

## AT HOME AND ABROAD.

**HIROSHIMA, Feb. 2.**—Official dispatches show that the capture of the forts at Wei Hai Wei was due to the skillful combined movements of the Japanese. The chief forts at Pai Chai Hyiaso were taken after a few hours' fighting; some others were stubbornly defended. The Japanese Sixth division was under arms at 2 o'clock in the morning and an advance was immediately ordered. The assault on the Chinese defenses began at daylight and by 9 o'clock the outlying batteries and trenches, almost all were taken. Meanwhile the second army corps was assaulting the Pai Chai Hyiaso forts on the southwest. These defenses were of great strength and had precipitous sides a hundred feet high. The attack was made under cover of a furious bombardment from the Japanese fleet. Here was the main point of Chinese resistance. After the fighting had proceeded for some hours, the sixth division having driven back the enemy, made a detour and advancing behind Mount Ku, which hid the Japanese troops, made a strong attack from that side on the Pai Chai Hyiaso forts which were captured by 12:30. The Japanese fleet then by preconcerted arrangement proceeded to take possession of the eastern entrance of the harbor and by 3 p.m. all the forts about Pai Chai Hyiaso to the southwest were captured. The Chinese were retreating toward Fung Ling Chu. At 4:30 p.m., when these dispatches were sent the battle was still raging. The Chinese fleet and fort Yatao, Tamau and Wang Tao were furiously replying to the Japanese, whose ships were maneuvering so as to block the entrance to the harbor.

**NEW YORK, Feb. 4.**—A special dispatch from Washington to a morning paper says: It is learned from an authoritative source that the Hawaiian government is seriously considering the advisability of putting to death the royalists who were prominent in the recent revolution against the government; information as to the determination of the government will probably reach Washington by the next steamer from the islands, which is due at San Francisco some time next week. It is already known that the ex-queen will be banished, and it is not improbable that she will arrive in the United States on the same steamer.

**PARIS, Feb. 4.**—An explosion of fire damp is reported from Mont Ceaulles mines, department of Saone et Loire. Thirty persons are believed to have been killed.

Additional advices from the Mont Ceaulles mines show that fire broke out yesterday in the Steugnie pit. While the miners were fighting this fire the explosion occurred which wrecked the galleries and entombed the miners. A rescue party, thus far, recovered twenty-one bodies and removed from the ruins eight terribly injured miners.

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.**—Secretary Gresham has received a cablegram from Minister Dunn at Tokio confirming the Associated Press reports of the rejection of the Chinese peace commissioners by the Japanese, on the ground that the credentials were defective in not granting them plenary powers.

NEWCASTLE, Ind., Feb. 5.—Three men were instantly killed, two fatally and one seriously hurt, by the explosion of a portable engine on the farm of Nathan Taylor, near Moreland. Several hands were engaged in cutting feed by steam power when the engine exploded. The men were struck by the end of the boiler, which was blown entirely through both sides of the barn.

**CHICAGO, Feb. 5.**—Four defendants in the Debs conspiracy trial were discharged by Judge Grosscup today—Dennis Larkin, Frank Dreyer, James McDonald and John Burke. The court reserved its decision as to John F. McVean and John Hannahan, directors of the A. R. U. Regarding the other eleven defendants, including Debs, the Judge simply said to the attorneys for the defense: "You may go ahead with your side of the case."

**CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Feb. 5.**—Dispatches from Molde, Aalesund, Bergen and Christiansund report earthquakes between 12:15 and 12:45 this morning. The damage was not great.

Eleven persons were killed by an avalanche at Levanger.

**POEBLO, Colo., Feb. 5.**—The Western express on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad, train No. 1, bound for Colorado and California, was held up one mile west of Sylvia, Reno county, Kansas, at 11:25 o'clock tonight by four masked men, who signaled danger. Two of the robbers covered the engineer and firemen and two went to the coaches and made the passengers give up all their valuables.

Conductor McGrath ran his train back to Sylvia and gave the alarm, and Sheriff Patton was on the train with a posse in a few minutes. The men are believed to be members of the Stafford gang.

**DENVER, Colo., Feb. 6.**—Capt. J. D. Delamar, the well known mining operator, has parted with his stock in the Delamar group of mines in southwestern Idaho, which was sold to London capitalists in 1892, on a report made by Prof. Tilden, of the Colorado school of mines. The Delamar stock is now held in Paris and London, three-fourths in the former city and one-fourth in the latter.

It is expected that Capt. Delamar will use his released capital in developing his gold mines in southern Nevada, and in constructing the proposed railroad from those mines to a connection with the Salt Lake and Los Angeles road, with which the Denver Short Line will ultimately connect.

The transfer of the Delamar stock to Paris was an incident of the recent activity in the London market, where \$2,000,000 of French capital was invested in one week. The last report from the Delamar is dated December 31, 1894. It gives the details of work for the month of November, showing the value of gold produced to be \$45,504, and the value of silver \$20,167. The value of the smelting ore reached \$12,529, making the gross earnings for the month \$78,202. All expenses for the month deducted leaves a profit of

\$41,188, or over fifty per cent of the gross receipts.

The Delamar stock was quoted two weeks ago at \$7.25 per share in the London market and was steadily rising. There are 400,000 shares. Hence the Paris investment, making no allowance for the probable advance, footed up \$2,161,500.

**NEW YORK, Feb. 6.**—A special to the *World* from Nashua, New Hampshire, says:

Orrin A. Sulloway, who was elected as a Republican to the next House of Representatives as the successor of Henry W. Blair, has come out for silver. He enjoys the distinction of being the only member of the New England delegation who has yet taken a stand opposed to the prevailing currency creed of the East.

**SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.**—The steamer *Australia* has arrived with news of Lilluokalan's abdication in favor of the Hawaiian republic. This is by far the most important outcome of the late rebellion. The document was drawn up by A. S. Hartwell at the request of the ex-queen. It was presented the 26th of January to President Dole. The document, according to the wording, was executed freely and voluntarily.

**PERRINGTON, Mich., Feb. 7.**—Mr. and Mrs. James Hyatt, four children and an uncle, John Hyatt, who was living with the family, are lying at the point of death from the effects of drinking coffee, in which was found a stick of green candy. It is thought the children will survive but no hopes are entertained for the parents. An analysis of the coffee will be made.

**YOKOHAMA, Feb. 7.**—An official dispatch from Wei Hai Wei, dated February 3rd, says: "The flying squadron today bombarded the forts which, assisted by the Chinese warships, resisted obstinately. Admiral Ting (the Chinese naval commander) is determined to hold the forts of Li Kuang Tao island and the ships under his command. Another attack by the torpedo boats will be made tonight."

**ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Feb. 7.**—The psychical society of this city, organized for the purpose of teaching hypnotism, has been brought to the notice of the police by the complaint of Mrs. Ella Churchill that her son after being hypnotized a number of times at the meetings of the society, is losing his mind as a result.

**LONDON, Feb. 7.**—The storms that severely impede the traffic throughout England are becoming more severe. The highlands of Scotland are completely isolated. An unknown vessel foundered off Port Patrick, Scotland, with a loss of seven lives. A two-masted steamship with a black band around two white smoke stacks is ashore on the Isle of Man. The Thames is frozen over at Chelsea and the Scheldt at Antwerp is covered with ice. At Antwerp the thermometer registered fifteen degrees below zero, centigrade, the lowest in twenty years. In Wales thousands are out of work on account of the severe weather.

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.**—The weather bureau furnishes the following special bulletin: During the past twenty-four hours the storm in Louisiana has moved to the South Atlantic coast, increasing in intensity and the area of high pressure has moved from the