

The newspapers of Havana make no comment upon Captain General Weyler's recent orders concerning the sugar and coffee plantations.

The recent report circulated to the effect that the Havana university would be closed and the building used as a military hospital, is pronounced untrue by the Spanish authorities. It is said by the officials that the report was probably circulated for the purpose of exciting the native Cubans against the Spanish soldiers.

LONDON, Aug. 26.—A dispatch to the Telegraph from Lorenzo Martus, says the authorities at the naval station recently deliberately fired upon a party of Transvaal visitors who were travelling in a steam launch, fatally wounding Mr. Landsberg. The consul representing the Transvaal government has demanded that an inquiry be made into the affair. There is intense excitement and trouble is feared.

ZANZIBAR, Aug. 26.—The night passed quietly. Said Khalid is still in possession of the palace square, the guns of which are trained on the British warships Philomel, Brush and Sparrow, which landed sailors to protect the British consulate where all the ladies are gathered. The warships are moored opposite the palace square, the commanders awaiting the orders of the British government. Khalid took possession of the palace immediately after the death of Sultan Hamid Bin Twain Bin Said, proclaiming himself sultan. He barricaded himself in the palace with 700 armed askaris, following the example of his father who took the same step but was overawed by the British force who established the late sultan's rule.

The British first class cruiser St. George, twelve gun, flagship of the Cape of Good Hope and the west coast of Africa station, with Rear Admiral Harry W. Rawson on board, has arrived here and landed 250 additional men to protect property and maintain order.

LONDON, Aug. 26.—The Chronicle this morning says: It is learned that Russia, France and Great Britain agreed a month ago that no Cretan reforms could be effective unless carried on under the continuous control of the foreign consuls. The present scheme which advises from Constantinople indicate have been accepted by the sultan, grants virtual autonomy to Crete similar to that granted to Lebanon, the consuls of the great powers forming an advisory council.

It is proposed, according to this scheme, that a fixed tribute amounting to ten thousand Turkish pounds shall be paid to the sultan by the inhabitants of Crete. The insurgents will accept the proposals of the powers upon condition that the powers insist upon a reduction of the garrison to 2,000 men. The Cretans will also ask that the Greek consul be admitted as a member of the advisory council.

NEW YORK, Aug. 26.—Hilton Hughes & Co. (once A. T. Stewart & Co.) have made an assignment to G. M. Wright. Figures are not yet obtainable.

The assignment is without preference. Ellihu Root is attorney for the assignee.

Among the banks the failure is regarded as due to the gradual decline of the business. The firm's credit the last five years has been badly im-

paired. The firm has been taking stock several weeks and recently was understood to have received about \$75,000 which has been used in reducing the liabilities. It is reported that Siegel, Cooper & Co. will take over the stock of Hilton Hughes & Co.

The assignment was made by Albert G. Hilton who comprises the firm. No statement has yet been made as to liabilities and assets. All the windows showed drawn blinds in the big building, taking in a whole block surrounded by Ninth and Tenth streets, Fourth avenue and Broadway. After the close of business last night there was a conference between Hilton and the managers of the various departments. The books were gone over carefully and the exact status presented. The conference lasted until late and early this morning the conclusion was reached that the house must close. The following notice was posted: "All employees are notified that their services are not required and that they will be paid in full to and including this day. The store will be closed until further notice. (Signed.) HILTON, HUGHES & Co. GEO. M. WRIGHT, Assigner."

CLEVELAND, August 26.—The locked out men of the Brown Hoisting company's works have voted to return to work and the famous strike, productive of several battles and riots, is broken.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Aug. 26.—As Sunday school excursionists from this city were landing at Galles ferry this morning, a heavy tram car was let loose on an incline by boys. The heavy car dashed into the excursionists. One woman was killed and several persons seriously injured. A dozen or more were thrown violently into the water. A panic resulted in which several were injured.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 26.—The judge today denied the petition of the striking Brown Hoisting Works company's employees for an injunction compelling the company to reinstate the old men as agreed. The court decides that strikers have an adequate remedy at law in an action for damages for breach of contract. The court also refuses a mandatory order to compel the Brown company to take its men back on the ground that the contract is too indefinite.

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 26.—A special to the Wisconsin from Houghton, Mich., gives the particulars of a fire which destroyed Ontonagon. The fire originated in a swamp just south of the Diamond Match Co.'s mill. A forty-mile gale swept the flames before it, and planing mills, box factory, and the immense dry kilns were soon in ashes.

The flames then descended on the business and residence quarter of the city and finally lodged in 65,000,000 feet of sawed lumber on the dock. The destruction of the village was complete, barely a dozen houses in the suburbs remaining standing. The onslaught of the flames was so sudden that barely one in twenty succeeded in saving any effects. The heat was so intense that people were compelled to seek shelter under trees and driftwood along the lake shore. Many walked to Rockland, 15 miles away. There are about 1,800 men, women and children without food or shelter. Many insuffi-

ciently clothed suffered severely last night. The Diamond Match company lost mills and buildings worth nearly \$2,000,000 and lumber worth nearly \$1,000,000. The insurance is \$750,000. The loss on the balance of the village will foot up about \$2,000,000, \$300,000 insurance.

LONDON, August 26.—A bottle, which has just washed ashore at Arramore contains the following inscription:

"December 27, Ocean Maid, New Brunswick to Liverpool, is foundering in lat. 45, long. 57:46.

(Signed) J. B. GILMORE."

MADRID, Aug. 26.—According to dispatches received here from Havana, Captain General Weyler, in an interview, has confirmed the report that he intends to issue a decree ordering the suspension of the gathering of the coffee crop. He is quoted as admitting that this is a grave step to take, but he claims it is necessary in order to deprive the insurgents of the resources upon which they count. The captain general did not deny that the suspension of field work might swell the ranks of the insurgents; but he insisted that this was better than allowing the proceeds from the crop to be used in the purchase of arms and ammunition. He explained that a large quantity of arms and ammunition was landed in Cuba last week and he asserted that this could not have been done without money.

"We cannot punish the author," he says, "as we did in the case of the Competitor. We must deprive the rebels of their subsidies from the plantations."

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 26.—At 1:30 this afternoon a score of men armed with revolvers and bombs invaded the Ottoman bank, killing a number of gens d'armes on guard. Closing the doors of the bank to prevent the advance of the mob, the employees fled to the quarters in the bank building occupied by the tobacco syndicate, which has control of the collection of the taxes on tobacco throughout the Turkish empire. The invaders mounted the roof of the building and from the windows fired at the police in the street below, the police returned the fire in a vigorous fashion, and several were killed and wounded. The riot then became general, shops were sacked and bazars invaded and the wildest excitement prevailed throughout certain quarters in Constantinople. At 5 o'clock the bank was reported still in the hands of the invaders.

A later report says that there is no doubt but the movement is revolutionary in plan and scope, and that it has its origin at the secret meetings of the Hincoukist Armenians. About forty of the rioters were still in possession of the Ottoman bank at a late hour this evening, despite all efforts of the government forces to remove them from the building. Advice from the disorderly sections of the city late tonight were to the effect that the riots still continue and that the mobs are constantly increasing.

A bomb exploded in Constantinople near the guard house. Many soldiers were killed and wounded.

Her majesty's ship Dryad at once proceeded to this city. It is also expected that the French and Italian guardships will reach Constantinople at an early hour in the morning.