

cept when one has it in possession. At such time it is not so much thought of; but let the smallest factor in the human mechanism become even partially "out of gear" and how soon do we go in search of the necessary repairs! Going barefooted a short time before breakfast is such a simple yet mysterious thing to do that; let it be shown to be efficacious and it will become universal.

#### AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Ostend, Oct. 12.—The Belgian mail steamer Princess Josephine from Dover, for this port, collided during the passage just ended with a three-masted sailing vessel, which was at first believed to be an American bark.

The latter was seriously damaged and her fate was not known to the officers of the Princess Josephine when that vessel arrived here. The passengers of the mail steamer, after the collision, were panic-stricken until assured of their safety.

Viriden, Ills., Oct. 12.—The arrival of the imported negroes from the South at 12:30 today was followed by a desperate battle.

Five hundred shots were exchanged between the strikers on one side and Sheriff Davenport and his deputies and railroad police on the other side. It is thought that at least twenty men on both sides were killed and wounded. The best information is that ten were killed, five fatally wounded and five seriously wounded.

A Chicago and Alton special policeman is among the killed.

When the Chicago and Alton train bearing the negroes arrived it was met by fully 1,500 armed miners, who were lined up on each side of the track between the telegraph office and the mine of the Chicago-Viriden Coal company. The train was stopped immediately in front of the east gates of the stockade and the trouble began. Dozens of shots were fired from the stockade at the white men, while the strikers were half a mile away, and the Chicago and Alton policeman was undoubtedly killed by a shot from the tower.

The wildest rumors are afloat, one being that as many as fifty miners have been killed.

Women and children are fleeing to their homes and barricading themselves behind their doors. Some of the wives of dead miners, however, decline to go to their homes and are almost mad with grief and anger. It is said the miners were fired on from the stockades after the train had gone through.

Mayor Nall has sent messengers to Girard for doctors and nurses. They are expected to reach here soon. Shortly before 1:30, Manager Lukens tried to make his escape from the shaft. The attempt was a signal for another fusillade from a body of men said to be miners. The manager and a small force of detectives ran into the alley behind the postoffice. The attacking party, however, continued to fire away. It is not known whether any of the shots took effect.

The city marshal has telegraphed the chief of police at Springfield, Ills., to send a special train with doctors. Sheriff Davenport has sent a telegram to Governor Tanner asking that troops be sent immediately. The sheriff thinks possibly 100 men have been killed and wounded, but others deem the estimate too large.

There is the greatest indignation felt against Mine Operator Lukens, who is held responsible for the tragedy.

Chicago, Oct. 12.—The officials of the Chicago & Alton road at 2:45 this afternoon made the following statement to the Associated Press: We have just received a report that fifty miners and six officers were killed in a riot at Viriden, Ills. D. H. Kiley, one

of the watchmen sent from here yesterday to guard the switches of our road, was one of the killed. These switchmen were sent down to Viriden for the express purpose of operating the switches and were instructed to go unarmed. They were also instructed to inform the striking miners that they (the switchmen) did not come to help the negroes but simply to help operate the Chicago & Alton railroad.

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 12.—Gov. Tanner just received a telephone message from Sheriff Davenport of Macoupin county that a fight between miners and those guarding stockades was still going on, and over 100 men killed.

The governor ordered Captain Craig, in command of battery B, and Sons of Veterans' companies at Pana, to proceed at once to Viriden. Capt. Craig will leave Pana for Springfield in a short time and thence proceed to Viriden with battery and one company of Sons of Veterans' regiment. The governor also ordered Col. Hamilton, commanding the Sons of Veterans' regiment, to rendezvous four companies of his regiment at once at Springfield for equipment.

Gov. Tanner said:

"I shall give Capt. Craig, who will command the troops at Viriden, orders to suppress riot, protect life and property and to not allow imported laborers to be unloaded at that place. Since the mine owners have carried out their threat, influenced by avarice and gain, to precipitate these riots and bloodshed, I do not propose that they shall further disturb the peace of the state. The mine owners and managers are responsible for and guilty of the murder brought about by this conflict and should be indicted by the grand jury of Macoupin county for murder, as I believe they will be.

Washington, Oct. 13.—The navy department today made public the findings and sentence of the court martial in the case of Chaplain McIntyre.

The chaplain was charged first, with scandalous conduct, tending to the destruction of good morals, with three specifications. Second, conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline with four specifications. Third, conduct unbecoming an officer of the navy, three specifications. All these charges were founded upon the chaplain's criticism of his superior officers in a lecture delivered in Denver. All the specifications were found proved as alleged; the accused was declared guilty to be dismissed from the naval service of the United States.

The case is now under review at the department.

Washington, Oct. 13.—The following cablegram has been received at the war department:

San Juan de Porto Rico, Oct. 12.—Secretary War:—The United States commission have informed the Spanish commission that the United States expects to have complete possession of Porto Rico on Oct. 13. The Spanish commission assent to this and say that it is expected the evacuation will be complete on or before that date. If not they will concede possession. The United States commission has practically completed the details of evacuation and the joint commission has held its last session and arranged without delay. The United States troops will be placed in San Juan and the flag hoisted at noon, Oct. 13.

(Signed) BROOKE Maj. Gen.

This dispatch is very gratifying to the war department officials as it ends all contention regarding the possession of Porto Rico.

London, Oct. 15.—The Paris correspondent of the Times says:

The peace negotiations are necessarily slow, being conducted less by exchange of words than exchange of

notes and statements. Senor Monteró Rios, president of the Spanish commission, does not understand English. Consequently the few words must be interpreted, and even then they are not definitive till committed to paper.

The Cuban debt question has thus already been laid on the table and the American commissioners have been already given a peremptory refusal to discuss a principle which had been settled, as they considered, by the peace preliminaries. Faithful to the attitude adopted by them from the outset, they seemed resolved to take their stand on the instructions—or rather as I have already said, the precise and concise orders—which they brought with them, but the Spaniards, on their side, do not think themselves bound to bow with docility to the imperative instructions of another government.

They returned to the charge today, if I am well informed, urging the generally admitted principle which imposes on conquerors the burdens belonging to the territory conquered either in their own behalf or that of their clients. They insisted that it would be an extraordinary course to saddle Spain, already in so lamentable a financial position with the Cuban debt while surrendering to the victor the security with which it should be paid.

They remarked according to my information, that if they had asked the United States for permission to raise interest out of the customs revenues, they would naturally have met with a refusal. How then, can they be asked to leave to the visitor the pledge allowing payment of interest and yet retain the burden of the debt? They observed, moreover, that, as Cuba is key to the Gulf of Mexico, the United States will thus be able to pass the only barrier which they had hitherto been unable to cross at will, and that is worth some sacrifice.

Hence the Spanish commissioners insist, in the name of recognized international law, that the debt should not rest solely on Spanish shoulders. It is impossible to foretell the American reply, but it is not likely that Mr. Day and his colleagues will yield. An idea is afloat—and said to be warmly advocated by the friends of peace and justice—that the interest should be reduced to 2½ per cent, or even to 2 per cent, and jointly guaranteed by the Spaniards and the future rulers of Cuba, each thus bearing only a very slight burden and the bondholders being protected from loss on their investment. This last information does not emanate either from Spaniards or Americans, but there is an intention of backing it so as to give it some chance of success.

Falmouth, Oct. 15.—The British steamer Mohegan, Captain Griffiths, belonging to the Atlantic Transport company, has been wrecked in the vicinity of the Lizard, between the Manacles and the Lowlands. It is believed that about 143 persons of her passengers and crew were drowned. The Mohegan left London for New York on Thursday, having on board, so far as can be ascertained at present, 59 passengers and a crew of 115 officers and men.

When the steamer was seen to be in distress, life boats went out from the shore and every effort was made to save the passengers.

The coast at this point is extremely dangerous and has been the scene of numerous wrecks.

The general opinion at present is that the machinery of the Mohegan became disabled during the heavy easterly gale which was blowing and that she ran ashore and foundered. A number of tugs which put out from this port to