

The meetings of the committee were held at the houses of John Hopkins, Fred Harris, Dan Blunkard, John Davidson and H. M. Bradstreet. These and additional facts were disclosed by men within the past few days who are actually members of the vigilantes, and who had actually taken the iron-clad oath of secrecy. These men did not participate in the lynching, but they knew it was to occur within a few days.

MEXICO CITY, Mex., Jan. 25.—The official communication of Guatemala to the demands of Mexico over the threatening international boundary dispute was delivered to the National palace this morning. It came in on the Vera Cruz railway mail train last night, having been forwarded from Coatzacoalcas to Vera Cruz by a boat in waiting.

Foreign Secretary Mariscal was engaged today in making a careful reading of the reply, which is very voluminous and covers many pages of closely written matter. Its contents have not as yet been known even to the president and members of the cabinet.

ROME, Jan. 27.—The papal encyclical address to the American episcopate was made public here today. In the document the pope recalls the fact that he associated himself with the celebration of the fourth centenary of the discovery of America, the evangelization of which country was the first care of Columbus, which evangelization was realized by the Franciscan and Dominican monks and the Jesuit fathers.

After pointing out that the first Catholic bishop in America was a great friend of George Washington, the father of his country, the pope shows how the episcopal councils aided by the equity of American laws, assured the development of Catholic institutions. It was to contribute still more to this development that the pope founded the university at Washington, for it was of importance that Catholics should be in the front rank in the sciences, even modern science, provided they were combined with faith and integrity. To this end his holiness exhorts the bishops to use all in their power to encourage the progress of the university at Washington, as well as the North American college in Rome.

With regard to the apostolic delegation, the Pope states that it was instituted with a view of drawing closer together the bonds between Catholics of America and the holy see without in any way curtailing the powers of the bishops.

His holiness urges the American episcopate to put an end to strife, to instill the idea of unity and the perpetuity of marriage among the faithful and to focalize among the people civil and religious virtues.

In particular the pope calls upon the bishops to turn aside workmen's associations from law-breaking, to teach journalists respect for religion and truth, to improve those journals which pass judgment upon episcopal acts and, finally, to turn Protestants to Catholicism by charity and by leading an exemplary life.

In conclusion his holiness recommends the sending of a missionary to the Indians.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 28.—The Fourth battalion of infantry is making preparations to move from this city, its

objective point being Acapulco, where it will be held with the other forces now there for transportation by sea for the Guatemalan invasion, if ordered.

Francois Verona Muras, the Cuban journalist, who made such a vicious attack upon Mexico in connection with the reception of the Guatemalan minister by General Diaz, is supposed to have left Vera Cruz yesterday by steamer for Havana. Several influential newspaper men of the capital made a petition to Don. Romero Rubio, secretary of the state, asking official action against Muras. Getting wind of the matter he quietly left town.

Appearances are that the pending Guatemalan war will not be as expensive to Mexico as was at first thought. The government has received many proffers from wealthy citizens of the republic, and the mass of the people are so enthusiastic in their promises that these items will very nearly relieve the treasury department from material expenditure of an extraordinary nature. The country is ready and willing also for a special war tax if the government finds it necessary.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 28.—A terrible wreck, causing loss of life and maimed limbs, occurred at Coatesville, at 2 o'clock this afternoon when Vandallia train No. 20 due in this city at 2:35 was wrecked by the spreading of the rails. Two persons were killed almost instantly and from thirty to forty were seriously injured.

On a curve, the private car of President R. W. McKee, which was in the rear, jumped the track. This was followed by the parlor car and the ladies' car. All went off the track, the two rear cars going down the embankment ten feet before the train could be stopped. The smoker left the track, but did not go over. The two rear cars caught fire, but the flames were extinguished when the work of rescue began.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The President shortly after noon Monday sent a special message to Congress calling attention to the necessity of immediate legislation for the protection of the treasury from further depletion of the gold reserve. The message he stated that temporary expedients cannot result in permanent good and the business of this country demands decisive action that will leave no doubt of the intention of the United States to maintain the integrity of the national finances. It asks that the secretary of the treasury be empowered to issue gold bonds to an amount not exceeding \$500,000,000, for the purpose of recouping the gold reserve, strengthening our finances and replenishing the treasury in case the present monthly deficiency of revenue continues.

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 29.—Chief Arthur, of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, is on his way to the Pacific coast. Under his instructions all the brotherhoods are being polled on all the roads in order to get a vote on the question of ordering a general strike. According to the rules of the brotherhood a general strike cannot be ordered without a consenting vote from two-thirds of the members of the organization.

NEWS NOTES.

The Greenfield mine, near Laramie, Wyo., it is said, produces mineral which assays 3 per cent in platinum, which makes it worth \$9,000 per ton. It is the first platinum discovered in this country.

On Saturday morning, at Loveland, Col., as the lad was playing about the house of his mother, a widow with four children, Fred Milner, thirteen years old, accidentally knocked over a gun standing against the wall. The weapon was discharged and the entire load of shot entered the back of his head. He lived about three-quarters of an hour. The gun had been loaded but a short time before for goose hunting.

Wallace (Idaho) Miner: It is the general impression among those who are more or less familiar with railroad business that the Northern Pacific Railroad company will this season widen the narrow gauge to Mission and extend the line to Coeur d'Alene city. In case this is done much of the through business would come this way, as there is a saving in distance of about 100 miles over the main route.

A dispatch from Victor, Colo., says: A small fraction was sold recently to W. S. Stratton for \$9,000. It was located near the famous Annie Lee, on Battle mountain. The independence is fast becoming the gold wonder of the world. Yesterday a five-pound chunk of ore was taken from the lower level which, experts say, is worth \$100, or \$20 per pound, which is not to be sneezed at even in this rich district.

John H. Ryan, a former resident of Cheyenne, Wyo., and an employe of the shops of the Union Pacific, committed suicide in North Platte on Saturday. It seems that he had become tired of life, when he was laid off from work there recently, and he brooded over the matter so much that he became temporarily insane, and in that condition committed the rash deed. He leaves a wife and child to mourn him.

A young man giving his name as Ottor Sparland, was yesterday sentenced to sixty days in the county jail for petty larceny, says the Boise, Idaho, Statesman. Friday afternoon he walked up to Falk-Bloch's store and, taking a mackintosh off a dummy, walked down the street. He made no attempt to conceal his act. When intercepted by an employe of the store, he said that he was out of money and unable to get work and resorted to the theft as a last means to procure something to eat.

The Helena (Mont.) Independent of the 27th inst. says: Two distinct shocks of earthquake were felt in Helena and vicinity early yesterday morning, one about 1 o'clock and the other at 5:10. No damage was done as far as can be learned, except to people's nerves. The motion was like the rocking of a boat, and lasted several seconds. Some say that it was three seconds, others that it was longer. All who felt it agree that it lasted long enough, at any rate. In every large apartment building and hotel in the city the vibrations were distinctly felt. In one hotel it dislodged a vase from a shelf, and in all of them articles or furniture were moved slightly.