

LAST WORD TO SULTAN

Admiral Caillard Goes to Lc-vant to Lay Down Terms.

WILL SEIZE A CUSTOM HOUSE.

If Turkey Does Not Settle at Once France Will Use Coercion—Two Thousand Troops Added to French Mediterranean Squadron.

Paris Oct. 31.—The entire French Mediterranean squadron left yesterday afternoon, says the Toulon correspondent of the Figaro. While one division put in at Salinas d'Hieres, another, composed of three battleships and two cruisers, under the command of Admiral Caillard, proceeded to the Levant. Two thousand troops will be added to this force. Admiral Caillard's instructions are that if complete satisfaction is not given by the Ottoman government to all the claims of France he shall seize the custom house of the port nearest his squadron. It is believed his destination is the island of Mitylene or Salonika. The island commands the entrance to the Dardanelles and the gulf of Smyrna.

Several morning papers condemn the Figaro's Toulon dispatch. Rumors to the effect were current in Paris late last evening, but the foreign office professed to know nothing about the matter.

BULLER'S MESSAGE TO WHITE.

Alleged Order Directing Commander at Ladysmith to Capitulate.

London, Oct. 31.—The National Review gives the official terms of the dispatch from Sir Redvers Buller to General Sir George White when in command of the beleaguered British garrison at Ladysmith. According to this authority the message ran as follows: "I have been repulsed. You will burn your ciphers and destroy all your ammunition. You will then make the best terms you can with the Boers after I have fortified myself on the Tugela."

Report of Canal Commission.

Washington, Oct. 31.—The report of the Isthmian Canal commission is well under way, but it is stated authoritatively that it will not be ready to send to the president until Nov. 20. Mr. Hutin, president of the Panama Canal company, is still holding frequent conferences with the commission, but up to this time has not made a definite proposition for the sale of the Panama canal to this government. It is expected, however, that Mr. Hutin will make known within a few days upon what terms his company will dispose of its interests.

Browning Ruling Abrogated.

Washington, Oct. 31.—The secretary of the interior yesterday abrogated what is known as the Browning ruling, which, in effect, holds that it is the duty of the service to fill the regular government schools before permitting drafts on the Indian children for sectarian enrollment. The effect of the order, it is understood, is to leave Indian children generally free to go to any school or to attend none of them.

Lukban Hard Pressed.

Manila, Oct. 31.—Advices received here from Catbalogan, capital of the island of Samar, say General Smith has reliable information regarding the whereabouts of the insurgent leader, Lukban, who is being hard pressed. Small skirmishes take place daily. Catbalogan was under fire yesterday. General Smith expects to clear the island of insurgents by Christmas.

Officer Does Some Shooting.

Sioux City, Ia., Oct. 31.—Charles Custer, 26 years of age, a packing house butcher, was shot last night by Policeman Hugh McDougall. Custer had been in a fight on the street and ran from the officer, who fired two shots at him, the last one entering the man's back and lodging in the stomach. The injury is thought to be fatal.

Negotiations for Miss Stone's Release.

Constantinople, Oct. 31.—The negotiations for the ransom of Miss Ellen Stone, the abducted American missionary, are progressing satisfactorily. It is understood, but beyond this those having them in hand maintain absolute secrecy, as they are convinced that publicity would be detrimental to Miss Stone's interests and safety.

Helen Gould Accepts.

New York, Oct. 31.—Miss Helen Gould announced that she had accepted the position of vice president of the McKinley Memorial association. Miss Gould also said that she had accepted the invitation to be a member of the board of women managers of the St. Louis fair.

Royal Yacht Sighted.

London, Oct. 31.—The British squadron escorting the royal yacht, Ophir, bearing the duke and duchess of Cornwall and York, was sighted at 1 a. m. today six miles off the Lizard. A wireless message had previously reached the Ophir 50 miles from Scilly islands.

Greece to Secure Crete.

London, Oct. 31.—A dispatch to the Times from Constantinople says that the Turkish ambassador at St. Petersburg has informed the sultan of Turkey that the annexation of the island of Crete to Greece is imminent and inevitable.

Italy Is Shaken.

Rome, Oct. 31.—Yesterday afternoon an earthquake was felt in many Italian cities, including Spiezola, Genoa, Bologna, Brescia and Milan. There were two severe shocks at Gallarate, where a number of houses were damaged.

THREE KILLED IN WRECK.

Ten Others Are Injured, Two of Whom May Die.

Washington, Oct. 31.—A wreck occurred on the Baltimore and Ohio road east of Brady's tunnel, a short distance east of Washington, yesterday, which resulted in the death of three men and the injury of ten more, two of whom may die. The wreck was caused by a collision between an empty engine and the westbound Wheeling accommodation train.

The dead: Michael Hahn, James Beggan and M. J. Padden.

The seriously injured: J. A. Spangler, may not recover; Engineer Robert S. Gore, Conductor F. M. Cunningham, may die.

The engine was on its way from Washington loaded with officials going to render aid to a wrecked freight train near Vance's station, and was hit by the passenger train just as the engine emerged from the tunnel, both going at a high speed.

COSTLY CHICAGO BLAZE.

Seventy-five Families Rendered Homeless and Property Loss of \$250,000.

Chicago, Oct. 31.—Seventy-five families lost their homes and \$250,000 worth of property was destroyed in a fire last night that started in Peterson & Co.'s picture frame factory at Union street and Austin avenue. Fanned by a strong wind, the flames got beyond control and spread to the small packing establishment of Feinberg & Stopp and a long row of residences adjoining. Two blocks of dwellings skirting Milwaukee avenue were wiped out before the fire was subdued. The Peterson factory, which, with contents, was valued at \$175,000, fully insured, was destroyed. The bulk of the remainder of the loss was on residences, fairly well covered by insurance. There were many rumors of losses of life, but it is believed all persons living in the burned buildings escaped.

BABE IS VICTIM OF DUEL.

Montana Husband Opens Fire on His Wife and Kills Child.

Butte, Mont., Oct. 31.—Ethel Plumb, aged 2 years, is lying dead at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. H. Parke, at Virginia City, this state, as the result of a duel fought with revolvers by Mr. and Mrs. Plumb. Mrs. Plumb has a bullet wound in the hip. Mrs. Parke was shot through the right shoulder and Mr. Plumb is in jail with a powder-burned face. Plumb and his wife have not lived happily for a long time, and of late Mrs. Plumb has been living at the home of her mother, Mrs. Parke. Last night Mr. Plumb went to the house and opened fire upon his wife, who obtained a revolver and also began shooting. At the first shot fired by the husband the child fell dead with a bullet through its head. The woman will recover.

ENGINE HITS AUTOMOBILE.

Fournier and Five Others Injured and Machine Demolished.

New York, Oct. 31.—As Henri Fournier, the French automobilist, was crossing the track of the Union railway, in Westchester, in an automobile in which five other men were seated, the machine came into collision with a locomotive with disastrous results. All six men were hurt and the machine demolished. Fournier, who was handling the lever, and Henry Everall were thrown about fifty feet. N. B. Fullerton and A. G. Batchelder were hurled 150 feet, while Arthur Lewis and J. H. Gerrie were mixed up with the wreckage of the machine.

Strike of Boys Causes Shut-Down.

Muncie, Ind., Oct. 31.—The two fruit jar factories of Ball Bros., employing 1,000 hands, and the Hemingray Flint Glass works, employing 500 hands, are almost closed down because of a strike among the small boys employed as helpers. The boys demanded to be permitted to take part in the Halloween festivities and when refused struck for more pay, demanding 15 cents on the day. They receive from 85 cents to \$1 per day, and men can hardly do the work for any price, not being quick enough.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

Mrs. Grant, the widow of General Grant, has almost recovered from her recent indisposition.

At Henderson, Ky., Lucien Brown Wednesday shot and killed Ollie Allison and then committed suicide.

Charles C. Carroll and D. B. Powell have sold the electrical railroad across the Eades bridge at St. Louis to a syndicate of capitalists.

The British war office sent orders to Aldershot directing that a brigade of cavalry be prepared to start for South Africa by the middle of next month.

General Superintendent T. E. Clarke of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad was severely hurt Wednesday in a collision near Summit, N. J.

Near Warrenton, Tex., Constable Becker and George Roseburg, the latter a rich raiser of cattle, fought with pistols. Both men were shot through the lungs and mortally wounded.

The largest order for motive power and equipment ever given at one time by a western road has been placed by the Denver and Rio Grande. The order is for 40 locomotives, 20 passenger cars and 2,000 freight cars.

Rev. J. W. Richards, for six years secretary of the Rock River conference and pastor of the First Methodist church of Berwin, Ill., died Wednesday. Death was caused by slow paralysis. Dr. Richards was 40 years of age.

The battleship Oregon is now on the government drydock at the Puget Sound navy yard, where she was taken last Friday to undergo repairs to her keel, which was severely strained when she ran on the rocks some months ago.

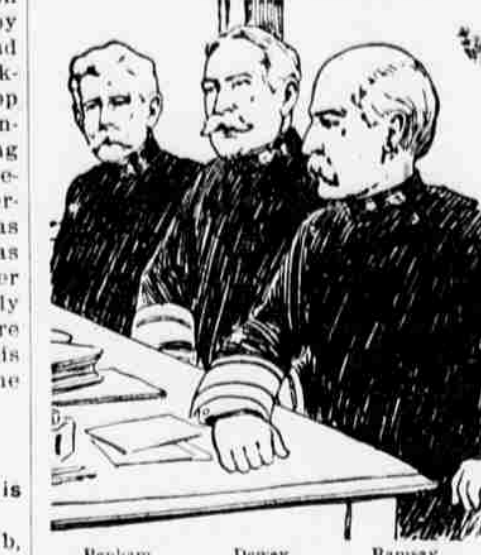
COURT ASKS QUESTIONS

Cross-Examination of Admiral Schley Concluded.

SAMPSON SUPPRESSES REPORT.

Declines to Receive First Account of Santiago Battle Written by Schley Because Presence of New York Was Not Mentioned.

Washington, Oct. 31.—The long ordeal to which Admiral Schley has been subjected since Monday morning ended yesterday afternoon when his cross-examination was concluded and he was allowed to leave the witness stand. When the judge advocate finished the cross-examination the court propounded to the admiral thirty-four questions prepared by the members of the court. These questions touched many points of the campaign of the flying squadron, but mainly centered about the difficulties encountered in coaling and the reasons for the retrograde movement. Not one of them related to the battle of Santiago. The judge advocate's examination covered



THE COURT AT THE SCHLEY INQUIRY.

the retrograde movement, the reconnaissance of May 27, the loop of the Brooklyn and the alleged colloquy with Lieutenant Hodgson about the Texas. One of the most interesting features of the day was the development of the fact that the report of the battle written by Admiral Schley July 6, 1898, was not the original report. The original report never has been published and in accordance with a previous decision, the court declined to permit it to go into the record. Admiral Schley was allowed to explain, however, that Admiral Sampson declined to receive the first report because it did not mention the presence of the New York.

"I felt that the victory at that time," said Admiral Schley, in explaining the matter, "was big enough for all, and I made this change out of generosity and because I knew if the New York had been present she would have done as good work as anybody else."

Captain Thomas Borden of the marine corps, who was aboard the Brooklyn, will be the last witness called for Admiral Schley. After he testifies the judge advocate will put on the stand the witnesses in rebuttal, of whom there are understood to be about fifteen, and it is possible that Admiral Schley's counsel will call several witnesses in sur-rebuttal.

The Suppressed Report.

The suppressed preliminary report made by Admiral Schley is dated off Santiago July 3 and is addressed to Admiral Sampson, the commander-in-chief of the North Atlantic station. The report in substance describes the coming out of the Spanish fleet from the harbor of Santiago and calls attention to the fact that signals were made to the vessels of the American fleet, which were obeyed by all the ships. It then proceeds to describe the fight and gives briefly the part played in it by each one of the ships, showing that the Brooklyn, the Oregon, the Texas and the Iowa remained in action until the Viscaya went ashore, and that the Colon surrendered to the Brooklyn and the Oregon. The admiral commends the bravery of all the American officers and crews engaged in the fight and recommending the commanding officers for gallant and meritorious conduct and for the superb handling of their ships. Then follows some routine matter giving the Spanish losses, the injuries and casualties to the Americans. It recommends that the commander have the commanding officers transmit to him (Schley) the detailed reports of the engagement. In order that he might write a full and detailed account of the battle.

Death of Frank Brady.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 31.—Frank Brady, a well known newspaper man, died at his home here yesterday, aged 48 years, of Bright's disease. Mr. Brady started in the newspaper business with the Cincinnati Enquirer and at different times was on the staff of the New Orleans Picayune as an editorial writer, the Galveston News, the St. Louis Globe-Democrat and the Kansas City Times. Mr. Brady's body will be taken to St. Louis, where it will be cremated.

Named His Infant Czolgosz.

Topeka, Oct. 31.—At Centropolis, a small town in Franklin county, M. Bernheimer, a German farmer, named his infant Leon Czolgosz, and was driven from the county yesterday by indignant citizens. Bernheimer sought a priest and asked him to christen his son. When the point in the ceremonies for the name to be given was reached the priest indignantly refused to christen an infant with such a name and administered a stinging rebuke to the parents.

MISSION OF PORTO RICANS.

Are Paving the Way to Knock for Admission to Statehood.

Chicago, Oct. 31.—The visit to the United States of the Porto Rican delegation of business men who spent the day in Chicago has a far greater significance than has appeared hitherto. Instead of coming to inspect the commercial methods of this country and incidentally to go on a little junketing trip to the Pan-American exposition the Porto Ricans have come primarily to pave the way for the admission of their island, first, as an organized territory, then as a state. The authority for this statement is Frederico Degetau, the present commissioner from that island to the United States. The delegation arrived in Chicago in the morning, visited the board of trade and the stock yards, was entertained at a banquet last evening, and left on a late train for St. Louis. Before the delegation returns to the island, a visit will be paid to Washington, where an interview with President Roosevelt will be held.

Free trade with the United States and Europe was asked for by the Porto Ricans at a banquet by the board of trade in their honor at the Auditorium annex last night. The sentiments voiced by the islanders met with the approval of the businessmen present at the dinner.

FARMER DUERR'S AIM TRUE.

George Fetterly, a Cattle Buyer, Shot and Instantly Killed.

Norfolk, Neb., Oct. 31.—About 1 a. m. George Fetterly, a cattle buyer, was killed by Chris Duerr, a Russian farmer, who lives about five miles northwest of Norfolk, in Pierce county. Edmund George, who was with Fetterly at the time of the shooting, drove into Norfolk and notified Chief of Police Kane who, in company with George and Dr. Holden, went out to the Duerr farm, where they found the dead body of Fetterly just as he had fallen, with a bullet belonging to the farmer clutched in his left hand, and across his body lay a double-barreled shotgun with one barrel discharged.

Duerr, when found, was patrolling one of his fields with two loaded shotguns ready for use. His story was that being awakened by some noise he got up and took with him his shotgun. As he started out toward his barn he saw a man going away from it with a rifle on his arm and he called to him to halt. Instead the man turned and fired at him with his shotgun. Duerr then brought his own gun up and fired both barrels as rapidly as possible, one of the charges taking effect in Fetterly's forehead, killing him almost instantly.

MINERS STEAL RIDE HOME.

One Hundred Stowaways Reach Port Townsend on Steamer Queen.

Port Townsend, Oct. 31.—The steamers Queen and Valencia arrived yesterday from Nome. Each brought down 800 passengers. On the Queen were 100 stowaways, who succeeded in boarding the vessel by climbing up the anchor chains while the vessel was at anchor in the roadway at Nome. Passengers report that 500 men were left at Nome, all of whom are penniless, with no means of making a living during the winter, and a reign of terror is predicted. During the entire voyage of the Queen petty thefts were of daily occurrence.

Smallpox Killing off Winnebagos.

Sioux City, Oct. 31.—Twenty Indians have died from smallpox in the past ten days on the Winnebago Indian agency in northwestern Nebraska. The disease has spread rapidly and it is estimated from 200 to 250 are stricken, most of whom will die. The cases are near Big Bear's camp, near the Mission. Homer, Dakota City and Wakefield, Neb., and Sioux City, Sloan and Sully have quarantined against Winnebagos. About a month ago Dr. Hart, the agency physician, consulted with Agent Matthewson and began at once trying to vaccinate the Indians. They rebelled and as a result thousands of them were not vaccinated.

Miller Charged With Professionalism.

LaCrosse, Oct. 30.—Affidavits have been prepared and forwarded to the board of arbitration of the "Big Nine" charging George Miller of the city, full-back of the Minnesota university football eleven, with professionalism. It is alleged that Miller took part in a foot race in this city on July 4 last, and that he won a purse of \$5. Miller is one of the mainstays of the heavy Minnesota eleven and should he be barred it is believed the team will be greatly weakened for the game with Wisconsin.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

The anarchist clubs of London celebrated the electrocution of Czolgosz by dances in honor of his "noble death."

A new transcontinental railway system is to be formed. The Pennsylvania and Santa Fe roads are planning an alliance.

Twenty-three business houses, composing the heart of the town of Timmonsville, S. C., were burned Wednesday. Loss, \$100,000.

The mill operatives of Fall River decided not to strike, the matter being decided by a majority of four votes in the Loom Fixers' union.

Jack Root of Chicago knocked out Australian Jimmy Ryan in the second round of what was to have been a twenty-round contest at Louisville Wednesday.

A Berlin agricultural paper, from replies to 5,000 inquiries, calculates that Germany's yield of wheat is 2,470,000 tons, a decrease of 1,837,550 tons from last year.

The distress caused in the eastern provinces of Russia by the failure of the crops is so severe that the authorities have forbidden the newspapers to publish any save official information.

BREAD RIOT IN MEXICO

Starving Mexicans Shot Down in Attack on Warehouses.

TWENTY PERSONS ARE WOUNDED

Speculators Buy Up All the Corn and Raise Price One Hundred Per Cent, Causing Intense Suffering—Women and Children Lead the Rioters.

San Antonio, Tex., Oct. 31.—News was received here that at Puaruandro, Mex., on Oct. 26 a bread riot occurred in which 20 persons were wounded, many of them fatally. The cause of the riot is said to have been the action of speculators in cornering the supply of corn. A corn famine has existed in that section for months and the government recently removed the import duty on corn.

It is declared that speculators cornered the shipments to the section and raised the price 100 per cent. The starving people, driven to desperation, attacked the warehouses, women and children leading the assault. They were shot down by the guards. Those who escaped the bullets, appalled at what had happened, fled. The conditions in that section of the republic south of the City of Mexico are described as terrible.

FINDS ENEMIES AT HOME.

Colombia Unearths Conspiracy Against Its Present Government.

New York, Oct. 31.—Cable advices from Colombia received in this city yesterday announce the discovery of a conspiracy against the government, in which the minister of war, General Pedro Nel Ospino, is implicated. General Ospino has been deposed and is now imprisoned in the Panopticon military jail at Bogota. Senor Jose Vicente Concha has been appointed minister of war in his place.

Women Missionaries Meet.

Philadelphia, Oct. 31.—The thirty-second annual meeting of the general executive committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society began here yesterday. Missionaries were present from India, China, Japan, Mexico and South America. By a unanimous vote the members of the literature committee were appointed members of the executive committee. These are: Mrs. R. H. Pooley, Rockford, Ill.; Mrs. A. E. Eaton, Baltimore; Miss E. Pearson, Des Moines. The financial reports from the various districts were encouraging, the receipts for the year amounting to \$426,795, an increase over last year of \$12,263.

Charged With Wife Murder.

Oswego, Kan., Oct. 31.—Dr. C. C. Calhoun was brought to this city yesterday from Mound Valley and lodged in jail charged with the murder of his 18-year-old wife, who died suddenly Saturday last. It is asserted that Mrs. Calhoun was dead and her body embalmed almost before the neighbors were aware that she was even sick. A post mortem examination revealed that Mrs. Calhoun died from a criminal operation. Her life was insured for several thousand dollars.

Old Soldiers Go Insane.

Des Moines, Ia., Oct. 31.—A remarkable number of old settlers who are given admission to the Iowa Soldiers' home go insane and are subsequently transferred to the insane hospitals for treatment. It has long been the custom heretofore to avoid as long as possible the sending of insane old soldiers to the hospitals, but this policy is now to be changed and this week seven soldiers who have been residents of the home will be sent to the insane hospitals.

Falconio to Succeed Martinelli.

London, Oct. 31.—"The papal consistory that was to have been held in November has been postponed to next spring," says the Rome correspondent of the Daily Chronicle. "Consequently Cardinal Martinelli will continue to reside in Washington for a time. It is officially announced that the Most Reverend Dimonde Falconio, apostolic delegate to the Dominion of Canada, will succeed Cardinal Martinelli."

Impaled on a Pitchfork.

Franklin, Neb., Oct. 31.—Jacob Smith met with an accident last night that the doctor says may kill him. He was helping thresh and worked until after dark, when he jumped from a load, striking on a pitchfork that was standing with tines turned in the ground, the handle of the fork entering his body 10 inches. He is suffering every agony.

Farmer Killed in Runaway.

Clarinda, Ia., Oct. 31.—William Quigg, a farmer near College Springs, was killed in a runaway at Shambaugh yesterday afternoon. He was taking a load of lumber from Clarinda and on the way home the clevis loosened and the wagon ran off an embankment. Mr. Quigg was thrown off the wagon and instantly killed.

Heavy Snows in Arizona.

Flagstaff, Ariz., Oct. 31.—Heavy snows are falling in the northern part of Arizona. Ten inches have fallen at Williams, and in the extreme north it is even deeper. It is of immense value in providing water on dry sheep and cattle ranges.

King Not Suffering from Cancer.

Copenhagen, Oct. 31.—The official Gazette publishes a denial of the statement that King Edward is suffering from cancer and declares untrue the report that specialists were in consultation regarding him during his recent visit to Denmark.

IMPLEMENT MEN'S CONVENTION.

Three Hundred Delegates from All Sections Gather in Kansas City.

Kansas City, Oct. 31.—Three hundred delegates were in attendance at the eighth annual convention of the National Association of Agricultural Implement and Vehicle Dealers when that body was called to order. W. B. Thomas of Springfield, O., made the response to the welcoming address.

In his annual address, President James R. Carr of Richmond, Ind., said that the business of the country had grown to such immense proportions that many rules and regulations now used by railroads were not in keeping with the spirit of the times. "I favor," said he, "amending the interstate commerce laws and giving additional powers to the interstate commerce commissioners and doing every thing possible toward reducing our freight transportation methods to a more permanent and less complicated basis." He would go even further, he said, if necessary, to accomplish these results and give the railroad companies permission to pool the business. "But," he insisted, "let us have universal classifications throughout the whole country and when once adopted insist that they be not changed without good cause." Mr. Carr urged that the display of agricultural implements and vehicles at the coming St. Louis exposition should exceed anything of the kind in the past. "World's fairs and expositions in the past," said he, "have not done justice to this important line."

The reading of numerous reports took up the rest of the time of the first day. W. S. Thomas, who will likely be the next president, furnished an interesting report as chairman of the executive committee.

PROTECTS SPANISH PUBLIC.

Minister Moret's Proposed Bill Regulates All Strikes by Legislation.

Madrid, Oct. 31.—The minister of the interior, Senor Moret, proposes to regulate strikes by legislation, and to that end has introduced a bill in the cortes legalizing ordinary strikes if from four to fifteen days' notice is given to the authorities. Strikes stopping the works of an entire town or tending to produce a lack of the necessities of life will be illegal and the leaders in such strikes will be punished by imprisonment. Similar conditions will govern the employers' conditions. Concessions for public works will hereafter stipulate that the contracts must be made with the concessionaires' workmen, setting forth the hours of labor and wages. Disputes will be referred to the authorities and to arbitrators.

Diploma Dealer Indicted.

Chicago, Oct. 31.—The grand jury yesterday voted indictments against Jacob Smyser, former secretary of the state dental board. He is charged with forgery in the issuance of bogus diplomas to dental students.

Italians Love Tomatoes.

Italians more than any other people value tomatoes, and each one who comes to perfection is as carefully tended as though it were an apple of gold. Not only do the housewives delight in the fresh vegetables themselves, but, generally speaking, those home tended are better than any purchased at the market, and so each one is jealously saved to make tomato sauce for the spaghetti, without which no Italian Sunday would be Sunday. One soapbox gardener one season sold enough tomatoes to give her quite a little pin money. No one who knows the Italian well will be surprised to learn that many of the boxes are devoted to peppers, for they in truth furnish much of their spice of life, and even the little Italian girls know how to stuff and cook them in a dozen different ways that tempt the palate.—Boston Transcript.

Coloring of Flowers.

A florist says that the law governing the coloring of flowers makes a blue rose impossible. According to this law the three colors red, blue and yellow never all appear in the same species of flowers. Any two may exist, but never the third. Thus we have the red and yellow roses, but no blue; red and blue verbenas, but no yellow; yellow and blue in the various members of the viola family (as pansies, for instance), but no red; red and yellow gladioli, but no blue, and so on.

Rubber Plants.

Many plant growers become annoyed because the older leaves at the base of their rubber plants turn yellow and fall off. This is a natural process. It does not indicate any defect in the plant. It is simply the ripening of the old foliage, which cannot be retained indefinitely. Sometimes, however, the loss of foliage results from the want of root room, but in such cases the plants refuse to grow.

Railroad Telegrams.

When a traveler in the grand duchy of Baden, Germany, wants to send a telegram while he is in the train, he writes the message on a postcard, with the request that it be wired, puts on a stamp and drops it into the train letter box. At the next station the box is cleared and the message sent out.

Furniture Polish.

A recipe for a very superior furniture polish given by a dealer in musical instruments to a housewife as the cause for the shining surfaces of the pianos in his rooms consists of four tablespoonfuls of sweet oil, four tablespoonfuls of turpentine, a teaspoonful of lemon juice and ten drops of household ammonia. This polish must be thoroughly shaken before using and applied with an old flannel or silk cloth. Rub briskly and thoroughly, which is at least a third of the merit of all polishes. Use a second-cloth to rub the mixture into the grain of the wood and a third for the final polish.