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The Latest Report Is That
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the Palace.

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to Poison, Strangulation and
Unusual Torture.

It Is Said Certain Powers Will Depose
the Dowager Empress and Arrest the Al-
leged Murderer of the Emperor. British
Minister Attacked by a Mob Strongly
Feeling Against Foreigners.

London, Oct. 3.—A despatch to a local
news agency says that a Chinese news-
paper alleges that the Emperor of
China committed suicide after signing
the imperial edict promulgated on Sept.
21.

A news agency despatch from Shang-
hai says that the very latest news re-
ceived there concerning the alleged
death of the Emperor comprises three



EMPEROR OF CHINA

reports. One is that he was poisoned,
another that he was put to death by
strangulation and the third that he was
subjected to frightful torture, a red-
hot iron having been thrust into his
bowels.

The despatch also says it is reported
that certain of the powers contemplate
a counter coup to depose the Dowager
Empress and arrest and try Li Yung
Lu for the murder of the Emperor.

Sir Claude Macdonald, British Min-
ister to China, has informed the For-
eign Office in a despatch from Peking
that Mr. Mordmore, an attaché of the
British Legation, while on his way
home from the railroad station accom-
panying a lady, was insulted and finally
attacked by a Chinese mob, which pelted
Mordmore and his companion with
stones and covered them with mud.
Later some American missionaries
were similarly treated, and a Chinese
Secretary of the American Legation
was set upon and beaten so violently
that one of his ribs was broken. The
Minister says that there is a very dan-
gerous feeling abroad against foreign-
ers.

Ambassador to England.

Washington, Oct. 3.—President Mc-
Kinley it is reported, has decided upon
the man whom he will ask to accept the
post of Ambassador to England. The
name of the president's selection has
been submitted to Secretary of State
Hay, and receives his approval, but
the President will probably not an-
nounce the appointment until after
election. Senator James McMillan of
Michigan, it is now reported, is to re-
ceive the honor of representing the
United States at the Court of St. James.

One of a Mexican Jail.

Terre Haute, Ind., Oct. 4.—Henry
Athey, a railroad engineer, who was
long employed by the Pennsylvania
Company on its Indiana roads, has just
returned from Mexico, where he spent
eleven months in close confinement in
a Mexican prison. He was running an
engine on the North Mexican road when
he ran over a peon, cutting off both
legs. He was taken from his engine
and placed in prison and not permitted
to communicate with friends.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Oct. 4.—Charles

Wicks of Philadelphia, fell from the
new upper steel arch bridge into the
river, 170 feet below, and was killed.
It is thought he was unconscious before
he struck the water. He never turned
in the fall. How he lost his balance
is not known. He was in charge of a
gang of painters at work near the cen-
tre of the arch. His body did not come
to the surface, and was no doubt car-
ried right into the rapids.

Has Col. Piquart Been Murdered.

Paris, Oct. 4.—An ugly statement is
made by the Petite Republique to the
effect that Col. Piquart, who had pre-
viously taken exercise in the courtyard
of the jail daily, has not left his cell
since Thursday, when he was seized
with symptoms of cerebral congestion,
followed by coma.

There is no means of verifying the
statement.

Seven Patients Cured by the Craig Colony.

Mount Morris, N. Y., Oct. 3.—Seven
patients have been discharged as cured
from the new Craig Colony at Sonyes,
of which Dr. Frederick Paterson of
New York is President. These are
believed to be the first cures of epilepsy
in America. Foundations for eleven
new buildings are laid. The group
will be known as the "White City."

After Alger had refused, Melkjohn
agreed to pay half the cost of 67,000
rolls given to soldiers by the Pension
Office Ladies' Relief Association.

PHILIPPINES DEMANDED.

Spanish Commissioners Staggered by the
First Blow at Paris.

Paris, Oct. 3.—The first shot has been
fired in the Pacific duel now going on
at the Quai d'Orsay. The Spanish
Commissioners were staggered by a
demand for the retention of the Phil-
ippines made in a more or less mod-
ified form.

The Spaniards asked for time to
weigh the proposition, and accordingly
the next joint meeting will not be held
until next Friday.

The nature of the American demands
is not known but they were presented
after Gen. Merritt had paid his official
visit to the American Commission at
the Hotel Continental, but their tenor
may be conjectured.

FROM ACROSS THE SEA.

Vienna Premier Thun-Hohenstein
refused in the Reichsrath to explain the
agreement with Hungarian Premier
Banffy in the event of its being impos-
sible to pass the Ausgleich constitu-
tional law. The opposition demanded a
vote on the question and the Premier
was defeated by ten votes.

Budapest, Hungary.—Three laborers,
named Muzsik, Hartmann and Korcs,
convicted of plotting against the Em-
peror-King's life were sentenced
Muzsik to five years penal servitude
for conspiracy to commit high treason
and Hartmann and Korcs to two years
each.

St. John's, N. F.—Inquiries started
by the Government here indicate a
feeling that the colony should safe-
guard its salt supply and prevent any
more American barges from coming
here to secure cargoes of frozen bait
for sale in American ports.

Geneva Switzerland.—The trial of
Lucheni the Italian anarchist who as-
sassinated the Empress of Austria here
September 10 was fixed for November
8. An anarchist named Hugo Ram-
bent, accused of complicity in the
crime, has been arrested.

Moscow, Russia.—The United States
Minister communicated to the Rus-
sian Government the decision of the
Washington Government to be repre-
sented at the disarmament congress.

Low Price of Cotton.

Austin, Tex., Oct. 4.—The low price
of cotton is believed by one leading
dealer and brokers here to be simply
a result of supply and demand. The
dealers say that the supply is yearly
exceeding the demand by from one to
one and a half million bales. They say
that the world's demand yearly will be
close around 10,000,000 bales while the
supply last year ran to something more
than 11,500,000 bales, and from present
indications the crop of the present
year will exceed the demand nearly as
much.

Savannah Held to Storm's Tilt.

Savannah, Oct. 4.—For fifteen hours
Savannah has been in the grasp of a
West Indian cyclone. During that time
the wind blew steadily from fifty to
seventy miles an hour. While the city
escaped with comparatively little dam-
age, the loss of property among the sea
islands of the Georgia and South Caro-
lina coasts is believed to be heavy. All
telephones, telegraph, police, light and
fire alarm wires are down, and the
city is in darkness.

Has He Delusions.

Lyons, N. Y., Oct. 3.—The Rev.
Charles R. Hamlin, aged thirty-two,
the pastor of the Methodist Episcopal
Church of Butler Center, was adjudged
insane and sent to the Willard Asy-
lum.

He has delusions, is violent and im-
agines that he is Sams n. He has tried
to pry his brother's jaws open, think-
ing him a lion. He has a wife and one
child.

Torpedo Boat Breaks Down.

San Francisco, Oct. 3.—The torpedo
boat Farragut had another trial and
made a speed of thirty knots over a
measured course.

She was in a fair way to exceed this
when her port shaft broke and the
trial was ended. The vessel was towed
back to the ironworks for repairs. It
will require three weeks to put the
Farragut in shape for another test.

Spain Says the War Isn't Ended.

Madrid, Oct. 3.—The cabinet, at its
meeting discussed the protest that had
been received from merchants of Bar-
celona and other cities against the war
tax and the taxes on exports. The
Ministers agreed that it was impos-
sible to entertain any proposal looking
to the withdrawal of the taxes at pres-
ent, as the war had not terminated
with the armistice.

Hurricane Ruins the Rice Crop.

Charleston, S. C., Oct. 4.—The hur-
ricane which swept up the coast to-
day did not reach a higher velocity
than sixty-two miles an hour in Char-
leston. Little damage was done here.
Telegraph wires are down south of this
point. There is no damage reported
so far in shipping. The greatest dam-
age is to the rice crop, which is almost
tress, is dead.

Escaped Thief Was a Soldier.

Elizabethtown, N. J., Oct. 4.—Harry
Harris, indicted for burglary and grand
larceny, who escaped from Essex
County jail on November 27, 1897, by
digging through the wall, was captured
at Ticonderoga and lodged in jail again.
He had enlisted in the Sixty-fifth New
York Regiment, and had his uniform
on when arrested.

Canada Will Remain "wet."

Ottawa, Oct. 6.—Judging from pres-
ent returns, barely one-fourth of those
entitled to vote, did so on Thursday.
As a consequence, the Government will
ignore the whole proceedings. The
few ministers in town are reticent and
decline to speak for publication, but
the fact is known that no notice will
be taken of the vote.

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