

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—The bureau of statistics of imports and domestic exports make a report of the months of September, 1894, and 1893, and for the nine months of the present calendar year. The following tables give the features of the report, months of September, 1893 and 1894:

	1893.	1894.
Exports of merchandise.....	\$22,026,798	\$59,038,863
Imports of merchandise.....	46,300,862	50,589,849
Exports of gold.....	1,476,862	243,849
Imports of gold.....	6,674,895	704,390
Exports of silver.....	4,742,082	4,003,184
Imports of silver.....	1,914,789	1,527,432

The exports of domestic merchandise for the last nine months amount to \$577,047,022 against \$403,241,873 for the same time in 1893. The imports of merchandise during the nine months of 1894 amounted to \$503,529,738, and for the same time last year, \$625,325,372.

During the nine months of 1894 the excess of gold exports over imports was \$73,603,819 and of silver \$25,581,589.

OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 15.—S. H. H. Clark, managing receiver of the Union Pacific, returned this morning. He said the report of Master in Chancery Cornish was in accordance with his own views on the Union Pacific question.

"I believe that all natural feeders of the Union Pacific should remain in the system," said Mr. Clark, "particularly in Nebraska and Kansas, even if they are operated at a loss. These feeders are necessary to the system, and I believe they should be retained, so the report of Judge Cornish met with my approval."

OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 16.—This morning's mail brought a letter to Chief of Police Seavey dated Salt Lake City, Utah, which purports to disclose a plot now in progress to tunnel under the London jail and effect a wholesale release of prisoners. James Corbett, William Doran and James Manning are the signers of the letter, which is directed to the inspector of police, Omaha, Neb., with the request that the contents be forwarded to the London police officials, withholding the writers' names. The writers allege that the friends of the murderer Beardslee and other influential prisoners now confined in the English jail have conspired to tunnel beneath the structure and effect the escape of certain prisoners now confined there.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Oct. 16.—On the 28th of September John S. Johnson caused a sensation in bicycle circles by riding a mile at Waltham, Mass., in the phenomenal time of 1:50 3-5. This wonderful feat was eclipsed in this city today when Otto Zeigler of San Jose covered the mile in 1:50, clipping nearly a full second off the world's record. As a matter of fact he did ride the mile in a fraction over 1:49, but as one of the several watches made it 1:50 flat, the judges placed the official time at that figure.

OAKLAND, Cal., Oct. 16.—"General" Charles T. Kelley, who led the San Francisco regiment of the Coxe army to Washington, has completed arrangements for a new industrial march, but instead of going across the continent he will direct his invading forces to-

ward San Jose and the productive regions along the route.

The object of the march is to secure signatures to a congressional petition for relief of the unemployed, and incidentally to obtain contributions of supplies for the army that is rapidly increasing in numbers at its big tent.

Branches of the army will be established in various parts of the state with the intention of massing the forces at Sacramento during the next session of the legislature, in the manner that Coxe and his followers went to Washington.

BERLIN, Oct. 16.—The *Kreuzer Zeitung* says Princess Alix of Hesse has obtained concessions from the Russian holy synod such as no princess in a like position ever before secured in embracing the orthodox faith. The princess will not declare her former religion accursed, nor state that her conversion is due to the conviction that the truth lies not with her own but with the Russian church. It is added the holy synod will be satisfied with a simple declaration of the princess that she join the Greek church to be of the same religion as her future husband.

LONDON, Oct. 16.—The *World* today asserted that Gladstone has long entertained the idea of taking holy orders, and for this reason retired from parliament. Gladstone says the report is untrue.

HOUSTON, Texas, Oct. 16.—The worst fire in the history of Houston broke out at 2:40 this morning. Not only a large amount of property was destroyed, but two sisters of St. Joseph were burned to death, two infirm patients also perished and a third sister was dangerously burned. The fire originated in the San Joaquin hotel or rather boarding house, Franklin and Jacinto streets, from which it spread rapidly to the adjoining small buildings and St. Joseph's infirmary on Franklin, destroying the four-story brick main building.

Sisters Doleral and Jane were burned beyond the possibility of recognition while Sister Clothilde was fearfully burned about the face. Two patients are missing and there is not the slightest doubt that these also perished.

WIESBADEN, Prussia, Oct. 16.—Emperor William today unveiled the monument erected here to the memory of his grandfather, Emperor William I, and this evening is expected formally to open the new theater erected by the town and subsidized by his majesty.

OKLAHOMA, Oct. 17.—At El Reno last evening while twenty-five Indians were riding a broncho race, their animals collided, throwing nearly the whole party into a heap, killing two Indians and fatally injuring several others.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—The annual report of Major General O. O. Howard, commanding the department of the East recommends the increase of the army to at least double the size of the present force. In his judgment it will be the best possible method of preserving peace until the vexatious questions which are now troubling the country

are put at a rest by a solution satisfactory to the people.

General Howard expresses the opinion that already our coast defenses are in a fairly good condition, and in conjunction with the ever increasing naval armament there will be little fear from outside aggressions.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 17.—Assistant Secretary Reynolds of the interior department has decided section 41716 of the revised statutes, relative to the payment of accrued pensions is applicable to pensioners under the act of July 27, 1892, granting pensions to the survivors of certain Indian wars. It is also held the section authorizes the widow of the deceased soldier to prosecute his pending claim under that act and receive the accrued pension to the date of the soldier's death.

This reverses the decision of the commissioner of pensions made in May, 1893.

THE DALLES, Or., Oct. 17.—After relieving F. N. Hill of his position as agent at this place this morning, the officials of the Pacific Express company placed Ed. Kuriz in charge of the office and caused Hill, Messenger Tibbetts and Watchman Gibbons to be arrested. They are accused of complicity in Saturday night's robbery when \$14,000 was stolen. The fact that these men were the only persons possessing keys to the door of the office and that the door showed no evidence of having been forced, caused suspicion to fall on them. They were released later in the day on their own recognition.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—The *World* this morning says: The reception given by the Irish National Federation to Edward Blake, M.P., at Lenox Lyceum last night was productive of some results never dreamed of by its organizers. In the heart of the meeting and while all eyes were turned upon Mr. Blake as he stood on the platform delivering one of his most impressive speeches, a short, stoutly built, frownsly dressed, bent old man walked swiftly around the back of the front tier of boxes until he reached the last one nearest the platform and to the left of the proscenium arch. In his hand he carried an old bulky green gingham umbrella, which he seemed to hold with peculiar tenderness. Outside the box he stopped, hesitated a moment, and then entering, took a chair in a corner nearest the stage. The old man left in a moment. A moment later there leaped out a gush of flame and smoke and then followed the shriek of "Fire" and the simultaneous movement of 500 panic-stricken creatures to the door.

Patrolman Lillie rushed into the box and violently danced on something with his feet. Then the stentorian voice of Mr. Blake rang through the big building, calling on his audience to keep their seats. "The fire is out. Come back," cried he. The flame had gone and the smoke disappeared. Lillie had put out a burning frame that had fragments of gingham attached to it and a tube eight inches long in the center. It was a first-class nitro-glycerine bomb. Those in charge of the meeting tried to hush up the affair.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—The *Press* this morning says: In two weeks or thereabouts, Mgr. Satolli will be elevated to