

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

ST. LOUIS, March 6.—Tonight about 9 o'clock the Mobile & Ohio train, which left here at 6:35 o'clock was held up by three robbers at Forest Lawn, Ill. This is the third time within the past six months that this road has suffered from robbers at this point. It is thought tonight's hold-up was perpetrated by members of the same gang which committed the other robberies.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—In the House, Speaker Crisp presented (by request), a petition from the Governor and Legislative Assembly of Utah, protesting against the removal of the southern Ute Indians from Colorado to Utah, and a memorial from the same source, for the allotment of Indian lands in severalty.

The House then went into committee of the whole on the pension bill.

ST. LOUIS, March 5.—The two great bodies of Methodism met in a joint love feast and communion services today. Forty or fifty ministers were present and all united in attesting joy at the burial of strife and dissension. The meeting was unique in St. Louis, where the feelings over the civil war ran high. The split in Methodism dates back to 1844, when a southern bishop did not liberate his slaves at the behest of the general conference.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—The plan to use aluminum boats in the Wellman Arctic exploration has attracted considerable attention. The navy department is considering the possibility of aluminum boats as additions to the equipments of the new men-of-war. Naval Constructor Woodward went to Baltimore today, where a thorough test of the boats will be made.

NEW YORK, March 5.—The *Herald's* Paris special says: Miss Iva Van Etten, an American writer who has been living for several months at the Continental hotel, this city, died at 3 o'clock this morning, amid most pitiful surroundings. It is said the unfortunate lady died of starvation. The cause of Miss Van Etten's death was officially certified as heart failure.

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, March 6.—The electric railway has been tied up since Sunday by a strike. At noon it ran out a car with a non-union crew. The streets were crowded with idle mill hands. They greeted the appearance of the car with hoots and epithets, and finally a rush was made for it and all the windows were smashed in a jiffy. In the midst of the turmoil there was a heavy explosion, subsequently discovered to be of a dynamite cartridge.

Nobody was hurt and it is believed it was merely intended for intimidation. A second car which was run out was treated as the first.

The company later decided to give up the attempt to run the cars.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 6.—A scene of wildest excitement and terror was enacted this afternoon in the rooms of the Commerce & Commission company when Attorney B. B. Clay, who has been operating extensively, became greatly excited and pulled a revolver on Manager Clarke. Clay's deals had not been entirely satisfactory and when sugar went up twelve points he was wild. He shoved a

revolver under the nose of Manager Clarke and demanded the money due him. Clarke said no money was due, but offered to give Clay a check for \$100. He went into a vault and got a check book and slammed the door after him, leaving Clay on the outside. The latter began waving his revolver and everybody on the floor made a wild break for cover. Clay, after clearing out the place, departed without offering to shoot. It was fully half an hour before anybody relieved Clarke from the vault.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., March 6.—There was a wholesale chloroforming of residents by burglars in this city last night. The entire family of Frank Briggs was put under the influence and the house ransacked. A large amount of money was taken and it was several hours before the family could be revived. The home of Wm. Quick was then visited and the family chloroformed. Next the burglars visited Frank Bayer's home and chloroformed the entire family. It is believed the burglars were the same who assassinated Stephen Geer. Lynching is among the possibilities if the burglars are caught.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Secretary Morton has just added a new division to the organization of the weather bureau, namely a division devoted to the subject of meteorology in its relation to agricultural soils. The division is to study the climatic conditions, heat and moistures under the surface of the ground, and the relations of these conditions to crop producing. The secretary has appointed as chief of the new division Professor Milton Whitney of Maryland, late of John Hopkins University.

LONDON, March 6.—A dispatch to the *Times* from Paris says: An officer who has returned from Dahomey reports that when King Behanzin found escape impossible he summoned his aged mother and said: "I am going to surrender to France. My father must know it. You shall see and tell him."

The king thereupon had his mother beheaded, while he calmly looked on, smoking a pipe.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 7.—A war between the Catholics and Protestants has broken out in Memphis. The Protestant Pastor's association has come out in a lengthy card defending the principles of the American Protective association and attacking the Catholics, whom they charge with being engaged in a conspiracy to control all the offices. The Protestants express a determination to carry the war into the coming elections and endeavor to defeat every Catholic candidate for office. The publication of the card caused a tremendous sensation.

WASHINGTON, D. C. March 7.—There was some discussion of the admission of Utah in the Senate committee on territories this morning and Faulkner, chairman of the committee, said the bill should have early consideration and be taken up with a view to prompt and favorable action. The question was brought up by Carey, who was joined by White of California, in representations that the people of Utah

were growing anxious over the delay and there were many business interests which would be affected by admission, which made it important that what was to be done by the Senate should be known.

NEW ORLEANS, March 7.—Congressman Blanchard has been appointed United States senator to succeed Judge White, whose resignation takes effect March 12. He represents the Fourth district of Louisiana in the House of Representatives.

LANDER, Wyo., March 8.—Another effort is being made to secure another commission to treat with the Indians for the purchase of a part of the Shoshone reservation. A bill has been introduced in the Senate authorizing the appointment of a commission. The people residing in this section earnestly hope that if the commission is appointed it will be more successful than the previous one. There are several thousand acres of valuable agricultural land in the southern part of the reservation which should be thrown open to settlement.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., March 8.—By request a committee of strikers held a conference today with the military and civil authorities. The miners will probably resume at a reduction. The trouble is considered settled.

PHILADELPHIA, March 8.—The new battleship Indiana arrived at the wharf this afternoon after a most successful builders' trial. The builders were highly pleased over the behavior of the big ship and feel confident that she will win a good sized premium on the official trial.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8.—Trotting horsemen representing nearly all the country and district agricultural associations of California and several associations of other Pacific coast states, met in this city last night and formally decided to break away from the national association. The final result was the organization of the Pacific Coast Trotting and Pacing association.

TURIN, March 8.—Louis Kossuth has suffered a relapse and is now very weak.

DENVER, Colo., March 8.—The city police are massed at the city hall tonight, under orders from Police Commissioners Orr and Martin, to prevent their successors, Dennis Mullin and S. D. Barnes, appointed today, from taking possession of the offices.

Counsel for Orr and Martin tonight secured from Judge Graham a temporary writ of injunction, restraining Governor Walte from calling out the militia, restraining Mayor Van Horn from calling a posse to assist in forcing the commissioners, Orr and Martin, out of their offices, and restraining the governor's new appointees from taking their seats. The writ was served on all the interested parties this evening. The governor was wild with rage.

BOSTON, Mass., March 8.—The contract for the raising of the wrecked United States steamship Kearsarge has been awarded to the Boston Towboat company of this city. By the agreement, the company is to receive \$45,000 if successful in delivering the ship at the Norfolk navy yard, and if unsuccessful will be paid \$10,000 for having made the attempt.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9.—Dr. J. L. Leek, who with Miss Alice Audersley was found unconscious in the rooms of the latter last Monday, the woman