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SWEPT BY FLAMES.

Fearful Destruction of Life and Property by

Forest Fires.

WHOLE SECTIONS DEVASTATED.

Towns Entirely Destroyed -- One Hundred Persons Missing in one Locality

---Hundreds Rendered Homeless---Millions of Dollars Worth of

Property Gone up in Smoke .... A Desperate Race for Life

with the Flames... The People's Desperate Efforts

to Check the Fires ... Disastrous Fire at

Colorado Springs.

## WILMINGTON, N. C., SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1898.

The Wilmington Messenger.

### THE PEACE COMMISSION The First Joint Session-Elegant Quar-

ters of the Commission-Judge Day Reports Satisfactory Progress.

Paris, October 1.-The American and Spanish commissioners assembled for their first business session at 2 o'clock to them for their deliberations at the French foreign office. A special entrance is set apart for the use of the commissioners, in order to furnish them with every privacy and convenience possible.

The entire suite of rooms may be described as being of massive appearance. Handsome, crystal chandeliers hang from the ceilings and the walls are wholly paneled with gobelin tapestry. In the centre of the hall and extending nearly the length of the apartment is a massive rosewood table, covered with a red velvet cloth and hav-

quill and steel pens, a china ink welland a sponge cup.

The walls and ceilings of the room are of deep olive and gold. It contains five great windows draped with silk and priceless lace curtains. They overlook the beautiful private gardens of. the foreign minister, which contain exquisite statuary and some rare trees and shrubs.

described to the peace commissioners. Even the keys of the anartments were handed to the commissioners, today and orders were issued that no per son's even French officials, are to be allowed to enter the rooms while the

The session of the commissioners last ed ninety minutes. The next session will take place Monday afternoon a 2 o'cleek. Both commissions maintain-

ed secrecy as to their proceedings.

Suicide of the . inc.e Emperor Offciaity Annous d-Anti-Foreign Demonstrations ; Chinese.

SUICIDE & MURDER!

London, Octo ir 1.-A special dispatch from Sha, shai, published today, says telegrams urnished by the Taothis afternoon in the rooms assigned tai, or local gt ernor, to the Chinese paper there, all is that the emperor of China committe suicide on September 21st, after sign ag the decrees which placed the do'ager empress at the head of affairs in China. This, it is added, is under good to mean that the emperor was ussassinated. All the English speaki g secretaries and the principal memi irs of the Chinese for-

eign office, it is further announced, have been seiz and banished. A later dispash from Shanghai said it was semi-off fally announced there

member of the Iritish legation, on returning home gesterday with a lady was insulted and attacked by a mob, which stoned 11m and covered him with mud. La r in the day, the dispatch adds, some American missionaries were sinalarly attacked, as was the Chinese s retary of the United States legation The latter's ribs were broken. Sir Claude M MacDonald, the Brit-

ish minister & Pekin, reports that there is a dang rous feeling abroad. Steps have bein taken to call the attention of the hinese government to these outrages

VanWyck tesigns as Judge New York, O, jober 1.-Augustus Van

Wyck, democr hic nominee for gover, nor has resign his seat on the su

MORE WARSHIPS.

Bids tor Construction of Four Harbor Defense Vessels Opened;<sup>3</sup>

# O BE MONITORS OF A NEW TYPE

Heavily Armored and Armed, with Greater Speed than Present Style of this Class of Vessels-The New York World's Specific Charges as to Mismanagement and Incompetency at Camp Wikoff Taken up by the War Investigation Commission ... . The Philipine. Representatives at the

White House.

were cousing in the table, said to have been divertes from hospital stores. Particulars are given of the death in his tent of Brivate Hugh Barrett on August 28th and it is asserted that Dr. Tabor refused him permission to enter the hespital on the ground that he was not succe

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The assertion is made that when, on the 5th of the tember Dr. Lee went to Camp Wiker with a special train, to take sick selders to the Brooklyn hos-"he was unable to get more than pitals fifteen mes to the train on account of the lack of Kimbulances, which were being used to carry sight-seers around the camp. Write hundreds of sick sol-diers wars maiting to be transferred to boats the trains dezens of am-bulances wire at the depot filled with men and women who were, "Samp with officer "friends." er this fuestent General Young gave ambulances, were to he the transportation of used the sick

long and witnesses was forwarded and a Berge was a general request ta mendents and reporters of

Milwaukee. October 1 .- The pecuni- the southwest when the fire started at the river and Rid Grande freight depot at the foot of Cuchares street, and the flames spread with great rapidity. A strip four blocks long from north to south for two blocks wide from east. to west, has been burned over, but at this hour, S oclock p. m., the conflagration is believed to be under control. The Antiers hotel, one of the largest in the west, the lumber yards, and two blocks of business houses have been destroyed. . The loss is estimated at \$1,000,000, insured for half that amount. The fire started in a pile of rubbish underneath the platform at the Denver and Rio. Grande freight depot. Within five minutes it had communicated to freight cars standing at the depot and is spread so rapidly that it was impossible to move any of the

FUNARAL OF MR. BAYARD.

to G. S. Barnes & Sons, exploded.

His Body Burled in the Family Vault. The Services Most Simple.

Half a car of powder consigned

ing around it large, handsome chairs that the empeier of China committed for the use of the commissioners. Be-fore each chair is a large, leather-bound portfolio and a tray upon which are pencils and ink eraser, a file hook, quill and steel pens, a china ink well

The foreign office authorities have wholly turned over the suite of rooms commissioners are using them.

flames.

Many narrows escapes are reported. A party of loggers in charge of Auhaving a handicap over the flames of eight miles, and having but one mile to cover to reach a place of safety. The crew. The party made for a lake, mounted on horses. With the heat and barely reached the goal in time, dashing into the lake where they remained and are believed to have perished. Many persons sought refuge in wells. afternoon say that the town is in dan-

ary damage wrought by the forest fires

in the northwestern part of the state

cannot be estimated at present. It

may amount to anywhere between one

and five million dollars. Many days will

elapse before the extent of the ruin of

the fiery element will be known. A

general rain is falling through the

state tonight. This undoubtedly will

Clarke, Chippewa and Barron coun-

ties appear to have suffered the great-

est destruction. Over 100 people are

reported missing in the vicinity of

Rice Lake. Sixty families are homeless

mear Cumberland, seventy-five at Tur-

tle Lake and many farmers have lost

all their property and had a narrow

escape themselves. It is also believed

that many persons were burned to

death in their efforts at fighting the

put an end to the devastation.

citizens were out in force in an en- and Henry G. Banning, of Wilmingdeavor to check the fire. Denver, October 1.-Forest fires

which are devastating the western portion of the state are burning with-unabated fury, only subsiding where fuel is exhausted. A special to The Rocky , by Rev. Dr. G. W. Douglass, of Tux-Mountain news from Red Cliff says: talk of fire, from all sections. From re- ! ports of new territory in the grasp of storm comes and the summing up is Swedes. made, there will be little timber to tell ; Willow and Lake Creeks, a magnificent stretch of forest.

ing a desperate time saving their to the Bayard burial plot in the gravehomes as the Gore range foot hills yard adjoining the church. A great send a continuous run of flames for miles. A regular gale is blowing this, the only public feature of the throughout the county, which means funeral. Slowly and solemnly the the fast traveling fire will be driven body was lowered into the vault where deserted village of Gold Park was reduced to ashes yesterday. This town is dren. four miles from Holy Cross and the miners of that district fought nobiy to save the place. The Holy Cross country suffered greatly. The mines have closed down and the miners are utterly exhausted from their night and day battle with the fiend. Many narrow escapes are reported from different parts of the county.

As yet no loss of life has occurred, but many head of cattle and horses have ben burned up. Notch mountain, opposite Gilman, is a blackened ruin, on the Holy Cross slope. Every bridge on Homesteak creek is destroyed; the corduroy section of the road is burned out and innumerable giant pines interlace along the line of travel. Thousands of acres of the finest timber is a thing of the past. In several places there i no doubt that the fires are of incendiary origin. Cottonwood and Cattle greek ranches are being deserted. Shaft neuses in the mountains have been swept away. There seems now no hope of staying the fire anywhere. The only hope is in rain or snow.

Celorado Springs, Col., October 1.-This city had a visitation of fire this afternoin which threatened for four hours to destroy the entire business district. The wind was blowing at the rate of forty-five miles an hour from



Wilmington, Del. October 1.-Funeral services over the remains of the gust Mason, of Chippewa Falls, have, late Hon. Thomas Francis Bayard returned from the camps at Cedar were held in the Old Swedes church lake. They had a race for their lives, today. Thousands of people assembled at the edifice, but were not admitted as it had been decided not to open the race was most exciting and resulted casket and permit the public to rewith the probable loss of four of the view the remains. There was a profusion of floral offerings; in addition to smoke almost unbearable, the first those of the family, coming from section of the loggers and their borses friends at home and at other pdaces. The honorary pallbearers were: Former president, Grover Cleveland; foruntil the flames passed over. The four mer secretary of the theasury. Charles men who were in the rear are missing. S. Fairchild; W. Tunnell, governor of Delaware; Chancellor John R. Nicholson; George L. Rives, of New York Reports from Cumberland late this city: John V. Craven and Thomas Craven, of Salem, N. J., and Judge Igniger. Business was suspended and the tius C. Grubb, Dr. James A. Draper

ton. The services comprised simply the Prayer Book service for the ourial of the dead of the Protestant Episcopal church. The service was read jointly edo Park, N. J., who as rector of St. 'Nothing is heard in Eagle county out John's Protestant Episcopal church. Washington, performed the marriage ceremony of Mr. and Mrs. Bayard, and the demon and when a providential Rev. Martin B. Dunlap, rector of Old

When the service reached the point the tale. A new country now sending of commitment of the body to the volumes of smoke heavenward is Bear, grave, the casket was lifted by the carriers, and, attended by the pall-) bearers, members of the family and Ranchmen on Core Creek are hav- ; others within the church, was taken crowd had assembled, waiting to see forward a hurricane of flames. The lie the emains of Mr. Bayard's fathmother and three of his chiler and

#### Location of Camps in the South

Washington, October 1 .- Ex-Senator Patrick Walsh, Colonel D. D. Dyer, and Representative Fleming of Georgia were in Washington today, urging Augusta, Ga., as a site for a military camp. The committee presented to the secretary the many advantages of toward an abatement of their de-Augusta, pointing out that the propos- mands. If this is the case, they will ed site was high and healthy, and that fail of their intended effect. an abundant water supply could be obtained from the Augusta water works, while the camp could be lighted by the electric system of the city. As to drainage and other features the sec- permit them to reinforce their garriretary was assured the proposed site sons in the Philippines outside of Mawas perfect. The secretary found that nila, the peace commission will be left the representations made were borne to deal with this subject as strictly in out by the report of General Schwan as president of the board of camp inspection. The further fact that Augusta is a central point for headquarters within easy reach of the other camps was also made prominent by the committee. While no official information on the subject is forthcoming, it

State Hay has been in receipt of cable advices from Judge Day, president of the peace commission, in which he says that the business of the commisfor a supreme burt justice, except for sion is proceeding in the most satisa re-election i egal. factory manner. The utmost courtesy

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## IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE D Y.

The War Department has selected several points in Georgia and South Carolina for location of a my cang

It is announced officially in Clina That 2 & Emperor committed suicide September 21st.

The Peace Commission held its first session vesterday. They are in elegant quarters in the French Foreign fice.

Bids are opened at the Navy Department if the construction of four monitors.

The War Investigation Commission takes ip statement filed by Mr. Hersh. of the New York World, & intaining serious charges as to Camp Wikoff.

The Philippinos Representatives have & conference with President McKinley.

Manager Gray says McCoy and Corbett fill fight on the 15th inst.

Hon. Thos. F. Bayard's remains were bur d at Wilmington,-Del., yesterday.

Aguinaldo Puts a New Construction on the Monroe Doctrine.

The Forest Fires of the Northwest are still fiercely burning. The loss of life and property is immense.

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has been shown the members of the commission by the French officials and every facility for the accomplishment of the work with which they are charged has been placed at their command. It is evident from the tone of Judge. Day's communication that he does not share the gloomy view of the outcome of the meeting of the peace commissioners which is said to be expressed in the French newspapers. There is some doubt, it may be remarked, as to the sincerity of these expressions and it is surmised in official quarters that they are inspired by a desire to influence the American commissioners

It is learned at the state department that regardless of any protest that the Spanish government may lodge in Washington as to the alleged refusal of the United States authorities to the line of their duties. So far as can be gathered, our government has not returned such a refusal, for the Spanish authorities have never made a request of that kind.

More than twenty million free samples of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve have been distributed by the manufacturers. What better proof of their is said that selection of sites for camps confidence in it's merits do you want?

Gomez Hat Infidence in America Havana, Oraber 1.-General Maximo Gomez has left the Rojas camp and Union Iron Works, Say Francisco, is retiring to it ae estate of Boarl-Yag- 1 \$875,000. Santa Clara. He has given his staff

Captain Par, General Butler's aidede-camp, which as been on a visit to General Gon at the Rojas camp, says Gomez 2. ms very grateful to the United States and confident that the American all orities will be able to establish a able and independent government.

DeWitt's W .ch Hazel Salve has the largest sale ? any salve in the world. This fact and is merit has led dishonest people to ttempt to counterfeit it. Look out for the man who attempts to deceive you when you call for De-Witt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great pile cure, R. Bellamy.

### A | rench Duel

Paris, October 1.-- A duel between ons used. Ma furol was thrice wound with only their blankets between the ed in the this and side and M. Paulmier was shi tly wounded on the lip. Madame Railmier, on September 3rd. went to the office of The Lanterne

have no duplication in applern ship construction, and more than anything ise resemble the light memory which that preme court I nch, in order that he distinguished themselves is the civil m y accept the gubernatorial nomina- war. The board of bureau phiefs would tich. The stat constitution votes cast have liked very much to have provided forming has the statement should a more powerful cass of viesel but the small limit of cost fixed in the appropriation act prevented this and they were obliged to content a hemselves with single turreted monipors of 2.700 bor defense, and on account of their

Washington, October 1. Elids were

opened at the navy department today

for the construction of foungharbor de-

fense vensels of the monitor type, au-

thorized by congress at an expenditure

of \$1,250,000 for each monitor! The act

directs the secretary to have in view

the best results and most hypeditious

delivery, Consequently the epartment,

in laying down its requirements, made

twenty-seven months the miximum

time for the completion of he vessels,

providing a penalty ranging from \$300

to \$600 per day for any datay in their

The monitors are to be shallt strictly

in accordance with the partment's

designs, no provisions being made, as

is usually the case, for the submission

of contractors' plans. In type, they

completion.

tons displacement. Nevertheless the designers have contrived within these. narrow limits to plan a gost serviceable type of vessel, though their use-fulness will be strictly lighted to harsmall proportions they will not be able o undertake any long vogages. While esembling roughly the war monitors, these new vessels will be vastly superior to them in actual power. Their. speed, for instance, will be twelve knots, about double that of the old vessels. Their batteries will consist of two 12-inch breech-loading rifles apable of piercing the de of ninetenths of the naval vessels of the world: four 4-inch rapide re guns and smaller calibre rapid-fir guns like those that did such service in the destruction of Cervera's sinadron. The builders are not required to furnish either guns, armor or turipts. The latter, by the way, are to the electrically controlled like those on the Brooklyn. These turrets will be of the balanced type ten inches thick byhind 11-inch barbetts, and a belt, of irmor eleven inches thick and five fest broad will be placed on the sides of the vessels. The monitors will be 225 pet long, fifty feet broad and draw about twelve and a half feet of water. Chabling them to move freely in any of the shallow

Atlantic coast harbors. The lowest bidders for ibuilding the monitors were in the order named as follows: Nixon, of Elizabeth, N. J. \$825,000; Newport News Company, \$860,-000; Bath Iron Works, Me. \$862,000, and

## KOFF.

The war investigating commission devoted its time today lirgely to the consideration of a statement filed by Mr: Nelson, Hersh on behalf of The New York World, giving what he styles a record of facts concerning the establishment of Camp Wikoff and its management, together with specific instances of abuses, charged to have existed, dates, number of hick in hospitals, deaths, etc. It is asserted that at the time Montauk Poil was selected as the site for the camp it was "a barren waste," It is charged that when the first detachment of 25 troops arrived August 8th "the damp was not ready to receive them and they slept under their blankets and in the open air and no tents had an ived." This, it is added, was eleven days since it had been decided to establish the camp. Continuing, the lassertion is made that by the 13th of August the M. Charles i mest Paulimer and M. sick were reported suffering from want Turol, of the Lanterne, was fought of proper accommodations and food: this morning rapiers being the weap- that their tents were without floors and

> sick men and the ground, and that a glass of sour milk a piece was the only nourishment then received in twentyfour hours .. The war department is charged with

Wolly alled. signation directed that a reply be sanded to 'Mr. Hersh, inonsideration.

THE PHILIPINOS AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

Agonofic and Lopez, the representa-tives of Agonaldo, the Philippine insurgent least, called at the White house tode, in company with General Greene and had a private conference with the needent in the cabinet room. The interview was entirely informal, it being distinctly understood that the administration did not receive the representatives of the insurgents in any official canadity. While the Fillippinos refused to discuss the interview, claim-ing it to make been to "pay their respects," is a presumed they informally talked averagieir mission, which is to secure sentation on the Paris commission of possible; if not, then to be heard in the commission as to the attitude and wishes of the insurgents. Assistant Scretary of States Adee alwas mailent during the interview. No docurrents were presented.

Truth wears well. People have learned that DeWitt's Little Early Risers are eliable little pills for regulating the sowels, curing constipation and sick herdache. They don't gripe. R. R. Belary.

Mrs. B ally Calls on the President Washington, October 1.-Secretary Long caller on the president today with Magley of North Carolina, nother a Hasign Bagley, whose tragic death in the action on the torpedo boat Wilciaw occurred early in the war. Pressent McKinley soon after the Wissign incident, wrote the mother settie ensign a strong letter of sympaths and he asked for leghlation at the rizing the appointment of another and as a naval cadet. Mrs. Hagley that ked the president very heartily the his expressions of inter-est in her schalf.

#### New Continuetion of the Monroe Bortrine.

Manila Philippine Islands, October -There is considerable comment here upon Agi isaldo's speech at Malolos on Thursday The key note was the independence of the Philippine islands. During the course of his remarks, Aguinald Baid:

"Our staignds, the Americans, came or the papose of demonstrating the generostarand grandeur of their government and to assist in releasing the people annexing slavery without annexing the island, thus setting a good example. the now understand and apreciate the famous Monroe doctrine f America for justice demands that they add the Philippines for the Filppinos

#### Pazia Under Martial Law

Panas III., October 1.-At a conference between Captain C. C. Craig, in

uyay, near a emedios, province, of THE CHARGES AS TO CAMP WIpermission to isit their families.