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ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 25.—Reports of heavy storms throughout southern Illinois and Missouri continue to be received. Last night and until an early hour today St. Louis was again deluged with rain. While the wind has been destructive to trees, crops and buildings in some sections, the rain has greatly benefitted some crops.

Around Cairo, Ill., fully five inches of rain has fallen within the last week, breaking the drouth and saving corn and other crops.

St. Joseph, Mo., suffered especially from the wind. Big trees were uprooted and small buildings crushed. Other points where the storm was especially severe were Moberly, Alexandria, Fayette, Trenton and California.

Several lives were lost through lightning. Mrs. Ruben Rickabaugh, wife of a farmer, was instantly killed while sitting at the window of her house, two miles from Albany. Albert Rousset, a farm hand living near St. Charles, Mo., has also been killed, while a number of farmers in both Illinois and Missouri had barns and crops burned by the lightning.

The immense advance elevator "A" in East St. Louis, in which was stored 600,000 bushels of grain, was struck by lightning and set on fire last night but firemen saved it from destruction.

LONDON, June 24.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Morning Post says that Novoe Vremya protests vigorously against the action of the United States as to Hawaii, which, it adds, may soon be followed by an attempt to annex Cuba.

"Europe," says the paper, "has every reason to oppose the strengthening of the United States in the New World, and must be ready to support Spain if she is threatened with the loss of Cuba."

KEY WEST, Fla., June 25.—This city was virtually in the hands of a negro mob last night, and a white citizen was killed by the mob. At 4 p. m. yesterday Silvanus Johnson, charged with assault on a white woman, Mrs. Margaret Atwell, was conducted to the court house for a hearing. The courtroom was crowded and C. B. Pendleton, a well known citizen, rose and asked: "Are there enough white men present to hang the negro?"

There was a chorus of "Yes," and the crowd closed in on the prisoner.

The sheriff and his deputies drew their revolvers and held the crowd at bay, while Johnson was at once hurried back to jail. A big mob gathered in front of the building, and one of the negroes cried out to lynch Pendleton, and a rush was made for him. Through the efforts of himself and friends, Pendleton made his escape in a carriage.

The negro mob then gathered about the jail building to prevent the lynching of Johnson, and open threats were made by them to kill any white man that might come to the jail. About 11 o'clock last night William Gardner, a white man, was sitting in front of the courthouse, when several of the negro mob approached him and ordered him to move. He arose to obey, and as soon as his back was turned there rang out the crack of a number of rifles, and

Gardner received a mortal wound, from which he died two hours later.

The whites are inclined to avenge Gardner's death, and another attempt to lynch Johnson is expected to be made tonight. A serious conflict between the whites and the blacks is feared.

The militia is in readiness for any disturbance, having been ordered out by the governor, and the United States troops are at the orders of the sheriff.

MADRID, June 26.—Don Francisco Sileva, the leader of the dissident conservatives, has published a manifesto demanding the adoption by the Spanish government of an energetic attitude toward the United States in regard to Cuba. He equally condemns the scheme of reforms for Cuba drawn up by Premier Canovas de Castillo and the autonomy scheme advocated by the Liberals.

KKRON, Ohio, June 26.—The first section of the Cleveland, Akron & Columbus train, having on board the employees of the Goodrich Rubber company, the Diamond Rubber company and the Akron India Rubber company, ran into a Baltimore and Ohio engine at Millersburg this morning. It was not intended that the excursion train should stop at Millersburg and it was going through the town at a high rate of speed when the engineer discovered a Baltimore & Ohio train on the track ahead of him in front of the depot. He whistled for brakes and applied the air but the train dashed on and struck the Baltimore and Ohio train. The collision was terrific. The engineer and fireman of both engines jumped and saved themselves. Both engines and both baggage cars were badly wrecked. There were 500 passengers on the excursion train and great excitement prevailed.

As nearly as can be learned five persons were badly injured.

RYDE, Isle of Wight, June 26.—The most magnificent display of naval strength ever witnessed occurred off Spithead today, the occasion being the grand naval review in honor of the completion of sixtieth year of the reign of Queen Victoria. The Prince of Wales, representing her majesty, reviewed a fine fleet of foreign warships representing all the maritime nations of the world, proudest, strongest and swiftest of these craft being the United States armored cruiser Brooklyn, carrying the flag of Rear Admiral Miller, and the heir apparent as inspected about 25 miles off British warships, in which were 166 fighting ships of different classes, carrying about 900 heavy guns, manned by over 45,000 men and of about 600,000 tons in all. The British ships were worked in lines of five miles each. The fourteen foreign warships formed the sixth line.

Each maritime nation sent an admiral in his flagship to witness the review. They formed a line abreast of the British battleship, where they were favorably placed to compare their own naval architecture with that of other nations. Each nation sent its best available ship and a magnificent display resulted.

CONSTANTINOPLE, June 28.—An incident typical of the situation occurred here on Tuesday. During the

panic caused by the salute fired in honor of the jubilee of Queen Victoria, the Mussulmans trooped into the streets armed with bludgeons and asked the police whether the Greeks or the Armenians were to be attacked.

NEW YORK, June 28.—A dispatch to the Herald from Key West says:

Private advices just received from Santiago province give further details of the fighting during last week around Gibara and Banes between insurgents and Spanish forces. The advices say that the insurgents under General Calixto Garcia and Colonel Torres, numbering between 5,000 and 6,000 well armed and equipped men, attacked both of the seaports simultaneously, but met with a stubborn resistance from the Spaniards, who had been advised of their coming and were prepared. The demonstration against Banes, which is less than ten leagues distant from Gibara, was merely a feint by the rebels to divert attention and draw the Spanish forces from Gibara, which was the point really to be attacked, and which they knew had been strongly fortified and garrisoned.

The ruse was partially successful and Garcia with his forces entered Gibara. His success, however, was only of short duration, as he was subsequently driven out after a hot fight during which many were killed and wounded on both sides. Colonel Machau, a veteran of the ten years' war, and who is actively engaged in promoting the present struggle, says: "My advices from Cuba are that Gen. Gomez has planned his summer campaign and put it in operation. Already columns of thousands of well armed men under efficient leaders have been distributed throughout the different provinces. Gen. Garcia's attack on Gibara and other important operations by our forces will be directed by Gomez from Santa Clara, where he will pitch his headquarters."

CHICAGO, June 28.—William H. Copp, foreman of the glazing department of the Pullman company, armed himself this afternoon with a revolver and a razor and went to the house of his wife's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Andrew C. Rankin, with the intention of murdering them and his wife and his wife's sister, who was living with them. After stealthily entering the house, he locked the doors and then attacked Dr. Rankin, who is 70 years old. He fired one shot at him and missed. Dr. Rankin grappled with Copp, who beat him fearfully on the head with the butt end of his revolver. After a savage struggle the men fell to the floor, Copp uppermost. He slashed the old physician across the throat with his razor, and the heads of both men were nearly cut to pieces as they fought for the weapon. Feeling his strength going, Dr. Rankin struggled to the mantelpiece where his own pistol lay and shot Copp through the side, the ball glancing from a rib. During the fight between them Mrs. Rankin was struck on the head by Copp and severely cut, and her daughter, Mrs. Hermes, was pounded about the face and one of her eyes destroyed. Mrs. Hermes finally managed to reach the street and called for help. The members of the fire engine company, headed by Fred Rankin, a brother-in-law