

of York was married previous to the union with Princess May of Teck. The letter adds that the story of a previous marriage was obviously invented to cause pain and annoyance to the royal couple.

CINCINNATI, O., Aug. 15.—A local attorney has completed some depositions in a case that is far beyond the ordinary. Years ago two sons and one daughter of Mrs. Kieskowsky, a resident of Posen, came to this city where they were respectable people. Four years ago the mother mysteriously disappeared from Posen, and word was sent her heirs here that the estate had been nearly dissipated and the little left was in the possession of Brockart Gardner, a son-in-law of the missing woman. A year ago Mrs. Beccard dreamed that she saw Gardner kill her mother and bury her. She made inquiries by letters and started an investigation that resulted in the placing of suspicion on Gardner. There was no tangible evidence until a few weeks ago, when workmen were engaged in excavating for a building. They came upon a mutilated body that was identified as that of the missing woman and Gardner was arrested. The body was identified by two wounds which it was believed the accused had inflicted while the woman was alive.

TROMSØ, Norway, Aug. 15.—Walter Wellman and party have arrived from the Arctic region, where their steamer, Ragnvald Jarl, was crushed in the ice, compelling them to abandon the attempt to reach the North Pole.

CHICAGO, Aug. 15.—The strike commission appointed by President Cleveland to investigate the Pullman and railroad strikes began work today. Vice-President Howard, of the A. R. U., was the first witness. He expressed the hope that the commission would use every effort to get to the bottom of the matter under consideration. Commissioner Keenan assured him that the investigation would be thorough.

"Now," said the commissioner, "tell us what, in your opinion, caused the railroad strike."

"The strikes were caused," answered Howard, "by the statement of the general managers that they would back up Pullman during the strike."

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—The President has written a personal letter to Chairman Wilson on the outcome of the tariff battle. It will not be made public, nor would any reference whatever to it have been allowed, had not some one of Wilson's friends inadvertently disclosed the fact.

LYONS, Aug. 16.—The Republic of France avenged the death of her beloved president at 4:55 this morning at which hour Santo was guillotined in the public square.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15.—It became known today that the United States gunboat Bennington, having on board ex-Vice President Antonio Ezeta and three other fugitives from San Salvador, was sighted late last night about thirty miles out from Golden Gate. The Bennington was overhauled by the tugboat Sea King flying a special navy signal and bearing Lieutenant Stoney, aide to the commandant at Mare Island navy yard. Lieutenant Stoney delivered the dispatches from Washington ordering the Bennington to remain outside

until further instructions should be received from Washington.

COFFEYVILLE, Miss., Aug. 16.—An immense meteor burst immediately over Coffeyville at 12 o'clock last night with a report that shook the earth for miles around and frightened the people almost out of their wits. Those who witnessed the phenomenon state that it resembled a ball of fire passing through the sky, and when it reached a point directly over the town, exploded with a deafening report. Fragments of the meteor were picked up in the streets today.

TROMSØ, Norway, Aug. 16.—Walter Wellman, with the crew of the crushed steamer, Ragnvald Jarl, arrived here yesterday by the fishing yacht Brentone, Captain Johnson, from North Spitzbergen.

All the members of the party are well. Discussing the failure of his expedition to reach the pole, Mr. Wellman said to a representative of the Associated Press:

"After the loss of the Ragnvald Jarl and the consequent breaking up of my line of retreat, I was compelled to modify my plans for the summer's work and make sure to be able to return to the coast of Spitzbergen earlier than I intended, though the expedition reached within a few miles of the eighty-first parallel on May 12th, eleven days from Tromsø.

"The season had then changed to the other extreme. North of the Seven Islands, situated at the extreme north of Spitzbergen, as far as we could see were masses of heavy, unbroken ice, which appeared absolutely impassable.

"The expedition then turned its face east along the northeast land, and then the northeast gales broke up the ice which had promised to afford smooth and easy traveling. The whole northeast land was explored.

"The scientific men of the party made many interesting observations in geology and natural history. Professor Owen French of the Coast and Geodetic Survey, Washington, accurately surveyed a large part of the coast.

"Among the points added to the map by virtue of the discoveries made during the survey are Capes Gresham, Whitney, Armour and Scott, and Walsh Island.

"On July 1st, with the seven men and an aluminum boat, I started on my way over the pack ice, but was compelled, after several days of frightful struggling with the ice, to give up the attempt.

"On July 4th I started to return to Walden Island, crossing Dove bay. We were all compelled for hours to wade through water waist high. The screwing of the pack ice threatened to destroy the boats and sledges, but though they were subjected to the hardest usages the aluminum boats came through uninjured. Had it not been for the protection afforded the stores by water-tight cases, progress would have been impossible in the pack ice, where men and sledges were half the time in the water and half the time on the ice.

"Crossing Dove bay, Alme, the meteorologist of the party, broke a bone of his right leg and had to be carried in the boat to Walden Island, which was reached on July 22nd. We waited a

fortnight for open water, and August 4th decided to push through the ice.

"The attempt was a most dangerous one, but was successful and four boats reached Low Island on August 6th, where we sighted the Brentone. Eventually we hired her to convey our party to Tromsø. We sailed from Low island on August 7th and reached Danes island on August 8th. There we took off Prof. Oyen (not Owen), the geologist, and Hydahl, the runner and sportsman from the University of Christiania, and the stores which they were guarding for us.

"Though we were unable to get as far north as we hoped to get in 1894, through the loss of our steamer and the bad nature of the season, I am determined to try the Spitzbergen route again in 1895."

FORT GIBSON, I. T., Aug. 16.—The noted outlaw, John Fields, rode into Bragg, near here, and Deputy Sheriff Johnson undertook to arrest him. Fields tried to kill the officer. J. Lungaford fired two shots and Fields fell dead within a few feet of where he killed Red Bird, the Cherokee, for which he was serving a fifteen years' sentence at Tahlequah, when he escaped two months ago.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—A dispatch from Shanghai, via London, says: The government of Formosa has published a schedule of rewards for Chinese who capture or destroy Japanese ships or kill or capture Japanese soldiers or sailors. The soldiers or sailors may be taken dead or alive. The government offers 6,000 taels, or almost £2,000, for the destruction of a Japanese warship, and 200 taels will be paid for the head of a Japanese officer and 100 taels for the head of a Japanese private.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—The Cunard Line steamer Campania, which arrived this evening from Liverpool and Queenstown, left Daunt's rock at 12:45 p. m. on August 12th, and arrived at the Sandy Hook lightship at 5:45 this evening. Her time of passage was five days, 9 hours and 29 minutes, which beats all previous records by about 3 hours and 10 minutes.

The Lucania, the sister ship of the Campania, had held the best western record between Queenstown and New York since November 3rd last, when she made the voyage in 5 days, 12 hours and 47 minutes.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Aug. 17.—Prof. Campbell, of Lick Observatory, has demonstrated with the spectroscope that the planet Mars presents no evidence of having an atmosphere. Prof. Holden says if any atmospheric pressure exists, it is not as great as on our highest mountains, and thus popular fancies concerning the planet are overthrown.

PRETORIA, South Africa, Aug. 17.—The rebellion of the Kafirs is assuming alarming proportions. The Transvaal police detachment which has been attempting to relieve the garrison at Agatha has been repulsed with serious loss. Emboldened by their success the Kafirs pursued the retreating troops and attacked the main column of Boer forces. The Kafirs were driven back, but the advance of the column was retarded.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Aug. 17.—Last November Col. L. C. Winston, of Pasadena, while with a hunting party,