

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

KIRKSVILLE, Mo., June 25.—A rain and hail storm raged here last night and reports of the destruction of crops and property are coming in from all parts of Adair county.

On Sugar creek, in the Chariton bottom, eight miles west of her, Mrs. Stewart and her infant daughter were drowned in the overflow. The drowned woman and her two children lived with her father and brother in a tent near Pukler's big tie camp, where the father and brother were employed. They had all retired and were aroused by the water rising in the tent. Looking out they discovered the entire bottoms deluged. Mrs. Stewart took one child, while her father took the other and the party attempted to escape. They started out into the forest, wading through water waist deep and by the aid of an occasional flash of light and finally reached dry land, but in crossing a creek Mrs. Stewart made a misstep and fell into the water. The current was so swift that the mother and child could not be rescued, and their bodies were not recovered until this morning. A cloud-burst is thought to have occurred, and the Chariton is out of its banks.

NEW YORK, June 25.—Holders of the general mortgage and extension mortgage bonds of the Utah Southern Railroad company have been notified that the payment of interest having been defaulted, Messrs. J. H. Han and Oliver Ames, trustees for the first mortgage, have called a meeting of bondholders for July 11th in this city, to consider what steps shall be taken in the premises.

HACKBERRY, Ariz., June 25.—From Peach Springs comes the story of the finding of a nugget, or bowlder rather, of pure silver, such as there has been no record of in the history of mining in the West. The bowlder weighed about half a ton, and its value is anywhere from \$5,000 to \$10,000. It was found by William Tucker and John Doyle, both old prospectors, and they have kept the fact to themselves heretofore because of the chance that there was more silver where this lump came from, and they desired to get the best location for themselves by letting the rest of the world into the secret.

DENVER, June 25.—A special to the News from Colorado Springs says: Last week Captain Blanche Cox of the Salvation Army was fined for stopping on the streets with the army. The police understood that she had given orders that the army should not stop again until the cases now pending against other officers had been appealed to the county court, and at the request of her attorney the case was dismissed and the fine remitted.

Last night the army again stopped, and today Captain Cox was in the police court. She was fined \$25. She had wealthy and financial friends present who offered to pay the fine, or to sign an appeal bond, but she declined to accept, and insists on going to jail. The police magistrate declined to commit her for five days, the time that the law provides shall be allowed for making an appeal. The army

stopped again tonight, and there are likely to be some more arrests.

The town is divided into two hostile camps on the subject.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 25.—Minister Strobel at Santiago has sent the state department the following:

"I regret to report the destruction by fire of the building occupied by the House of Congress. The edifice was regarded as the finest in Chile and but little of furniture or the archives were saved. The loss is estimated at about a million dollars in U. S. gold, without considering the archives which can never be replaced. The building was begun in 1857, but not dedicated until 1876, during the presidency of Federico Errazuriz. While there are rumors that the fire was the work of an incendiary, it seems to be more naturally the result of an accident. There were several lighted stoves in the building which were being left alight, and probably caused an explosion by escaping gas. The government has called for plans for a new building, notifying Congress that on its completion they will ask for funds for reconstruction. An extra session of Congress has been called to consider the financial question and is now being held in the state university.

BOSTON, June 25.—Frank R. Woodward, correspondent in Cuba for a New York newspaper, is in a Spanish dungeon for visiting an insurgent camp. He was under surveillance and tried to escape on the British steamer Ely, which has arrived here from Banes, Cuba, but the Spanish guards recognized him and then thrust him into prison. He is to be taken to Gibara for trial.

Woodward arrived at Banes from the interior June 16, the day before the Ely sailed. His horse was nearly dead from fatigue and both man and horse were covered with mud. This was what aroused Spanish suspicions and Woodward was very ill. He had a lot of notes detailing the strength and movement of the rebels. The Spaniards took them.

Woodward asked Captain Donovan to immediately notify the press of the United States so as to bring his arrest to the notice of the state department, for he feared the papers the Spaniards seized will be used against him. The Spaniards, it is understood, will charge him with being a rebel officer trying to escape to the United States.

Woodward told the officers of the Ely there are 11,000 rebels about Holguin. There was a rumor in Banes before the Ely left that two other United States correspondents had been arrested near Santiago.

The authorities have ordered all correspondents to leave the country immediately.

LONDON, June 26.—Special dispatches from Shanghai say well informed officials express the opinion that war between Russia and Japan over Corea will break out before the end of three months.

PARIS, June 26.—The *Eclair*, referring to the conflict between French citizens and citizens of Brazil on the frontier of French Guiana says advantage must be taken of the concurrence

by France to formally claim the whole disputed territory and especially annex the entire country as far as the river Amazon.

WASHINGTON, June 26.—The U. S. consul at Foo Chow, China, reports the appearance of the Hong Kong plague there. He says it is already established as epidemic, but so far confined to the city proper. He adds: The symptoms unmistakably stamp it as the plague and in the infected district within the city rats are dying in great numbers just as has been invariably the rule wherever the plague has shown itself in the past. In a city like Foo Chow it is impossible to institute any sort of sanitary measures to prevent the spread of the contagious disease or even mitigate the sufferings of the victims.

WICHITA, Kan., June 26.—Kanadia, a Kickapoo squaw, took a shotgun today and held up the contractor of the Choctaw railway in Oklahoma and all of his men and would not let them build a foot of track on her allotment until a bond of \$2,000 was put up as a guarantee for damages. The company refused a day or two ago to arbitrate with her, and when the men arrived on the ground today she met them with her shotgun, with the above result.

HAVANA, June 26.—The most serious news of Spanish disasters received here since the outbreak of the rebellion reached here this evening. The garrisons of two towns have surrendered and the places have been burned by Maximo Gomez.

Fire was heard constantly around Puerto Principe last night, and extraordinary precautions are being taken to protect that city.

Owing to the restrictions placed by the government on the transmission of telegraphic news concerning the insurrection, only the most meagre details of the disaster to the Spanish arms are obtainable. It appears certain however, that the garrison of El Malato, in the province of Puerto Principe, near the city of Puerto Principe, has surrendered to Gomez. The garrison consisted of about 25 Spanish soldiers, under Lieutenant Romero, and they were quartered in a guano house, fortified with palisades, with loop holes for rifles. The place was also provisioned, and contained a considerable stock of ammunition.

The town of San Geronimo met the same fate. It was attacked by the insurgents under Maximo Gomez, and burned to the ground, after its garrison of about fifty men had surrendered.

Advice from Puerto Principe indicates that the city is infested by insurgents. The military governor of that place has issued a proclamation, forbidding any one to come into the town or go out of it, and not more than three persons are allowed to assemble in public, and, finally, no one is allowed to be on horseback in the city of Puerto Principe after nightfall.

HENNESSY, O. T., June 27.—Deputy sheriffs from Woodward, O. T., hunting Zep Wyatt, alias Dick Yeager, and gang, came suddenly upon four of the gang sixty miles west of Hennessy. The outlaws mounted their horses and attempted to escape. Shots were exchanged. Charley Black, trotter of Jules Jack, killed in the Cimarron fight eight weeks ago, was seriously wounded