

## AT HOME AND ABROAD.

MADISON, Wis., Nov. 21.—General Jeremiah Rusk, ex-secretary of agriculture, died here at his home in Viroqua at 8 o'clock this morning. Though not unexpected the announcement that the end had come to the life of this strongly individual character in the political life of the nation caused a profound shock. He has been ill some time and dangerously, but up to a day or two ago it was thought his iron constitution would pull him through. Since, however, his constant failing strength has led his friends to anticipate the worst. "Uncle Jerry," as he was affectionately known, was a familiar figure to every resident of this city. No other man was ever brought out here in official life with so many friends, political and non-political, in the Wisconsin capital as he, during his three terms as governor. Flags at half staff on all the public buildings, and a public meeting is being held in Governor Peck's office to arrange for a special train to Viroqua to attend the funeral.

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 20.—When the city awoke this morning it was confronted by an extraordinary spectacle. During the night 250 "Boomers" had rushed in and located lots on a tract known as Shanty town, owned by the Northern Pacific railroad and situated in the heart of the city, bordering right on the business district. This large tract was long in dispute several years ago. It was jumped by squatters, but three years ago the interior department decided against them and they were ousted. Recent decisions by the secretary of the interior adverse to the railroad respecting the land selections started a rumor that this tract had reverted to the government and this led to a stampede for the lots.

Daylight brought renewed activity and before 9 o'clock at least 700 men had staked out lots. Policemen caught the infection and joined in the work of grabbing. During the day Shanty town was the scene of great activity. Hundreds of shacks and cabins were being run up and hundreds of men stood guard over their claims. Tonight bonfires dot the site and lanterns gleam in every direction. It is not believed the jumpers have a ghost of a show.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—Charles Mapleson died here yesterday evening of rheumatic gout.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—A dispatch to the *Times* from Meshed brings further details of the earthquake Friday at Kuchan, in the northern part of the province of Khorassan. The town was completely destroyed. The loss of life was immense. Great crevasses were opened in the earth, through which the water flowed in torrents, and the fertile region around the city was inundated. The people had no chance to save anything.

The shock was so severe that the largest houses in the town, including the residence of the governor, were almost instantly toppled over, crushing hundreds of people to death. The town had a population of between 20,000 and 25,000. It is thought that at least 1000 perished. Many were carried away with the flood. It is not

known yet what damage was done in the valley, but it is feared that many villages below Kuchan were destroyed.

A short time after the disturbance the entire water supply of the town disappeared. The people not injured fled panic-stricken to the Aladagh mountains, leaving the injured to care for themselves as best they could. The district in which Kuchan is situated is very populous.

OTTUMWA, Ia., Nov. 21.—Fred Gustavson, a laborer, aged 32, who recently came to this city, was hanged by a mob on the main street of Ottumwa at 2:30 this afternoon. Last night he enticed the four-year old daughter of Jonas Sax into his room at a boarding-house, and criminally assaulted her. The child now lies at the point of death.

This afternoon Gustavson was brought to Justice Truitt's office for preliminary examination. A fight ensued there between the father, grandfather and other relatives of the child and the officers.

The culprit was finally wrested from the hands of the officers and dragged to the street. Here the mother of the child stood with a rope and gave it into the hands of the mob. It was immediately placed about the wretch's neck, and he was hanged to the banister of the outside stairway.

A great crowd had by this time collected. No effort was made to cut the villain down. After hanging twelve minutes the rope broke, and the body fell to the pavement. It was seized by the officers and hurried to jail. The mob, fearing life was not yet extinct, followed and demanded the body. Mayor Laforce assured them the fellow was dead and ordered them to disperse. They refused.

Finally a committee from the crowd was selected to view the remains. They reported life extinct and the mob dispersed.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Nov. 22.—Advices from Japan: Floods devastated the harbor of Nogosaki, and did considerable damage as far as Yokohama and Tokio. The number of lives lost was unascertained but is heavy. Districts on the west coast, bordering on the inland sea, suffered most by the storm. In Okayama prefecture 167 lives were lost and 2400 houses destroyed. In Yamauchi prefecture 320 fishermen were drowned and a large number of unidentified bodies were washed ashore.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—A dispatch from Rotterdam says: The whole coast of Holland suffered from the storm, and there have been many shipping casualties and fatalities. An exciting scene was witnessed off Rotterdam yesterday, when a steamer put out to the rescue of the crew of a wrecked fishing boat. The sea was so heavy and the wind so strong that the steamer dashed against the pier and wrecked. The crew was with difficulty saved by a lifeboat. Meanwhile five of the crew of the fishing boat were drowned.

A dispatch from Copenhagen: The gale was severely felt about the Jutland peninsula, and a number of fishing boats were wrecked. Three fishermen are known to have been drowned.

The population of the coast is in great distress. Many fishing boats are still missing, and it is probable the long list of widows and orphans will be increased.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Nov. 21.—At a meeting of the city council last night the county attorney was instructed to continue suits brought against the Water & Gas company for cancellation of their franchise. Immediately after the presentation of the resolutions the Water Supply company served a notice on the council that unless the suits were immediately withdrawn the water company would, on November 24th, no longer furnish water to the city or inhabitants. The city will ask an injunction to prevent the closing of the works.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 22.—The commissioner of Indian affairs has received a number of annual reports of Indian agents. A majority of them indicate general prosperity among the tribes, and a general advancement in civilization. Several agents comment on the indifference of the Indians to marriage ties, and their unwillingness to abandon old customs. The agent at the Colville agency in Washington believes the efforts to civilize the red men are not successful, and says that by intermarriage and the heavy death rate the Indian is doomed to extinction in a few generations.

At the Uintah and Ouray reservations, in Utah, the use of grazing lands by white men is creating considerable dissatisfaction. The work of the courts in Indian offenses is generally commended, and the efficiency of the Indian police praised. The attention paid to agriculture and stock raising at most of the agencies is reported to be growing each year.

HONOLULU, Nov. 16.—The main change in the political situation since the Australia sailed has been one of increased strain and greater business depression. Since his formal call to present his credentials, Minister Willis has not communicated officially with the government. The most significant happening occurred last Monday when a committee of the American league, lately organized as an auxiliary of the annexation club, called on the new minister. The committee stated that the league earnestly desired that the islands should become a part of the United States and to that end their organization would support the provisional government in all honorable means for the accomplishment of annexation, and would aid the minister if at any time he saw fit to command them.

Willis's reticence and delay in action has greatly increased the political strain and rumors of all sorts are thick. The government has been on the lookout for the threatened attempts of loyalists to seize the executive building in the belief that if they can hold it the United States would recognize them as the existing government. In consequence an extra guard of sharpshooters are stationed in the executive building and thirty rounds of extra ammunition have been issued to the citizens' reserve.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—President Peixoto has telegraphed the Brazilian minister of this city that the insurgent iron clad Javory has been sunk by the fire of batteries at Niotheroy and that the crew of the Javory perished. The