

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—The President has pardoned S. M. Duggins, sentenced in Utah to nine months' imprisonment for adultery.

Pardon has been re used in the case of P. J. Bannon, sentenced in Oregon to six months for landing Chinese.

TOPEKA, Kan., Oct. 29.—The murderer of Edward Ilston, the 14-year-old son of W. F. Ilston, a prominent farmer living eight miles east of Topeka, has been arrested. The murderer is also a boy, being only 18 years old. His name is David Coulter. He was arrested this morning in Valley Falls, thirty miles north of here, and was brought to Topeka tonight. He was taken before Justice Marple and made a confession. He was bound over to the district court, and was taken to the penitentiary for safe keeping.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 29.—Two suburban trains on the Missouri Pacific road, one loaded down with suburbanites returning home from the theatres of this city and the other coming into town, collided within the city limits about midnight tonight. A horrible wreck resulted, both engineers being killed and both firemen and a passenger being fatally injured.

The engineers are still under the wreck, horribly mangled. Their names are not obtainable now. Firemen True and Dunbar and Patrick Taylor of this city, who was a passenger on the incoming train, are all fatally hurt, and were removed to the Missouri Pacific hospital. The physicians state the injured men cannot live until morning.

The two trains dashed into each other around a sharp curve. The engines were ditched by the fearful force of the collision. If the report given out is true some blunder is responsible for the accident.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Oct. 30.—The body of Rev. F. W. Spindler, an aged clergyman living at Shakopee, Minn., was found in the outskirts of the city this morning with three bullet holes near the heart. Near by was a twenty-two calibre revolver. The police have been unable to determine whether it was suicide or murder. Spindler was 74 years old, and retired from German Lutheran ministry two years ago.

LONDON, Oct. 30.—Over £700,000 will be transferred tomorrow to Japan from the Bank of England as the first payment of the Chinese indemnity. It is thought probable \$3,000,000 will be used immediately to pay debts, incurred for ships and war material. It is expected the balance will be wanted soon in payment of more ships and munitions already ordered.

It is not considered likely any gold will be taken out of the banks, but it is possible some gold will be used for the purchase of silver.

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, Oct. 30.—Springfield was visited by a destructive fire last. The Laocanda hotel was entirely consumed. It occupied half of one of the principal blocks fronting on High and Limestone streets. The blaze originated in the kitchen about 12 o'clock and burned about four hours. The Dayton fire department was called on for assistance. It was with great

difficulty the guests were aroused. There were numerous thrilling escapes.

The building was a five story brick, owned by John W. Bookwalter, of New York. The loss on the hotel and contents is estimated at \$100,000, partly insured. On the street fronts were some of the principal stores in the city. The Western Union and postal telegraph offices were totally burned. The loss to the companies will run up into the thousands. Among other losses are: Sieghaler drug store, \$10,000; Marcellet jewelry store \$20,000; London clothing store, \$15,000.

COLUMBUS, Ga., Oct. 30.—Fire is razing to one of the most popular residence districts of Columbus. It is beyond control of the fire department. Five handsome residences and the Girl's high school building have been burned. The fire is fanned by a strong wind, which carries live coals for blocks. It looks as if a large territory will be burned over. The stores are closed and the clerks are fighting the fire.

HONG KONG, Oct. 30.—The American ship Wandering Jew, Captain Nichols, which arrived from New York Sept. 18, to load for that port, and which was ready to sail, caught fire through some unknown cause today and was scuttled in order to prevent entire destruction. The Wandering Jew was owned by Carlton, Norwood & Co., of Camden, Maine.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 30.—The most alarming news yet received from Armenia was made public here today. It is stated that in the Zeitout mountain district there are 26,000 Armenians in open revolt against the rule of the Sultan. The Turkish government, in view of the gravity of the outbreak, has decided to call out the reserves.

CHICAGO, Oct. 30.—A special from Washington says: "The confirmation that an armed British force was marching through Brazilian territory to that part of Venezuela claimed by Great Britain will, it is said, bring the international dispute to a crisis at once.

In some quarters fears are expressed lest the negotiations be prolonged until England gets all the soldiers she wants in the disputed territory. Possession, in diplomacy as in law, is several points in favor of the aggressor and for possession England, it seems, is playing trumps.

DENVER, Oct. 30.—Governor McIntire today received the following dispatch from Indian Agent Randlett at Duchesne, Utah: "In compliance with your request, and for reasons suggested by you, I have sent runners to all places referred to in your telegram, with orders to all hunting parties of Indians from the agency to return to the agency at once. I have no doubt my orders will be obeyed."

PARIS, Oct. 30.—The two islands of Huahine and Borabora, belonging to the Tahitian group, in the South Pacific, have been annexed to France by consent of the natives. The islands referred to are probably Huahine, also known as Huahine and Baitohu. The former is situated northwest of

Tahiti, and is nearly thirty miles in circumference. Both form part of the Society Islands proper, otherwise the Leeward Islands.

PERRY, O. T., Oct. 31.—The Pottawatomie Indians in council passed resolutions declaring: "We believe the stringent rules of the Interior department regarding leases are not conducive to our interests. It would be better for the Indian, better for the white man and better for the community that the Indian should have greater control over his land in the way of leasing at least for limited periods of say five years. Give us more autonomy and less red tape. The excessive potentialism of the government tends to dwarf the development which is necessary to make us self-supporting and which can be attained only by imposing upon the Indian greater personal responsibility."

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 31.—The Novoe Vremya says that according to advices received by that newspaper the Japanese troops are being rapidly withdrawn from the Liao Tung peninsula. It added that the Mohammedan insurgents have captured Tsin Techen Fu, capital of the province of Kan So, on the Yellow river; that they are defeating the Chinese troops in every direction, and that they intend to form an independent kingdom. Further troops have been dispatched from Kashgar and other provinces. The secret societies of Central China are reported to be preparing to join issue with the Mohammedans.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Nov. 1.—Norville Smith and bride, formerly Miss Annie Day, met a horrible death less than a week after they were married. They eloped to this city as the girl's father opposed the match on account of Smith's poverty. Returning to their home in Kentucky, not far from Frankfort, they moved into a small house built by Smith before the wedding. The bride's father had refused to speak to them at first but becoming reconciled, went to the cottage to take them home with him. He opened the door and to his horror found Smith and his wife lying dead. The room was literally alive with snakes. Neighbors were summoned and the snakes at last driven away or killed. The bodies were removed and it was found that the house had been erected over a bed of snakes where the reptiles collected for the winter.

OTTAWA, Ont., Nov. 1.—The reason Canada has built quarters, mounted police and occupied posts on the Alaskan frontier on the disputed gold territory claimed by the United States, became known through the departments of the Interior and the Customs, and interviews with several of the officials of the government. It is claimed that if any trouble occurs over this territory, the United States must be held morally responsible, owing to the lax manner in which past governments have dealt with the mail service on the United States side in the region affected and to the repeated neglect to take notice of earnest applications by United States traders themselves for protection against the lawless elements and contraband trading. The case as presented here is that when the first reports of the vast wealth of the Yukon gold region was made public, with characteristic push and en-