

prediction shall be justified by the events of the future.

LONDON, Sept. 28.—A dispatch from Vienna to the *Chronicle* says that a semi-official telegram from St. Petersburg announces that the Russian Government has learned of a rebellion against the Manchurian dynasty. The dispatch adds that the regular troops are everywhere committing disgraceful outrages. The Chinese exchequer is empty, and the government is hardly able to supply the wants of troops already in the field.

The Chinese defense has completely collapsed and is now only a farce. There is a panic in Peking, and the very name of Japanese inspires terror everywhere. China is perfectly helpless.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Sept. 28.—Communication with southern Florida is being restored and special dispatches to the *Times-Union* relating to the damage done by the West Indian cyclone tell the same story of houses wrecked and crops destroyed, but no loss of life is reported.

At Tampa several large factories were wrecked. The large three-story brick factory of Seldenberg & Co. was destroyed. The factory of C. A. Joyce was demolished, as was also the factories of Yeber and Manatara and others. The First Presbyterian church and the Palatial hotel were badly damaged. Several smaller structures were also demolished. The total loss on buildings at Tampa is estimated at \$50,000.

During the storm at Fernandina the British steamship Boston City and Elmville collided and were badly damaged.

The steamer Edith was driven ashore. The steamer Debary was driven against the drawbridge and wrecked. The steamer yacht Maud was sunk near Crescent City.

Today advices from St. Augustine, which have been cut off since Tuesday, were received. No lives were lost, but several houses were wrecked and the loss will run into the thousands. Nearly all the windows in the city were blown out and the houses flooded with the water. The Ponce de Leon hotel was damaged in this way. The loss on the hotel furniture is heavy. At St. Augustine the waves dashed over the seawall and made rivers of the streets. Many wharves were blown away.

Between Green Cove Springs and Palatka on the St. Johns twelve wharves have completely disappeared. Between Jacksonville and St. Augustine not a telegraph pole was left standing.

The damage to the orange growers is great. In large groves the ground is completely covered with green oranges. The loss is fully 20 per cent.

The east coast is still cut off from communication below St. Augustine and Palatka, though communication may be restored tonight. Every effort is being made to hear from Jupiter and Key West, which towns are supposed to have been in the storm's center. The storm was as severe in the interior of the states as on the coast. It struck Tampa and then traveled southeast to Jacksonville and St. Augustine. At Ocala and Orlando, interior points, several eels were found after the storm passed. It is safe to say that the storm cost Florida more than a million dollars, but no lives have been lost, unless

at Key West, Titusville, Jupiter or other east coast points.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 29.—The *Chronicle* says:

"The officials of the Southern Pacific company have decided upon a vigorous reduction all along the line. They say that expenses must be cut down. The first cut is to be made on October 1 and this will be followed by a greater reduction in the force a month later. The staff will be reduced to a minimum all along the line and thousands of dollars will be saved in salaries alone every month. A system of consolidation of divisions is being developed. When this is accomplished it will result in the discharge of a great many employees, some of whom now stand high in their departments."

The *Chronicle* enforces its statements by confirmatory interviews with prominent Southern Pacific officials.

CHICAGO, Sept. 29.—Two men struggling on a bit of iron that projected from the Metropolitan "L" road bridge superstructure over the river attracted fully 500 persons to the Jackson street bridge last night. The battle lasted scarcely three minutes, and then one of the contestants plunged headlong in the water with a fearful gash in his abdomen and from the effects of which he will probably die.

Martin Randall was until a few days ago employed in the construction of the new bridge. George Atkinson, superintendent in charge of the construction, dismissed him for cause and Randall left vowing vengeance. Last night while the night crew were working, Atkinson was perched on the beam and was directing his assistants below.

No one heeded Randall as he clambered up the ladder alongside the crane and crept across the tangle of iron cross pieces. He reached Atkinson's side and catching him by the throat, tried to hurl him into the river. Atkinson is a powerful man and resisted with all his strength. The combatants swayed to and fro and the workmen below watched the battle for life as if spellbound. Atkinson lost his balance and plunged downward, but caught at the beam in time to hold himself. Randall had straightened up as his antagonist shot downward, but noting the new lease of life he had secured, threw open his coat and drew out a long bladed butcher knife. Then deliberately kneeling down he reached below and plunged the weapon deep into his helpless victim. Atkinson's hands released the beam and he fell into the water. Randall sought to escape, but was captured as he reached the ground. Officers Fallon and Butcher procured a boat hook and fished Atkinson out of the water. There was a fearful gash in his abdomen from which the blood was pouring in a stream. Physicians were called at once, and after sewing up the wound sent him to the hospital. Randall was locked up.

LONDON, Sept. 28.—A dispatch to the *Times* from St. Petersburg says the condition of the czar is considerably worse. The kidney inflammation, from which he is suffering, is much increased, and as his majesty's breathing at the beginning of the week became somewhat difficult and hard, Professor Layden, the celebrated specialist on internal complaints, was summoned from

Berlin. The physicians wish to send his majesty to the Crimea, but fear to risk the long journey.

CHICAGO, Sept. 29.—Captain Manard, the English marksman, last night gave a private exhibition to newspaper men of his new bullet-proof dress, considerable notice of which has appeared in the English press. Captain Manard used a 38 Henry rifle in his experiments. The first test was at a piece of steel about one-eighth of an inch in thickness which was placed in a vice and the cartridges which the captain intended to use were handed to the members of the press for safekeeping. The first of these was fired at the steel plate and the result was a jagged hole.

"Shall I fire at the plate or the lady this time?" asked Captain Manard and there was a chorus of "at the plate."

Again the bullet plowed its way through the steel. Those present refused a second time to ask the young lady who was Mr. Manard's sister, to pose as a mark, but the captain told her to step forward and she did so without hesitation. Miss Julia Manard had a pack of white cards in front of her body and Captain Manard fired. Miss Manard moved just a trifle as a result of the shock but the smile never left her face.

Other tests were made with the regulation Springfield in use in the American army and with the same result. It failed to pierce Captain Manard's protection, although the bullet fired just before this had gone through sixteen pine one-inch boards. Captain Manard proposes to give an exhibition before army officers on the occasion of opening of the armory October 9th. He will also ask General Miles to make tests of the resisting power of the material.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—Miss Nettie Lee, twenty-eight years old, the daughter of Henry W. Lee, the millionaire, went to the kitchen of family residence last night, and there with the aid of the two domestics, commenced "brandying peaches." A large quantity of brandy was placed in a pan and then put on the stove. The young woman superintended the heating of the brandy, and while testing it to see whether it had reached the proper temperature for adding the other preserving materials, the pan was upset, throwing the contents upon the hot stove. In a moment she was enveloped in a mass of blue flames. It was not until the arrival of male help that the young woman's burning clothing was torn from her and the flames extinguished. She was horribly burned from head to foot. She died three hours later after suffering terribly. One of the domestics was badly burned about the arms and face, but will recover.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—A new celibate order of laymen in the Protestant Episcopal church will be instituted today at St. Chrysostom's chapel by Bishop Potter. The order will be called the Community of the Brothers of the Church and has been founded by Russell Whitcomb, recently a student in the general theological seminary, with the approval of the bishop and the clergy.

The peculiar service, known as the service for the "profession of a brother" will begin this morning when Mr.