

to both of whom he made himself known.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 28.—Peace Commissioner Chang Ying Huen has left Pieu Tain for Che Foo, and is expected here January 6, when he will join Peace Commissioner Shao Yao Tien and go to Tokio. Shao Yao Tien was formerly governor of Formosa and offered a reward of about \$12,000 for a big Japanese warship, and for the capture or destruction of a smaller Japanese warship \$6,000. He offered a schedule of rewards to be paid to the Chinese who took Japanese soldiers or sailors dead or alive; for the head of a Japanese officer 100 taels were offered, and for the head of a Japanese private 100 taels. On this ground it has been asserted the Japanese would refuse to receive him as a peace commissioner.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 28.—News has reached here that a most horrible holocaust occurred at Silver Lake, Lake county, Oregon, on Christmas eve, in which forty-one people were burned to death and sixteen badly injured, five of whom will die. A large crowd had assembled in Christman Brothers' hall to attend a Christmas tree festival.

While the festivities were at their height, some one climbed on a bench, from which point he expected to get a better view of what was going on. In doing so his head struck a lamp hanging from the ceiling, overturning it. The oil immediately caught fire, and everything in the room, including and of an inflammable nature, the room was soon a mass of flames.

Some one shouted:

"Shut the door and keep quiet, it can be put out!"

By this time the confusion was so great that people began scrambling in a wild endeavor to reach the door. Women and children were trampled under foot, and as there was only one exit to the hall and the fire being between the majority of the crowd and the door, many people rushed headlong into the flames.

The news was brought here by stage from Silver Lake. Only meager particulars were sent, as the little town is in a frenzy of excitement and grief.

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 28.—A Mexican sheepherder was brought into Bisbee today suffering from a gunshot wound through the thigh.

He says he was attacked by five mounted Indians while alone looking after his sheep, and when he took to his heels the redskins opened fire on him, only one of the shots taking effect. He managed to join several herders half a mile from the scene of the shooting, who took him to Bisbee.

In the opinion of old timers this bold attempt at murder is but a starter for serious Indian troubles. Part of Geroulmo's band of Apaches has been returned to the San Carlos reservation, their old stamping grounds, and while they have been there only a short time, they are beginning to act in a way that is causing the settlers great alarm.

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Dec. 28.—Santa Rosa's county treasury was robbed of nearly \$8,000 today, and County Treasurer Stoen was left senseless in the vault to suffocate by the robbers, who locked the door of the vault on him.

The robbery occurred about 9 o'clock

this morning, but was not discovered until about 5 o'clock this afternoon. At this time County Treasurer Stoen lay on the floor of the vault gasping for breath, fearing that every moment would be his last. Had it not been for the timely arrival of his wife, the only person in town who knew the combination, he would have been dead. She had been at Cloverdale, and on her return here about 4 o'clock learned that the treasurer had not been home to dinner. The children said they had taken his dinner to him and left it in front of the office, but that they could not get in.

Mrs. Stoen, suspecting something wrong, rushed down to the office. The door was locked, but with the aid of the janitor she opened it. On one desk was her husband's coat and hat. On the floor in confusion were money rays on which the treasurer carried money from the vault, which is in a rear office, to his desk in the front room.

About that time a faint knocking was heard from inside the vault. The first time she tried to open the combination she failed, owing to her great excitement. Next time she was more successful, and the big iron doors of the vault slowly swung open. Treasurer Stoen was found on the floor of the vault unconscious, and the safe door was open and most of the money removed.

Treasurer Stoen, as soon as he revived, said he opened up the office as usual, about 9 o'clock. As he was carrying out the trays with money from the vault, a tall man in stocking feet stepped into the door of the vault and, with uplifted dagger in his right hand, told him to drop the trays, which he did. As he stooped over to lay the trays down the robber struck him a powerful blow on the back of the head, which rendered him unconscious, for now long he could not tell. He says he man was tall and wore cloth waist-knives, and must have gained admittance to the office during the night, and waited for him to open the safe.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—General Schofield has received a preliminary report from Colonel H. W. Lawton, inspector general, who is making special investigation of the Ute Indians who left their reservation in Colorado and crossed into Utah. Colonel Lawton says the Indians acted according to their habits and custom and had crossed the line thinking they had a perfect right to do so, and with no hostile purpose whatever. They had no intention of troubling white people, and according to Colonel Lawton, the oldest and best residents of the country thus innocently invaded never had any apprehension of trouble. Colonel Lawton adds the number of Indians and their stock have been greatly exaggerated and they are now returning to the reservation as rapidly as the severity of the weather permits.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Dec. 28.—Two sticks, the Sioux Indian, sentenced for the leading participation in the murder of four cowboys February 2, 1892, was hanged at 10 o'clock by United States Marshal Penitler, in the presence of fifty persons. He died easily and quickly.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—The death of ex-Senator Fair at midnight

was a surprise to the community, the seriousness of his illness having been kept secret.

He passed away at his apartments in the Lick house, the hotel being part of his vast possessions. Fair had been in bed since Monday. For several hours before the end came he was unconscious. The doctors said that death was due to diabetes and bright's disease.

As to the value of the estate, the doctor said that two years ago when the ex-senator was complaining of his physical sufferings, he remarked: "I would not pass another such a night for every cent of my \$88,000,000." The doctor added that Fair knew almost exactly what he was worth at that time; the estate would now aggregate about \$40,000,000 at a moderate estimate.

WICHITA, Kansas, Dec. 29.—Emil Lanne, a hermit for a dozen years in a canyon in Beaver county, No Mans Land, was found frozen to death in his rude hut yesterday. A Catholic crucifix was clasped tightly in one hand, a rosary in the other. He was ninety years of age and was said to be an illegitimate son of one of Bonaparte's marshals. The hotel he lived in contained nothing but a rough table and bed with a few cooking utensils and about fifty volumes of French religious books.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—A gale is sweeping across the channel delaying mail boats. The snow has fallen in many places in England for the first time this season. Barkentine Woodville, from Dublin to Liverpool, has foundered. Six of the crew were drowned.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 29.—The papers for the administration of the estate of the late premier, Sir John Thompson, were filed yesterday on behalf of Lady Thompson. Sir John died late last. His estate is sworn to at \$9,727, of which \$5,726 is from life insurance and \$2,493 is money in savings banks, made up of sums which the late premier saved while a resident of Nova Scotia. After paying the debts due by the estate, chiefly household accounts, \$1,500 over and above the life insurance available for the family will be left.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Battalion Fire Chief John J. Brennan and Foreman J. L. Rooney, of truck 12, were killed today by falling off a floor during a fire which gutted several stories of the gas and electric fixtures factory of the Cassidy & Son Manufacturing company, 124 west, Twenty-fourth street. The fire did \$60,000 worth of damage. Assistant Foreman Wm. Hennessey, of engine 8, had his leg broken, and three other firemen were slightly injured.

TOLEDO, Dec. 29.—Elevator "B" of the Dayton & Michigan company, burned this morning. Chris Danderton, an old employe, was in the top of the building when it caught fire, and was unable to escape. The elevator contained 625,000 bushels of wheat and 40,000 of corn, worth \$416,800. The building was valued at \$150,000. The total loss is \$566,800, on which there is \$350,000 insurance. The cause of the fire is unknown.

PITTSBURG, Kans., Dec. 29.—Fredrick Fruster, an old resident of Pittsburg, was found in a snowdrift just outside of town almost frozen to death