

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

BOSTON, Mass., Oct. 7.—Oliver Wendell Holmes, the well-known poet and author, died at his home, 296 Beacon street, at 12:15 p. m. today. Heart failure was the immediate cause of his death, though the doctor has been slowly failing for the past four or five years. An asthmatic difficulty also assisted in the final breaking down of the "Autocrat."

Oliver Wendell Holmes was born at Cambridge, Mass., August 29, 1809. He graduated at Harvard College in 1829 and began the study of law, which he soon abandoned for that of medicine. After taking his degree of M. D., he spent some time in the hospitals in Paris and other European countries. He returned to Boston in 1835 and began practicing. In 1838 he was elected professor of anatomy and physiology in Dartmouth college, and in 1847 was appointed to a similar professorship in the medical school of Harvard university, from which he retired in 1882.

NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—John F. Goff today refused to deny or affirm the report that he had been approached by Tammany and offered \$30,000 to drop his connection with the fight against it. Goff promised tomorrow that the evidence before the Lexow committee would be sensational.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, Oct. 8.—Otto Ray, United States Marshal Bradley's deputy at Ottumwa, arrested George Johnson at Albia today for bootlegging. One of Johnson's pals shot the officer in the back. In the confusion the prisoner and the assailant escaped. Ray's condition is critical.

TOMAHAWK, Wis., Oct. 8.—Train wreckers saw the supporting timbers of a "Soo" railroad bridge at Tomahawk junction and a westbound passenger train was wrecked. The engine plunged into the Tomahawk river. The body of a fireman is buried under the engine. The engineer had both of his legs broken. No passengers were injured.

GRENADA, Nicaragua, Oct. 8.—A terrible catastrophe has occurred here. The military barracks have been blown up and a whole quarter of the city has been badly damaged. The number of dead is estimated at 200. The number of wounded is much greater, but no exact estimate is obtainable.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Oct. 9.—By an explosion in the Luke Fielder mine shaft, one man was killed and four others imprisoned with no avenue of escape. The shaft is on fire and fifty-five workmen were taken out alive.

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo., Oct. 9.—It is said here that the Rio Grand intends to build ninety miles of branch road starting from Crevasse in this county to run from there to the Asphalt deposits near the border in Utah. The Gilson Asphalt company of St. Louis, is directly interested and will aid the Western in its construction. A party of engineers left Fruita, Colo., with a big pack team for the head of Missouri creek to make a preliminary survey.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 9.—Strong protests against the return of Geronimo to Arizona, and against the liquor traffic in that territory, are made in the annual report of Governor Hughes to the secretary of the interior,

made public today. The report comments on the absence of distress, prevalent in other sections. It shows that two years' drouth, resulting in the loss of 50 per cent of the range cattle in the territory, was followed by a general recuperation of the stock industry.

The closing of the silver mines, resulting in an increased gold production and the development of the gold resources with the prospect, says the governor, that Arizona will soon become a larger gold producer than any territory or state. The gold output was \$2,080,250; silver, \$1,700,800; copper, 48,270,000 pounds.

SHANGHAI, Oct. 9.—A dispatch from Chemulpo, dated Oct. 3, says there were fourteen Japanese transports in the harbor and since September 27th the Japanese have landed 7,800 troops and 756 Coolies. The dispatch adds that the defenses of Seoul are being strengthened and the garrison reinforced by 2,000 Japanese troops, in anticipation of a hostile demonstration by the Korean insurgents. The Chemulpo dispatch says that while on the march even private Japanese soldiers pay the Koreans for everything obtained from them. The daily expense of the operations of the Japanese army is said to be 300,000 yens.

Advices from Chemulpo say the Chinese recently crucified two Japanese prisoners, and beheaded two Japanese soldiers found in an outpost hospital which had been hurriedly abandoned.

NEW YORK, Oct. 9.—A general strike of the cloak makers, numbering nearly 10,000, was inaugurated today. About 7,000 finishers and operatives will be forced out of work within a day or two. The strike committee has agreed that no settlement will be made with the manufacturers, until they sign bonds giving real estate security for their good faith. It was further agreed that no union man commence work until all the manufacturers come to terms.

PENSACOLA, Fla., Oct. 9.—The tropical hurricane that has been in the gulf for some days, struck this city Saturday night. It increased in force as morning approached, and all day yesterday it raged with terrible fury. Falling roofs made it dangerous to appear on the streets and business was practically suspended. Several barks dragged their anchors and either went ashore or were capsized. One house was blown down, and the wharf was swept away and the supply-house swamped and sunk.

In the city much damage was done. Fences, trees and small outhouses were blown down. A part of the roof was torn off the opera house. The entire roof of the large Blount & Watson building was carried away and all the stores and offices in it were flooded by water. A part of the roof of Lacey & McClintock's machine shops were blown into the bay. The colored Union Baptist church was blown down. So far as learned no one was killed. The storm ceased at midnight.

VINITA, I. T., Oct. 10.—Three men robbed the express agent at Choteau last night, taking two mail bags, what money the agent had and his express money order book. Ten or eleven per-

sons in the depot were also robbed. The robbers were not masked and information is to the effect that they were all Indians, supposed to be the Cook gang.

ST. CHARLES, Mo., Oct. 10.—Dave Woods committed a criminal assault upon Emma Collier yesterday evening. Robert Collier started out to avenge the wrong done his sister. In the battle with corn knives, Collier was fatally wounded. The girl is also dying of her injuries. Woods is in jail here with every prospect of lynching.

LONDON, Oct. 10.—A dispatch from Shanghai dated today says that tens of thousands of Chinese troops are waiting for arms. Many of the troops sent to the front had no better arms than bows and arrows. Additional contracts have been entered into with German firms for supplies of firearms of any pattern.

LONDON, Oct. 10.—A dispatch from Berlin alleges that China has asked Germany to use her good offices to terminate the war with Japan.

VICTORIA, B. C., Oct. 10.—The gigantic coal combine which has been in process of organization for some time past between the Dunsmuirs and their old time rivals, the New Vancouver Coal company of Nanaimo, is reported to have been consummated.

Coal now stands at \$7 a ton in Victoria, only eighty miles from the mines, and any raise would be a great hardship. Steam coal is also to go up all around as soon as the combine is secured and the entire Pacific coast will feel the effect within three months. It is reported that Lord Brassey's recent visit here had something to do with the further development of the combination, he being the heaviest stockholder in the Puget Sound mines, which are believed to be ready and willing to come into the ring.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—The storm which broke shortly after midnight has done great damage on sea and land. The tracks of the New Jersey Southern railroad between Seabright and Highland Beach, N. J., are covered with sand washed upon them by the waves. The fishing smack Louise, driven ashore at Highland Beach, is a total loss. The crew were taken off by the life saving crew.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Oct. 10.—A northwest gale of exceptional force swept over this island last night and was very severe at St. Pierre, Miquelon, where thirty lives were lost and great damage done. A heavy sea was running in the harbor. No less than fifty vessels dragged their anchors or parted their cables and were thrown upon the shore.

Although there were nearly 300 vessels at the port not a single one escaped without sustaining damage.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—A dispatch from St. Pierre, Miquelon, says: A terrible northeast gale raged here last night and this morning. Several schooners are missing and are believed to have foundered, with 200 lives.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—At 7:20 o'clock this morning a seven story building in course of erection at 74 Monroe street, was blown down by a gale. It crashed through a two-story building, No. 72, where two families with boarders lived. They were buried in the ruins. So far three have been taken out dead and nine badly injured