

In connection with the above it is a noticeable fact that Hermans's past is a sealed book prior to 1886, when he first made his appearance in the United States, and as yet nobody connected with the various churches which pulpits he has adorned together with his personal friends have been able to volunteer any information as to his history.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

CHICAGO, July 14.—Wong Chin Foo, the St. Louis Chinaman who has attempted to start a movement having for its object the enfranchisement of Chinamen who have renounced their native home and decided to remain in the United States for the remainder of their lives, is much encouraged with the progress he has made in Chicago and the general interest the Chinamen of the city are taking in the movement.

Accompanied by Leo Pack Jung, another St. Louis Chinaman, Wong Chin Foo put in all of yesterday discussing his petition with leading Chinamen and today will hold a conference with citizens of Chicago who have a friendly interest in the Chinese people and who would be willing to assist those who desire to become full-fledged American citizens.

NEW YORK, July 14.—The Herald this morning says: The Spanish reports at Havana and Madrid say that Carlos M. Aguirre, chief of the staff and nephew of Jose Maria Aguirre, is dead. Nevertheless Aguirre arrived here yesterday from Tampa. He was accompanied by Dr. Joaquin Dacasillo.

LONDON, July 14.—Morston Frewen has a long letter in the Times this morning in defense of the American silverite, in which he says: "If nothing but war is held by the financial jurists to justify the expansion of specie payments, we may rely upon it that in the present temper of millions of American citizens a pretext for war will be discovered."

CLEVELAND, July 15.—Further disturbances occurred at the Brown Holsting and Conveying work this morning when strikers and sympathizers attacked non-union men on their way to work. The non-unionists were beaten with clubs and felled to the ground. C. W. Jackson received fifteen knife cuts on the face and body and had three ribs broken. For a time the police greatly outnumbered by rioters were unable to cope with the mob. They were reinforced and succeeded in driving the enraged strikers back, rescuing the non-union men.

CHICAGO, July 15.—Ung Fong, the first Chinaman to be deported from Boston under the McCreary exclusion act, arrived in Chicago last night by the Lake Shore road in charge of United States Deputy Marshal Ruhl and Treasury Guard Ryan. The party will remain in Chicago until this evening and leave by the Wisconsin Central for San Francisco, where Ung Fong will be placed upon a steamer and sent back to China.

MALVERN, Ark., July 18.—The entire town was burned this morning. Only three houses are left standing. The loss aggregates four hundred thousand dollars. The fire was of incendiary origin. Four men are under arrest.

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

A cat got into the matches at P. H. Lawton's corner grocery, 1121 Harrison street, San Francisco, Monday afternoon, and started a blaze that destroyed \$300 worth of property.

Irving A. Leydecker, the five-year-old son of Trustee Leydecker of Alameda, Cal., died Monday morning from the effects of drinking a pint of gin which was accidentally left within his reach.

A man was found dead at Wright's Station, Cal., early Monday morning. The body was not identified, but the man is supposed to have been in a picnic party at Sunset Park Sunday. It is believed he killed himself. A pistol ball passed through the body.

Samuel Hessel, a member of the Santa Monica, Cal., National Soldier's home, was found dead by a haystack in the outskirts of town Monday. Death was evidently caused by strychnine taken with suicidal intent. The deceased was a spiritualist, and was a member of Company I, Ninth Illinois Cavalry.

H. H. Cole, a pioneer resident of San Bernardino, Cal., died on Sunday at the advanced age of 88 years. He was a native of New Jersey and at an early age emigrated to Ohio, thence to Iowa, and finally, in 1850, to Utah. He was not a Mormon and after twelve years spent in Salt Lake City moved to California.

Mrs. Eva Tenny, a well known California singer, was taken before Judge Angelotti and Insanity Commissioners Wotkman and Dubois at San Rafael, Cal., Monday morning on a charge of insanity sworn to by Marshal John E. Creed of Sausalito. After hearing all the evidence and receiving the commissioners' report pronouncing her dangerous to be at large, she was ordered sent to the asylum.

Two deaths from the heat on the Colorado desert are reported at San Bernardino, Cal., and if the temperature continues what it has been for three days past more will probably be announced. A Chinese died at Barstow Monday morning and two Mexican section hands were picked up by an incoming Southern Pacific train. One of them died and the other may not recover.

A Portuguese known as "Pete" was drowned at the Piedmont quarry, Cal., Monday morning while trying to save his old mule. The quarry is above the head of Lake Merritt and a deep pool was formed in one part of it. Early in the morning the mule started to back into the pool and Pete ran to his aid. He grabbed the reins but could not stop the animal and was dragged in. Pete must have been pinned under the mule or cart, for he did not rise, and his companions were unable to save him.

Bernard Mataran, of Oakland, Cal., died Monday night as the result of a hen peck. He was a dealer in poultry and eggs, and handled fowl a great deal. He purchased a hen recently at one of the adjacent villages, and while returning to his home was pecked in the hand by the chicken. The wound was small but painful. It became inflamed and swollen at once, and when a physician was called it

was found that blood poisoning had set in. Death was then only a matter of a short time. It is thought that some substance on the hen's bill was the cause of the poisoning.

A shocking accident took place at the Pacific Mail dock, San Francisco, on Monday morning. James Winslow, a foreman of the stevedore, fell into the forward hatch of the steamer Newport, loading at the dock, and suffered injuries that will keep him in bed for many weeks, if they do not cause his death. He was carried to the deck from the bottom of the vessel's hold, where an examination showed that Winslow's jaw was broken, his right leg fractured in two places, and three ribs and the shoulder blade were broken. He is about 40 years of age and has a wife and eight children.

The investigation into the conduct of the Whittier reform school, Cal., by order of Governor Budd, at the request of Mrs. John W. Mitchell, one of the trustees, is not completed. So far only the girls' school has been looked into, and a most brutal form of flogging has been disclosed. One example of this occurred last summer at Catalina, when it is asserted that Miss Olmstead, the girls' principal, because of some trivial offense, took a seventeen-year-old girl, disarranged her clothing and beat her with an overboe. The usual method of flogging is to make the girls strip, and then with a leather "cat," such as was formerly used in the navy, from ten to fifty lashes are given on the soft bare flesh. The thongs are dipped in water to make them sting more. These brutal practices have been fully established.

Little Roy Hazell, the four-year-old son of W. H. Hazell, a Los Angeles, Cal., storekeeper, died Monday morning in agony from burns received Sunday from gasoline set ablaze by a newsboy named Phillips. The newsboy had a roller coaster, on which he had a can containing gasoline, which he set on fire, and then coasted down the street playing "fire engine." He had consumed one can full of the fluid, obtained at a drug store, and had procured another at Hazell's on the pretense that he wanted it for cleaning purposes. When out of sight of the storekeeper, he touched a match to the fluid, and Roy, who had followed him, was seized by the flame and horribly burned. F. E. Miller and Mr. Hazell ran to the burning child and stripped the clothing from him but it was too late to save his life.

The San Francisco police are investigating what they term an outrageous attempt to sell a pretty Chinese girl into slavery. Her name is Day Toy, and several days ago she was arrested in this city on a warrant from Fresno, charging her with robbery. The warrant was sworn out by her husband, who, it is said, is one of the principal conspirators. Several months ago a similar attempt was made to induce the unfortunate woman to lead a life of shame. Failing in their purpose the conspirators threatened her with death, and then resorted to applying hot irons to the soles of her feet in order to force her to do their bidding. She refused to enter upon such a life, and managed to escape. Monday her husband discovered her whereabouts