

surpassed it, the mercury at 2 o'clock standing at 95 in the shade. A large number of prostrations were reported, among them being: W. F. Obitty, Alfred Kullon, Bennett Jones, John Walsh, Charles Storch and Thomas Kearns. All are in a serious condition.

PARIS, May 31.—In the senate today M. Hanotaux, the minister of foreign affairs, made an important statement regarding the foreign policy of the government, in which he denied that French national interests were subordinated to the interests of other powers. He explained that the part which France took in the European representations to Japan was dictated by the interests of France, to view of her position in Hindoo-China, and the protection she owed to French religious missions in China. France could not see the independence of China menaced by a permanent Japanese occupation. If the empire of China fell, or was rudely shaken, French interests would surely suffer from the consequent disorder and anarchy. Russia, he continued, held the same view regarding the necessity of maintaining the statu quo in China in her own interest, and Germany, likewise, had good reasons for acting in unison with France and Russia.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 31.—An interesting question has arisen in the treasury department which involves the legal meaning of the word "polygamist." Commissioner General Stumpf, of the immigration bureau, has received application for admission to this country of Robert Stenson, wife Kate, Barbara Hunton, Lizzie Naylor and seven children.

These immigrants recently arrived at Quebec, Canada, from Glasgow, and in their affidavits state they are Mormons in religion and full believers in polygamy and intend to practice polygamy if so inclined on reaching their destination, Salt Lake City.

The question involved is whether belief in polygamy of itself and in the absence of proof of any polygamous act, brings the party within the prohibition of the law declaring that polygamists shall not be admitted to this country. Acting Secretary Wike has the subject under consideration. Mr. Stumpf is of the opinion that the parties should be debarred admission.

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 31.—It is generally understood here that furnace coke for July delivery has been advanced to \$1.50 a ton, and it is rumored another advance will be made in July. The present price is \$1.35. The advance will cause a similar advance in all the iron and steel products, and is regarded as an indication that further advances will be made in the price of labor.

LONDON, June 1.—The *Daily News* has an editorial this morning, commenting upon the recent incidents at Jiddah, Moosha and Beyrout, involving assault upon representatives of the Christian powers by the Mohammedan residents. The editorial says: "It is not too much to say that there are many signs of a holy war against all Christian communities and all Christian rights whatever in the Turkish empire. The powers represented on the Armenian commission cannot possibly mistake its character. Armenia was probably never nearer to complete and final delivery than at this hour."

The *Times* also comments on the Sultan's delay in accepting the Armenian scheme of reform, and calls him the great international misawher.

NEW YORK, June 1.—According to the *Engineering and Mining Journal* the total value of the mineral and metal production of the United States for 1894 and 1898 was: 1893—\$815,846,806; 1894—\$553,272,902; a decline of about \$262,573,904, or 9 per cent. This great falling off was, however, due far more to lower prices than the lessened quantity of the product. Thus the value of the coal production declined last year \$13,788,828, or 7 per cent, while in quantity it fell off only 6,220,970 short tons, or 3½ per cent. This small decline in volume of coal produced is substantially the measure of the whole mineral output of the country. The copper output increased 8 per cent, from 327,255,788 pounds in 1893 to 353,604,814 pounds in 1894, though in value it declined no less than \$1,639,208, or 4½ per cent. The production of gold increased from \$35,955,000 in 1893 to \$39,761,205 in 1894, but the commercial value of silver produced declined from \$47,311,450, in 1894, to \$31,403,531 in 1894, a fall of \$15,907,929, or 34 per cent.

PHILADELPHIA, June 3.—A special from Bradford, Pa., says: Forest fires are again raging in McKean and Elk counties, and it is estimated that the loss will reach into the millions. The extreme warm weather has made the forests very dry, and a spark from a locomotive set fire to the woods.

NEW YORK, June 4.—A special to the *World* from Havana says:

"The whole province of Puerto Principe is in a state of the wildest excitement," says a merchant who arrived from there last night. "It may rise up any moment like an explosion in a powder magazine."

Realizing the critical situation in that region the merchant sold out all his belongings and came here.

The insurgents throughout Puerto Principe are only awaiting the arrival of General Maximo Gomez, who is to assume command of their forces and for whom they are anxiously looking. The houses open in this city for recruiting Cuban soldiers for the revolution continue enlisting men unmolested.

Santiago is completely surrounded by rebels and an attack is momentarily expected.

Telegrams from Santiago represent that the revolution is growing more and more serious in that department. Santiago has been without meat three days. A herd of cattle was brought into Santiago guarded by a force. The troops were attacked by insurgents and routed last night. According to the official dispatch the troops lost two men killed and four wounded while the rebels lost two killed and five wounded.

It is common knowledge here that the soldiers of the government do not want to fight and that the commissioned officers inflict terrible cruelties on them during battles to make them fight.

Francisco Carrillo, a naturalized United States citizen who has been imprisoned in the Moro castle since February 27 charged with implication in the revolution, has been set at liberty and sent on board a steamer leaving for New York.

It is rumored that Jose Mari Aguirre, a prisoner on the same charge, will be released. Nothing has been made public of their trial.

WOLCOTT, Col., June 4.—Advice received today from Hayden state that the cattlemen and ranchmen, armed and masked and 800 strong, decided to descend upon the camp of Sherman on Elk Head creek. At daylight on Wednesday the sheep camp will be visited by a committee serving notice to move over on Snake river divide within six hours. At the expiration of that time the main body will arrive to kill every sheep in California Park, twenty miles north of Hayden in the Elk mountain, and fifteen miles west of Haynes Peak.

NEW YORK, June 4.—A special to the *World* from Havana, Cuba, says: The *World's* correspondent is able to assert positively that the report circulated by the Spanish that General Maximo Gomez, the Cuban insurgent commander, was killed at the battle of Boca de Leon Rio, is untrue. General Gomez is not dead.

General Martinez Campos has asked the government at Madrid for eight more regiments of regulars.

CONSTANTINOPLE, June 4.—The reply of the Turkish government to the notes of representatives of Great Britain, France and Russia, regarding the proposed reforms in Armenia, has been delivered to the envoys. The porte's answer is not satisfactory. The Turkish government does not agree to the principle of control in the proposed reforms, by the powers.

After receiving the reply the envoys of the three powers held a meeting at which they decided to refer the whole matter to their respective governments. The situation is serious as last week the British embassy informed the porte that Great Britain had decided not to accept any modifications of the propositions affecting the reforms in Armenia, and the representatives of the other powers have made the same declaration to the porte.

PORTLAND, Or., June 3.—In the United States circuit court this afternoon Judge Gilbert signed an order appointing John M. Egan receiver of the Oregon Short Line & Utah Northern railroad, and also an order allowing the issue of receiver's certificates to the amount of \$750,000.

METROPOLIS, Ill., June 4.—A preacher named Benton, blind from his birth, received his eyesight last night and is today the happiest man in this city. He is a preacher for the United Brethren here and he claimed that the receiving of his sight is the direct answer to prayer. Mr. Benton is 30 years old.

About twenty-five men are now employed at the sulphur mines, says the *Beaver Uonian*. A good demand in sulphur gives rise to the belief that a good, full season's work will have to be done to keep up the supply to equal the demand.

Charles Nelson, an employe at Sobel's brewery, says the Sacramento *Bee*, committed suicide about 1:30 o'clock Saturday morning by shooting himself, the ball of the pistol used entering just below the left nipple and passing through the body. It is said that Nelson has tried to take his life on two or three other occasions.