

members of the Armenian committee have been arrested in connection with the discovery and have confessed their guilt. They have also denounced many of their accomplices to the police. The police have hopes of soon being able to unearth the whole plot.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 18.—Today arguments began in the United States court before Judge Ross on the suit brought by the government against the Southern Pacific Railway company to recover 4,000,000 acres of land along its line from the Colorado river to the coast. The land comprises some of the most valuable in southern California.

Attorney J. H. Call for the government made the proceedings sensational this morning by charging fraud on the part of the Southern Pacific company, in that it had changed the maps in the preliminary surveys to represent operations on the final maps. The railroad's attorneys had produced papers to show incompetency on the part of Call. Call made a statement that the Southern Pacific was attempting to run the interior department of the government, and the interior department was attempting to run the department of justice toward its own ends.

Judge Ross sustained Call and denied the railroad attorneys the right to present affidavits.

BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 19.—Sixteen members of the crew of the British war ship *Warrlean*, Captain Kitchen, which has just arrived in port, reported at the British consul's office and preferred charges against the captain, second mate and the steward which, if true, indicate unusual cruelty and brutality. The complaint of the men in substance is that on several occasions when sailing from Manilla last December, the second mate and steward beat the men unmercifully with belaying pins, besides setting the captain's dog on them. This dog, according to the crew, is a large ferocious Russian hound, trained especially to terrorize the men on board the ship. The captain when summoned to a preliminary examination by the consul, laughed and said: "I know nothing about the charges. There was no trouble on board the ship." He admitted owning the dog, but refused to talk any further.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Sept. 19.—Four powder mills in Hazardville, Connecticut, were blown up today. Lightning struck one causing the explosion. No one was killed or injured. Thousands of acres were broken in town.

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—A dispatch to the *Herald* from Buenos Ayres says:

A correspondent in Rio de Janeiro telegraphs that Italy has sent a special agent to examine into the pending question between that country and Brazil. The correspondent also says that an important conference has been held between the Brazilian minister and the German minister. The matter discussed was the Italian question, it is generally believed.

BUTTE, Mont., Sept. 20.—By a collision between the Union Pacific express from Salt Lake and the west, due here at 11:35 a. m., and a mixed train on the Montana Union bound for Anaconda, near Rooker, four miles west of

here, at 11 this morning, the engines of both trains and the express and smoker of the Union Pacific were wrecked.

All the injured were on the Union Pacific express, which uses the Montana Union tracks from Silver Bow Junction into Butte. The passengers hurt were all in the smoker, which was telescoped for a third of its length by the express car.

The accident is attributed to a conflict of orders. The trains were to have passed at Silver Bow Junction. It is said the dispatcher subsequently released the Union Pacific and failed to change the orders to the mixed train.

LEITH, Scotland, Sept. 22.—[Copyrighted, 1896, by the Associated Press.]—The Russian yacht *Standard* and the Pole Star were sighted at the entrance of the firth of Forth at 11:30 this morning. The Prince of Wales has charge of arrangements for the reception of the czar and czarina and will accompany the Russian visitors to Balmoral.

NEW YORK, Sept. 22.—A *Herald* special from Havana says: Late reports give official details of a serious engagement in Havana province, Sunday, on a large estate near Calabazas. A small government column composed of Havana volunteers, members of the regular engineer corps, and cavalry men of the line is alleged to have been attacked by 500 insurgents, commanded by the leaders Castilla and Degaldo, who repeatedly attempted to surround and overwhelm the royal forces. The Spanish made a gallant defense, tenaciously holding their ground and repelling successive rebel machine charges until finally reinforced by volunteers who had been hurriedly called from Arroyo Naranjo and other nearby points. When these arrived by a brilliant Spanish countercharge the rebels were ultimately routed and driven from the field. The enemy's loss is estimated at 100 killed and wounded. In the retreat they abandoned their dead. It is reported that both Castilla and Degaldo were wounded in the engagement.

An important decree issued by the captain general today plays havoc with the drug stores' military supervision and prohibits medicines being sold to retailers in the interior towns unless authorized by special permits from the Spanish commandant.

Well authenticated reports of barbarous acts by the Spanish troops continue to reach here. Recently the Havana papers published an account of an alleged battle near Chucú de Ara in which after an hour's desperate fighting the Spaniards drove the rebels off, killing fifteen and taking many prisoners. The papers suggested that the government should reward Colonel Aguera, the Spanish commander, for his bravery.

On Sept. 15 ten rebels went to attack a guerrilla band, but met troops hidden in the high grass. The rebels fired a volley, killing two officers and wounding three soldiers. The troops fired back. Lieutenant Colonel Aguera, who commanded the troops, then went toward a colony named Pablo Diaz. There he found a family of twenty-five persons, women, men and children. He asked if they had seen any rebels in the north neighborhood.

Receiving a negative answer, he ordered, as alleged by the Cubans, a general slaughter including children from one to ten years of age. The little children were first pierced with the end of the bayonet, then finished with the machete. Of that colony thirteen were butchered and six made their escape. The men of Aguera's force boasted of what they had done when they went back to Vega, about two miles from the colony. Col. Aguera on Sept. 18th, started with his troops and a guerrilla from Nueva Paz toward the sugar plantation of Cuervo. Near a place called Guzzo, he saw a house, went to it and found only three children in it. He asked where the parents were; the answer was that they had gone after some fuel to prepare breakfast. The colonel ordered the three children, 10 to 13 years old, to be locked up in the house and after this was done he ordered the guerrilla to set fire to the house. The guerrilla horrified disobeyed at first, but under the threats of Aguera he complied and the house was burned with the children in it. The guerrilla later told the people what had been done.

TEMPLE NOTICES.

As a rule baptisms in the Salt Lake Temple are performed on Tuesday of each week. As the General Conference will be in session on Tuesday, Oct. 6th, 1896, the Temple will not be open on that day and baptisms will be attended to on Wednesday, Oct. 7th.

Thursday and Friday, Oct. 8th and 9th, will be occupied in the performance of other ordinance work as usual.

Lorenzo Snow.

The Manti Temple will close Friday, October 2, 1896, and reopen Monday, October 12th.

John D. T. McAllister.

The most important feat in swimming in the history of the Pacific Coast was accomplished Sunday by Charles Cavill, the champion swimmer of Australia. Cavill managed to breast ride and currents between Fort Point and the Marin county shore and swam across the Golden Gate. It was 3:30 o'clock when Cavill left Devil's point, and just one hour and fifteen minutes later he touched the rocks about 200 yards seaward from Fort Winfield Scott, having covered a distance as the crow flies of over one and one-half miles.

Deming, New Mexico, Headlight, 18th: The Southern round-up is busily at work in the vicinity of Sepul. The men will be out for a month or more. The calf crop this year is reported exceptionally large.... The telegraph line connecting Las Palomas and Juarez was completed this week and the Mexican government now has communication between all its border custom houses.... The territorial supreme court of Oklahoma has decided that the heads of cattle in the Indian reservation can not be taxed except for general, territorial and court expenses.... In a tabulated statement of the receipts of cattle at Kansas City from various states and territories during the first eight months of 1896 New Mexico is credited with 7,669 head and Arizona with 1,659.