

and he fell dead just within the threshold, being shot in several places. The mother had the baby in her arms and had reached the door over her husband's body when a bullet crashed through its skull and it fell to the floor. She was shot in several places. Two of the girls had their arms broken close to the shoulder and will probably lose them. Another of the girls is believed to be fatally wounded. The boy is also shot. Two of the seven occupants of the house escaped with slight injuries. The bodies of Baker and the infant were cremated in the building. All mail matter was destroyed.

Houston, Tex., Feb. 24.—It is reported from Brenham that the agents of the McFadden Bros., of Philadelphia, one of the world's great cotton firms, has been instructed to stop buying cotton. The same notification is said to have been sent out to all their hundred or more agents in Texas. Inquiries are said to have brought the answer that it was "because of the Cuban complications. This has caused a considerable flurry among the local cotton men."

London, Feb. 25.—According to a special dispatch from Madrid reports received there from the United States to the effect that public opinion in the latter country is becoming more excited owing to the impression that the destruction of the Maine is not due to an accident, are "restirring popular feeling here (in Madrid) and the conviction is increasing in ministerial circles that the worst must be expected."

Continuing, the dispatch says: "The government has no choice if the United States adopts a threatening attitude, for the prospect of war is popular with all parties, and the more excitable newspapers are already urging the government to take measures to enable Spain to strike the first and decisive blow."

New York, Feb. 25.—Passengers on the steamship Concho, that has just arrived from Havana, say that the sight of the Maine was horrifying, from the evidence that the wreckage bore of the power of the explosion and the carnage wrought. Buzzards hung about the wreck, the Spanish officers making no effort to drive them away, though their presence was sickeningly offensive.

Spaniards who rowed about in boats did not conceal their satisfaction at the American warship's fate and sometimes were seen shaking their fists at the flag that hung at half mast above the hull.

New York, Feb. 25.—A dispatch to the World from Kingston, Jamaica, says:

A succession of terrific earthquakes have caused great destruction of property on the island of Montserrat. They began on the 15th, but the most severe occurred on the 20th. There were numerous landslides and water-pipes were wrecked and the entire population of the island were thrown into great consternation. There is much distress in consequence.

Montserrat is one of the Leeward Islands in the West Indies, and is a British possession. Its area is only forty-seven square miles, and the topography is mountainous. It has a population of between 8,000 and 10,000.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 25.—First Mate Cook of the wrecked ship Asia, which went to pieces in the storm off Nantucket and of whose company of thirty persons only three sailors were saved, was a hero. Had he not stood by the captain's little daughter Lena he might have saved his life. The saved sailors tried to get him to join them on the extemporized raft, which saved them, but rather than leave the helpless little girl to perish he refused and remained with her to the end.

San Francisco, Feb. 26.—Dr. Charles B. Brigham has added another testi-

mony to the progress of modern surgery. On Thursday last, at St. Luke's hospital, he made complete excision of the stomach of a female patient suffering with cancer, and, at a late hour last evening, 36 hours after the operation, she was resting comfortably, with almost a normal pulse and temperature. It will be at least a week, however, before there can be well-grounded hope for complete recovery.

The patient is 65 years old and for the past three months has taken nothing but liquid food and that in very small quantities. Dr. Brigham, who has been attending her, decided to make an incision with a possible gastroemity, or gastro-interostomy, but, after finding two-thirds of the stomach involved in the malignant growth, he decided upon complete excision. In this he was assisted by Doctors Boyd, Porter and Huntington. The patient was a little over two hours under the knife, the anesthetic causing her no subsequent discomfort.

This is the third operation of the kind on record. The first and undoubtedly successful case was performed in Zurich, Switzerland, in September of last year.

Dr. Brigham conducted the operation upon much the same methods followed by Dr. Carl Schlatter in Zurich and his patient will be nursed back to strength under a similar diet. If Dr. Brigham's patient progresses as well as the one in Switzerland, chicken will be on her bill of fare 20 days hence.

The only other case of record is the unsuccessful one reported from St. Louis a few days since, which resulted disastrously.

Constantinople, Feb. 28.—Serious bread riots have taken place at Gallipoli, where a mob has attempted to burn the government offices. The police made 36 arrests.

Athens, Feb. 28.—One of the men who attempted the life of the king of Greece on Saturday has been arrested. His name is Karditza, and he is a minor employe in the mayor's office here. He refuses to give the name of his accomplice.

The municipal councils throughout the country are addressing messages of sympathy to the king and thousands of congratulatory telegrams are arriving at the palace. The royal family are said to be greatly touched at the expressions of loyalty.

New York, Feb. 28.—The World prints the following circular which it says is distributed on the streets of Havana:

"Spaniards without conditions.

"Long live Spain with honor.

"It is time we leave at one side lying deceptions and puerile fears. It is necessary even if we all succumb in the fight not to stand the imposition of that proud and ambitious nation which at every moment taking advantage of the weakness of the liberal government, menaces us and throws down the gauntlet.

"Providence is taking our part, and if not, see what has happened to that vessel to which they confided all their power."

"It is necessary to go to the ballot box to offer all obstacles to autonomists, because with them and their coming into power things have occurred that never happened when we, the constituents, were in power.

"Under the new colonial system has occurred the accident to the Maine. They have allowed the dead of a hostile nation to be placed in the palace, and a thousand other things to bring us conflicts. So we repeat the phrases of the orator Romero Rubio. We will go anywhere except to autonomy, and let us also take note that the valiant General Weyler, whom we ought to elect as a deputy for Havana, seconds us. We have on our side the army,

the volunteers, the navy and the people.

"What do you do, that you allow yourselves to be insulted in this manner? Do you not see what they have done to us by removing our brave and beloved Weyler? At this hour we would have made an end of this vile insurgent rabble that tramps on our flag and on our honor.

"They force autonomy on us to cast us aside and to give the positions of honor and command to those who initiated this rebellion—these ill-born autonomists, ingrate sons of our beloved land.

"And last, these dirty Yankees who meddle in our affairs, humiliating us to the last degree as a further taunt, send us one of the war vessels of their rotten navy, after insulting us in their newspapers in our own house.

"Spaniards, the time for action has arrived. Slumber not. Let us show those vile traitors that we have not yet lost our honor and that we know how to protect it with the energy of a worthy and strong nation, such as our Spain has been and always will be.

"Death to the Americans.

"Death to autonomy.

"Long live Spain.

"Long live Weyler."

Washington, Feb. 28.—In the Supreme court today an opinion was handed down in the case of E. F. Holden vs the sheriff of Salt Lake county, Utah, involving the constitutionality of the State law fixing a day's work in smelters and mines in the State at 8 hours. Holden was arrested for violating the law and sentenced to imprisonment.

He brought the case to the Supreme court in an effort to secure a writ of error on the ground that the law was unconstitutional in that it was calculated to deprive a citizen of life or property without due process of law. The court held that such was not the case, but that the law was an exercise of the State's police powers.

Justice Brown said in passing upon the case that it was not the intention of the court to pass generally upon the constitutionality of the 8-hour laws, but that in so far as State laws were exerted for the protection of the lives, the health or the morals of a community—that there should be no doubt of their propriety or of their constitutionality. There could be no doubt of the exceptional and unhealthy character of work in smelters or mines because of bad air, high temperature and noxious gases, and hence the wisdom of the State Legislature.

The decision of the Supreme Court of Utah was affirmed.

Guthrie, Ok., Feb. 28.—Ever since the burning of the two Indians for the murder of Mrs. Laird at Maude, I. T., it has been asserted that Lincoln McGeysier, the younger of the two, was innocent, and all the evidence brought out at the hearings has served to corroborate this assertion. It is now learned that special agents of the government have secured evidence establishing a complete alibi for Sampson, the other victim, proving he was 40 miles from the Laird home at the time of the murder.

The Colusa-Jarrott Mining company of Butte, Mont., brought suit in the United States court Monday against the Anaconda company for an injunction to restrain the Anaconda company from extracting ore from beneath the surface of the Colusa-Parrott through the Never-Sweat property. Nominal damages for \$50,000 are also asked. The injunction will be heard on Saturday next. The question in dispute is where the vein set ore is taken and its apex.