

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

TIEN TSIEN, Aug. 6.—Jules Deutril De Rhines, the eminent French explorer, has been murdered in Thibet and his body thrown into the river. The French envoy has addressed a protest to the government, demanding the recovery and the return of the unfortunate man's body and papers, also that the Chinese government make an apology for the occurrence and provide proper compensation for the family of the murdered.

OMAHA, Aug. 6.—An appeal for the drouth-stricken portions of Nebraska, signed by a committee claiming to represent large interests, was today sent to the governor. It recites that the committee has just returned from an extensive visit through the section through which the hot winds destroyed crops. The committee explains that it has reason to believe from what has been told that thousands of families will either starve, emigrate or be fed by charity, unless the people as a whole provide for them.

The committee suggests as a solution of the problem that a special session of the legislature be called immediately to devise a state system of irrigation, and that those in the drouth districts be given employment in the ditches. They locate most of the distress west of Grand Island to Holdrege.

DENVER, Aug. 7.—Joe R. Wilson, the El Paso county ex-deputy sheriff, captured in Missouri, has made a full confession of the tarring and feathering of Adjutant General Tarsney at Colorado Springs. According to his story, Sheriff Bowers was the chief conspirator and released a murderer from jail to assist in the outrage. Bowers furnished the tar to Deputy Sheriff Quackenbush, and Mrs. Quackenbush ripped open a pillow to provide the feathers. The others engaged in the affair were Deputy Sheriff Bob Mulling, Captain Saxton and Sergeant Bancroft of troop A, Colorado Springs, Sherman and Walter Crumley, hack drivers; "Shorty" Allen and Samuel Shellenberger. The scheme to kidnap Tarsney originated while the deputies were in camp at Gillette and they carried it out at the first favorable opportunity.

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 6.—Rev. J. J. Pierce died today after a prolonged attack of hiccoughs. On July 18th he was taken with a cold, and violent hiccough followed. He began to sink a few days ago from gastritis, and hiccoughing did not stop until he was at death's door.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Information received at the Japanese legation is that Mr. Sinichiro Kurino, the new minister to this country, will leave Japan today for his new post of duty.

The legation has not yet had any communication from Valentine Nowacki, the leader of the foreign forces of the Pennsylvania coke strikers, who proposed to offer to raise 5,000 soldiers for use in the war against China. It is pretty safe to say that while Nowacki's offer will be duly appreciated, yet it would be promptly declined.

The Japanese army has been brought up to a very high standard of efficiency, modeled very much after the

tactics in vogue in Germany, and if the former government sought the assistance of foreign troops, which is not regarded as probable, it is likely that efforts will be made to obtain them from Germany.

COAL CITY, Ill., Aug. 8.—Carbon Hill, the seat of the Star Coal companies' operations, situated one mile and a half from here, was at the mercy of an Italian mob of several hundred dissatisfied miners. On three occasions the sheriff's deputies were summoned to number two shaft, and the miners at work were each time hurriedly hoisted to the top to stay the tide of onward marching Italians. Later the strikers held a noisy meeting in the principal street of the village and voted to wreak destruction to life and property early today should the miners persist in going to work.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Aug. 8.—Dr. J. T. Reed, a prominent mine owner and politician, has been arrested as one of the principals in the Tarsney outrage. On him when arrested was found a copy of an extraordinary oath which, according to Wilson's confession, was subscribed to by all the parties to the outrage. They swore to inflict "just and needed punishment on anarchists and such other criminals and murderers and strikers in Cripple Creek and fellow sympathizers, either in high or low positions, the executive of the state not excepted, as we shall deem guilty of crimes against law abiding citizens." They also pledged themselves to punish any who gave away the secrets of the order.

The grand jury has returned 321 indictments mainly growing out of the Cripple creek troubles and in the presentments says: "The executive officers of the county have been seriously interfered with by the executive department of the state in the execution of the writs."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 8.—Through the efforts of the district commissioners, about eighty commonwealers, consisting of the Galvin and Thomas divisions of Fry's army, left the city last night over the Chesapeake and Ohio roads for their homes in Cincinnati and Los Angeles. Galvin and Thomas, it is said, are the only commonwealers who have not deserted their men after bringing them here.

PARIS, Aug. 8.—The mother of Cærio Santo, the assassin of President Carnot has written Mme. Carnot asking her to intercede with President Casimir-Perier for the life of her son.

The mother has received this letter from Cærio:

"Dear Mother—I write you a few lines in order to inform you that I have been condemned to death. What must you think of me? You cannot think I am an assassin and malefactor. You know my good heart and my tenderness was always show to you. Well, my heart is the same today. If I have committed such an act it was simply because I was tired of looking on such an infamous world. I thank the priest for coming to me, but I do not care to confess. I salute you, my brothers and sisters and others with a thousand kisses."

DENVER, Aug. 8.—W. H. Thomp-

son, secretary of the Colorado Humane society, writing under the name of Harper Thomson, has been corresponding with W. J. Carnell, of El Cajon valley, fifteen miles from San Diego, Cal., who pretends to conduct a home for children. After a number of letters passed Carnell wrote: "For \$1,000 we will take care of your boy and see that he never returns to you again, in short so hide him away, that he will be as one who is dead."

El Cajon valley is a small hamlet having only a few stores. There is no institution of any kind located there. It is a most infamous scheme to get hold of money and in some manner make away with innocent children, said Mr. Thompson.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—A dispatch from Hong Kong to the *Times* says the viceroy of Kwang Htung has enlisted 5,000 black flags with which to strengthen the garrisons of the Canton river forts.

In addition the viceroy has stationed four gunboats at Tiger Island, in the Canton river, and at the lead mines at Foo Chow and Tamsui.

The viceroy of Kwang Htung has also closed the light house on the southern coast.

OMAHA, Aug. 8.—The crisis arrived tonight and if there is no improvement by morning several companies of militia will be sent to South Omaha and the packing house district placed under martial law. The situation is most serious tonight and the 1,500 strikers have been doing about as they pleased. At 6 o'clock this evening they forced their picket line that has for forty-eight hours surrounded the packing houses under the walls of the big buildings, and their number was increased by the addition of several hundred men.

At 1 o'clock this (Thursday) morning the conference of the municipal, county and state authorities with the packers, sitting since 8 o'clock, decided to send 200 deputies to the scene at once to maintain order.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—Four patients from the steamship Balmoral, which arrived at Gravesend yesterday from St. Petersburg, are found to be suffering from Asiatic cholera. The Balmoral, upon arrival, reported that one of her seamen died the previous day of cholera.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Aug. 8.—A paper published near Forman, N. D., brings out a romantic incident in connection with the nomination by the Republican state convention of Miss Emma F. Bates, of Valley City, to be state superintendent of schools.

Miss Bates had charge of her canvass for the nomination, and found formidable opposition in John Devine and Professor J. H. Holland. She was able to sidetrack the latter by making herself solid with the Young Men's Republican League. She then entered into negotiations with Mr. Devine, first demanding unconditional surrender. This he refused.

After further negotiations it is said he agreed to pull off the track provided if she was elected state superintendent she would make him her deputy and marry him in the bargain. After some deliberation she agreed to do this, providing he would stump the state for her. As he is a powerful speaker, with a fund of wit and repartee, Miss Bates is con-