

THE DESERET WEEKLY.

Even the Journals that have republican leanings praise the service of the deceased statesman. The Impartial says: "Yesterday will prove a black date for Spain. The crime will centuple the indignation of society against this would-be destroyer."

LIMA, Peru, via Galveston, Tex., Aug. 10.—For political motives the opening of the Peruvian congress, which was fixed for tomorrow, has been postponed until Thursday.

Telegraphic advices just received here announce the death by drowning of the celebrated Amazonian explorer Fitzcarrald. It is reported that the government in a few days will decree the payment of customs duty in gold.

CHICAGO, Aug. 10.—Seven members of the executive committee responded to their names when Chairman Hanna called the meeting to order. Those present were: Hugh H. Hanna of Indianapolis, F. O. Stannard of St. Louis, J. F. Hansen of Macon, Ga., Geo. F. Peabody, New York, Augustus E. Wilson, Louisville, Ky., J. W. Fries, Salem, N. C., and C. H. Kohlraat of Chicago.

The committee held an executive session and discussed plans for the future. Nothing definite was done pending the arrival of remaining members of the committee tomorrow. The present outlook is that what is known as "the Chicago plan" will probably be adopted. The commission appointed will work upon the general scheme mapped out by the Indianapolis convention and will have exclusive power regardless of the executive committee and the convention in the construction and presentation to Congress of a new financial system for this government.

PHILLIPSBURG, N. J., Aug. 10.—Train wreckers have been at work again on the Central road of New Jersey, and last night for the fourth time in as many months accomplished the wreck of two fast freight trains, blocking the tracks until 5 o'clock this morning, causing the loss at least of \$50,000. About 9:30 o'clock last night as train No. 418 was running fifty miles an hour on its way to New York, the engine struck a pile of ties just west of Whitehouse. The engine left the track and landed down an embankment a complete wreck. Four of the cars were also piled up in confusion and their contents scattered along the track. Engineer Shupp remained at his post and miraculously escaped with his life. Conductor Matt Ross was riding on the tank of the engine and was seriously hurt. The fireman jumped.

Before a flagman could be sent out to signal approaching trains, another fast freight, composed of cars loaded with fish and peaches for the market in the Lehigh valley, ran into the debris. The engine and two cars of fish were demolished. Engineer Strubbe and Conductor Moynahan were badly injured.

A watchman had been employed at Whitehouse to guard against the train wreckers' attempts, but last Saturday was suspended, the railroad officials evidently thinking the gang had left the district.

SALINA, Kas., Aug. 10.—Two colored bicyclists were struck by a pas-

senger train on the Pacific, east of here, this morning. One of them named Maddox is from Topeka. The other, an unknown, from Emporia, was killed outright. Maddox has both legs broken and is in a precarious condition. They went to sleep on the track.

VIENNA, Aug. 10.—King Milan of Serbia is so seriously ill that some anxiety is felt by his friends.

SEATTLE, Wn., Aug. 10.—The steamer Eliza Anderson, an old-fashioned side-wheeler, built in Portland, Ore. in the early fifties, leaves today for Klondike via St. Michaels, with 150 passengers. She is a wooden vessel and for sixteen years was out of service, one year of which time she was at the bottom of the Sound. The Eliza Anderson will be conveyed by tug Holyoke.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—A special dispatch from Brussels says that Lieut. DeGeriache, the leader of the Belgian Antarctic expedition which is to sail shortly from southern waters on the steamer Belgio, is a much disappointed owing to the lack of room on board the ship, and that he has been obliged to decline the valuable offer of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, Lieut. Peary's companion, to join the Belgian expedition.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 10.—The long-standing feud between the members of the Sailors' union and boarding house master, John Cane, came to a climax this morning when Cane was attacked by Frank Johnson, a seaman, on East street. While the fight was in progress, Captain E. W. K. Masters, of the barkentine Gardiner city, appeared upon the scene and went to Cane's assistance. At that moment, however, Cane drew a pistol and fired at his assailant, but the bullet missing its mark, struck Captain Masters in the fleshy part of the right leg, inflicting a painful wound.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 10.—The steamer Peru arrived this morning from Yokohama via Hong Kong, with the following Japanese advices:

There is no doubt whatever that from October 1st next Japan will have a gold currency. A circular issued by the Specie bank announced that from that date it will pay gold for Bank of Japan notes. The Osaka mint is very busy at present minting new gold coins, the twenty yen coin being struck first. The project is to mint ten million yen worth of subsidiary coins, including fifty sen coin, within the year.

In order to expedite the issuance of the new coins the usual summer vacation of officials has been dispensed with.

The publishers and editors of the Tokio Nichi Nichi, Shimbun, Chuwo Shimbun and Tokio Shimbun have been condemned to imprisonment for one month and to pay a fine of five yen for insulting the ministers of state by the publication in their papers of the famous "Song of Marsh."

The Japanese government has decided to abolish the export duty from the commencement of the 31st financial year, that is to say from April 1 next. Although the budget for that year shows a deficit of revenue, the decision has been made with the view of encouraging the export trade. The amount of export duty estimated in

the budget for the current year is 2,269,778 yen; but in view of there being an increase of some seven millions yen in customs receipts from 1899, when the new treaties become operative, and of their gradually increasing, there will be no difficulty, even though the export duty be abolished.

The Japanese papers are unanimous in approving the proposed submission of the Hawaiian difficulty to arbitration.

The Minichi, commenting upon the annexation question says:

"The reason why Japan has made a protest as soon as the signing of the annexation became known is that she has done so simply out of friendship, so as to make known her views to the matter before diplomatic negotiations are opened. From the reply of the United States secretary of state to Japan's protest it appears that the determination of America on the subject is very firm. The Japanese government, however, has not relied on the attitude of other countries from the outset, and this policy will be adhered to to the last."

The Japan Gazette says that there is a feeling akin to panic at Kobe, which if not soon checked will lead to serious results. Foreigners are becoming alarmed for their safety, encounters with coolies are rife, and the spectacle of foreign blue-jackets being pursued by a mob of roughs is not reassuring.

CHICAGO, Aug. 10.—Instead of being one of the most solvent as well as the oldest organization of its kind in Illinois, the Mechanics & Traders Savings, Loan & Building Association which July 31 reported a surplus of \$286,810, is shown by the representative of Edward P. Gleo, custodian for the state auditor, to have a deficit of \$165,628. This announcement made to a large meeting of stockholders of the association, most of whom are laborers or members of their families, created consternation and a good deal of excited talk.

Many stockholders severely criticized the officers of the association. The matter of "dummy" loans needs to be looked into very closely. It is claimed that much of the money lost went on the loans, and the stockholders manifest a strong desire to learn who has profited by them.

VIBQUAY, Wis., Aug. 10.—A wind, hail and rain storm, which prevailed over this part of the country, did more than \$100,000 damage to the tobacco farmers on Coon Prairie, the heart of the growing section of the county. Fully four-fifths of the crop is destroyed.

BOSTON, Aug. 10.—While attempting to escape from the state prison at Charlestown just before noon, Herbert Willis, the young Taunton desperado, who was recently sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of Fred N. Strange, was fatally injured and his brother Edward, who assisted him in the break for liberty was seriously wounded by the guards. Two of the latter were wounded by the Willis' brothers. Edward Willis, who had gone into the prison to visit his brother, had contrived to pass a revolver to Herbert, retaining a weapon himself, and with these they tried to overcome the guards.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—At last Kid