

mine whether she was assaulted, or fell and received the injuries. Her hand bag was found along the side of the railroad track near by with the pocketbook missing and papers scattered in all directions. This circumstance leads probably to the theory that she was brutally assaulted and robbed. Mrs. Parnell frequently came to this place at night, and remained until a late hour. She was here last night.

At noon Mrs. Parnell still lies in an unconscious condition. The authorities are convinced that she was assaulted and robbed, and have sent telegrams to near-by cities and towns asking that lookout be kept for a man of medium height, with smooth face, wearing a light overcoat and Derby hat, who was seen in the vicinity about the time the assault is believed to have been committed.

YOKOHAMA, April 19.—The *Night-ning* today publishes the terms of the treaty of peace concluded between China and Japan. The new details furnished are that the indemnity is payable in seven years with interest at 5 per cent; but if the amount, 200,000,000 taels, is paid Japan in three years, no interest shall be demanded. Japan is also entitled, under the treaty, to the most favored nation treatment and has a right to navigate the Chung Kiang, the Foo Chow and the Hsu Kong rivers; to import goods of certain grades and machinery free of duty and establish factories. A new treaty of commerce is to be concluded, to be based on the existing treaties with foreign powers. China is to comply with the customs laws of Japan and finally, a part of the expenses of the occupation of Wei Hai Wei, Port Arthur, etc., by the Japanese troops is to be borne by China.

ARDMORE, I. T., April 19.—The main business portion of Ardmore, six solid blocks on Cadiz street, was burned this morning. Sixty business houses were destroyed. The loss will aggregate about \$600,000.

The United States court and jail were destroyed. The prisoners were corralled in the Baptist church. The heat was so intense that the vault and safe in which the court records and mortgages were kept, cracked, and part of the records of the court and all mortgages were destroyed. The Masonic temple is in ruins. The families are camped in the streets. Mr. Nell was burned so badly about the face, neck and breast that he cannot recover.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Commissioner Miller, of the Internal revenue bureau, has sent the following letter to Secretary Carlisle:

"Sir—Telegraphic advices received from the collectors in several internal revenue districts indicate that the aggregate amount of the income tax, by returns filed before the 16th instant, will be about \$14,865,000. Delayed returns and corrections, it is believed, will considerably increase this amount. The total expenditure on account of work, including necessary salaries and allowances, to the end of the present fiscal year will not exceed \$135,000."

The best judgment of the treasury officials is that, but for the adverse decision of the Supreme Court, the amount would have been about \$30,000,000.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 19.—A

special to the *Courier-Journal* from Paducah, Ky., says: Squire Dugger, a prominent merchant of Unionville, Ill., yesterday imparted a startling bit of information, if his statements are true. He said that last week he received a long letter from John Wilkes Booth, who is alive in South America, engaged in the mining business. Dugger alleges that Mr. Booth expresses a desire to return to the United States. Regarding the killing of the man supposed to have been Booth, Dugger says Booth states he was an accomplice, being the one that handed Booth the pistol with which he shot Lincoln. Dugger is deemed very reliable by those who know him, and he says he will give the letter for publication in a short time.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19.—Consul General Mills at Honolulu, in communication to the state department, says:

Sugar is now being shipped direct to New York from Honolulu. New arrangements have been made by the Western Sugar Refining company for this purpose. It is estimated that the new deal will divert at least 30,000 tons of sugar from the port of San Francisco to New York during the present year. This is the cause of considerable loss to the lumber and coal laden vessels, which come to Honolulu from the Pacific coast, and heretofore generally secured a cargo of sugar for San Francisco.

Many vessels left here this year in ballast, and others had to wait a considerable length of time for a load. Railroads will also lose considerable in freight, as most of the sugar now being carried around Cape Horn was conveyed across the continent of America by rail.

The first vessel leaving Honolulu for New York carrying sugar for the Western company was the *Kendworth*, and she cleared on the 15th of March and had about 3,859 tons, invoiced at \$200,423. The *Charmet* cleared on 25th of March, carrying 2,915 tons, invoiced at \$149,175, and the *T. F. Oakes* is in the harbor preparing to receive a cargo.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.—W. B. Theodore Dorrant, medical student, and assistant Sunday school superintendent, is to stand trial for the murder of Miss Marian Williams in Emanuel Baptist church library on Friday night, April 12, for the coroner's jury has found that the young woman came to her death at his hands; that he outraged her, choked her to death by thrusting pieces of her undershirt down her throat, cut her wrists so that she would bleed to death, and to complete the murderous work and driven a knife to her heart and in bestial fury had slashed her breast. The slaying and slashing were done after the girl was dead. There was only a slight flush to be seen on the prisoner's cheek when he heard the verdict that would place his life in jeopardy, but his cold, gray eye gave no sign of emotion.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 20.—The newspapers here are unanimous in disapproving the conditions of peace between China and Japan. They are opposed to the Japanese acquiring territory on the mainland of China. The *Novos Vremya* declares that Russia cannot tolerate the cession of territory north of the Gulf of Pechili, adding:

Japan may have Wei Hai Wei and any territory to the south. The revision of the treaty by the European powers is necessary as we believe England inclines to a separate understanding with Japan. Finally, the *Novos Vremya* says emphatically, Russia cannot allow Japan to acquire the Liao Ting Peninsula. The newspaper mentioned urges prompt action on the part of Russia. It favors the summoning of a European conference to consider the treaty but doubts the solidarity of the powers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.—News has reached here that the French authorities on Madagascar have put ex-United States Consul Walker aboard a steamer bound for France and under guard. He is under sentence to twenty years' imprisonment on a charge of being a spy in the interest of the Houas in Madagascar against whom the French have been waging war. The sentence was imposed by a court martial.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 20.—The czar has rejected the petition of seven journalists and literary men in favor of modifications of the press laws. The commission consisting of the ministers of justice and of the interior, and the procurator of the holy synod, to which the document was referred, reported adversely upon it, pointing out that the presenting of collective petitions is legally prohibited and that though the press laws are antiquated they have been repeatedly amended.

MOBILE, Ala., April 20.—Captain J. D. Vick, of Alabama river steamer, brings news of a cyclone that passed over Mathies Landing, 220 miles north of Mobile, leveling twenty dwellings and doing thousands of dollars damage. The plantation of J. G. Henderson is a complete wreck, eight buildings being destroyed. Three lives are said to have been lost.

ITEMS FROM ESCALANTE.

ESCALANTE, April 8, 1895.

We of Escalante had quite an enjoyable time on the 6th—songs and recitations and a dance for the children in the evening. We had one of the worst wind storms ever experienced here on the 5th of April. The people generally are in good health. The lucerne is quite green and the farmers have about gotten to their wheat and small grain. The prospect for fruit looks good this season. There are out of five families leaving for Snake River, Idaho, as they think this place is too tucked up for them. There have been three nice brick houses finished this year. Times are somewhat dull, or money is very hard to get hold of, but still there is a prospect of two or three more brick buildings going up this summer. Do you see that Escalante is trying to forge ahead and make our place desirable to live in. We are building a large reservoir and if it is a success we will be able to make homes for young men raised in this place.

I would like to ask a question: Is there any law as to how many inches of water constitute an irrigation stream?

Yours,

SUBSCRIBER.

[Answer—There is no such law that we know of.—ED. DESERT NEWS.]