



A dispatch to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat under date of Philadelphia, September 4, follows: "Former Common Councilman John C. Steger of the Thirty-ninth ward committed suicide at his home tonight by shooting himself in the head. Steger had been a sufferer from gastritis, but the real cause of melancholy was worry over the gas trouble of a few months ago, when Mayor Weaver settled the ring. Steger was an advocate of gas lease and had remained faithful to the ring.

A dispatch to the Baltimore Sun under date of New York, September 3, follows: "Peculiar in its unexpected disclosure was an operation for appendicitis recently performed in St. Luke's hospital on Robert A. Pope, of Newburyport, Mass., a nephew of Colonel Albert A. Pope, a bicycle manufacturer. Young Pope, who is a Harvard undergraduate and a candidate for this year's football team at that institution, recently presented himself to Dr. Hussey, of St. Luke's. Dr. Markoe, assisted by Dr. Hussey, examined the young man, and, diagnosing the case as appendicitis, performed an operation. To their great surprise they found lodged in Pope's appendix a 22-calibre bullet, to the presence of which the irritation of the appendix had been due. When the operation had been successfully performed and Pope was informed of the discovery, he was greatly surprised. "I had forgotten all about the bullet years ago," was his first remark. Thirteen years ago, it developed, while cleaning a rifle, Pope accidentally shot himself, the bullet lodging in the side of his abdomen. Although he was ill for some time thereafter, he rapidly recovered and thought no more of his healed wound, believing that the bullet was not in his body. The piece of lead gave no evidence of trouble until recently, when Pope began his football training."

A bomb exploded at Barcelona. Twenty-one persons were killed.

A cloudburst did great damage in the villages of New Berlin and Edmeston, N. Y., September 4.

An Associated Press dispatch, under date of Washington, September 4, follows: It was officially admitted at the state department today that the German government had refused to issue an exequatur to J. Martin Miller, appointed by President Roosevelt as consul at Aix La Chappelle. Mr. Miller has been called upon by the state department to make a statement regarding the reported displeasure of the German government with him because of articles which he wrote as a newspaper correspondent and which reflected upon Germany. Mr. Miller is one of President Roosevelt's most favorable biographers. The interest in the case is particularly keen because Mr. Miller figures in the charges made by Miss Mae Wood, dismissed from a position in the post-office department. She holds Mr. Loeb, secretary to the president; Robert J. Wynne, former postmaster general, and Mr. Miller responsible for her troubles. She charges Mr. Miller

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with having tricked her out of certain letters which she professed to have received from Senator Platt of New York and which she purposed publishing under the title of "Love Letters of a Boss."

Fourteen lives were lost and three vessels were sunk by a storm which recently swept over Lake Superior.

President Roosevelt has received cablegrams of thanks for his peace making efforts, from the czar and the Japanese emperor.

A Washington dispatch says that Congressman Payne of New York will be superseded as chairman of the ways and means committee. Speaker Cannon is not satisfied with Mr. Payne's position on the tariff question. It is claimed that he is altogether too wobbly.

Colonel Robert McCulloch died at his home in Booneville, Mo., September 4. He commanded the second cavalry regiment of Missouri under Sterling Price and was at one time commissioner of public buildings for Missouri.

A Washington dispatch to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat says that President Roosevelt will ignore the tariff issue in his coming message to congress.

Attorneys for the packers procured a continuance in the court at Chicago and it is said they will apply to the federal court for injunctions restraining the government from the prosecution of the defendants for conspiracy.

President Roosevelt has demanded the resignation of F. W. Palmer, the public printer.

The Odd Fellows orphans home at Mason City, Iowa, was destroyed by fire September 4.

John Cownie, a government crop reporter for Iowa, has issued a statement in which he declares that when this year's corn is husked it will be found to be far short of the general reports of its yield. He says that the yield will be 100,000,000 bushels short of what it might have been if good seed had been secured last spring.

Twenty-three deaths from cholera have occurred in Prussia. The authorities report sixty-six more cholera cases.

E. B. Ewing, well known by Missouri democrats, committed suicide at Butte, Mont.

An Associated Press dispatch under date of New York, September 5, follows: "One hundred members of the international committee of the Young Men's Christian Association of North America and their forty-five employed secretaries, fifteen foreign secretaries at home on furlough and men about to take their posts as foreign secretaries, are holding a conference at Bronxville, a New York suburb. Among those present is C. R. Joy of Iowa. The number of secretaries in foreign lands now equals that in America, and \$105,000 was raised last year for foreign work, twice as much as three years ago. New buildings are rapidly being erected in the larger centers of the far east, three being prom-

ised by John Wannamaker at Hong Kong, China; Seoul, Korea and Kyoto, Japan, costing \$100,000. The army department has rapidly extended into the forts and port stations and throughout the Philippines. The railroad department has grown from 197 to 292 branches and from 69,000 to 75,000 members, one road alone having appropriated \$225,000 for buildings. The extension of association buildings throughout the south and the west has been notable, the gain last year being nearly \$3,000,000 in new property. The state associations raised and expended \$240,000 and the international committee \$156,000, the local associations expending \$4,120,000 in their work. An advance of more than 100 per cent in membership in the past five years has been shown in the Young Men's Christian Association of North America."

Hezekiah Butterworth, well known as a writer and at one time assistant editor of The Youth's Companion, died at his home in Warren, Rhode Island, September 5.

The committee appointed by the New York legislature to investigate insurance companies, is in session in New York City.

The peace treaty between Russia and Japan is extremely unpopular in Japan. Rioting broke out on the evening of September 5 in Tokio. Two men were killed and several hundred wounded. Only one paper in Japan advocates the peace treaty. Other papers call the treaty an insult to the Japanese nation.

Lieutenant Slattery, army engineer at Honolulu, has made a report adverse to the improvement of Nelles harbor, Midway island, because the harbor is not one on which it is worth

while to spend money, unless to be improved and fortified as a strategic point.

A dispatch from Madrid to Paris, to the Eclair, maintains that, despite the denial, it is probable that King Alfonso will marry Princess Eugenie of Battenberg, niece of King Edward.

The town of Sapainx, P. I., was damaged by a tornado August 27. The American naval collier Supply and the German steamer Mowe have been dispatched to the assistance of the inhabitants.

Topeka officials of the Santa Fe railway have discovered what appears to be the systematic theft of railway tickets being practiced by telegraph operators acting as ticket agents on that road in Colorado.

Associated Press dispatches under date of Omaha, September 7, follow: "Mae C. Wood today filed a civil suit in the district court against United States Senator Thomas C. Platt and the United States Express company for \$25,000 for alleged services rendered to the defendants. Miss Wood's petition alleges that while she was employed in the postoffice department at Washington she rendered service to the defendants by 'tipping off' the inside workings of the office, and by assisting to keep out of Postmaster General Payne's annual report of May, 1903, a recommendation of the 'post check' system, 'thus saving the express company several hundred thousands of dollars.'"

Dr. D. E. Salmon, chief of the bureau of animal industry in the department of agriculture has resigned.

Burham M. Pense, a well known Chicago lawyer, died at Paris, France, September 5.

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