

## AT HOME AND ABROAD.

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—Dispatches from various points in Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan report a terrific windstorm has been prevailing in those states during the past twenty-four hours, doing more or less damage and seriously interfering with telegraph service in some places. In some sections the velocity of the wind was over fifty miles an hour. Snow fell at some points. It is rapidly growing colder.

CENTRALIA, Ill., Feb. 11.—Two mixed freight and passenger trains on the Illinois Central collided at Dongola, Ill., this morning. Five men were killed, among them George Huntington, engineer; Baggage Man Armstrong, Fireman Adams and Brakeman McLean.

MADRID, Feb. 11.—Dispatches from Cuba say that 107 insurgents were killed during a recent fighting there.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—It is announced on authority, that following the advice of the United States, Venezuela practically has decided to send a representative to London with power to open direct negotiations with the government of Great Britain for the settlement of the boundary dispute.

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—Cassius R. Carter, a retired sergeant of the United States army, was found dead last evening, in a room in the Palmer House. Death was caused by asphyxiation, but it is not thought he committed suicide. One gas jet in the room occupied by Carter was turned on full and another jet was turned on about half pressure. In a belt worn by Carter around his waist there was \$1,400. He also had some valuable jewelry.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The possible uses of the new process of photography involving the application of cathode rays in determining the existence of secret flaws in metals, is now about to be tested thoroughly at the Carnegie works, where a large amount of Balval construction is under way. The proper apparatus has been secured and experts there are now at work to demonstrate whether or not the new rays will penetrate a body of metal. If this can be done the importance of the process from an industrial standpoint can scarcely be overestimated. It will be possible to secure an exact knowledge of the nature of the metal of great guns without running the risk of explosion; defects in the shafts of ocean steamers can be discovered before the shafts break and thereby cause loss of life and property, and steel castings used for structural purposes can be accurately tested before being put in place.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 12.—Rev. J. H. Hunyutt, Baptist minister, has been arrested at Morrilton, Arkansas, charged with infanticide. His housekeeper's one year baby cried while he was preparing a sermon and the preacher became enraged at the annoyance and choked the child to death.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 12.—At 1 o'clock this morning news reached here that a bad wreck had occurred at Macedon Swamps, a place about four miles east of Fairport, in which two people were reported killed. Train

Dispatcher Ford at once notified Division Superintendent Gould, and ordered out a wrecking train and a special train from East Rochester with physicians to go to the scene of the wreck.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—On motion of Senator Mitchell of Oregon, the Utah senators were today assigned to committee places as follows:

Senator Brown to the committee on mines and mining, forest reservations and Indian depredations; Senator Cannon to the committees on pensions, manufactures and relations with Canada. To render these assignments possible, Senator Pettigrew resigned from the committee on mines and mining, Senator Mantle from the committee on foreign reservations, Senator Sewell from Indian depredations, Senator Lodge from pensions, Senator Cameron from manufactures, and Senator Perkins from relations with Canada.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Edison in his experiments with the Roentgen rays in photography believes that he has accidentally hit upon a process of hardening aluminum that will make it a substitute for steel in all the various commercial uses of that metal, from ships to bicycles. This means a revolution in the iron world. This discovery was made by the wizard last night. In happening to pick up one of the aluminum disks used for the cathode electrode in the course of his experiments, he tried to bend it, but found that its nature had changed and that it was as stiff as steel.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 13.—A telegram received today from Irkutsk, Siberia, says a Siberian trader named Kouchnareff, an agent of Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, the Norwegian explorer, who sailed in the Fram on June 24, 1893, for the Arctic regions, has received information that Nansen reached the North Pole, found land there and is returning towards civilization.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—It is pointed out here in well informed circles that if news of Dr. Nansen returning from the North Pole turns out to be correct, it indicates that the explorer has made his way back to New Siberia from the Arctic regions and is there awaiting favorable conditions before commencing the homeward journey.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 13.—John P. Harmens, a tramp 50 years old, who by his own confession recovered over \$20,000 that was hidden by train robbers a year ago, is locked up in the jail in this city. For months he has been living in San Francisco on the fat of the land from the proceeds of the money taken from the Overland Express near Sacramento by Jack Brady and Browning over a year ago. The prisoner has turned over to the police \$2,000 which he had in the German Savings Bank of San Francisco, \$5,099 in securities, a diamond ring and a diamond collar button.

BRISBANE, Queensland, Feb. 13.—The Brisbane river has been greatly swollen by floods. A small steamer crossing the river today with about 80 passengers capsized and only 40 persons were saved.

CARRABELE, Fla., Feb. 14.—A boat

containing five corpses and six men barely alive has drifted ashore on Dog Island. When discovered by two fishermen the survivors were lying unconscious on the decomposed corpses of their companions.

The survivors were revived and Gilbert Holmes, who was strongest, related a story of awful suffering. Last week the eleven men left Key West on a smack to fish on the west coast. When two days out the smack was wrecked, the men escaping in a boat without food, water or clothing. Three days after the wreck Frank Mason died and soon after Max Thornton. Alfred Stafford, Joe West and Nathan Adams succumbed. The survivors were too weak to throw their dead comrades into the sea, and the corpses remained in the boat. For the last two days Holmes was the only one of the living conscious, and he does not remember all that happened. The scene in the boat was horrible. The living and the dead, without a rag of clothes, were tumbled together. The corpses seemed to be gnawed in places, and the fishermen suggested that in desperation the survivors tried to sustain life on the flesh of their dead companions.

The six survivors are: Jose Rodriguez, Sam Williams, Henry Johnson, John Blackburn, Arthur Moore and Gilbert Holmes, who are being cared for on Dog Island. Several of them seem to have been rendered idiotic by their sufferings.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 14.—Giragos Tomatouna is a young Armenian of this city who has just received sad news from home. The young man has received a letter from his uncle, written December 21, 1895, in Ouzanaba, Palau, province of Diarbekir, Armenia, in which he says:

"I write you the horrible happenings which are unequalled in the history of our village. They have burned our church and our home and robbed us of everything. They have killed nearly every one. Those who are left have changed their religion and have become Mohammedans. This is not all. Your brother's wife and your little boy are killed. Your wife and mother have thrown themselves into the Euphrates to save themselves from Turkish outrages. Your sister still lives but I wish she might have been killed, for they have taken her and married her to a Kurd and have changed her to a Mohammedan. Your young brother also is left. He is wandering about almost insane through fear. The massacre started Nov. 18, 1895, and continued for three days. I myself ask the help of God as I see nothing more to help me. I am wandering about hungry and exposed to the winter. I am poor and in need of daily bread but I know you cannot help us. Aid would not reach me."

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Feb. 14.—Edward R. Masterson, usher at the Penns. R. R. station in this city, was deliberately pushed in front of a train last night, and was so shockingly injured that he died an hour later. The man's body was horribly mangled, both legs were cut off and his skull fractured.

REPUBLIC, Mich., Feb. 15.—In the Republic mine this morning, while the men were coming up in the skip from No. 1 shaft, the skip jumped the track and was pulled on until it caught and