

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

CHICAGO, May 7.—A special to the *Post* from Washington says: The discovery is made that there is an actual basis for the report that the Morgan-Rothschild bond syndicate is conspiring to corner the gold market, though the story has been regarded as a foolish canard. It is a fact, however, that the brokers representing the syndicate have been paying a premium for the refined gold output of the private refineries throughout the West during the last two months, and that they are accumulating fine gold at the rate of \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000 per month, which represents fully two-thirds of the entire gold output of the United States.

CHICAGO, May 7.—A serious strike occurred this morning at the Illinois Steel company's plant in South Chicago. Twelve hundred men threw down their tools and walked out. The strike resulted from a demand by the furnace men for an increase of wages from the present scale of \$2.10 a day to the scale which was in force last year. This the company refused.

The strikers were at first disposed to be orderly and peaceable, but later affairs took on an ugly aspect, and it was found necessary to call on the police to drive them out.

Shortly before 6 o'clock tonight a crowd numbering about 1,500 men forced their way past the watchman at one of the gates, and proceeded to take possession of the company's property. They marched first to where some of the laboring men were still at work and compelled them to quit work. Not much trouble was experienced with the laborers, but when the strikers reached the machine shop, where about 400 machinists were employed, they met with a different reception. The machinists have a scale of their own, and the fight of the other men made no particular difference, and they refused either to quit or allow themselves to be driven out of the yards.

The strikers, who for the most part were Poles and Hungarians, made several attempts to persuade the machinists to leave their work, but finding them unsuccessful, they began an attack on the machine shop with stones and such missiles as they could find. The machinists for the most part stood their ground and gave the strikers as good as they sent.

The fight was growing warm, and broken heads and bloody noses were growing quite common when the police arrived. They were under the command of Captain Jenkins, who at once made a charge on the mob with his handful of officers. The strikers at first refused to give ground, and the police used their clubs freely. This did not have the desired effect, and Captain Jenkins ordered his men to draw their revolvers and fire over the heads of the strikers. As soon as this was done, the mob broke and fled wildly from the premises of the company. The fight only lasted a few minutes, and there was no more rioting.

Twenty-eight men who were leaders in the attack on the works were arrested and locked up, charged with rioting. They are all Poles and Bohemians.

During the riots in the yards, four men were painfully injured. Jack Shepard, a machinist, was struck on the head with a hammer and badly hurt. Edward Shaska, a striker, was badly bruised. Policeman Leindecker was bit with a coupling pin, and had his head badly cut with a brick.

LONDON, May 7.—The *Daily News* today publishes advices from its correspondent at Cars, saying that 800 of the survivors of the recent massacre in Armenia who returned to their homes under promise of protection from the Turks, are being daily persecuted and tortured at the hands of the Turkish officials, supported by Gen. Darnes. For two months, it is added, officials have tried to force the refugees to sign an address of thanks to the Sultan, stating that they met with only kindness at his hands, that all the troubles were caused by Kurdish raiders and that the Sultan's troops took no part in the slaughter. Those refusing to sign are beaten, placed in chains and suspended for hours by their feet. Women were outraged, children shamefully treated and the soldiers dragged women and girls and forced them to sign the address.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Acting Secretary of State Uhl has cabled Acting Consul General Springer at Havana, to immediately protest to the Spanish authorities against the trial by a military court of Manuel Fuentes, the New York *World* correspondent. The consul general has been enjoined to act speedily, as there is some apprehension that his life is in danger.

COLON, May 7.—The steamship line have been notified on behalf of the Nicaraguan government that the port of Corinto is now open. The Nicaraguan authorities at Bluefields are hastening the extensions of the fortifications. It is believed this action is due to the fact that the depositor Chief Clarence, now a British pensioner at Jamaica, has asked Great Britain to restore him to authority.

CHICAGO, May 8.—Four policemen were injured and one striker fatally shot in a riot at Illinois Steel company's plant, South Chicago, today.

None of the policemen are believed to be fatally hurt. After the shooting the rioters gathered in groups threatening vengeance. The mills were kept under police protection and the company's store of dynamite was heavily guarded all day.

BUENOS AYRES, May 7.—There was a severe earthquake today at Mendoza, capital of the province of that name. The inhabitants were terrified and fled from the town. Mendoza is situated about fifty-five miles southeast from the volcano of Aconcagua. The place was destroyed by an earthquake in 1869.

NEW YORK, May 8.—A special from Havana to a morning paper says:

The end of the war is at hand. The rumor permeated the city joyously last night and now it is confirmed in all well informed circles. Prices at the Bourse have risen. The chief of the insurgents have abandoned their cause in despair.

Captain General Martinez Campoo has ordered that the works on the port

of Santiago be begun at once. Railways and telegraph lines are to be built, rebuilt and improved through Manzanillo, Bayamo, Puerto Principe, Santa Criz, San Luis, and Soriano.

NEW YORK, May 8.—A special to the *World* from Santiago de Cuba says: The revolutionists under Maceo's leadership attacked the town of Gristos. They burned houses and shops, tore up the railway tracks and derailed a train loaded with Spanish soldiers. At least one Spaniard was killed and several were wounded. The loss of the insurgents is not known. The insurgents also made an attack upon the town of Caney and burned one house before they were compelled to retire.

NEW YORK, May 8.—A special to the *World* from Santiago, Cuba, says: General Salcedo, commanding the military department, has just informed the *World* correspondent that an order has been issued for the release of Manuel Feito who was arrested for his alleged relations with the insurgents. His release is conditional on his leaving the island. The result has been brought about through representations made by the *World* to Governor Larrich and General Martinez Campos.

GUTHRIE, O. T., May 9.—Newcomb, alias "Bitter Creek," and Pierce, alias "Dynamite Dick," leaders of the desperate Dalton-Dolin gang of outlaws who were killed last week, were betrayed by friends, entrapped into the latter's home and cowardly murdered while they slept under their host's roof. The killing, according to a story of neighbors brought in from Ingalls, was done by the Dunns, who had been promised large rewards by the deputies who claimed later to have made the capture of the famous outlaws.

The latter's friends have sworn vengeance and the Dunn family are arming to protect themselves.

The killing is on a par with the assassination by the Ford boys of Jesse James.

The Dunns were in Ingalls on the afternoon of the killing and went home with a large amount of beer and whisky. It had been arranged to have Salie Niles, a sweetheart of "Dynamite Dick," and the two outlaws meet at the Duou house that night for a big time. By midnight the outlaws were badly under the influence of liquor and shortly afterwards went to sleep, heavily armed as usual, and without removing their clothes. While in this condition, it is asserted, the Dunns perforated them with Winchester bullets and buckshot. An examination of the bodies showed that all bullets and buckshots had gone into the bodies in such a way as to leave no other conclusion than that the men were lying down when shot. One of the Dunn brothers was brought in here a few days after the capture and lodged in the federal jail, but in two days was turned loose.

The Dunns are lying very low. Their house is an arsenal and they give evidence of expecting a raid on them every night.

NEW YORK, May 9.—A special to the *World* from Havana says: General Campos called from Cienfuegos on the 2nd for Manzanillo and Santiago. Well informed people maintain that he will soon have to return. He is said to be in very poor health, his strength and energy failing fast. The