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CURRENT COMMENT.

There boys have been arrested at Croton, England, for the recent attempt to wreck the Eastbourne express. They have confessed.

The new university of Chicago has closed the purchase of the library of S. Simons, of Berlin, comprising 200,000 volumes and 120,000 pamphlets.

BISHOP GRANTON, of the Episcopal diocese of Fond du Lac, Wis., speaks strongly in favor of opening at least part of the world's fair on Sunday.

The supplies at Chilian centers are said to be so large that the merchants who made importations during the war and did not sell out are in danger of bankruptcy.

SENOR MONTT, the Chilian representative at Washington, excuses the attack on the Baltimore by the Baltimore Minister Egan and the Baltimore had betrayed the congressional plans to Balboa.

KING HUMBERT, of Italy, will pay an official visit to the queen of England in March, on which occasion there will be a review of the Italian and English squadrons at Spithead. King Humbert will be accompanied by the members of his household and a brilliant staff.

A MELBOURNE (Australia) letter says that the beauty show in the Olympic theater was completely wrecked by an enraged mob. An immense crowd was present on the opening night and the style of beauty on exhibition not being up to their expectation they wrecked the place. The police were powerless.

In the Choctaw nation on Blue river the other day, Mrs. Deering carried her child into the front yard and placing her on the ground, returned to the house. Some time later she found the child in the front yard and a large snake coiled around her neck. After snuffing the snake and killing it, Mrs. Deering found that the child had been strangled.

The gap between Waco and the coast over the San Antonio & Aransas Pass railroad was closed by torchlight and the first train arrived at Waco, Tex., shortly after 9 o'clock. The closing of the gap gives the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific access to the Gulf of Mexico and the Rio Grande and it affords a new competitor to the Gould roads in the southwest.

The English liberal organizers, convinced that the result of the election will be largely dependent upon the rural vote, will carry out a series of laborers' meetings, culminating in a conference of agricultural delegates, at which Mr. Gladstone will deliver a final address before starting for Italy.

The conference will be composed of three delegates from each of the counties in Great Britain, and it is expected that 50 delegates will attend.

The sheriff of New York recently went on a hunt for a lot of skeletons under a writ of replevin for about \$5,000, which the National Bank of Deposit of New York obtained against the firm of Sardy, Coles & Co., who filled a few weeks ago.

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BUSINESS & BUSINESS, well known real estate dealers of St. Paul, Minn., have assigned. Liabilities estimated at \$50,000.

A WALL constructed wall at Tunis, which had been undermined by the recent heavy rains, collapsed, burying a party of thirty natives who were assembled in an adjacent house to celebrate a wedding.

SOME 2000 lives were lost and incalculable damage done in Japan by an earthquake.

THE famous grenadier guards of England are reported to have mutinied for the fourth time because of poor and meager rations.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned By Telegraph and Mail.

PERSONAL AND POLITICAL.

Dr. J. J. Rossin tells of anti-Jewish riots in various places. In Tchernogor fifty Jews were killed and hundreds were wounded. The forests are full of Jewish refugees, who are dying of starvation.

COGN. Iceland, has been the scene of disgraceful riots between the home rule factions. Many persons were severely injured. Troops were ordered out.

SARAH WINSTON, the Pule princess, is dead. She was well known in the east, having been on lecturing tours.

THE Chilian government declined to assume responsibility for the attack on the American sailors and the Baltimore Minister Egan has notified not to land at Valparaiso. The situation was considered grave.

IMMIGRATION Commissioner Kempster, just back from Europe, keeps Russia with cruel persecution of the Russian settlers, who are leaving by hundreds.

THE Northern Society of Georgia denounced John Schriver, correspondent of the New York Mail and Express, for an account of the Grady monument dedication.

THERE is a rumor that there has been an engagement on the frontier of Guatemala and Salvador between Salvadoran refugees and Salvadoran troops and that the war is far from over.

A STATUE to William C. Wickham, the confederate general, has been unveiled at Richmond, Va.

AMONG the passengers of the Alameda, which arrived recently from San Francisco from Australia, were John L. Sullivan and party.

In the French Senate Minister Roche made an able plea for a lower tariff on American salt meats, and the senate voted to act on the bill once.

EX-GOVERNOR LA FOLLETTE, of Wisconsin, charges United States Senator Sawyer, of that state, with virtually attempting to bribe him to influence his brother-in-law, the judge before whom the state treasurer's case was to be heard.

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At Raleigh, N. C., Mrs. Hawkins was to ascend in a balloon, carrying a dog that was to descend with a parachute. Anthony Jordan, colored, was caught in the rope and was killed by the rope when he let go and fell, receiving fatal injuries. Mrs. Hawkins came down without injury.

Denver property owners are much worried over a deed made by a man who claims to have pre-empted thirty-two years ago what is now the heart of that city.

MASON, the British subject at Shanghai, pleaded guilty to the charge of having been in league with Kolan Hai (secret society) men and to having transported contraband arms consigned to the insurgents. He was given nine months' imprisonment.

In a collision at Taopi, Minn., two men were killed and several injured. New York merchants interested in the Chilian trade look on the present trouble with grave misgivings. Some believe that England is behind it all.

The handsome Mississippi river steamer, Oliver Biene, was destroyed by fire at Milliken's Bend, Miss. Twenty lives were thought to have been lost. Incendiarism by deck hands was charged.

A YOUNG couple who took their bridal trip in a balloon at Birmingham, Ala., are missing and fears for them are felt.

JOHN R. FORN, county commissioner and prominent druggist at Aspen, Col., is missing, and is charged with many forgeries. He was formerly a Kansas legislator.

LORD, a small town near Champaign, Ill., has been ravaged by fire.

ARCHITECT W. J. EMBROCK, who is looking after the construction of the world's fair government building, has found that the work so far done is not according to contract.

It is said that five men were killed in a shooting outbreak over politics at a Farmers' Alliance meeting in Union county, Ark.

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The seventh annual meeting of the southeastern Nebraska teachers' association was held at Beatrice November 26, 27 and 28.

It is reported that John Traynor, of Stanton county, has left for parts unknown and that numerous creditors mourn his departure.

The contract for Dakota county's new court house has been let. The building is to cost about \$15,000 and to be completed by April 1, 1912.

HENRY MILLER died at Columbus recently of lockjaw. Several weeks ago he stepped on a nail. Some ten days later he was taken ill and never recovered.

JAMES R. SMITH, head clerk in S. Schwab's clothing store at Lincoln, has mysteriously disappeared. No reason could be assigned for his disappearance, and foul play is feared.

W. J. BRIDGEMAN, a brakeman, on the Fremont, Fort Plain & Missouri Valley road, was recently caught between the bumpers of a freight train at Blair and probably fatally injured.

Mrs. A. BOOTH recently died suddenly at her home at Fremont during the absence of the family. She was found lying dead on the floor. Death resulted from heart trouble.

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MADAGASCAR MASSACRE.

French Soldiers Attacked by Natives and Destroyed.

PARIS, Oct. 31.—The Petit Journal publishes news from Madagascar of a massacre by natives of French soldiers. The report is that a medical officer, Dr. Beziat, chief of the medical staff of the French colony at Suberviville, was ascending the Nelsiboka river, escorted by eleven native soldiers forming part of the auxiliary French force, when they were suddenly attacked by Madagascan bandits, who opened fire upon them from the river banks, where they had ambushed themselves so successfully that the French doctor's party was right under their rifles before the presence of the bandits became known. The native soldiers forming Dr. Beziat's escort behaved bravely and promptly returned the fire. They were, however, at great disadvantage from the fact that, while they formed a clear target for the bandits, the latter were so effectively concealed that the escort was only able to aim at puffs of smoke and flames from the bandits' guns. The doctor and several of his men were killed as fast as possible while the escort answered the bandits' fire. Dr. Beziat was one of the first to succumb. He was shot through the body as he was carrying his revolver as he staggered and fell on the point of falling, a second shot him, causing him to fall into the river, where he was subsequently dispatched with assegais, thrown by the bandits from their hiding place. Eight native soldiers were also killed. The bandits plundered the baggage of the doctor and took possession of everything portable, consumed by the flames.

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FIRST COMPTROLLER'S REPORT.

Judge Matthews Points Out Where Some Money Has Been Wasted.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—First Comptroller Matthews, in his annual report to the secretary of the treasury, refers to the difficulty of enforcing the act of 1897, which in regard to suits against the United States, and says that if it should appear unwise to repeal the law it should at least be amended so that government officials should be required to present their claims to the accounting officer for adjustment and payment before bringing suit in the court of claims. He says the official would then be obliged to make it affirmatively appear in court that the item had been presented to the accounting officer and rejected by that officer, before his case could be heard. In this way duplicate payments could be prevented. In support of a recommendation that congress make some limitation as to time when claims against the government should be presented for payment, Judge Matthews says that to adopt some reasonable limitation is but to follow the practice of the civilized world.

Judge Matthews also recommends legislation by congress in the matter of double compensation to federal officials, and says that no reason is known to exist why a commissioner or clerk should receive more than the judge of the court. On the subject of collection of balances due to the United States, the first comptroller says he would earnestly recommend that the register of the treasury and the auditors who are charged with keeping the accounts be required to report at least once a year all balances due to or from the United States in their respective books and records, and that the report be sent to me, and the last list will be brought by my future husband.

And did they think well of the deed? "Yes, indeed," Fred said he would send me a duplicate of at least three bits before breakfast. Jack thought it was a fair proposition, and said he would get all his ribbons in first if he had to move Heaven and earth to do it. They both took their departure, and with a smiling face and Jack with a solemn and look, which I shall never forget.

"Who has the larger number of bits to his credit now?" "They both have the same."

"How many bits have they matched?" "I have got to receive my first bit," said Harvey Brown, Jr., in a chuckle.

Referred to the District Attorney. Post I have a