

return to the Pope with an autograph letter of thanks from President Cleveland.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 5.—A portion of the freight on the steamship Rio de Janeiro, which sailed for Yokohama and Hong Kong, was 200 tons of pig lead, consigned to Japan. It is supposed that this lead is to be used in the manufacture of cartridges. It is the largest shipment of lead ever made to the Orient from this port. The steamer also carried a big cargo of flour for Japan and China and 200 tons of wheat for China. This is the first whole wheat ever shipped to China, as it usually goes in the shape of flour.

TIEN TSEN, Oct. 5.—Reports have reached here that a rebellion has broken out in the province of Mongolia. Troops from Peking have been sent to quell this uprising. Serious troubles are said to have arisen within the palace at Peking. Residents of Tien Tsen are taking every precaution possible against an anticipated attack by the natives.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 5.—The steamer Gaelic brought the news of a severe hurricane which, according to the *Kobe Chronicle* of September 11th, caused widespread destruction. Villages were swept away and people killed. Many vessels were supposed to have been lost.

The storm swept on to the northeast after wrecking Nogalsk. Its path seems to be unusually wide, for at Marinople it devastated the country to a point eleven miles inland and had its outer edge far upon the sea. Marinople was practically blotted out of existence. Not three houses in a hundred are left standing. It is estimated that over 200 persons perished in this town alone. North of Marinople the storm seems to have made a sudden turn to the eastward over Delaga Point, its left edge inflicting slight damage on the town of Berdianski. Houses were unroofed and a dozen persons were killed by falling timbers. Once at sea the storm made its fury felt.

One of the most disastrous fires which Canton has experienced broke out on the morning of August 31, among the flower boats at Canton. About 4 o'clock the fire started and the highly inflammable nature of the material of which the boats are constructed lent every assistance to the conflagration, which though combatted by the appliance of a fire brigade, soon enveloped the whole fleet. It is said only one escaped, the remainder being entirely destroyed. The scene was indescribably awful. Although many lifeboats arrived in the vicinity the current was too strong for them to effect many rescues. It is reported that all the flower boats were destroyed, except ten or eleven, which succeeded in making their escape.

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Oct. 5.—Rudolph Spreckels, son of Claus Spreckels, the sugar magnate, is about to establish a beet sugar refinery here on 216 acres of land just secured. Sugar beets have been grown in this county successfully for years. New buildings are to be erected for the factory, big wells sunk, and a large plant will soon be in operation.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 5.—A party of well known ladies and gentlemen of this city have been spending the sum-

mer on Bolinas bay. They were all poisoned by eating mussels gathered from the rocks. They were seriously affected, but are recovering. Mussels have always been supposed to be wholesome food. Some physicians ascribe the poisoning to the presence of copper in the rock. Others say that inside the mussel is the hair-like scale harmless unless the mollusk is thoroughly cooked, but very poisonous otherwise. The physician experimented with the uncooked mussel juice on animals and found it as deadly as strychnine.

CAIRO, Oct. 5.—The *Egyptian Gazette* says it is rumored that the Suez Canal company has applied to the French government for protection of its property in Egypt, where trouble has arisen on account of the strikes. The commander of the French cruiser Froude at Port Said is said to have prepared to disembark marines and blue jackets to protect the property.

BLOOMFIELD, Ill., Oct. 5.—The robbers who dynamited the Bloomfield bank safe Wednesday night and got away with nearly \$5,000, were run down with a posse and bloodhounds last night. There were three, one of whom was shot down. He gave his name as Charles Rivers. Rivers had \$1,100 of the stolen money. He is badly wounded and will die. The other two robbers eluded the posse.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—What to do with the forest reserves has become a serious question in the department of the interior. Congress passed a law providing for setting apart tracts of lands as forest reserve, and when so set apart, they could not be entered upon for any purpose whatever. Acting under this law, the President has from time to time set apart tracts which are known as forest reservations and which are now on the government lands. In all there are over 17,000,000 acres thus reserved in the states of California, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming, Montana and in Utah and Arizona territories. No provision whatever has been made for taking care of these reservations.

One of the most enthusiastic forestry men in the present administration is Assistant Commissioner Bowers of the general land office. He has been doing a good deal toward having reservations made and has also been urging legislation for their preservation and protection. Commissioner Lamoreaux is a practical lumber man, and referring to the value of the timber on these forest reservations, says that no timber is valuable unless it is within a marketable distance of streams or railroads, and at present none of the lumber of these reservations could be sold. He does not believe that their timber will be demanded for half a century. A part of the scheme for the preservation of the forests includes the sale of timber from them to pay for their protection. If there is no demand for the timber this plan will fail and it will be necessary for the government to appropriate money for this purpose.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Oct. 5.—Warring Bros. & Co. today filed statements in suits against the Pennsylvania Railroad company to recover \$2,300,000. The suits were originally brought in 1877 and 1880, but were not presented until now. The plaintiffs were in the oil business, and between November

30, 1873, and March 1, 1875, shipped from Oil City and other points over the Pennsylvania railroad to Philadelphia 477,744 barrels of oil, on which it is claimed the defendants overcharged \$659,299.25, and which the latter promised to repay.

CHICAGO, Oct. 5.—The police arrested a woman today at the union depot with a bundle of anarchistic literature and several circulars signed "Lizzie Lotius, Queen of Anarchists," ordering the destruction of Chicago "on or about October 6 h." The woman was plainly dressed and of middle age. She refused to give an account of herself and was locked up.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—A dispatch from London says: "As the duke and duchess of York were driving at Leeds this afternoon to Yorksh'ire college to attend the opening ceremonies, a man attempted to force his way to the carriage. A Lancer struck the man repeatedly and he was arrested. The prisoner was an imbecile and it is believed his action was prompted solely by a desire to shake hands with the duke and duchess."

PARIS, Oct. 5.—The civil marriage of Miss Elizabeth Sperry, of San Francisco, to Prince Andre Poniatowski was performed by the mayor at Passy today.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—S. W. Lamoreaux, commissioner of the land office, in his annual report shows there has not been so much activity in public land offices this year as formerly, due to hard times and consequent falling off in immigration. Among other recommendations made is one for an innovation in survey. Instead of the contract system under which public lands are now surveyed, he says the government should make the surveys. He suggests the work be done by the geological survey and points out the present geological survey is compelled to go over the same ground which has been previously gone over by the contract surveyor. The geographical survey and the topographical survey can be made at the same time and with much less expense.

NASHVILLE, Oct. 5.—The Young Men's Christian building was burned today. The Banner building adjoining was damaged by water. The Associated Press room in the Y. M. C. A. building was destroyed. The loss of the Y. M. C. A. is \$60,000; insurance, \$25,000.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 5.—The murderer of Charles H. Birdsell was captured in a lodging house by Detective Cudahee and Officer Corbett after a desperate encounter in which Cudahee came near losing his life. The murderer said his name was Robert Blank, afterwards admitting that it was assumed. At the police headquarters the man said robbery was his business and that he shot Birdsell in self-defense.

PANAMA, Oct. 6.—Word comes from Bogota that the remains of a prehistoric city have been discovered near the crater of the volcano at Purace, in the Andes mountains. The buried city covers hundreds of acres, and contains the ruins of great buildings with immense granite columns. Remains of an aqueduct in an almost perfect state of preservation have also been found.