

water front below the railroad's general office building and will increase the storage capacity of local elevators to 5,000,000 bushels. The Northern Pacific is now unloading all grain as fast as it arrives, but this necessitates night work and the big warehouse is to be provided to relieve the present pressure and provide for the increasing business.

YOKOHAMA, Oct. 25.—Three thousand houses have been destroyed by a succession of violent earthquake shocks. As far as known 265 lives have been lost and a large number of people injured.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 25.—Among the advices by the Empress of Japan is the news of the arrest at Hiroshima of a female spy, who gives her name as Otaia. She has been using her wiles with effect among the Japanese officers, and had several of them at her beck and call, with the result that she was piling up a magnificent load of information for the wily, old Li Hung Chang, one of whose extensive household it appears she was. She is beautiful and accomplished in seductive arts, and as she speaks Japanese fluently, was admirably fitted for the work to which she was assigned. Her accent betrays her Chinese birth.

The officers who had been paying for her smiles with military secrets will pay the penalty of their rashness.

DURANGO, Mex., Oct. 25.—While Jose Marie Herrera was herding a flock of sheep on the ranch of Julio Flore, forty miles west of here, he discovered a cave, which he partly explored. He found stored in the cave a box filled with gold coins and ornaments valued at \$20,000. It is supposed the treasure is a part of the ill-gotten gains of Brigand Benito Marez, who operated in that section about thirty years ago and was killed on one of his expeditions.

Ten per cent of the amount discovered must be turned over to the state government.

OMAHA, Neb. Oct. 25.—A special to the *Bee* from Hyannis, Neb., says: This week has been a direful one in a large portion of the sand hills. Devastating fires swept through the western part of Cherry and Grant counties, burning on the north side of the Burlington & Missouri railroad track to within about four miles of Hyannis. Lashed on by a furious wind, the fires traveled at a pace that carried consternation as well as destruction.

The fire north of the railroad was set the first of the week by a man and his pipe about ten miles northwest of Alliance. The man was drunk, and in filling and lighting his pipe threw the burning match on the ground, where it ignited the grass. In an instant a fire started, which fanned by the northwest wind, at once set out on its mission of destruction. Specific reports of damage done on the ranches of some of the sufferers are not in yet. The losses in hay so far known are: Bartlett Richard, 1,500 tons; M. A. Graver, 300 tons; Pat Moore, 100 tons; — West, 100 tons; M. Woodruff, 600 tons; Stanby Brothers, 1,000 tons; J. H. Miner, 1,000 tons; Mason Brother, 1,200 tons and barns.

It is reported two men were burned at Mullen; one is dead and the other

is lying in a critical condition and will die.

YOKOHAMA, Oct. 26.—Later dispatches from Yalu river show that in the battle fought yesterday between the Chinese and Japanese 35,000 Chinese troops of all arms were utterly routed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 26.—The new treatment by inoculation for diphtheria and croup, as practiced in France, is the subject of a special report to the state department by U. S. Consul C. W. Chancellor, at Havre. He says that by this method of treatment only one out of four diphtheric patients succumb, whereas the figure is double for other methods of treatment heretofore applied. Consequently the consul, who is a Baltimore physician of repute, says that it would seem very desirable that the anti-diphtheric serums should be introduced and come into general use at the earliest period practicable, in the United States.

CHARLEVOIX, Mich., Oct. 26.—Mrs. Agnes L. d'Arcamble, founder of the Home of Industry in Detroit, and one of the foremost charity workers in the state, has provoked a sensation by her address in the state charities convention. She demanded that legislation be enacted to prevent large families where the people are indigent and unhappy. She argued that people had no right to bring children into the world when they could not support and educate them or be sure they would be physically strong.

The convention agreed with Mrs. d'Arcamble's views, but took no further action.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—The Indian office has received a report from E. C. Vincent in charge of the irrigation work on the Navajo reservation, New Mexico, refuting the statement of Lieut. Plummer, acting Indian agent, that money has been squandered on irrigation works. Vincent's detailed report accompanied by photographs shows the work has made good progress. Of \$10,000 placed to Vincent's credit last March, but \$5,000 has been used. Lieutenant Plummer has officially notified the Indian office that he has never seen the work.

CALCUTTA, Oct. 26.—News has been received in Simla, dated October 20, from Caboul, that the Ameer of Afghanistan was attending to business as usual.

MALVERN, Ia., Oct. 26.—The Farmers' and Mechanics' bank was visited by burglars this morning and it is supposed \$2,000 was stolen. Nitroglycerine was used in opening the vault. The building was practically blown to pieces and money and other contents were sent into the street. The thieves left money scattered over the floor in their haste to get away.

GORDON, Neb., Oct. 26.—Prairie fires sweeping over the sand hills in this vicinity are doing immense damage. The flames are traveling with almost lightning rapidity and consuming everything in their track. Last night the fire was driven by the wind through the central portion of Sheridan and Cherry counties. In the track were the big Osborn and Spad ranches and a number of smaller ones. This morning not a vestige of these ranches exists, except the bare and scorched ground.

OMAHA, Oct. 26.—The fact was made public this afternoon that the safety deposit vault section of the Omaha National bank has been robbed and in so dexterous a manner that no clue to the manner in which the work was done is obtainable. Large sums of money have been taken from boxes in the vaults and the exact amount of losses cannot be known until all have been examined.

The discovery was made more than two weeks ago and every precaution has been taken by the bank officials to keep the matter a close secret.

The principal loser is William Gladish. Mr. Gladish has been the lessee of a box in the vaults of the Omaha National for a number of years. Last March he placed in his box the sum of \$2,700 in gold. On October 5th he discovered that about \$1,200 of the amount was missing. He at once notified Mr. Millard and the investigation commenced.

ROCKFORD, Ill., Oct. 27.—Merritt Painter, of Webber, Kansas, son of Mrs. Painter, the disciple of Schweinfurth, who was killed at Byron a few days ago, will bring suit against the false Christ to recover notes to the amount of \$7,000, which she was possessed of and it is alleged Schweinfurth appropriated.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 27.—A fire, which resulted certainly in twelve deaths and the injury of three more, broke out in the West Street house, at Columbia and West streets, about 1 o'clock this morning and at this hour (3 a. m.) all the dead are burned beyond recognition and the coroner has decided to allow the dead to remain where they are in hopes that the proprietor could identify the bodies by the location of the rooms, the hotel register being saved.

The flames broke out so suddenly and so fiercely that the occupants were taken by surprise and there was a wild panic, men and women jumping from the windows in all manner of attire.

A sharp explosion was heard in the kitchen in the rear part of the second story by S. F. Butler, a son of the proprietor and immediately the flames began to spread rapidly through the dry inner timber of the corrugated iron building, which is one of a range of two-story structures owned by J. M. Colman on the east side of West street.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 27.—Fourteen bodies have been taken from the ruins of the West Hotel and two more are thought to be in the ruins. None have been identified.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Oct. 27.—Rev. Sheldon Jackson, commissioner of education for Alaska, has arrived from the arctic. He reports that the herd of Siberian reindeer at Port Clarence has been increased to 700 head and that they are thriving splendidly, very few dying.

The colony of Laplanders which were taken there last spring are instructing the natives in raising and training the animals. He denies the report that any of them were killed by falling over precipices.

Mrs. John Healy, whose husband manages a transportation company on the Yukon river, arrived from Forty Mile Creek. She says the Canadian government this summer sent in two customs officers who collected duties on American goods imported at Forty