

## AT HOME AND ABROAD.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 18.—A special to the Times from Leadville, Colo., says: A crisis in the troubles Leadville has undergone since last January has been reached and a calamity far worse than the strike of the Metallic miners here has overtaken the camp. For the first time in fifteen years the immense pumps that drained the big mines at Carbonate Hill, the wealth center of Leadville, have been entirely pulled out while the pipe lines connecting are to be removed at once. The Maid Henrietta pumps had a capacity of 1,300 gallons of water a minute and depending upon them were nearly all the great mines of Carbonate Hill. There are miles of workings on Carbonate Hill, and these probably will fill up slowly, so that down town workings may not be reached by the rush of waters for a month or two. It is, however, only a question of time, and a month will undoubtedly find many mine-towns as a result of flood.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 18.—The Bering sea claims commission will conclude its labors here by the end of the present week. A recess of five days will follow and San Francisco will then be visited for the taking of testimony from sealer residents there who have knowledge of the facts upon which the British claims are based.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 18.—A collection of books of Gen. W. T. Sherman was sold in St. Louis last week for \$80. It consisted of about 500 volumes of army records, regimental histories, court martial records and a general assortment of war literature. The sale was made by Thomas Dooley a carpenter who did work for Gen. Sherman while the latter had his headquarters in this city as the commander of the United States army. According to Mr. Dooley, General Sherman gave him the books just before he left St. Louis. The dealer was not aware at the time he was securing a bonanza, as when he offered \$30 for the books which filled four large boxes, he did it on a venture. On examination he found a number of valuable pieces of literature and a large proportion contained the autographs of men of renown. There were testimonials from U. S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes, Phil Sheridan and others, besides any number of books presented to Gen. Sherman by the authors. Many books, otherwise worthless, were made valuable by the autograph of the general himself. Among the books were several copies presented by Mrs. Sherman to her son Tom. He is now a Jesuit missionary and a book dealer, who knows him intends to send him the volumes.

During the past few days a large number of people have examined the collection and negotiations have been opened with several G. A. R. post and similar organizations looking to the sale of the collection or part of it.

BOISE CITY, Idaho.—The Populist caucus this morning determined the vote again for Claggett. Great efforts have been made to get Democratic votes enough to give Claggett the necessary 36, but it failed.

Result of the first ballot: Claggett,

26; Dubois, 25; George B. Lewis, Pop., 17.

Second ballot: Claggett, 29; Dubois, 25; Nelson, P. p., 13. The votes for Lewis and Nelson were cast by Democrats. Lewis is secretary of state.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 18.—The Ohio Coal operators have consented to an increase of 45 to 51 cents for January and February, to meet an increase of 51 to 60 cents in the Pittsburgh district.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—The Post's Washington special says:

The government is making extraordinary haste in preparing the papers of the Union Pacific foreclosure proceedings. Secretary Carlisle, Attorney General Harmon, ex-Governor Hoadley, on behalf of the government, and Chairman Fitzgerald of the Union Pacific reorganization committee, and Winslow S. Pierce, its attorney, on the other hand, are in continuous session. The papers will probably be completed tomorrow and formal order issued to file cross bills in the pending foreclosure suits to make the government a party thereto. This move is a stab at the Huntington scheme for a commission to settle the Pacific roads' indebtedness. The commission bill will be reported tomorrow by the House committee on Pacific roads, but its chances of passing Congress are remote. Foreclosure and the survival of the fittest is the program.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 19.—Chairman A. Roselle of the late Populist party, has received a letter from Paul Vanuervort, of Omaha, Nebraska, curtly suspending him from membership in the national reform press association on account of alleged insubordination. This is one of the incidents of the national row between middle-of-the-road and fusionist Populists, now in progress. The reform press association, an organization of Populist editors is split on the fusion question. The split arose over the fact that Mr. Vanuervort without consulting Mr. Roselle, called the national convention at Memphis, Tennessee, February 22.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—Plans are being made for an important conference to be held in Chicago at the end of January in the interests of co-operative philanthropic work. At the request of Professor Charles R. Henderson of Chicago University and Rev. A. G. Paulus of Plymouth church, Robert Treataine of Boston has consented to come to Chicago and address some meetings in the cause of charity. Mr. Treataine is widely known among philanthropists as president of the Boston Associated Charities.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Jan. 19.—By a unanimous vote the six aldermen present at the city council meeting yesterday instructed the city solicitor to draw upon ordinance prohibiting and punishing the wearing of high hats at theaters and public entertainments, where such hats obstruct the view of others. It is proposed to impose a fine of \$2 to \$10 for each offense. The ordinance will come up at the next council meeting.

DENVER, Colo., 19.—A bill has been introduced in the legislature which lays an embargo on the high theater

bat. The bill provides a penalty of \$10 for violation of the law in each case.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—The Tribune in an extra this morning referring to the senatorial situation in Illinois, says:

"It now looks as if Robert R. Hitt, congressman from the Ninth congressional district of Illinois will be elected United States senator to succeed John M. Palmer. Hitt's supporters claim they have received assurances which make it highly probable that they will win."

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—A collision occurred this afternoon at the junction of Gedeony and Swasey canals, between the Watson line steamer British Queen, bound in from Antwerp, and the Atlas line steamer Alvina bound from this port for Haytian port. The extent of the damage has not been ascertained. The Alvina continued on her way apparently making for Sandy Hook bar. Her stern is now under water, while the bow is well out. The British Queen did not show any injury and continued on her way to the city passing Sandy Hook at 2:30 p. m. The Queen struck the Alvina bow on.

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—The sugar trust is going into the coffee roasting business in earnest. The demolition of an old sugar house in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, has been begun and a new coffee roasting plant of very large capacity is going to be put up on the site immediately. Speaking of this a coffee broker said:

"This competition means that the coffee roasting business is going to be revolutionized. Instead of the roaster making three or four cents a pound profit, the business is going to be done on a margin of one half a cent only, and the business will be trebled."

NEW YORK, Jan. 19.—The report of the foreign commerce of the port of New York for the fiscal year of 1896 will be part of the forthcoming annual report of the chamber of commerce. The total imports of foreign merchandise at New York including \$80,972,139 coffee and bullion were \$580,904,931 against a total of \$311,121,094 for all other ports of the United States combined.

The exports from this port for the year were \$491,400,781, including \$147,045,289 domestic coal and bullion, and no exports from all other ports of the United States were \$531,930,601. The comparative figures show that the foreign commerce of this port in 1896 was the greatest in ten years except that of 1892, which exceeded that of 1896 about \$20,000,000. The following shows the comparison for three years:

	New York.	All ports.
1894.....	\$ 961,318,391	\$1,760,300,191
1895.....	934,290,814	1,709,867,836
1896.....	1,039,364,216	1,897,585,480

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 19.—J. P. Hamilton, chief constructor of the supervising architects of Washington has examined the proposed site for the government building at the Tennessee centennial exposition and approved the selection. He will determine the exact dimensions and return at once to Washington to prepare specifications for the building.

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 19.—Miners in Oak Park mine have struck refusing a reduction of thirty cents per ton. An effort will be made to have the miners in this district take up the