

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 9.—Baron Von Herman, of the German embassy at Washington, D. C., who is studying the agricultural resources of this state, in discussing politics yesterday said: "Bimetallism by the United States alone would cause great loss to your country, but free coinage, which is virtually the adoption of the silver standard, would be much worse. I am not surprised at the withdrawal of capital from this country under present conditions."

SOUTHAMPTON, Sept. 9.—The American line steamer St. Louis from New York passed the Needles at 5:30 this morning. The St. Louis made the run from Sandy Hook light ship in about 6 days 12 hours, about 42 minutes better than the best previous eastward passage, 6 days 13 hours, made in October last year.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—The treasury officials are daily in receipt of a large number of requests asking for silver dollars of this year's coinage in exchange for silver certificates or other lawful money. Many of these requests come from persons who seem to doubt the truth of the monthly coinage statement, while others ask for shipments of 1896 dollars with a view of refuting statements that no silver dollars are now being coined. These requests have been complied with as fast as received, as the treasury officials desire to call public attention to the fact that when silver dollars are ordered in sums of or multiples of \$500 they are shipped at the expense of the government, but when smaller sums are ordered the shipments are made at the expense of the person ordering. There is now in the treasury \$10,506,389 in free silver, that is, silver which may be obtained in exchange for any lawful money, but the demand just now is so keen for 1896 dollars that it seems probable that by the beginning of October the department will be compelled to decline to pay out silver dollars except in exchange for silver certificates or treasury notes of 1890. The law requires certain amounts of silver to be held in the treasury to cover outstanding silver certificates and treasury notes, and when the minimum is reached silver payments will be refused, even in exchange for gold or in payment of warrants on the treasury.

The number of standard silver dollars coined during last August is known by the official statement to have been 2,650,000; since February 1st last 11,212,412; and since November, 1893, 15,169,491. The coinage value of the stock of bullion now on hand and on which the mints are now at work is \$166,745,200; and it is said to be altogether probable that coinage will be continued at least until the stock of standard dollars of 1890 has been increased to about 30,000,000, where it stood when the present administration came into office.

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, Sept. 9.—Li Hung Chang honored Winnipeg with a flying visit today. Notwithstanding the bad state of the weather, a large crowd gathered at the Canadian Pacific railroad depot to see the distinguished man. The celebrities of the

city were there and cheered loudly when the train pulled in. Many tried to speak with Li Hung Chang, but he had it announced that he could not appear in public just then.

While he was interviewing a St. Paul reporter, Li Hung Chang said: "You are an American, eh? What are you, a Republican or a Democrat?"

"A Democrat."

"Oh, that's too bad," said the Chinese viceroy, with a smile. "The Democrats are going out of power. McKinley will be the next President."

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—A dispatch to the Herald from Constantinople says:

The great vizier telegraphed today throughout the provinces of the empire the sultan's categorical instructions to the authorities, warning them of the serious responsibility and punishment those would incur who break the peace.

In order to insure the efficacy of this warning the proclamations are printed in the local language and have been distributed to the villages.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 10.—As to the law promulgated by the synod of Catholic priests of the St. Louis archdiocese ordaining Catholics to sing in Protestant church choirs, many of the leading singers say they will not obey it. Henry S. Labarge, who has sung in the First Presbyterian church for fourteen years; Edward and Bernard Dierker, who for ten years have sung in the Lindell and Methodist church, all say they will pay no heed to the law and they do not believe any of the singers will.

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—A dispatch to the Herald from Canaan says:

The British warship Collingwood left today for Syria. She returns on the 12th to Suda, where other warships will seek shelter in a few days. All are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the sultan's firmán. Its delay is giving opportunity for disorderly bands to continue the depredations, which the governor cannot prevent until he officially receives his new extraordinary powers; nor can he bring the culprits to justice.

The Mussulmans are complaining bitterly that their olives are being burned, but there are no means of verifying the exactness of these statements. The insurgents, although peaceful, will not disperse until the promulgation of the firmán.

PARIS, Sept. 10.—A violent cyclone swept over portions of this city at 2:30 p.m. Omnibuses, cabs and stalls in the streets were overturned, trees blown down, store windows broken, carriages sunk in the river Seine and firemen had to be called out.

Many persons were injured on Rue Turbigo, Place De La Republique, Place St. Sulpice and Boulevard street.

The greatest damage was done at Palais de Justice. All windows on the Rue de Harley side were smashed, and part of the roof blown away. Corridors were filled with clouds of dust and branches of trees. The sittings of court had to be suspended.

The courtyard of Chappelle was filled with debris.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 10.—A special to the Post-Dispatch from Grand Tower says: At 6:28 this morning an earthquake shock of about thirty seconds' duration was felt. It came from a northwesterly direction.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Sept. 10.—A special to the Times from Paducah, Ky., says a slight earthquake shock was felt there at 6:28 this morning.

HARRISBURG, Penna., Sept. 10.—The silver men were in full control of the Democratic state convention which reconvened today. The plan to fuse with the Populists, giving them four of the 32 electoral votes was agreed upon.

Matt Savage of Clearfield and DeWitt C. DeWitt of Bradford will be chosen as candidates for Congress at large.

BOSTON, Sept. 10.—The northeast storm which swept the New England coast last night has not passed, although the force is somewhat diminished. The winds come in heavy gusts. The weather observer says the rain may not stop before night.

Many cellars are flooded and wharves and low lying streets are swamped.

Reports from New England coast cities indicate considerable damage to shipping.

From inland points come reports of much damage to crops and fruit trees.

DENVER, Colo., Sept. 10.—The joint conference committee of the Democratic, Populist, Republican and Silver parties is meeting in this city today for the purpose of arranging a fusion on state officers. The session is secret. The indications are that a joint ticket will be put out by the Democrats, Populists and Silverites and that the Republicans will have an independent ticket. The Republican convention today nominated Jud E. Brush, the present lieutenant governor for governor by acclamation, and Simon Guggenheim for lieutenant governor. The Populist and Silver conventions are awaiting the report from the conference committee.

The Democratic electoral ticket has been endorsed by the Republican, Populist and Silver conventions, insuring a solid front for Bryan and Sewall whatever will be the outcome of the attempts at securing fusion on the Silver state ticket.

CHICAGO, Sept. 11.—The strike of the 2,000 union hod-carriers has ended in an almost complete victory for the men. All the men return to work pending the settlement of the working rules.

ALBANY, N. Y., Sept. 11.—The table of values compiled by the state tax commissioners shows that in the last year the assessed value of real estate in the state has increased \$87,270,529. In New York city alone the increase was \$32,790,920. In Kings county it was \$15,511,184. The total assessed value of personal property in the state is only \$541,621,122, a decrease of \$20,572,257 from last year. For this year the total assessed value of real and personal estate is \$4,368,712,908, as against \$4,292,082,167 last year.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 12.—John J. McCarthy, the alleged bank robber, leaves here today, accompanied by