

to inquire into the action of the local militia at Huntsville in connection with the lynching of Maples.

Recent dispatches indicate that Great Britain had larger purposes in view regarding Thibet than she made public when the Younghusband expedition (p. 377) was on its way to that secret land. She then denied that she had any other purpose than to arrange for better trade relations, and in Parliament the ministry explicitly disavowed all intention of occupying Thibetan soil permanently. But the treaty recently signed (p. 377) and just published, not only binds the Thibetans to establish three markets for mutual trading between British and Thibetan merchants, and to permit traffic along routes existing and to be established; it also requires Thibet to pay an indemnity of \$2,550,000 in three-yearly installments, and stipulates that as security for the performance of these conditions British troops shall be permitted to occupy Chumbi valley for three years, or until the indemnity is paid. It also provides that without the consent of Great Britain no Thibetan territory shall be sold or leased to any foreign power, and that no foreign power shall be permitted to concern itself with the affairs of Thibet or to construct roads, railways, or telegraphs or open mines in the country. Russia intimates that Great Britain has by this treaty broken faith. She claims that the treaty was forced upon the Thibetans, and establishes a virtual protectorate over the country. Moreover, she contends that it is a restriction upon the sovereignty of China; inasmuch as, while recognizing the sovereignty of China by requiring her ratification, the treaty once ratified transfers the sovereignty to Great Britain by compelling Thibet to consult Great Britain in its dealings with the other powers. This is considered to be aimed directly at Russia. A protest to that effect is reported from St. Petersburg on the 20th as having been ordered to be lodged at the British foreign office in London.

#### NEWS NOTES.

—The 24th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor is to

meet at Lyric Hall, San Francisco, November 14th.

—An heir to the throne of Italy was born at Racconigi on the 15th.

—Peter Karageorgevitch, king of Serbia (p. 137) was crowned at Belgrade on the 21st.

—Joseph Jefferson, the veteran actor, announced on the 18th his permanent retirement from the stage.

—At Chicago on the 18th the 18th annual convention of the American section of the Theosophical Society met.

—A terrific storm, unprecedented in its fury and long continuance, swept the Atlantic coast on the 14th and 15th.

—Prince Herbert Bismarck, eldest son of the "Iron Chancellor," died at Friedrichshue on the 18th, at the age of 55.

—Emma Goldman was prevented by the police of Queensborough, New York city, from lecturing at a picnic at Liberty Park on the 19th. No reasons are reported.

—The body of Charles B. Spahr (p. 358), formerly of the Outlook's staff and later editor of Current Literature, was found on the 21st near Broadstairs, Kent, England, where it had washed ashore. Identification is complete.

—Serious troubles are reported vaguely from Italy in connection with impoverishment and labor strikes. Troops have been called out, and in their attempt to suppress a public meeting addressed by the Socialist member of parliament, Ferri, many persons were injured.

—The World's Congress of Freethinkers, attended by 5,000 delegates, assembled in Rome on the 20th. Dr. Henry Maudsley was appointed honorary president for England. Professor Haeckel for Germany. Professor Berthelot for France. Professor Salmeron for Spain and Professor Ardigò Lombroso for Italy.

—At a public meeting in Zion City, Illinois, on the 18th, John Alexander Dowie proclaimed himself as "John Alexander, the high priest on earth and the first apostle of the Catholic and Apostolic church in Zion of that higher priest in heaven." His announcement was formally accepted by the officers and congregation.

—In an anti-Semite riot in an unnamed German village on the 11th, incidental to the celebration of the Jewish New Year, 50 Jews are reported to have been killed, 100 wounded, and unspeakable atrocities committed. The report, which comes by way of Philadelphia, is not authentic nor confirmed. It is accompanied by a statement that the facts are suppressed in Germany

#### PRESS OPINIONS.

##### CHICAGO TRACTION.

Chicago Examiner (Dem. and anti-ord.), Sept. 21.—The people of Chicago are now enabled to see at a glance just what is the

scheme of the stock speculators that are back of the fraudulent franchise planned for the Chicago City Railway Company. The dispatches from New York render the whole device perfectly plain. The "merger" of the Chicago street railroad interests" of which these dispatches tell means, of course, that Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan, whose acute interest in our traction situation has been so mysterious, intends to create here one of his justly celebrated combinations. The Union Traction and the Chicago City Companies are to be united in a way similar to that followed in the forming of the Shipbuilding Trust and the Steel Trust.

##### ROOSEVELT'S LETTER.

Goodhue Co. (Minn.) News (Dem.), Sept. 17.—Cleveland had a pretty good notion of the Cleveland administration and McKinley was complacent. But for downright self-sufficiency Roosevelt's nine column certificate of the Roosevelt administration surpasses them all. He gives Roosevelt praise which as a historian he denied to Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, Jackson and all the rest down to Lincoln. We understand Roosevelt thinks rather well of Lincoln, a little uncultured, perhaps, and inclined to be a weakling, but on the whole a good man.

##### THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

Chicago Inter Ocean (Rep.), Sept. 16.—The first reports of the Maine State election exaggerated the Republican plurality. Instead of nearly 33,000 that plurality was but 27,130. These figures are food for thought. . . . What do these figures mean? They certainly mean that the Gold Democrats of 1856 in Maine have all gone back to their party. They probably mean that the Gold Democrats of the East generally are going back to their party. These signs give no cause for panic. But they do give warning to Eastern Republicans that they can no longer count on the Gold Democrats to help carry close States like New York and New Jersey—that is, if such States are to be left Republican, they are to be kept so only by Republican work, and hard work at that.

The (Chicago) Voter (Ind.), Sept.—William Jennings Bryan is still very much in the limelight. What he will do for the Democratic ticket is, as yet, uncertain. He will be unable to prevent many of his former followers from voting for Debs and he undoubtedly knows that many of his old men will turn to Roosevelt. The moderate radicals will naturally cast their votes for the Colonel, while the extremists will turn to the Socialist leader. A godly company will go into camp with Watson and this total vote will more than offset the ballots which the Cleveland men will give Judge Parker. Colonel Bryan himself is keeping regular. He is looking farther ahead than next November. He may make some speeches for his party, but he has not retracted a single word of his attack on Judge Parker and the New York platform and his advocacy of the present Democratic platform is about as warmly enthusiastic as the editorial support accorded the candidate by the newspapers of William Randolph Hearst. Evidently Colonel Bryan does not consider Democratic success a cinch this fall for he has already announced that in the event of Judge Parker failing of election he, Bryan, will undertake the reorganization of the party once more.

##### WISCONSIN POLITICS.

The Dubuque (Ia.) Herald (Dem.), Sept. 15.—Democrats of Wisconsin should disregard party lines and vote for La Follette. Peck's election will defeat and not accomplish the reforms so necessary to good government. Cook is a mere tool. The game is to divide the Republican vote and elect Peck, thus relegating La Follette to private life, and his reforms to the junk heap. This newspaper fondly hopes that Democrats will support with voice and ballot the