

MANY PEOPLE PERISH

A GREAT LOSS OF LIFE BY THE HURRICANE.

Three Hundred and Fifty Perish in Florida—Hundreds of Fishermen Overwhelmed—Cedar Keys Almost Laid Waste—Town After Town Virtually Wiped Out—A Great Property Loss.

The West India Hurricane. JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Oct. 3.—At least 350 lives—possibly 500—were lost in and about Cedar Keys as a result of the terrific hurricane and tidal wave Tuesday night. Of 100 fishing and sponge boats with from four to ten men each, anchored below the town Monday night, only about twenty escaped destruction, and the loss of life there is estimated at from 830 to 1000. In the town itself, before the storm, a thriving place of 1,500 people, twenty dead bodies have been recovered from the mud and ruins. Few houses are left standing and scores are suffering from injuries.

The town was situated at the mouth of the Suwanee river on a number of small keys connected by bridges. Scores of lives were also lost in the sponge fishing section. The hurricane struck the place about 3:30 o'clock Tuesday morning and continued for several hours. Though warning had been given, nothing indicated a blow of unusual severity, and up to 11 o'clock the night was calm and quiet. At that time a moderate breeze sprang up from the eastward, increasing gradually until a thirty-mile wind was blowing. About 4 o'clock a perfect tornado was blowing. Then the wind suddenly changed to the southeast, bringing a perfect deluge of water, the tide rising two feet higher than in the gale of 1894.

DEATH IN A TIDAL WAVE. At 7 o'clock an immense tidal wave came from the south, carrying destruction with it. Boats, wharves and small houses were hurled upon the shore and broken into fragments. This tidal wave caused the principal loss of life, many houses being swept away from their foundations and the inmates drowned.

In Cedar Keys, when the tidal wave came and overwhelmed the houses, many of the inmates floated in the water, clinging to pieces of timber; others clung to tree tops for hours, until the water receded. They were buffeted by wind and waves and many men faint, but clinging even while unconscious to the tree limbs. Many are still unaccounted for, and families and friends are filled with anxiety, hoping for the best, but fearing the worst. In view of the utter destruction wrought by the storm, it seems miraculous that there is a single person alive in Cedar Keys to-day. While the gale was at its height fire broke out in the Bettina house. In a few seconds the entire building was wrapped in flames, which quickly communicated to the Schlemmer hotel, adjoining, and in a very short time nothing was left of either house except the bare walls. The inmates saved nothing. They made their escape by wading through four feet of water.

The bridges connecting the keys were swept away, and the only communication is by means of boats, of which few are left. Then, too, most of the victims were buried deep in mud by the tidal wave, and many of the bodies will probably never be recovered.

Beyond the bar there are a score of masts visible just above the water, and each top indicates the burial place of a sponging schooner and its crew. It is possible that many of the vessels were blown out into the gulf and rode out the hurricane, but the Mary Eliza's captain thinks that by far the greater number are beneath the water with their crews. He says that there was not one chance in a thousand for such frail craft to live in such a hurricane. It is expected that for days to come corpses of the spongers will be found along the coast.

THIRTY DEAD IN LEVY COUNTY. In the Western part of Levy and Alachua counties not less than 300 families are left destitute. Scores were injured and over thirty were killed in Levy county. The town of Fannin was completely destroyed with the exception of one small house.

The town of Needmore was demolished. The postoffice building at that place was completely demolished and the postmaster can find no part of the mail or postoffice fixtures. Every house at Yular, Judson and Chieftand was destroyed, with one or two exceptions, killing people of both the former places. The people of Bronson have issued an appeal for aid for the destitute.

Reports from Baker, Suwanee, Nassau and Columbia counties confirm the previous reports of death and destruction. The death list has been increased by nearly a dozen. Columbia county fared very badly. All the country south of Lake City is devastated. In the Caleb Markham neighborhood scarcely a house is left standing. In the vicinity of Payne and Mount Taber postoffices the destruction was great, but the accounts are yet meager. Fred Hodge, a farmer of that locality, was fatally crushed and his wife killed by the falling of a tree on their house. Fort White fared badly, all the churches, school houses, many stores and residences being blown down and many others injured.

Missouri Educator Dead. MARSHALL, Mo., Oct. 3.—Professor J. W. Carter, aged 73, died suddenly at his home in Waverly last night. He has been a prominent educator in Central Missouri for many years.

BANK ROBBERS SHOT.

Townpeople Kill One and Wound Another, but a Third Gets \$2,000. LA GRANDE, Ore., Oct. 3.—Cy Fitzhugh, a man named Brown and an unknown robbed the First National bank of Joseph, Walla-walla county, of \$2,000, by coercing the officials by a display of arms, but before they could escape they were attacked by a number of residents of the place. Alex. Donnelly, aged 35, killed Brown and wounded the unknown, who was caught, but Fitzhugh got away on a horse with the sack of coin.

WATSON AFTER BUTLER.

The Populist Vice Presidential Candidate Warm Under the Collar.

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 3.—In this week's issue of his People's party paper Thomas E. Watson, Populist nominee for vice president, makes the following editorial attack on Chairman Marion Butler of the Populist national committee: "Attempts have been made to show that Mr. Watson favored fusion in the state of Indiana. This is not correct. Mr. Watson took the position at the beginning of the campaign that the Populist could consistently vote for a single Sewall elector any more than he could vote for a Hobart elector. He fled with Chairman Butler a written protest against Mr. Butler's fusion policy. Mr. Butler has ignored Mr. Watson's protest and gone steadily forward on his own line.

"Mr. Watson's position is now what it was when the Georgia state convention met. He is for a straight 'middle-of-the-road' ticket. In no other way can the Democratic managers be forced to abide by the St. Louis contract. Mr. Watson's position has been humiliating and embarrassing, and he has been compelled to submit to policies he did not approve."

A DRUNKARD'S CRIME.

Fatally Injures a 17-Year-Old Girl and Kills Himself With a Razor.

HOLYOAKE, Ohio, Oct. 3.—A terrible double tragedy occurred last night two miles south of this place in the home of Mrs. J. P. Ricker, a widow. The family consisted of the widow and two children, her daughter, Annie, 17 years old, and a son. Another inmate of the home for some time past has been a boarder, Nathan E. Spellman. The latter came home in a beastly state of intoxication and was reprimanded by Mrs. Ricker. Spellman, while the son was at school and Mrs. Ricker was out attending to the stock, went into the house, and found the daughter ironing. What followed can only be surmised. Anna Ricker was attacked and her skull crushed. Spellman then undertook to destroy his own life by hanging. This attempt being a failure, he resorted to a method more successful. Lying on his back almost touched the floor, he drew a razor across his throat, severing the jugular vein.

CANNON IN THE AIR.

New Feat Brings Death to a Venture-some Aeronaut.

PAOLA, Kan., Oct. 3.—At the Miami county fair here yesterday, George Anderson, the aeronaut, who was shot from a cannon suspended from a balloon, missed the parachute and was killed in the 1,500 foot fall. Anderson was employed by Professor Bartz, and St. Louis, Mo., was his home. Ten thousand people witnessed the awful accident. Anderson refused to put on the safety belt with rope attachment, and relied only on a cotton clothes-line cord tied to his wrist for safety.

COINAGE IN SEPTEMBER.

Nearly as Much Silver as Gold Money Turned Out by the Mints.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3.—The monthly statement of the director of the mint shows the total coinage at the United States mints during the month of September, 1896, to have been \$5,915,333.50, which is divided as follows: Gold, \$3,140,922.50; silver, \$2,754,165; minor coins, \$1,028.50. Of the silver coined \$2,700,100 was in standard dollars.

MR. BRYAN IN DANGER.

An Unknown West Virginian Said to Have Attempted an Assault.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Oct. 3.—A special to the Times-Star from Wheeling, W. Va., says: "During the Bryan parade last evening an unknown man tried to assault the candidate. The fellow made a rush for the carriage and, with an oath, cried: 'Let me at him.' A blow from a cane in the hands of a guard sent him bleeding and staggering into the crowd."

WILL WAIT FOR ELECTION.

If McKinley Wins the Leadville Miners Will Return to Work at \$2.50.

LEADVILLE, Colo., Oct. 3.—As a result from the miner's meeting last night, the majority have decided to remain quiescent until after the election. If McKinley is elected the present intention is to abandon the strike. If Bryan is elected, the hope is that the price of silver will advance and the management will at once concede all demands of the union.

Middle-of-the-Road Electors.

TOPEKA, Kas., Oct. 3.—The middle-of-the-road Populists filed the necessary documents for the nomination of a Bryan and Watson electoral ticket in Kansas in the office of the secretary of state at noon to-day. The electors named are: Joseph P. Perkins, of Columbus; Quincy A. Baldwin, of Tonganoxie; I. V. B. Kennedy, of Fort Scott; J. W. Woolley, of Idell; J. M. Bannan, of Chetopa; J. W. Doolittle, of Cottonwood Falls; S. W. Coombs, of Junction City; E. J. Hill of Phillipsburg; C. A. Francis, of Canton; M. Pemberton, of Ness City. The petitions contain between 80 and 1,000 signatures, the law requiring only 500.

Folsom Choked Out of His Mouth.

CARTHAGE, Mo., Oct. 3.—William J. Warrington, an organ salesman, was arrested in this city to-day on eight counts of embezzlement from the Newman Bros. Organ Company of Chicago. He tried to take arsenic but the officer choked him and made him spit it out.

A Missourian May Train for Georgia.

CLINTON, Mo., Oct. 3.—A Lowery grain company shipped forty-six cars of hay in two special trains out of here to-day for Atlanta, Ga. They are decorated with banners and will be run through by day as hay specials from Southwest Missouri to Atlanta.

ARE GIVEN WARNING

THOSE WHO CANNOT GO INTO POLITICS.

Attorney General Harmon Indites a Letter to Federal District Attorneys—Active Participation in the Campaign Incompatible With the Rendering of Satisfactory Service.

Can't Go Into Politics.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—Attorney General Harmon, in accepting the resignation of Francis R. Lassiter, United States attorney for the Eastern district of Virginia, sent the following letter to him:

"Complaints had reached the Department of Justice that Mr. Lassiter was acting as a chairman of a campaign committee and otherwise taking an active part in the politics of his district. Whatever rule may prevail in other departments, it is well settled in this that there is an incompatibility in officers like you acting as committee men to manage and conduct political campaigns. As United States attorney you determine whom to prosecute and whom not to prosecute. You conduct or recommend the discontinuance of prosecution already commenced. You have admission to the grand jury rooms and indictments are found or refused largely upon your advice. If I concede that you are, as your letter to-day claimed to be, one of those rare men who are beyond the reach of the unconscious operation of feeling of personal favor or disfavor, still, the general confidence of the community in your conduct as a public officer of justice is at least a risk, if while holding that office you so engage in the exciting and often bitter political campaigns in which the entire community is ranged on one side or the other. You may be able, as you think you are, to escape or repress in what you do as an officer all effect of the recollections of your campaign work, but you will be utterly unable, especially in cases where your action may appear to coincide with your supposed inclination to make the community believe that your action has not been in any degree so affected."

REVIEWING STAND FALLS.

Several Witnesses of Iowa's Semi-Centennial Parade Injured.

BURLINGTON, Iowa, Oct. 2.—During a parade to-day at noon of the Iowa semi-centennial celebration the reviewing stand collapsed, throwing all to the ground and injuring some thirty. Vice President Stevenson and Governor Drake escaped with slight bruises. They went down clasped in each other's arms. The seriously injured are: County Treasurer E. S. Burris of Burlington; leg broken; James D. Rowen of the governor's staff; ex-Governor Sherman of Vinton; the Rev. Dr. Fellows of Iowa City. Others received cuts and scratches. Among them were Lafayette Young of Des Moines, orator of the day, State Auditor McCarthy, ex-Governor Newbold and State Superintendent Sabin.

IRISH FLAGS NOT BARRED.

A Massachusetts Judge Decides That Erin Is Not a Nation.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Oct. 2.—July 6, Contractor Patrick O'Brien was arrested for displaying an Irish flag on a portion of the staging of the new Ward 6 schoolhouse July 4, under the statute forbidding the display of any foreign flag upon a public building. He was found guilty, and Judge Stone of the police court fined him \$10. An appeal was taken to the superior court. Yesterday Judge Hopkins ruled that Ireland was not a country in the meaning of the statute governing the case and had no flag except that of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland. The case was accordingly dismissed.

IOWA'S SEMI-CENTENNIAL

The Celebration Begun on an Elaborate Scale at Burlington.

BURLINGTON, Ia., Oct. 2.—Fifty years ago Iowa became a state, and to-day 20,000 people gathered here to inaugurate an eight days' celebration. Governor Drake and his staff, several ex-Governors and Vice-President Stevenson were among the notables present.

REFUSE TO YIELD.

The Leadville Union Votes to Continue the Strike Indefinitely.

LEADVILLE, Colo., Oct. 2.—The miners' union held a secret session last night and voted to continue the strike indefinitely, but 200 of them left the union and will seek their old places.

The Jones-Pullizer Case.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Oct. 2.—In the Supreme court this morning, in banc, the first case on the docket was that of Charles H. Jones vs. the Pulitzer Publishing Company to restrain the company from interfering with his management of the St. Louis Post Dispatch. The attorneys were allowed five hours by the court to argue the case.

Fatal Fire in a Theater.

ABERDEEN, Scotland, Oct. 2.—The Palace of Varieties, a theater, was burned at the beginning of the performance last night. A search among the ruins after the fire resulted in the finding of three corpses, and it is feared there may be still others who did not have time to make their escape.

Seven People Killed by the Fury of the Wind—Three Burned to Death.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—Tuesday night's storm caused seven deaths in this vicinity. Dr. H. C. Sherman of this city, a cousin of Senator John Sherman, who was at his country residence at Onyx, Md., while going out to his barn, was almost struck by two falling trees. He returned to the house, sat down in a chair and almost immediately expired. Three colored men, whose names are unknown, were burned to death at Washington grove, a tree demolishing their cabin and overturning the lamp.

STORM'S DEADLY HAVOC.

Scores of Lives Lost by the Raging Elements.

In Florida—Probably fifty people killed, many of them children. Many injured. Property loss incalculable. In Stanton, Va.—An unknown number of people drowned and great damage done.

At Savannah, Ga.—Eleven killed; nine injured. Losses \$750,000. In and about Washington, D. C.—Eight killed and many injured. Losses \$250,000.

At Matale, Pa.—Six children burned to death in ruins. At Alexandria, Va.—Four killed and many injured. Losses \$250,000. Near Shamokin, Pa.—Two killed and many injured. Losses \$500,000. About Lancaster, Pa.—Several injured and \$1,000,000 damage done.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Oct. 2.—Tuesday's great hurricane struck Florida at Cedar Keys and passed in its path of destruction over twenty towns and villages and reports show that between thirty and forty people were killed.

It is reported from Gainesville that Cedar Keys, a place of 1,500 people, about 100 miles southwest of Jacksonville, was swept away and many lives lost. Nobody has been able to get anything direct from Cedar Keys.

Moving northeasterly the storm struck Williston, a small town, where eleven houses were blown down, one person was killed and several probably fatally hurt. Near Williston was a large turpentine factory, where state convicts are employed. Twenty of these were huddled together in a cabin. A heavy tree was blown across the cabin and six were crushed to death.

In Gainesville the Methodist church and about twenty dwellings and business houses were destroyed and quite a number of people hurt, but none killed. At across five buildings were destroyed and the Rev. W. A. Barr, Mrs. F. McIntosh and her baby killed. Near three laborers who were in a cabin at turpentine works were crushed by falling trees.

DEATHS IN THE STORM'S PATH.

Newberry, in west Alachua county, was totally wrecked. C. J. Eastlin, Mrs. Nancy Moss, Frank Olmstead and David Jones were killed.

At High Springs, Melissa Harren, James Morris and Sallie Nobles, a colored woman, are reported killed. At Gracy twelve houses were blown down and a woman was killed, but her babe was unhurt, although it was carried some distance by the wind.

At Lake Butler, Bradford county, C. H. Harkey, Mrs. J. M. Futch and her infant were fatally hurt. On Judge Richards' turpentine farm four convicts were killed by falling trees. In Baker county McClenny, Sanderson, Glen S. Mary and Olustee were almost destroyed. No one was killed outright, but many were injured.

At Live Oak the destruction is complete, but no loss of life is reported. Near Welborn the house of Amos White was destroyed and two of his children killed. At Lake City eight business houses and thirteen dwellings were destroyed. Mrs. Sarah Fletcher and two boys were killed and Dora Jennings, Samuel Hudson and Jonas Mayberry were fatally injured.

Six persons are reported killed at Fort White, in Columbia county. In this place, in the business and residence sections, not a building escaped serious damage. Every church, hospital, asylum and school building was more or less damaged.

Just north of here in Nassau county five children were killed in the wreck of a school house. At Hilliards another school house was wrecked and four children were killed. At Kings Ferry, Andy Johnson, Moses Lassiter, Simon Henderson, May Jones and a child were killed. Mrs. Fisher was nursing a sick child and the infant died as the house fell. The mother was hurt, but will recover. Three sailors were killed on schooners that were loading lumber at Kings Ferry.

Across the line in Georgia the devastation was continued. At Folkston the school house was wrecked and four children killed. In Camden county several more were killed.

The Government Deficit Continues. WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—The receipts of the government for the month of September were \$24,584,244 and the expenditure \$26,579,535, leaving a deficit for the month of \$1,995,291. The deficit for the three months of the present fiscal year is \$5,194,129, as compared with a deficit of \$9,884,658 for the corresponding months last year. The receipts during the last month show a loss as compared with September of last year of nearly \$3,500,000 from customs and about \$380,000 from internal revenue.

A Kiss, a Knock-Down and a Fine.

LIBERTY, Mo., Oct. 2.—At a wedding at Robert Oldham's, near Acme, Charles Thomas of Platt county kissed Mrs. Belle Grimes without obtaining permission. Her mother, Mrs. Holt, struck Thomas with a pin, whereat he tried to kiss Mrs. Holt. She struck and scratched him and, becoming angry, he dealt her a heavy blow, rendering her unconscious. A justice of the peace fined him \$2.

Bride Shoots Herself Dead.

CAIRO, Ill., Oct. 2.—At 5 o'clock this morning Mrs. Frazer, a bride of four days, shot herself through the heart. She and her husband were both members of the choir of the Church of the Redeemer, Episcopal. No cause is known.

Another Race for Wales.

LONDON, Oct. 2.—The prince of Wales' colt Persephone, winner of this year's Derby, and St. Ledger, won the Jockey club stakes of \$50,000 at Newmarket to-day. Lord Rosbery's horse Visto was second by two lengths.

An Iowa Postmaster a Fugitive.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, Oct. 2.—Postoffice Inspector Mearns, who left for Sidney, Iowa, Tuesday, telegraphed the police here last night to look out for Postmaster Moses B. Howell of that place, who is a defaulter to the extent of \$700, and a fugitive from justice.

JONES IS CONFIDENT.

ASSUMES THAT VICTORY IS ASSURED.

The Committee Hard Pressed for Means but This, He Declares, is the Normal Condition—Apparently Satisfied With the Situation in New York, and Has Not Abandoned Ohio to McKinley.

Jones on the Situation.

NEW YORK, Oct. 1.—Senator Jones, chairman of the Democratic national committee, said yesterday: "I came here at this time to meet Mr. Bryan for a conference about his speaking tour. I am entirely satisfied with the condition of the campaign and the outlook."

Mr. Jones, asked about the dispatch from Chicago that his committee is financially embarrassed, said: "That is true. We are out of money; we are broke, but it is our normal condition."

"Did you come East to raise money?" "Oh, no; we do not expect any money from New York."

"Are you and Bryan satisfied with the situation in this state and with the candidate nominated for governor Monday night?" "Oh, yes; whatever is satisfactory to the Democrats of New York is to us."

"Have you abandoned your campaign in Ohio, as is reported?" "We have not given it up, not for a second; just wait until the election and the country will see whether or not we have abandoned our campaign anywhere."

HURRICANE IN GEORGIA.

A Storm Plays Havoc on the Atlantic Coast.

SAVANNAH, Ga., Oct. 1.—A West Indian hurricane swept over this city and section yesterday, doing \$750,000 damage and causing the loss of nine lives in and about this city, while the worst is feared in regard to the islands, with which it is impossible to communicate now.

The wind reached its highest velocity shortly after 12 o'clock, but its exact velocity will never be known, the instrument at the weather bureau registering sixty-six miles an hour and then going to pieces. The barometer went to 28.80. The blow was practically over within two and a half hours, but for that time it raged with an intensity heretofore unknown. Tin roofs were rolled up everywhere in the city. Business was suspended for over an hour, no person daring to appear on the street.

The street cars halted, elevators stopped, electric currents were shut off through fear of a breakage of wires, windows and shades were blown in everywhere, wires were torn down, trees were razed, fences blown down, houses unroofed, portions of buildings were wrecked, vessels turned over in the river, church steeples toppled and the streets literally strewn with debris.

A tramp steamer at the Plant system wharf is aground. The bark Rosenius, Norwegian, was blown from her moorings and capsized and is a total wreck. The steamer Flora left at 9 o'clock yesterday morning with a heavy cargo for Brunswick. Nothing has been heard from her. The steamer Governor Safford was to have left Beaufort for Savannah at 10 o'clock, and grave fears are entertained for the vessel.

BRUNSWICK SUFFERS GREATLY.

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 1.—A disastrous hurricane swept over Brunswick and along the Georgia coast yesterday, causing great damage and probable loss of life. The wires went down for a distance of forty or fifty miles this side of Brunswick and communication was not restored until this morning, when it was reported that four people had been killed and a half million dollars' damage done. A train which left there while the storm was still raging was delayed in Brunswick for two hours, the engine being unable to make headway against the wind. When the train left the streets were filled with debris and wires, telegraph and telephone poles and parts of buildings had been blown down and carried away. People were injured by flying objects. One woman was killed at Everett, a small station a few miles from Brunswick. The railroad track was obstructed by trees and poles and the only train which came through from Brunswick was preceded by a wrecking train and crew for twenty miles.

H. N. Merrill of the Atlanta Telephone company reached Atlanta last night from Brunswick and stated that Brunswick was badly damaged, and that three big vessels had been sunk in the Brunswick harbor after they had been blown from their moorings. The famous old gunboat, the Monitor, was blown away from her pier and was floating helplessly in the harbor in danger of going to the bottom. A part of the Oglethorpe hotel, the leading hotel of Brunswick, was blown away and other big buildings were totally or partially wrecked. Many houses in the suburbs were blown away and the water rushed through the streets in torrents, carrying household furniture and valuables toward the harbor.

Republican Senator Resigns.

TOPEKA, Kan., Oct. 1.—Charles F. Scott of Iowa has tendered his resignation as State Senator to the Governor because he is a candidate for Presidential elector on the Republican ticket.

SHARKEY MAKES A VOW.

He Avows His Purpose to Break Corbett's Neck on Sight. DENVER, Col., Oct. 1.—Theo Brown of this city yesterday received a dispatch from James J. Corbett to the effect that both of the California clubs having failed to deposit a purse for his fight with Sharkey, the match is off, and he will now make a match with Fitzsimmons as soon as possible.

When informed of this, Sharkey became very mad, and announced that he would break Corbett's neck on sight.

WOMEN RAIDED.

Society Women Who Were Playing the Races Gathered in by the Police.

CHICAGO, Oct. 1.—A women's pool room has been discovered and raided by the police. Seventeen women, all said to be members of South side society, and attired in silk clothing and wearing diamonds, were arrested, together with a colored boy and an inspector for a telegraph company. When the police broke into the pool room in the building at 351 Thirty-third street the occupants were busily engaged in examining the entry cards at Oakley, Windsor, St. Louis and the Ideal park races, and in placing bets. With the appearance of the police, the room became a scene of pandemonium. Some of the women fainted; others screamed and tied handkerchiefs over their faces. In five minutes the police had collected cards, dropped by the occupants, containing the entries at four race tracks, together with tickets for bets placed on the horses. The patrol wagons were called, and all the occupants were taken to the Stanton avenue police station, when an attorney, who was sent for, provided bail for the prisoners.

SEWALL EXPLAINS.

Tells About the Gold Contracts in His Shipping Business.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 1.—So much has been written in the papers of late concerning Vice Presidential Candidate Sewall's connection with gold contracts that Mr. Sewall concerning it, and received the following reply:

"Dear Sir:—In reply to yours of the 22nd inst. I desire to state that it is true that I am making contracts with the gold clause inserted. I have always made charter contracts in this way for the last forty years, and I doubt if I could make them in any other way. Charter contracts for foreign voyages are invariably made in this way: 'Freight payable in gold or sterling.' I fail to see why I should be criticised for following the custom in my business that has universally obtained for the last forty years to my knowledge. I am perfectly willing to take silver or currency in payment if custom permitted. Yours truly, ARTHUR SEWALL."

CAN NOT LAND HERE.

Armenian Refugees are Barred From the United States.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—The attention of Commissioner Stump, of the emigrant bureau, was called to the movement looking to the colonization in this country of Armenian refugees. Mr. Stump said that Secretary Carlisle and himself had been fully advised of such a movement.

The matter was being investigated, and if any lawful means could be found they would be exercised in behalf of the refugees. The law on the subject, however, strictly prohibits the landing in this country of all persons likely to become a public charge, and also "any person whose ticket or passage is paid for with money of another, or who is assisted by others to come."

This being the case, although Mr. Stump did not so state, it seems altogether probable that the law necessarily was found to be an insurmountable obstacle in the way of relief in the manner proposed.

Canada Money at a Discount.

SANDUSKY, O., Oct. 1.—The four national banks of this city have posted a notice to the effect that they will hereafter accept Canadian silver only at a discount of 20 per cent. An extensive trade is carried on between Canada and this city. The action of the local bankers is in retaliation for the position assumed by the bankers across the lake, who have refused to accept American silver except at a discount.

The Prohibition Candidates Afield.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Sept. 30.—Joshua Levering, prohibition candidate for President, arrived here this morning and will open the campaign for the Prohibitionists of Pennsylvania at a meeting in Carnegie hall, Allegheny, to-night. Hale Johnson of Illinois, his running mate, will speak to-night at Tyrone. Speaking of the outlook Mr. Levering said that McKinley's chances for election seemed the best.

Storm Wipes Out a Town.

CITY OF MEXICO, Oct. 1.—Telegrams from Mazatlan state that the town of Altata has completely disappeared as the result of the recent hurricane. Every house was destroyed, burying the inhabitants in their ruins, and the only building left standing is a portion of the custom houses. The bark Elena and schooner Rebecca are probably lost.

Domestic Tragedy at Plano, Ill.

SANDWICH, Ill., Oct. 1.—Peter Hines shot and instantly killed Perry Ferguson and mortally wounded his own wife at Ferguson's home, about two miles east of Plano, last night. Hines, returning home and finding Mrs. Hines absent, went to Ferguson's house and discovered his wife and Ferguson together.

Congressman Aldrich Withdraws.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Sept. 30.—Congressman T. H. Aldrich, Republican nominee in the Ninth district, to-day sent a letter to Robert Harbour, chairman of the district committee, declining the nomination. It is understood that Aldrich withdraws in the interest of the National Democratic candidate.

Iowa Silver Clubs.

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 1.—There will be a state convention of the Bryan silver clubs of Iowa at Marshalltown October 8, for the purpose of unifying and consolidating the club organizations of the state. W. J. Bryan and Governor Hoar will address the convention. Governor Hoar speaking in the afternoon and Mr. Bryan at night.

Reward for Murderers.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Oct. 1.—Governor Stone has offered a reward of \$200 for the arrest and conviction of an unknown man found dead in Lawrence county, August 15, 1896.