

Bird on October 1st, and should not be held until October 16th, as the steamer *Homer*, scheduled to sail on the later date, would not depart.

Matthew Turner, local agent for Kennedy & Fritch of Tahiti, states that although there has been a contract made between the French governor of Tahiti and his firm in which the latter concern agreed to carry the French mails every twenty-eight days from this city to Papeete for a subsidy of \$35,000, he will not recharter the steamer *Homer*, as the experimental trip, which was made last August, and proved unsuccessful.

San Francisco, Sept. 28.—As remarkable case as has ever been brought to the attention of surgical science is that of Emil F. Coret, a 17-year-old boy living with his mother at 125 Morris avenue. Coret was accidentally shot last Friday, the bullet from a 38-caliber revolver going directly through the body, with no more serious result than if it had made an ordinary flesh wound.

The shooting occurred at Bradley, Santa Rosa county, and was accidental. The ball entered two inches above the umbilical cord, passed between the greater curvature of the stomach and the transverse colon, and came out one and three-quarters inches to the left of the spinal column, between the first and second lumbar vertebrae. None of the intestines were injured. There was no hemorrhage at all and no fever, and no operation was needed. The wounded youth will soon be as well as ever.

St. Cloud, Minn., Sept. 28.—In the course of a sermon at the installation of Bishop Trobo, the new bishop of St. Cloud, Archbishop Ireland today after calling attention to the many nationalities in the dioceses of St. Cloud said:

"It has sometimes been said that there is among Catholics in America a diversity of opinion as to the use within the Catholic church of foreign languages. There is no diversity of opinion. Americans and Catholics will before this altar of truth believe and assert that men are free to speak what language they will, to retain what memories they will, provided that always America and the language of American institutions obtain their best loyalty. Catholics in America may kneel before their God and pray in the language that best expresses their emotions.

"The holy Roman Catholic church, within recent times, has promulgated in this regard that law of liberty by sending a message from the eternal city that Catholics in America may speak and practice their religious duties in the language they may choose."

Santa Cruz, Cal., Sept. 29.—At 2 o'clock this morning a disastrous explosion which wrecked several buildings, but fortunately was unattended by loss of life, occurred at the works of the California powder company, presumably from spontaneous combustion. Eight mills, including the coling, mixing, glazing and packing houses and their contents, consisting of valuable machinery and about 200 tons of powder, were destroyed, the loss aggregating about \$250,000.

Denver, Colo., Sept. 28.—There seems to be no doubt that Elmer E. Black, a Pennsylvania railroad engineer, and his wife, were victims of the railroad wreck at Newcastle, Colo., September 9th. A special dispatch from Pittsburgh, Pa., says that Superintendent Robert Pitcairn of the Pennsylvania railroad has identified the burned and blackened portion of a Pennsylvania railroad pass taken from the wreck, on which the name Black could be faintly deciphered, as one issued to Elmer E. Black. The remains of Mr.

and Mrs. Black were in all probability among the ashes of seven unidentified victims, whose bodies were almost entirely destroyed by fire. Mr. and Mrs. Black were en route to California on their bridal tour when the accident occurred.

Alma, Neb., Sept. 29.—The farm house of A. L. Gordon burned last night, destroying three children. Gordon was dangerously burned in his efforts to save his children.

Manila, Philippine Islands, Sept. 29.—A fire here yesterday destroyed the gend'armes' quarter, the public library, the museum, offices of the department for the inspection of forests and many other public buildings, involving great pecuniary loss. In the panic which resulted, many people were burned to death, trampled upon, or otherwise seriously injured.

Paris, Sept. 30.—A dispatch to the *Politique Colonial* from St. Petersburg says the Afghan mission to Russia has returned home, bearing the promise of Russian support in the event of Great Britain encroaching on the Ameer's territory.

Peshawur, Oct. 1.—Afridis attacked a patrol of British lancers near Fort Barak this morning. It was an unpleasant surprise to the British commanders to find that the enemy has ventured so close to this city. Fort Barak is only a few miles distant from here.

Simla, Oct. 1.—In consequence of their failure to accept terms of the British commanders, the punishment of Mohmands was resumed on Wednesday. Twelve of their villages were destroyed and their fortified towers were blown up without opposition.

New York, Oct. 1.—In chase of an record, the North German Lloyd S. S. *Kaiser Wilhelm DerGrosse*, which broke the westward record on her maiden voyage to this port, has set out on her return trip to Southampton.

Her Hoboken pier was crowded with sight-seers and there was much cheering, waving of handkerchiefs and hats when the colossal vessel backed out from her pier and swung her sharp bow seaward.

The eastward record, established by the American liner *St. Louis*, is six days, ten hours and fourteen minutes. As the new German vessel cut one hour and fifty-six minutes from the *St. Paul's* westward record of six days and thirty-one minutes, there is little doubt that the eastward record will also have to go when the *Kaiser Wilhelm DerGrosse* completes the voyage on which she is now engaged. The vessel carried a large number of passengers.

Singapore, Oct. 1.—Early earthquakes are reported to have shaken many places on the northeast coast of Borneo, and a new island has been thrown up near Mempakut.

Washington, Oct. 1.—The cabinet meeting today was devoted almost entirely to the consideration of the Spanish situation and other foreign affairs. It was one of the longest meetings held since the advent of the present administration lasting over two and a half hours. The main subject of consideration was the present cabinet crisis in Spain and its effect on our relation with the Madrid government, and our attitude toward Cuba.

New York, Oct. 1.—When the whaling steamer *Hope* arrived at her dock in Brooklyn, Lieut. Peary and a party of friends were on hand to meet her. On board the vessel were Albert Opert, the artist, who accompanied the expedition; J. D. Higgins, Dr. M. F. Sohn, Ships Surgeon Robt. Stein of the geological survey at Washington, and Peary's servant, six Esquimaux and four dogs, the crew and the celebrated meteorite.

New York, Oct. 1.—The Herald prints an interview with Lieutenant Peary, in which he says: "I found no evidence of cannibalism at Camp Clay on Cape Sabine. I have said this repeatedly. I did not look for proofs or indications or evidence of anything which would again open this terrible episode of Arctic adventure. I did not go to Cape Sabine to obtain proof that the men with Greeley had their natural feelings overcome by the agonies of starvation.

"It seems to me, however, that this talk of cannibalism is unnecessarily revived. I think it has been conceded that the tragedy of Cape Sabine forced the men into conditions which could not have existed under other circumstances. It seems to me that the violations of the laws of nature would have been to have the living to perish when existence might have sustained by the 'food' which was put before them. It would be, it seems to me, only a matter for the individual to decide—whether he would partake of the dead or die.

"It would be different if lots were drawn and the unfortunate being made the victim of the lust of appetite of his living murderers.

"Nothing of that sort has been ever imagined of the tragedy of Cape Sabine. The living, in order to sustain life, may have been tempted—in fact, I believe it was decided that they had preserved their lives in this manner. But as for taking any part in any ghoulish search, that I did not, nor will I do so."

New York, Oct. 4.—Four men in the employ of Hennessy Bros., round fishermen of North Long Branch, N. J., were drowned today while about their work, about 100 yards off shore. They were Joseph Herth, Adolph Pierson and A. Hendrickson, all of Brooklyn, and Geo. Robbins of Monmouth Beach, N. J. Three other men who were with those drowned were rescued.

The sea at Long Branch had been very heavy preventing the fishermen from going out to the pound since last Friday. As the weather was pleasant overhead this morning and there was no wind, it was decided to try to reach the points. One boat in charge of Wm. Hennessy, one of the firm, succeeded in getting to the outer pound. A second, in charge of Capt. Smith, and containing six other men, was about 100 yards from the beach when an immense wave struck the boat and the seven men were thrown overboard. The first boat then put to the rescue. They found Capt. Smith and John Johnson clinging to oars and pulled them aboard. Andrew Nelson was carried by the waves into shore and deposited on the beach near the Hennessy shed.

Rapid City, S. D., Oct. 4.—Serious fires have been raging north and south of this place for four days and the citizens are exhausted from fighting the flames to save their homes. All night 600 men made a desperate stand against the line of fire approaching from the north, and finally succeeded in saving the town, though many farm houses were burned. The fire had approached within two miles of Rapid City. It had been burning for four days in the heaviest timbered parts of the Black Hills. It was swept toward Rapid City in a solid sheet of flames two miles wide.

From various points in Nebraska come reports of disastrous fires. Much farm property has been destroyed.

Much stock has perished. The woods and prairies are very dry, no rain having fallen here for two months.

Gus Kassong, a rancher living near Laramie, Wyo., was the loser of several hundred tons hay Monday night by an incendiary fire.