

## AT HOME AND ABROAD.

LONDON, Nov. 11.—In the course of a speech at Enfield last evening Sir Charles Dilke, the well known authority on international politics, says that England had recently rejected a proposal by the three great powers to partition China. He also said the alleged recent inspection of the forts of the Dardanelles by a Russian general was by order of the Russian government, and that therefore it was possible that Russia would regard a British attack on the Dardanelles as a *casus belli*.

LEADVILLE, Colo., Nov. 11.—Rumors of rioting and bloodshed here today arose from an encounter in the early morning between one McKeever, now out on bail on a charge of highway robbery, and who holds a commission as deputy sheriff, and three special policemen. The police went to a saloon and took home a miner who was threatened with a beating because he would not join the strikers, and a conflict of authority arose, during which a telephone call was sent to one of the mines for troops. This caused the issuance of an order that troops are not to move hereafter without a written order from the commandant.

NEW YORK, Nov. 12.—A special to the Herald from Caracas, Venezuela, says details of the proposed settlement of the boundary dispute between Venezuela and Great Britain, through the friendly intervention of the United States government, have reached this city and appear to give general satisfaction.

After careful inquiry among the leading officials, it appears that the Venezuelan government is disposed to settle the question on the lines indicated in the agreement between the United States and Great Britain without haggling over minor points. The agreement that title shall be determined on the occupancy of territory for fifty years is regarded by prominent Venezuelans as a happy solution of the question. Some demagogues may oppose it, but the people at large will offer no opposition to this basis of settlement.

PEKIN, Nov. 12.—The Tsung Li Yamen has issued a secret edict appointing Cheng Taotai director general of railways, and granting him permission to construct the Hankow-Canton-Szechow lines. It also authorizes him to borrow 20,000,000 taels, 10,000,000 taels to be furnished by the Tsung Li Yamen from the first loan, the northern superintendency to furnish 7,000,000 taels. Altogether 40,000,000 taels will be required for the construction of the lines. Native material must be employed as far as possible on the Hankow line, but foreign engineers may be engaged.

It is rumored that the American syndicate tenders for this work have not been accepted.

Cheng Taotai is the head of the telegraph administration in China, and was lately Taotai of Tien Tsin.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—General Thomas M. Vincent, assistant adjutant general and one of the best known military men in the city, ended his career in the army today. He reached the 64th year and in accordance with

the law must be transferred to the retired list of the army. He was born in Ohio and appointed to the military academy from that state in July, 1849. His first service was with the artillery in the Florida hostilities against the Seminole Indians.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Nov. 13.—The 2:30 train from Louisville this morning, on the Louisville and Nashville, bound for New Orleans, was wrecked four miles from this place, in a very wild country, by train robbers. The engineers saw the obstruction on the track too late to stop the train which went crashing down a steep embankment. A rail had been torn up and coiled down again, three or four inches out of line. The train, comprising two mail coaches, baggage car and two first class coaches, was completely wrecked. The track was torn up fully 200 yards.

Three persons were seriously injured, Jno. Thwait of Atlanta, bound for Dallas, Texas, and W. G. McGovey of Monroe, being most seriously hurt. Two other passengers pinned under the smoking car, were released only after an hour's hard work. Their names could not be ascertained. Bloodhounds have been set on the trail of the wreckers. Suspicion rests on a colored track walker, who was captured near the place. He claims to have been posted there to watch for train wreckers for the company. The damage is fully \$50,000.

LYMAN, N. H., Nov. 14.—A terrible double crime was committed in this little town. Herbert R. Ash, a well-to-do farmer and one of the best known men in the community, shot his wife and then hanged himself. The first intimation of the crime was when the nine-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ash delivered a note to a brother of Ash. The note read as follows:

"Dear Brother: When you read these lines Ella and I will be numbered with the dead."

The body of Ash was found hanging by a halter around his neck from a beam over the barn door. There was a bullet wound in one arm that showed that he had attempted his own life with the revolver which had been the means of his wife's death. There was evidence of a struggle between the husband and wife.

No reason for the deed can be assigned as the marital relations of Ash and his wife were supposed to be of the happiest.

LONDON, Nov. 14.—[Copyrighted 1896 by the Associated Press.]—Prof. D. G. Elliott, leader of the Field Columbian Museum at the Chicago exposition, with Mr. C. E. Akeley, head taxidermist of the museum, left Southampton by the St. Louis on their return to America, after a most successful expedition into Somaliland, whither they went in March last for the purpose of making a natural history collection for the museum. Asked as to the results of the expedition, Professor Elliott said: "I have a very large collection chiefly of large mammals, probably the most complete ever brought out of any country by one party. No less than 58 cases and barrels were shipped direct from Aden

to Chicago where they will arrive at the end of November. I obtained, moreover, over 300 specimens of birds, fish, insects and reptiles.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16.—Lucien Baigalupi, a totally blind boy, says he can see objects by the use of the cathode rays. Such is the statement made by Dr. Waverly Clark, a local physician.

Young Baigalupi's father conducts a phonograph and kinoscope establishment here and among the attractions of the place is an X-ray apparatus. The boy in company with Dr. Clark visited his father's place and in fun asked to go into the X-ray room and ascertain if he could see anything. The boy has been totally blind for fourteen years, but as soon as he put the fluoroscope to his eyes he exclaimed that he could see. He was able to distinguish different objects, but without the use of the X-ray was as blind as ever. Dr. Clark in speaking of the matter said that there was probably a film over the boy's eyes which was impenetrable by ordinary light, but which was pierced by the powerful X rays.

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—A Tribune special from Jacksonville, Fla., says: Ciproer dispatches just received report a fierce battle in progress in Pinar del Rio.

It is believed Maceo and Weyler have met. The reports of fire arms have been almost incessantly heard for several hours.

No details of the engagement are given other than the statement that a most decisive engagement is being waged. The last definite news of Captain General Weyler located him at Oleaya, within a few miles of Maceo's intrenchments, where the battle is raging.

The dispatch adds:

Insurgent forces are well located in the hills and are pouring a hot fire into the Spanish troops, which have repeatedly been driven back in attempts to capture the Cuban stronghold.

The insurgents have the advantage of positions being at a great elevation but the Spaniards are making a most desperate attack. From a distance it looks as if several towns are in flames. The sky is lighted up by the constant fire of the artillery. Whether or not Maceo himself is directing the insurgents' tactics cannot at this time be learned.

Consul General Lee has acquitted the administration with these facts and the President simply is awaiting events and will shape his course by the developments. It is the hope of Weyler that he will be able to secure a decided victory before the assembling of Congress, December 7th. Spain fears adverse action by that body and urges General Weyler to demonstrate his ability to crush the rebellion within two weeks if possible.

In view of the fact that Spain is now making an almost supreme effort to subdue her insurgent colony and that a crisis apparently is at hand, the President will delay writing that part of his forthcoming message on the Cuban situation, until the last moment before the meeting of Congress. The position the administration will take with reference to Cuba in this message will be largely determined