

## AT HOME AND ABROAD.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—An earthquake, the most violent ever experienced in this country, has shaken every shore from Durham to Surrey and from London to the Welsh coast. The subterranean disturbance was first noticed about 5:30 this morning and lasted from four to thirty seconds. At many points two distinct shocks were experienced. The most severe shocks were felt at Shelt n, Ledbury and Dean Forest. The earth shaking was accompanied by a loud, rushing sound. Buildings were violently shaken, furniture was shifted, doors thrown open and pictures and other ornaments upset. The inhabitants, panic stricken, fled from their houses.

An earthquake also visited Birmingham and various points in Shropshire and was violent in Worcester and the country surrounding that city.

The shocks were followed by a tremor of the earth. The greatest alarm prevailed everywhere. Chimneys were overthrown and windows, etc., smashed.

At some points on the country roads persons were thrown down and a number of people were thrown out of their beds.

The Hereford Cathedral was injured. There the dull rumbling beneath the earth's surface was followed by two earth shakes and a terrible lifting and loud crashes and a terrible lifting and loud crashes. The panic at Hereford was rocking. One woman died of fright, so great that one woman died of fright. People rushed wildly into the streets. Many chimneys fell crashing in to through the roofs. All pinnacles of St. Nicholas church toppled over, and part of the pinnacle of the cathedral fell.

At Liverpool the earthquake was preceded by heavy thunder and a fearful hail storm.

In London the earthquake was only slightly felt.

At Bridgenorth near Shrewsbury before the disturbance the streets suddenly seemed to be on fire, and there was a violent rise, accompanied by the shaking of the earth. People going abroad in that vicinity, say they were unable to walk, owing to the vibrations.

There was great excitement among the people, who thought the end of the world had come.

The houses shook nearly a minute and Bristol and Clifton, causing much alarm.

Railroad employes at Crewe report that they felt the rails oscillate.

At Eversham the shock was followed by a brilliant light in the sky.

On Tuesday there was a sudden change from mild weather to severe frost, followed by a dense fog and snow on Wednesday.

In the mining districts it was first thought the shocks were the results of colliery explosions. The disturbance was violent at Warwick Castle. The earl of Warwick felt his bed lifted as though by some force beneath and the furniture in the room shifted.

DENVER, Dec. 16.—A special to the News from Red Cliff, Col., says: Five men either killed outright or terribly maimed, with one other badly wounded, is the probable result of a prema-

ture explosion of giant powder in the Mollie tunnel at Holy Cross, fifteen miles from here, today. C. A. Trow, bookkeeper of the Holy Cross Gold Mining and Milling company, arrived in Red Cliff by team from the company's works, bringing very unsatisfactory and meager accounts of the accident. Eleven o'clock in the morning is about the hour at which the day shift in the tunnel fires the round of holes in the breast. The concussion was heard on the surface at about schedule time, and shortly afterward a man with face and head terribly cut and bruised and one eye closed groped his way out of the tunnel and managed to say that a premature explosion had occurred at the breast and that a number of men were either dead or frightfully mangled. It is known that about eight holes loaded with from five to seven pounds of giant each are fired at a round, machine drills being used on the bore. Mr. Trow did not wait to ascertain the extent of the disaster, but ordered one of the teamsters to drive him to Red Cliff in all haste. He was foreman of the shift. No further details are now obtainable.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 17.—The beautiful and costly Casino building in Schenley park was destroyed by fire early this morning. The flames originated from the bursting of the large ammonia cylinder ice machine of the skating rink. The loss is estimated at \$500,000.

GUTHRIE, Dec. 17.—A race war is imminent at Perkins, twenty-five miles east of here, as the result of last night's double murder. Three hundred negroes have armed themselves to resist the taking of Knighman, the negro accused of the crime. Five hundred white men have gone from Perkins, Cushing, Carney and surrounding country to overpower the blacks and lynch the murderer. The persons murdered have been identified as Freeman Morrow and his fourteen-year-old daughter, who lived near Terrilton and were on the way to this city.

CHILLICOTHE, O., Dec. 17.—There is great excitement tonight at Berhel, a small town three miles south of Kingston, this county, occasioned by a horrible atrocity which occurred this afternoon. Two married women, named Moon and Shell, got into a quarrel over a trivial matter, which resulted in the Shell woman throwing a bucket of strong lye-water into the face of Mrs. Moon and her infant daughter. Both have their eyes burned out and their heads and faces were also horribly burned. The baby died in a short time and the mother is in terrible agony, her death being looked for any minute. Mrs. Shell made her escape, but is being pursued by several hundred men and boys, assisted by dogs, and if captured a lynching will follow. The police of this city have been summoned to the scene.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 17.—The fight between Sharkey and Fitzsimmons for the possession of the \$10,000 purse was concluded today, when Judge Sanderson of the superior court dissolved the injunction restraining

the Anglo-California bank from cashing the check.

Counsel for Sharkey called the attention of the court to the state law forbidding prize-fighting, between which and a "glove contest," he maintained, there was no difference, and he therefore argued that a case involving the possession of a purse for prize-fighting had no standing in court. The judge concurred in this view, and said he would have terminated the proceedings earlier had that point been called to his judicial attention. The court held that under the California statute the civic board of supervisors had no more power to legalize a prize-fight than to sanction a duel.

BERNE, Dec. 17.—M. Deucher of Turgau has been elected president and M. Ruffy of Lausanne, vice-president of the Swiss republic. Both the president and vice-presidents-elect are radicals. The federal counselors were re-elected.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Secretary Olney was before the Senate committee on foreign relations today a considerable time. All the members except Gray and Daniel were present. The meeting was held for the express purpose of continuing the discussion of the policy on the Cuban question to be recommended by the committee. The meeting was strictly private, Olney being the only person, not a member, who was admitted. His advice was against precipitate action. The foreign relations committee, however, agreed to report the Cameron Cuban resolution.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 18.—A special to the Times from Ouray, Colo., says Gabriel Rush, John Antras, Charles Swanson, Charles A. Anderson and Louis Jackson were instantly killed in the Virgin shaft today. They were repairing timbers when the cage fell, carrying them to the 1,400 foot level. The bodies will be brought through the Revenue tunnel.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 18.—A Birmingham special to the Banner says:

A westbound train on the Southern railway was stopped at 7 o'clock last night in Fayette county, sixty-five miles from here, by two masked men who flagged the train on a bridge. The express safe was broken into. The robbers got but little.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 19.—Between two and three this morning fire was discovered in the Ryan Annex, Seventh street. Before it was brought under control at 5 o'clock, the building was partly destroyed. The loss is \$75,000. The Schutte block on the corner of Seventh and Jackson was consumed; loss, \$100,000. The stock of several stores was badly damaged.

The Schutte building is owned by J. Leroy White, Henry White and W. Buckler of Baltimore, and was occupied by the Northern Exchange bank and a large number of doctors, the Prudential Life Insurance, Twin City printing and United States recruiting office. All were burned out. The entire loss exceeds \$300,000, two-thirds being on the buildings. J. V. Brewer's collection of historical, archaeological and geological material was destroyed. It represented the work of thirty years and Brewer valued it at \$6,000.

Shortly after 3 o'clock the engine