

the Campana. When the boarding officers reached the Campana, Cardinal Gibbons was seen on the upper deck, talking to Bishop Foley of Detroit and Archbishop Riordan of San Francisco and several other clerical men who were in the party. When seen by a reporter of the Associated Press, Cardinal Gibbons said: "My visit to Rome had no special significance, as it is customary for us to visit the holy father every eight or ten years, or perhaps oftener. I had several audiences with Pope Leo, the last one being on June 9th. The holy father, although a little more stooped, looked much better and stronger than when I saw him last, eight years ago. He is a most remarkable man for his age, which is 86 years. His faculties are unimpaired, and he is wonderfully bright."

PARIS, Texas, Aug. 23.—A gentleman who has just completed a tour of Delta county arrived in this city today, bringing news of fresh outrages committed by the white caps in the last few days. Night before last he counted sixty men armed with Winchester and shotguns pass the house where he was stopping. Every negro has let town, not waiting to sell lands or crops.

LONDON, Aug. 23.—A special dispatch from Shanghai says members of the commission which recently left Foo Chow for Cheng Tu to investigate the recent massacre of missionaries there, are virtually prisoners. Commander Newell of the United States cruiser Detroit has gone to Cheng Tu to consult with J. C. Hixson, the United States consul at Foo Chow, a leading member of the commission, about landing marines for his protection and the protection of the other commissioners.

A special dispatch received here from Shanghai says that many Chinese converts were butchered when the American mission outside Foo Chow was attacked and the chapel and school wrecked by an infuriated mob, early during the morning of August 22nd. Commander Newell of the United States cruiser Detroit has gone to Cheng Tu to consult with Mr. J. C. Hixson, United States consul at Foo Chow, about the landing of marines for his protection, and for the protection of the members of the commission investigating the massacre, as the latter are practically prisoners.

The dispatch adds that the Chinese officials are jubilant at the defeat of the efforts of the American and British consuls to obtain an open inquiry into the massacre. It is also said that the delay is giving the Chinese time to prepare defense for the prisoners.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 23.—It is said here that Ku Cheng is meant wherever Cheng Tu is used in the London dispatch, as Cheng Tu is the scene of the June riots, and 1,400 miles from Foo Chow. Naval officials, though without information themselves, are inclined to discredit the information in the dispatch. Acting Secretary McAdoo said it was observed that dispatches of this character came by way of London, while another high naval officer said that there was an evident intention on the part of Great Britain in the whole Ku Cheng affair to get the United States government to pull chestnuts out of the fire. The navy

department thought that if commander Newell had gone on any such mission, the government would be notified. It is also said that marines had scarcely ever landed at the request of any consul, especially when there is a minister in the country. However, should there be trouble of the kind indicated, the United States has a strong force in Asiatic waters. Seven ships are available, some of them good cruisers, our fleet including the Baltimore (flagship), the Charleston, Detroit, Yorktown, Machias, Monocacy and Concord. The last named four are not very formidable, though good fighting ships. The new cruiser Olympia will leave for the Asiatic station in a very short time, as she is now being coaled at San Francisco.

It is said at the state department that if the report is true that Viceroy Liu has been appointed to investigate the Cheng Tu riots, then the foreigners have good cause for complaint. If the report be true, it is probable both the British and American governments will protest. Viceroy Liu was governor of the province in which Cheng Tu is situated, and he was said to have been guilty of gross negligence, which of some persons was regarded as amounting to complicity in the Chinese riots of last June. There are a great many men in China named Liu, and it is thought that possibly there has been a confusion of names.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 24.—Colonel Z. B. Spaulding, who recently received a franchise from the Hawaiian government to lay a cable from Honolulu to this city, will leave for Washington tonight to secure the co-operation of this government in the undertaking.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Aug. 24.—For bituminous coal miners, Indians, have gained their point after a suspension of operations for more than a month. A number of operators have agreed to pay last year's price, 60 cents, as long as they can sell coal on that basis. No contracts are made.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 24.—Representations by United States Minister Terrill made to the Turkish government have resulted in the release of the Armenian Arakelian, a naturalized American citizen, imprisoned at Marsova several weeks under suspicion of belonging to a revolutionary society.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 24.—A fire broke out at an early hour this morning in the five-story brick, Williams block, corner of Euclid avenue and Monumental square. Notwithstanding the streams from twelve or fifteen engines and two fire boats were soon playing on the flamer, the building was entirely consumed. The first floor was occupied by Benfield Bros., druggists, Goodyear Rubber company and Lained glove store. The upper floors were used as offices. The flames quickly spread to the adjoining building occupied by Sherwood's jewelry store, and Qaimby's dry goods store. The office building at the corner of the square and Superior street, one of the finest structures in the city, caught fire several times, but, beyond a slight damage from smoke and water, suffered very little. The total loss will not exceed \$100,000.

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 24.—A dispatch to the Novosil from Vladivostok

says the Japanese are evacuating Port Arthur, dismantling the fortifications.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Aug. 24.—Three hideouts were held up yesterday by three masked men and robbed of \$2,300 paid them by the government for land.

PARIS, Aug. 24.—A letter addressed to Alphonse de Rothschild exploded yesterday evening when opened by M. Cackovitz, his confidential clerk. The latter's right eye was torn out and some sinners blown off.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Aug. 24.—R. H. Kiser, president of the Cash Insurance company told city, and one of the wealthiest men in the country, fell down stairs at 2 o'clock this morning and was killed. He was 80 years old and has been in feeble health for some time.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 24.—The following was given out officially at the state department today:

"Upon Acting Secretary Adee's attention being called to the statements in yesterday's papers, much dissatisfaction was felt at the state department because Mr. Denby had not been heard from for several days, and that he was supposed to have taken umbrage at the instructions lately cabled him. Adee said that he had authorized no expression of the department's opinion as to the cause of Denby's silence for the simple reason that no opinion has been formed or could rationally be formed in the absence of knowledge of facts.

"The promptness, good judgment and energy with which Col. Denby acted upon the instructions heretofore sent him negated any hasty conjecture that he was not now endeavoring with alacrity to fulfil the duties imposed upon him by the department's telegrams of the past week."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 24.—Minister Denby reports that on the 27th of July, Rev. D. T. Sheffield, an old and highly respected American missionary residing at Tung Cuow, thirteen miles from Peking, was attacked by a crazy carpenter and his brother and severely cut with a knife. The criminals are in prison awaiting trial.

Denby adds: "The matter will create a stir in China, but it is absolutely without any foreign political significance."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 24.—The state department is in receipt of a report from our minister at Constantinople concerning the recent attack on the premises of Mr. Christie at Tarsus, a brief report regarding which had previously been communicated by the Turkish minister to this capital.

Terrill's report and that of our consul at Beyrout put a different aspect on the affair, which was more serious than it was first believed to be, Christie's students and servants having been severely beaten and his own life threatened.

Terrill's prompt action in obtaining from the Porte instructions to the wali of Beyrout to investigate and prosecute those found guilty, will secure, it is expected, immediate and full justice as promised by Mavroni Bey's communication. Our consul at Beyrout also has been ordered by the minister to proceed to Tarsus and investigate the matter himself.