

Broadway and Bleecker streets, which extended to Crosby street, and is estimated to have done a damage of \$2,000,000.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 6.—Col. Albert W. Johnson, the father of ex-Congressman Tom J. Johnson, died this afternoon of a complication of diseases. He was 65 years of age.

QUEBEC, Nov. 7.—The German steamship Canada, Captain Hahn, of the Hamburg-American Packet company from Hamburg and Antwerp for Quebec and Montreal with a large passenger list and general cargo, is ashore at Little Mistie light, 175 miles below Quebec. The bottom of the steamer is cracked and the tanks are full of water which is rising in the forehold.

Late reports say the Canada went too near the shore when passing Malene and struck a reef and it was necessary to beach the boat to save her from foundering. Passengers and crew are safe as the vessel lies on a Sandy beach.

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—A special to the World from Matanzas says:

Over 2,000 political prisoners, it is estimated, have been sent to Gueteca, Africa, since the beginning of the revolution.

CHICAGO, Nov. 7.—John Fuller, an aged German from the West on his way to Germany to spend the remainder of his days, was held up on a through Chicago & Erie passenger train at Archer avenue last night by four unknown men who dragged him from the car to the platform where they searched him, but without securing anything. So quick were the men that they got away from the train before the passengers really knew what had occurred.

The crime was one of the boldest of recent months and is only equalled by a similar occurrence at the same point but a few weeks ago when a woman was robbed in her state room while the train stopped at the station on its way east. In the latter instance the robbers made a rich haul. The police were notified and are now looking for the robbers.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 7.—The International Navigation company has libelled the Netherlands-American line steamship Oudam, which was towed into Halifax Saturday with her shaft broken, by the Pennland, for \$100,000. It is the general opinion of shipping men that the case is one in which unusually meritorious services were rendered, as the vessel would have been driven ashore on Sable Island and become a total loss during the storm on the following night, had she not fallen in with the Pennland. A strange coincidence is that just six years ago the Pennland was towed in to Halifax under similar circumstances by one of the steamships of the Netherlands-American line.

LONDON, Nov. 7.—The Berlin correspondent of the Times comments on the immense increase in socialist votes in the re-ballot in the district of Dortmund, resulting in the return of the socialist Lutgenau, and says: This is largely due to the fact that many centrists supported the socialists rather than the national liberal candidate. This, the Vorwaerts says, is the people's answer to Emperor William's appeal for cohesion against the socialists and to the threatened anti-socialist measures.

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—A special to the World from Colon says:

There was a riot among 200 Japanese laborers on a plantation on the island on Martinique with much bloodshed.

CHICAGO, Nov. 7.—A special from Winnipeg, Man., says:

Of scores of documents that have been issued since the parochial school agitation began, by far the most sensational has just been published by the Manitoba government. It has been kept by the government to be sprung on the eve of the general elections and the effect of the startling document is all that has been expected. It arraigns the Roman Catholic hierarchy for falsifying.

The Roman Catholics have all along contended that their schools were preserved to them under the bill of rites adopted when Manitoba entered the confederation of Canadian provinces in 1870. The Protestant contention has been that while reference was made to parochial schools in a rejected bill of rites submitted in 1873, there was no such reference in the bill ratified and adopted in 1870 by both provincial and Dominion governments. In answer to this Protestant contention the Roman Catholics produced a manuscript bearing date of 1870 which read that the rights of Roman Catholics to their schools should never be interfered with. This manuscript bore evidence of being reliable and authentic and seemed conclusive.

Now, however, the government shows that the date of the document was really 1873 and a scientific photographic process reveals that the figure three was changed into the cipher. The original figure 3 is by a photograph revealed in faded ink like the rest of the document while the cipher is in fresher and blacker ink.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Nov. 7.—The Herald prints a series of letters from correspondents along the south and west coast to the effect that dire distress prevails among the poorer class of people residing there, especially those receiving pauper relief. The retrenchment policy of the government necessitated the cutting off of half the pauper grant and, the fisheries being poor, many find themselves in wretched circumstances. The correspondents predict starvation in numerous instances unless prompt help be rendered by the authorities.

NEW YORK, Nov. 7.—Six members of one family perished by fire in their home in the top floor of a six story tenement at 311 Van Brunt street, Brooklyn, at 1 o'clock this morning. The dead are Chas. Ryan, his wife, Ellen, and their daughters, Johanna, 20 years old; Sarah, 17, Maggie, 14, and Lizzie, 12 years of age.

The fire started from a gas jet in a hall on the ground floor. It burned out Finnegan's saloon on the ground and roused Margaret Welsh and her four children on the second floor. The stairway being on fire, they went to the windows, from which they were rescued by policemen. The fire quickly got to the third floor, which was unoccupied.

After the flames had been extinguished a search of the building was made, and on the top floor were found the dead bodies of the Ryans. Their positions showed plainly how they had struggled for their lives. None of the

bodies were even scorched by the flames. Each member of the family had met death by suffocation.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—"No, sir, we will not accept autonomy under any circumstances," said Senor Palma, the Cuban minister plenipotentiary, when spoken to regarding the report that Spain might be willing to grant Cuba autonomy, but feared the Cubans would not accept it.

"If Spain wants to make terms with us," he continued, "they will have to offer better conditions than those they profess to make. In the first place we do not believe Spain wants to give Cuba autonomy. She only wants to deceive us as in 1898."

"We want absolute independence and to make an absolutely free republic of Cuba, we would not even accept such conditions as those governing the Dominion of Canada."

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—The President today approved the amendment to the civil service rules which will result in bringing many postmasters and employes within the classified service. The addition is as follows:

"And whenever, by order of the postmaster general, any postoffice be consolidated with and made part of any postoffice where free delivery is established, all employes of the office thus consolidated, whose names appear on the roll of said office, approved by the post office department and including the postmaster thereof, shall from the date of said order, be employed. Said free delivery office and person holding on the date of said order position of postmaster of thus consolidated with the said free delivery office, may be assigned any position therein and given any appropriate designation under classification of the act which the postmaster general may direct."

It is the intention of the postoffice department to consolidate many offices. This consolidation will not necessarily do away with the offices but establish them as stations of some central point. It is probable that Presidential offices as well as fourth class offices will be included.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—The Herald's correspondent in Rio de Janeiro telegraphs that in a railroad accident, on the state line in the province of Minas, many passengers were killed. Among those who lost their lives was Bishop Lasagana, chief of the Silesian order of monks in South America.

HAVANA, Nov. 8.—Rolooff, the insurgent leader, in the province of Santa Clara, has issued an order to the peasants to remove at least three miles from the towns and forts of Santa Clara under penalty of being shot.

Captain General Martinez de Campos, in order to counteract the effect of this order, is reinforcing the garrisons of the towns; he has ordered the country people to re-concentrate around the towns, and granted the farmers the use of all available lands near the towns.

HAVANA, Nov. 8.—A dispatch from Matanzas says a great fire occurred there last night. Three stores and a number of houses were burned. The loss is \$100,000, not insured.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov. 8.—The Speed Home for Friendless Children was destroyed by fire today. The inmates escaped. Since last Saturday, eight attempts have been made to burn the building.