanied by relatives went to mourn over the body of her affianced. He was Hubert Carroll, a prosperous young farmer, who had charge of the extensive country place of William Davis, near Middlebury. He had built a fine modern cottage and furnished it in anticipation of the home-coming of himself and his bride. Carroll and a friend, Thos. Kiernan, were walking along the Long Meadow Pond road. Carroll was talking Kiernan of his approaching marriage. He picked up a bottle lying in the road. It was half-filled, and, after smelling the contents they agreed it was a fine Cruz rum. Jeeringly they

decided to take a farewell drink to Carroll's bachelorhood. Carroll drank first, and swallowed more of the stuff than did Kiernan. A few minutes later they were attacked with violent pains. They managed to reach the Davis house, when Mrs. Davis took Carroll in her carriage to the home of Dr. Tuttle in Naugatuck. A few minutes after reaching there Carroll died in the doctor's office. Dr. Tuttle later attended Kiernan, who will recover. The poison they drank was a compound of alcohol and acetic acid, which was probably used as a horse liniment.

## FATEFUL FLASHES

Hamilton Cyclist Killed by Lightning—Much Property Destroyed.

8,000 Gallons of Oil Spilled Into a Lake and Burned—Bridge and Nine Cars Destroyed.

Detroit, June 6.—Lightning struck the big workshop of the industrial school for boys at Lansing yesterday afternoon, and the fire which resulted totally destroyed the building, entailing a loss to the state of about \$50,000. Reports from various parts of the state tell of buildings fired by lightning or wrecked by the wind.

Hamilton, Ont., June 7.—While wheeling to Burlington Beach on Monday afternoon, Willie Lawry, 14 years of age, living at 21 King William street, took shelter from a thunderstorm under a tree on Tucker's farm, a few miles from the city. He was struck by lightning and instantly killed.

Doon, June 6.—About 7:30 last evening, M. B. Perine & Co.'s barn, containing raw material, was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. Part of the contents is saved.

Markdale, Ont., June 6.—Today, during a short but violent thunderstorm, the house of James Henry, of this town, was struck by lightning. Mrs. Henry received a severe stroke, and upon examination by a doctor it was found that she received a fatal blow on the back and one leg. She suffered greatly from the effects of the shock, but will likely recover. The house, though damaged, was not destroyed.

Holly, Mich., June 7.—When an extra freight on the P. & M. was crossing a bridge over a small lake seven miles south, near Rose Center, early yesterday morning, lightning struck a tank car containing 8,000 gallons of oil. The explosion was terrific, and blew three cars into the lake and the oil spread over the surface. The bridge and train caught fire and the bridge and nine loaded cars were totally destroyed. The bridge was 250 feet long and nearly new.

The oil burned for several hours on the surface of the lake and lighted up the country for miles around. The loss will reach \$20,000, and traffic will be delayed about a week. Trains are running from Detroit over the Grand Trunk. Nobody was injured.

## LOOK OUT FOR HIM!

Clever Chap Working Bible Racket in Country Towns.

Davidson, Mich., June 7.—Last week a young man purporting to be D. T. Williams, of Cleveland, O., and superintendent of Bible distribution for the Bagster Bible Company, called in this town, first on the ministers, stating that he had orders from the company to leave or have sent two or three Bibles like the couple he exhibited in each town for introductory purposes. The only conditions to be met were to prepay to him 45 cents for the expressage and to use the Bible in public services.

But after canvassing the ministers he would collect the 45 cents from as many other people of the town as he could persuade to step into his net.

A dispatch from Cleveland says the company contains no such name as D. T. Williams, and that two big Bible houses never heard of him. The agency for the Bagster Company say they know no such man.

## WOMEN TRAVELERS

The Number Grows Greater—Difference Between the Sexes.

As the world grows smaller the number of women travelers grows great. This is merely another form of saying that the greater security, economy and rapidity of travel have opened new opportunities for ambitious women. At the present time there are the traveling companion, the courier, the war correspondent, the foreign correspondent, the commercial traveler, the missionary and the student, no, paradoxically enough, is usually a teacher. I would leave out of consideration the traveling companion, because she is an annex or attachment to the traveler proper and is not a traveler per se. I might also add the woman explorer. Because in the past ten years Mrs. Alice Le Plongeon and Miss Kingsley have won name and fame in this field of activity.

Women are both fitted and unfitted for travel. They have less strength and daring than men, but, on the other hand, they have more tact and a greater regard for the rights of others. In many parts of the Far East small mobs of criminals are apt to attack the stranger within their gates. When this occurs the male traveler usually gets off better than the female. On the other hand, a far greater source of trouble springs from the wanton or ignorant violation of native customs and the religious laws. Here men sin fifty times where women do once.

Travel brings out the great ethical difference between the two sexes. In London I have often noticed that the average American gentleman makes a bee line for the famous inns, pubs and music halls, while the average American woman goes to Westminster, St. Paul's and the Tower of London. In Paris the former patronizes the cafe chatot and the Moulin Rouge, and the latter the Louvre, Notre Dame, the Madeleine and the Hotel des Invalides.

To be a successful traveler demands nothing more than the small virtues—forethought, common sense, patience and, it may be, a little resignation.—Margherita Arina Hamm, in Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly for June.

## THREE YOUNG WOMEN DROWNED.

Lebanon, Ill., June 6.—Three young women, students of McKendree college, were drowned while bathing in Silver Creek, two miles north of here today. They were Ruth Jepson, 19 years old; Florence Spies, 17 years old; St. Jacob; Hallene Jack, 17 years old; Beaucoup, Ill.

## NEXT MEETING IN ST. MARYS

Closing Sessions of the London Conference.

Condition of the Superannuation Fund—Horseback Riding No Bar to Ministerial Usefulness.

Windsor, June 7.—The conference re-assembled yesterday at 9 o'clock. On the president calling for communications, a telegram was read from the Montreal Conference, conveying the greetings of the same.

Rev. Dr. Saunders gave the conference report for the relief of St. James' Church in London.

The contingent fund report was presented by Rev. W. H. Butt, showing an income of \$357.60, and an outlay for supplies, conference and general expenses of the same.

Rev. J. R. Gundy gave the report for the superannuation fund, showing an income of \$111. On motion Mr. Gundy was reappointed secretary-treasurer.

It was decided that the next conference should meet in St. Marys the first Thursday in June, 1900—the ministerial session on Tuesday preceding at 2 o'clock. The ticket fee was fixed at \$2 for private houses and \$4 for hotels.

Rev. Messrs. Davies and Nour (colored), pastors of the city, were introduced, and then the speakers.

Rev. J. W. Holmes, of Mitchell, Dr. Saunders, of London, and Mr. Kerr, of Brussels, were granted leave of absence.

Rev. A. K. Birks, B.A., presented the Epworth League financial report, showing an income of \$262.55. He also gave the report of the Sabbath observance committee.

In the afternoon Rev. Dr. Griffin, of Toronto, gave the report of his office superannuation fund, also the report of the general conference fund.

Rev. J. W. Holmes gave the report of the educational committee, assigning the young men to their respective colleges.

Rev. Dr. Potts met the twentieth century fund committee. The stationing committee met at 4 o'clock, and adjourned at 6 to meet again at 9:30.

The conference missionary meeting in Windsor Avenue Methodist Church was most interesting. The speakers being Revs. J. Philip, B.D., and Dr. Henderson.

The following ministers were reported from the districts as having been chosen to act with the chairman as stationing agents: Leonard R. Hobbs; Stratford, G. W. Henderson; Goderich, W. Godwin; Exeter, George Jewett; Stratford, W. G. H. McAllister; Sarnia, Wm. Penhall; Kingsville, R. D. Hamilton; Chatham, J. Holmes; Windsor, Wm. Kennedy; St. Thomas, Dr. Philip; Wingham, S. J. Allen.

Mr. Cobblecluck, treasurer of the conference, reported the receipt of the following amounts for superannuation fund: London, \$1,992.04; Stratford, \$1,139.18; Windsor, \$1,172.28; Sarnia, \$1,077.35; Exeter, \$1,119.25; Stratford, \$833.20; Sarnia, \$391.39; Windsor, \$1,073.20; Chatham, \$874.94; Ridgeway, \$840.60; St. Thomas, \$1,514.98; making a grand total of \$12,629.58. Several cheers followed the conference on the improved condition of the fund, which seemed to be reaching that point for which the conference has been aiming. Mr. Cobblecluck was re-elected treasurer.

Mr. Rogers presented the report of the Union Church relief fund, giving total receipts of \$742.26. He was reappointed treasurer of the fund. Mr. Sheppard submitted the report of the Indian school at Muncey, showing a satisfactory condition of the school. The report was received, and the principal congratulated on the excellent showing.

Rev. Dr. Mackenzie, of Japan, addressed the conference on the missionary work of the past 10 years.

Mr. Thorpe, of Windsor, represented the Women's Missionary Society of the church, and, accompanied by Mrs. (Rev.) Livingstone, a life member of the society, addressed the conference. Rev. Dr. Thorburn and Blodgett, of Detroit, conveyed the greetings of the conference in two masterly addresses.

There was a little scene at the ministerial session of the Methodist conference on Monday morning, says the Detroit News. When Rev. S. B. Phelps, a life old professor, took his part. It was more befitting a future minister, he said, to get astride of a horse than to sit on lady's knee. He meant this remark to have no personal application, but simply as a palliation of the young man's offense. What they wanted in the ministry was, above all, men who would save souls, even if they did get astride of horses. This silenced all opposition, and the probationer passed with flying colors.

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## THE HIRSCH FORTUNE

Nearly One Hundred Million Dollars Left for Charity.

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## BANK BURDENED WITH SILVER

[Chicago Chronicle.] "I wish someone would tell me how I could get rid of this silver," said the paying teller in one of the Chicago banks the other day. "I have in the vault \$13,000 in quarters, and I can't get anybody to accept them."

"Most of them come from the street car companies," he continued, "and they have piled up in the vault from

month to month. I have fixed them up in nice little packages, tied them with blue and pink ribbons, done everything to make them attractive, but all to no purpose. People don't want them, and won't take them. If it wasn't for throwing the bank's books out of plumb I might plant a few of them shiners where they would do the most good, but I can see no immediate hope for putting that solution into effect, not right away."

And he turned to give a customer a handful of paper money worth a few cents as it was turned out of the factory, but worth several hundred dollars to the man who accepted it. No demand for bushels of silver quarters, but active demand for all the paper money there is. Queer country, this United States!

## BEASTS WERE GLAD TO LAND

Caravan From Calcutta Worn Out by a Long Voyage.

Half Died on the Trip—Thrilling Marine Snake Story—Monkeys Had Mal de Mer.

New York, June 7.—After 70 days of travel in tropic and wintry seas, the survivors of the animal caravan that was placed aboard the tramp ship Angola at Calcutta went over her sides, and took up their march through the unlovely thoroughfares of the South Brooklyn dock district toward Lower Greenwich street in this city.

The animals were glad to change their quarters, the two elephants especially giving various snorts of appreciation as they waddled down the gangway.

It was one of the roughest passages that any consignment of wild animals has had to weather. The trip through the Mediterranean was pleasant enough, but when the Atlantic was reached these creatures of the humid Hindoo jungles ran into gales and clammy fogs and a penetrating cold, under which many of them died.

## BAD WEATHER FOR BEASTS.

The worst weather was encountered off the western islands, which lie southwest of Portugal. It was like winter, and the topping seas chased each other over the upper decks, while the unfortunate animals were tethered or caged. Monkeys chattered shrilly and gave up the ghost.

The elephants, standing belly-deep in the brine, looked reproachfully around at the sailors as if they suspected that Jack was getting even for some of the hardships which the cunning little pachyderms had played on him.

Three antelopes in their stalls were pitched violently across the deck by a wave and their necks broken; that day there was fresh meat in the cook's galley. And the big, kindly faced, man-eating tiger, which the cunning little pachyderms had played on him, was pitched violently across the deck by a wave and his neck broken; that day there was fresh meat in the cook's galley. And the big, kindly faced, man-eating tiger, which the cunning little pachyderms had played on him, was pitched violently across the deck by a wave and his neck broken; that day there was fresh meat in the cook's galley.

All of the animals showed the effect of the rough weather. Most of them would not touch food. The cobras went on a long fast, and have not eaten a thing in six weeks. While the seas were tossing the elephants refused hay, and were a tired expression. The leopards snarled, and a profound case of mal de mer made the monkey cages painful to contemplate. Like their alms, the Simians did not know enough to leave food alone, and they suffered in just the same way.

## WAVE LIBERATES COBRAS.

At one time when the storm was at its greatest a dangerous incident happened. A towering wave upset the cobra cages and sent the reptiles spinning over the decks, so Keeper Selle declared. The big venomous reptiles were seen wallowing in the brine, and there was a great commotion among the sailors. The keeper leaped to a cross-piece and with a long pole fished out the dejected reptiles and restored them to their cages.

The animals looked today as if a day's rest in port had done them good. The man-eating tiger had resumed his usual position, and the cobra was looking as if he liked all mankind. The smaller of the elephants had covered his back with ashes, while his larger mate wore a duster of baled hay. Near them the sacred cow was fraternizing with the four-horned ox. It was a curious quartet. The elephants stood no more than waist high, and the sacred cow would be about knee-high to a six-footer.

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## THE RAILWAYS

Increase in the Earnings of the Big Canadian Roads.

Curious Way in Which a Box-Car Was Lost.

A 20-year test on the Leige-Limburg Railway in Belgium proved that oak ties last an average thirteen years, while the oldest style of metal tie lasts eighteen years.

The traffic returns of the C. P. R. for the week ended May 31, 1899, announced, according to the official report, to \$71,000, as compared with \$70,000 for the corresponding week of last year.

Following are the official returns of traffic on the C. P. R. for the week ended May 31, 1899, as compared with the corresponding week of the previous year: 1899, \$68,955; 1898, \$68,132; increase, \$823.

"We lost a box car once in a curious way," said the car tracer to the Pittsburg Post, "and we never found it. It seems that we had a master painter in the service of our road who was discharged for some infraction of the rules, and got a position with another line. He was bound to get even with us, and one day when one of our box cars had to be repaired at the shops where he was working for day wages as a painter, he took advantage of the absence of the foreman, and in reentering the car put the initials of another road on it. The car was sent to the other line and used by them, and when we found a box car missing we never knew what became of it, and all our searching availed us nothing. We had a report of repairs having been made by the road on which the car was damaged, and they started an investigation, but in the meantime the car was in use on the road to which it had been sent by the painter's malicious scheme. The people of that road finally found that they had two cars with the same number, and wrote us about the matter, and we made an investigation, but as both cars were of the same kind and built at the same shops we could not tell them apart. However, as the particular road had a car that they claimed was not theirs, and we were short one car, they said we could take the box car. We don't know today, however, which car of the two was ours."

## THE "SPORTING DUCHESS" BROKE

The little restaurant at 366 Pearl street, which has been known to every policeman on the force for the last dozen years, was closed several days and Mrs. Amelia Westphal, who owned it, and who was generally known as the "Sporting Duchess," says that the horses had run differently and if the men who borrowed money from her would repay it she might still be running her restaurant. Her neighbors recall the first year that the "Sporting Duchess" ran her own horses and prophesied that she will again be buying diamonds. Mrs. Westphal had made and saved money in her restaurant, when twelve years ago she began plunging on the race track. She backed her horses with large amounts and so successfully that the bookmakers began to take notice of her. She was a conspicuous figure at the tracks, and during her first season she made so much money that she believed that she never could spend it all. Her restaurant was frequented by racketeers, politicians and policemen, and the latter found her always ready to advance money to them. When her luck deserted her she tried to collect some of this money which she had loaned to policemen, and she frequently visited police headquarters for the aid of the commissioners. Mrs. Westphal says that she inherited from her father her passion for betting on horse races and she expects to recover her losses at the track—New York Sun.

## Money Wanted.

MONEY WANTED—SAFE AND PROFITABLE investment found in sum of \$100 and upwards. G. V. Wockes, solicitor, 367 Richmond street, London.

## Educational.

THE HARDING HALL GIRLS' SCHOOL LIMITED. BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL. Summer term commences April 19. Physical culture and elocution classes have begun Kindergarten branch is held in a room in Conservatory of Music. For calendars apply to Mrs. J. E. Walls, 661 Talbot street, London.

## Bicycle Livery.

BICYCLES TO RENT—NEW AND SECOND-HAND. Bicycles bought and sold. Repairing and vulcanizing. S. Casey, Maitland street, corner St. James. 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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MISS SHUFF—GRADUATE OF DR. WEIR MICHOL'S HOSPITAL FOR NERVOUS DISEASES. Philadelphia. Massage and Swedish Movements. 407 King street, London, Ont. Phone 502.

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