

mander-in-chief of the Spanish forces now in Cuba has been divulged by several officers of high rank whose names must be kept secret.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—A special to the World from Havana says: Numerous reports have been received of skirmishes, indicating unusual maneuvering on both sides in Havana province.

CARDIFF, Wales, Jan. 27.—A terrible explosion has taken place in a colliery at Tylorstown. The shafts were shattered and the whole town shaken, causing wild excitement. Fifty-four miners were below when the explosion occurred. Several reached the surface with the dead body of another. It is supposed nearly all the remainder are killed. Rescue parties have been hurried to the scene, but the work is very dangerous, as the pit is on fire.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Justice Peckham, the new member of the Supreme Court, delivered his first opinion today, in a case involving the right of the government to condemn the real estate of the Gettysburg Electric Railway company as part of the national park located upon Gettysburg battle ground. The court below decided that the act of Congress authorizing the establishment of a park, as far as it applied to the condemnation of private property, was unconstitutional. Justice Peckham's decision reversed this ruling, sustaining the condemnation proceedings. The case is important as it extends considerable authority to the general government in condemnation proceedings.

BERLIN, Jan. 27.—It is semi-officially announced that the German minister at Caracas has presented a note to the Venezuelan government demanding the payment of the guarantee fund due German subjects as a result of the building of the great Venezuelan railway.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 28.—The government of Nicaragua has re-established normal internal conditions and the political crisis is pronounced over.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The prayer of the Senate chaplain referring to the appearance of another Star—Uta—in the constellation of states, invoked the knitting together of the hearts of all people of the Union for the advancement and glory of our beloved country.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—A dispatch to the World from Ichang, China, dated January 25, says:

The Cheng Tu commission arrived today from Chung King. It is conveyed by a Chinese river boat and two life boats.

The commission headed by Sheridan P. Reed, United States consul at Tien Tsin, is returning from its inquiry into the anti-commissionary riots in Szechuen province of which Cheng Ku is the capital.

It left Tien Tsin last September and marched overland through the heart of China with an imposing military escort furnished from Peking, in order to impress the Orientals that the American government is strong enough to reach and protect its people even in places where they thought no foreigner dare venture.

The commission is going back by way of the Yang Tse Kiang river. It left Chung King January 25, and in ten days covered about four hundred miles.

Nearly a thousand miles by river remain to be traversed before the ocean will be reached.

LONDON, Jan. 28.—A special dispatch received today from St. Petersburg, says: Arrangements point to a conclusion between Russia, Great Britain, France and Italy for a final settlement of the Armenian question. These include Russia's occupation and administration of Anatolia and the purchase of Cyprus by Great Britain.

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., Jan. 28.—Alexander Jones, a negro desperado, boarded a passenger train at Keystone last night, and under the influence of whiskey, was very quarrelsome. The negro became much incensed when an attempt was made to eject him, pulled two revolvers and began firing promiscuously. W. H. Strother, postmaster at Elkhorn, was shot through the abdomen and killed.

Conductor McCullough was shot in the side, but not seriously injured. Peter Rice, colored, was shot through the right breast and probably fatally injured. Jones was incarcerated at Elkhorn jail to await a train to convey him to Huntington for safe keeping. The train arrived at 2 a. m. and the officers and prisoner boarded it without molestation. Meanwhile a mob had been organized at Welch, fifteen miles west of Keystone. At Hemphill, a small station a mile west of Welch, the train was flagged and a mob, numbering 100 men, boarded it and dragged Jones to a tree, where he was swung to a limb and the body riddled with bullets. The following note was attached to the body: "This deed was done for the purpose of an example and warning to negroes, beware."

Jones, it is alleged, had killed three men prior to his last offense.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 28.—William Gambold, a railroad brakeman, has begun a suit against the Pennsylvania Railroad company and F. G. Darlington, superintendent of the Indianapolis division for \$25,000 damages for malicious prosecution.

The suit is the outgrowth of the American Railway Union strike of 1894, and is brought as a test case. Gambold, with John Buck, H. Raybold and Tom Romatt, A. R. U. strikers, were charged by Darlington with having "killed" a switch engine after driving off the engineer and fireman and violating the injunction of Judge Woods. Darlington was at that time a deputy United States marshal, having been sworn in on July 4. Gambold was arrested at Terre Haute, brought to this city and kept in jail for ten days. He was tried in the federal court and acquitted.

The defense will be based on the proposition that Darlington was a sworn federal officer at the time he made the affidavit and that neither Darlington, as a deputy United States marshal, nor the railway, can be held responsible.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—The Cunard line steamer Catalonia from Liverpool for Boston, that had her shaft broken, was spoken January 22 by the White Star freighter Cevic, which reached this port today. Captain Atkin, of the Catalonia, asked his ship to be taken in tow by the Cevic, but Captain Nicol, of the latter, was obliged to refuse because the courses of the two ships

were so far apart. A cablegram from St. Michael's, the Azores, received today, reports that the Catalonia has been towed into that port by the steamer Braunschweig.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., Jan. 28.—Twenty-five men picked up from open boats off Long Island on Monday morning by the schooner Helen H. Benedict, were landed here last night and left today for New York, whence they sailed last Sunday. Their ship was the steamer J. W. Hawkins, recently purchased at Baltimore for an alleged Cuban cruise, and she sailed from New York on Sunday night, having on board between 75 and 100 men bound, it is claimed, to join the Cuban insurgents. The rescued men report that when the steamer was off the eastern end of Long Island she sprang a serious leak and the water gained so rapidly on her that all hands were obliged to take to the boats. Thirteen more men from the steamer Hawkins have been brought in today.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—At a meeting of holders of consolidated first mortgage bonds of Kansas Pacific railway today, at which \$6,500,000 bonds was represented, it was voted unanimously to accept the terms offered by the Union Pacific reorganization committee. The action taken binds all bonds deposited with the reorganization committee, amounting to \$10,400,000 out of a total outstanding of \$11,900,000 to the Union Pacific reorganization plan.

GUATEMALA, Jan. 28.—President Barrios and the secretary of finance are studying a proposition submitted by a special agent of a Hamburg banking house to lend to the Guatemalan government the \$5,000,000 needed for improvements in the port of San Jose.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 28.—The sixth ballot of the joint session of the legislature for senator: Hunter 65, Blackburn 56, Henry Watterson 9, John Young Brown 1, Wilson 1.

The "sound money" Democrats voted today for Henry Watterson.

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Releases.—Elders Alfred Gadd and W. H. Darley have been honorably released from laboring as traveling Elders in the Norwich conference, to return home January 17, 1896.

Elder Joseph R. Price has been honorably released from laboring as traveling Elder in the Sheffield conference, to return home January 17, 1896.

Elder Robert Blain has been honorably released from laboring as traveling Elder in the Newcastle conference, to return home January 17, 1896.

Saturday and Sunday snow fell almost continually in the Sierra Nevada mountains, the heaviest fall being at Emigrant Gap, where six inches is said to have fallen in two hours. Between Summit and Cisco there are about eight feet of snow on the level.

A reward of two hundred dollars has been offered by the board of county commissioners of Garfield county, Colorado, for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons guilty of the murder of the man found in the Grand river near the state bridge in Glenwood Springs on January 19th.