

commander, reports having gained a victory over the Japanese. It is supposed here, however, that the Chinese have met with reverse at Ping Yang. Floods in Corea still prevent the Chinese troops from crossing the Imchin river to attack the Japanese entrenchments.

Another report current here says that the Kirino division of the Chinese army has crossed the Kulin river and is now holding the city of Subing while awaiting the advance of the main body before attacking the Japanese right flank. No reliable news, it may be added, is obtainable here in regard to the progress of the war.

The *Hupao* reports that the Chinese admiralty has determined to order to Pei Yang from the Yang Tse coast all warships of a certain tonnage and armament. The *Hupao* adds that a number of torpedo boats from the squadrons at Foo Chow, Canton and Nanking will also be ordered to Pei Yang.

Intriguing enemies of Viceroy Li Hung Chang have reported to the throne the presence at Tien Tsin of Pei Lun, the viceroy's son-in-law, banished in 1884. The throne has ordered his return to exile.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 14.—From information received here from a highly reliable source, it is learned that D. O. Mills, the chief owner of the Carson & Colorado Railway, which now runs south to Independence, intends to extend that line to Mojave, probably within twelve months. This will give him two entrances into Los Angeles, one over the Southern Pacific and the other over the Atlantic & Pacific & Southern California roads. He has just had the survey completed and but one thing is keeping him back. The gap is only 125 miles between the two places, and its construction would provide an outlet for much of the low grade ores which do not pay a profit if shipped to San Francisco.

BERLIN, O., Sept. 14.—Professor G. Frederick Wright, the eminent geologist, has just returned and today made a statement which will cause surprise among people interested in the success of the Cook expedition of which he was a member. It will be remembered the expedition was brought to a sudden termination by the sinking of the steamer *Miranda*.

Professor Wright makes the statement that during the night of the storm nearly all of the crew of the ill-fated ship were beastly drunk. He also makes the assertion that in changing the passengers from the *Miranda* to the *Rigel* that one boat hand was hustled over the gangway by the seat of his trousers. The *Miranda* met with an accident a week previous, but the damage to her hull was underestimated. This night, under a high sea, she sprang a leak. During the three hours the *Rigel* was attempting to lay to the *Miranda*, the excited and mutinous crew broke into the fore-castle, where the liquor was stored, taking the liquor and holding high riot. They became so reckless they even smuggled bottles of whisky under their clothes while in terrible peril of crossing between the two ships.

Professor Wright stated that in his opinion the officers of the boat were in no wise responsible for this strange

condition of affairs, but that it was human nature for men of this class, in such a position, to act as they did. He says the *Miranda* would undoubtedly have gone down with the crew sober.

BOMBAY, Sept. 14.—The excitement which commenced on Wednesday at midnight at Hoonab City and which led to a riotous fight between Mohammedans and Hindoos continues. All business is suspended and the streets are patrolled by troops. The governor of Bombay, Lord Harris, is doing his utmost to reconcile the warring parties.

To make matters worse, a pamphlet in leaflet has been issued by fourteen Brahmins, urging the Hindoos to arms and inaugurate a religious outbreak as the first step toward the overthrow of an alien power.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Sept. 15.—A number of persons in the neighborhood of Ogle station, several miles from Belleville, St. Clair county, Illinois, have recently been taken suddenly sick without any apparent cause. The symptoms were violent pains in the stomach, dizziness and nausea. Children as well as grown persons were attacked in several families and the doctors could not solve the mystery. It seemed as if the people had been poisoned, but all recovered gradually, after having purged violently and partaken freely of warm drinks. The solution of the sickness has finally been solved. Water for drinking and cooking purposes had been taken from a well near the Ogle farm for many years by the farmers' families living in the vicinity. This well had become the nest of a family of big green snakes, which are said to have poisoned the water to such an extent that it is almost a miracle that those taken sick recovered. There was much excitement among the farmers when they found that the well was alive with reptiles. Some few were brought to the surface but the greater number, when the water was disturbed, crawled to a place of safety through the crevices of the rocks. The finding of the snakes in the well ended what promised to be a great sensation of a whole neighborhood poisoned by unknown parties.

HARRISBURG, Sept. 15.—The convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen today unanimously adopted a resolution sustaining the position of Vice Grand Master Hanrnan in the A. R. U. strike advising the members not to work with non-union men.

VIENNA, Sept. 14.—A conspiracy similar to that unearthed some time ago at Prague has been discovered at Tarnopol, Austrian Galicia. According to the police, seventy scholars belonging to the high school formed a league in 1893 to establish a Polish kingdom. A priest through the confessional obtained the secret of the conspiracy and influenced a traitor to write letters containing details of the plot. As a result, it is added, the ringleader and seventeen others were arrested and charged with high treason.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—A dispatch from Seoul, Corea, dated September 10, says the Japanese forces moving from Gensan completely routed the Chinese at Sing Chuen. Both sides are reported to have lost heavily.

LONDON, April 15.—A Shanghai dis-

patch announces that six survivors of the Chinese transport *Chien*, which stranded in Che Tung pass recently, with 1,400 troops on board, while on its way to the island of Formosa, have arrived there. They estimate that about 200 soldiers of the *Chien* were drowned.

YOKOHAMA, Sept. 13.—The vigorous press censorship has been relaxed but the local newspapers are still prohibited from publishing news regarding the progress of the war or the movements of the army or fleets.

WACO, Tex., Sept. 15.—At Gatesville the terminus of the Cottonbelt today, a fatal street duel took place between J. L. Goodman, editor of the *Peoples-Voice*, and B. G. Armstrong, editor of the *Star*, both weekly papers. The duel grew out of a personal controversy in the papers over the Ed Pash lynching a few months ago.

Goodman was shot through the heart and Armstrong through the bowels. Both are dying. J. G. Beeman, a bystander was fatally wounded in the neck by a stray shot.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Sept. 15.—The Peary expedition arrived in the harbor here at 1:30 o'clock.

DENVER, Colo., Sept. 15.—Representatives of the Mennonites, from Hayes City, Kansas, arrived here today on their return from an examination of the San Luis Valley. As a result of their visit the society will purchase ten sections of land to which 300 families from Hayes City will remove to engage in farming.

ALLIANCE, Ohio, Sept. 15.—A runaway occurred in a funeral party near Irondale, twenty-five miles south of this city in which fifteen persons were injured. Four teams plunged down a steep hill, wrecking the conveyances and throwing the inmates under the horses' feet.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 15.—Secretary Carlisle has written to Senator Manderson, declining to pay any sugar bounties since the date of the new tariff act.

The secretary says that he has arrived at the conclusion such payments cannot be made without further legislation by Congress.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Sept. 15.—The steamer *Falcon*, Captain Bartlett, returned this afternoon, bringing back the whole personnel of the Peary expedition of last year except Lieutenant Peary himself, and two others, who remain at Bowdoin bay for another year, hoping to accomplish the work of the expedition, which is still left unfinished.

The story of the expedition itself is very thrilling. The final incident of note was the birth of Mrs. Peary's baby on September 12, 1893, a month after the *Falcon* left last year. The various scientific observations were pursued all winter. The meteorological observations were most successful. They were taken by Mr. Baldwin.

On March 6th last, the main expedition started across Greenland to Independence bay, the farthest point north reached by Lieutenant Peary on his previous journey.

The storms reached their worst point during the equinoctial gales in March. The party was then in camp about fifty miles from Anniversary Lodge, in a temporary house at the head of Bow-