

was killed in a battle with the Japanese forces at Asan is also declared to be untrue. Further denial is made of the report that the Chinese steamer Kowagui has been sunk. The Chinese government has ordered the authorities throughout the empire to protect the foreign missionaries.

CITY OF MEXICO, Aug. 10.—In a duel last evening, Senor Jose Veraslegui, chief of the government stamp department, was killed by Francisco Romero, a well known congressman. The seconds of Veraslegui were Apollani Costillo, president of the Mexican senate and editor of *El Partido Liberal*, and Ramon Prida, congressman and editor of *El Universal*. The seconds of Senor Romero were Senor Barrello, a Spaniard, General Lanro Carrillo, ex-governor of Chihuahua, and a member of the senate. The duel was the result of a quarrel over a woman. On the first fire Veraslegui fell with a ball through his heart.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 10.—The City of Peking brings the news of a great conflagration which almost to a national misfortune.

Just at this time when China needs all the improved arms she can secure, it is very unfortunate that the new rifle factory and steel and iron works established by Viceroy Chang Chi Tung of Hu Kuang, at Hang Yang, should be destroyed by an incendiary fire. The loss will amount to \$1,000,000. The incendiaries are thought to be coolies who had been rather severely punished by one of the officials in charge of the works.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—The correspondent of the *News* at Shanghai telegraphs that 12,000 Japanese troops from Fusan and 8,000 from Yunson are marching towards Seoul, the capital of Corea.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 10.—The following message has been received from Choo Foo, dated August 10th: A Japanese fleet attacked a Chinese fleet this morning off the harbor of Wei Hai Wei, where the Chinese have a fort said to be impregnable. The Japanese ships were placed at one end of the harbor, and they are now attacking the fort.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 10.—A letter from Mrs. Lulu F. Whildon, a missionary in Canton, China, says placards were put up in the streets stating that the foreigners in Hong Kong were butchering the plague patients and distributing scent bags containing some poisonous drug which would kill the Chinese when they smelled them. Dr. Halvorson was relieving a sick man who had the plague when she was set on and cruelly beaten by the natives. The mob dragged and beat the missionary into insensibility, and in all probability would have killed her had not Captain Burton of a gunboat lying in the stream rushed up and rescued her.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—A dispatch from Shanghai says: The Japanese have expelled the Korean operators from all the telegraph offices in southern Corea, and have placed their own operators in charge. It is computed that China will have 60,000 troops in Corea by the end of September.

DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 10.—A De Kalb special to the *News* says that about 3 o'clock this afternoon a crowd of boys met on a small prairie about nine miles south of here and were playing ball. A shower came up dur-

ing the game and they ran to a large oak tree. Lightning struck the tree and seven boys were killed outright.

OMAHA, Aug. 11.—Fletcher Robbins, defeated in the prize fight by Jimmy Lindsay, at Plattsburgh, Thursday night, is dying of the injuries received. It is reported that warrants have been issued for Lindsay, Sandy Griswold, the sporting editor of the *Bee*, who referred the battle, and a hundred spectators.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—Nat Goodwin, the well-known comedian, arrived from Europe on the steamer Germanic and went to the hotel Waldorf, where he will remain a few days. Mr. Goodwin will appear for the first time this season in Chicago, on October 7, in David Garrick, a character which he never played. Mr. Goodwin will play for a time in Boston in February in a new piece which Henry Carleton has written.

SHANGHAI, Aug. 11.—A dispatch from Chee Foo says the Japanese attacked Port Hamilton (Port Arthur) yesterday evening and were repulsed.

A special dispatch to Chee Foo confirms the report that the Japanese fleet attacked the Chinese fleet at Wei-hai-wei yesterday morning and were repulsed at one entrance of the harbor and subsequently attacked at the other entrance. The dispatch says the Japanese made a daring attempt to capture the forts and arsenal at Wei-hai-wei. The Japanese attacked in force, four cruisers and several smaller vessels holding the advance. The first shots were exchanged at daylight, but the Chinese were on the alert and their gunners returned a vigorous fire from the forts. The Japanese apparently expected to take the Chinese by surprise while the latter's warships were away, the Chinese squadron, with the exception of some small gun boats and a torpedo boat having sailed the day before for another port. The gun boats at the fort kept up such a well directed fire that the Japanese were unable to enter the harbor. The Chinese torpedo boats were then ordered to advance and when they did so the Japanese fleet retired. The same Japanese fleet attacked the harbor entrance later in the day. The result was not known when the dispatch was sent.

Dispatches received here say the second attempt of the Japanese fleet upon Wei Hai Wei has been defeated. Another dispatch says Pei Yang fleet is engaged with the Japanese fleet and a stubborn battle is being fought. Twenty-one ships are being fought.

WATERTOWN, N. D., Aug. 11.—Mrs. Frank J. Cory, wife of the editor and one of the publishers of the *Public Opinion*, a daily paper published here, has eloped with T. P. Bender, a wealthy elevator man of Spencer, Ia. Mr. and Mrs. Cory have one child, and Mr. Bender has deserted a wife and family at Spencer.

MERRILL, Wis., Aug. 11.—Forest fires have destroyed 100,000 feet of lumber and 200,000 feet of logs, belonging to L. Cornwell, about four miles from here.

GLADWIN, Mich., Aug. 11.—Forest fires are raging throughout Gladwin county and while much damage has been done, it is probable that the great work done in clearing the land will more than make it good.

At Smithcreek, a small town, eight miles from here, one settler was burned out. North and east of this city is a large tract on fire.

NEW YORK, Aug. 11.—There has been a great deal of speculation as to how much it has cost the Gould boys to keep a crack sailing yacht and one of the largest steam yachts afloat in commission. It is stated that since the boys left for Europe, a few months ago, they have drawn on the estate for \$400,000. This will seem a large amount to spend in sport, but steam yachts like the *Atalanta* are expensive toys when one reckons the complement of officers and men they require, to say nothing of the number of artists employed to navigate the *Vigilant* and the princely salary of Hank Haff.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 11.—The City of Peking brings details of the destruction of the American Presbyterian church at She Klung, near Canton, the mere mention of which was contained in the last oriental mail. It seems that anti-missionary riots began in the prefectural town of Tung Kun in June owing to placards posted up containing vile charges against Christians. The mob appeared in She Klung on June 19th and pulled down the church. [Luckily all the missionaries escaped, but a Chinese convert named Igan Lap Shang, who was overtaken, was beaten to death and his body thrown into the river. Several Christian families in the vicinity were subjected to indignities and robbed. Some soldiers then appeared on the scene and affected the arrest of two rioters.

The next point of attack was the Roman Catholic church. Those inside the church fled at the mob and held them at bay for some time. At this juncture a squad of soldiers came and dispersed them thus saving the building from sharing the same fate as the American church.

One June 21st the church at Sam Kong, a village of Taang Kiang, was sacked, and a girl aged 19 belonging to a native preacher's family was carried away. Fortunately in the middle of the night the Christian brethren were able, secretly, to open the door of the house where the girl had been taken, and securing the captive girl had her conveyed to Canton. Simultaneous with this disturbance an anti-missionary disturbance took place at Liu Po. Under cover of darkness a native preacher with his family had to seek safety in flight. The church, however, was left unmolested, as it was owned by a man of the powerful Wan family, who effectively protected the building. At Tun Kung city the viles and most exciting rumors are current, and had it not been for the proximity of the church to the Mandarin and the daily protection by a squad of soldiers who had been applied for by the missionaries at an early stage of the riots, it would, in all probability, have been added to the list of demolished churches in this disturbed district.

A complaint against the Tun Kung magistrate has been filed with the American consul in Canton, and an investigation will be made.

WATER MEET, Mich., Aug. 11.—Forest fires last night destroyed the business portion of the town. The loss is \$75,000.

COWES, Isle of Wight, Aug. 11.—The Prince of Wales visited the U. S. S.