

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

MADRID, Nov. 19. — An official despatch from Manila says the insurgents have been defeated in engagements with the Spanish troops fought at Santa Cruz and Angra, the enemy losing 500 men killed and the government loss being slight.

BERLIN, Nov. 19. — A fire damp explosion occurred in a colliery at Retcklinghausen, Westphalia. Twenty-five bodies have been recovered. Forty or fifty men are known to be still entombed.

Eventually but five men were rescued. The total number of killed is about 30.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 19. — Secretary Richardson of the state Democratic committee announces that the party has definitely decided to contest the election of eleven McKinley electors in Kentucky. The Democrats concede the election of the foremost McKinley elector, S. S. Kash, who ran 244 ahead of W. H. Smith, the leading Bryan elector.

The grounds of contest are irregularity and fraud in a large number of counties. The Republicans make as many charges of irregularity and frauds as the Democrats. The state contest board is composed entirely of Republicans.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 19. — M. A. Hanna stated to an Associated Press reporter today that the alleged interview with him sent from this city by the United Press and making him say he is ineligible for the portfolio of secretary of the treasury "is a pure fake." While there have been some talk in regard to Hanna being barred from the treasury secretaryship by reason of his commercial interests, it is held by well informed persons that the law bearing on the subject does not apply to internal commerce, and should it be decided it goes bar Hanna, there are numerous ways in which the objections could be removed.

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 19. — The steamer Olympia which arrived last night from Hong Kong brought news that passengers from Bombay to Europe will probably have to undergo quarantine on arrival at European ports, on account of the plague. The corporation of Bombay has voted a lakh of Rupees for measures to extirpate the disease. The latest news is that the scourge is spreading seventeen new cases and eight deaths having occurred in the northern part of the city where there is no drainage. The health officer finds great difficulty in getting laborers for cleaning and disinfecting, owing to their fear of contagion.

At Calcutta vigorous precautionary measures are being taken. Two hospitals are to be constructed at an isolated spot and plans have been formed for an ambulance corps. The plague had just broken out at Ahmedabad where the gravest fears are felt, the town being densely populated and the water supply is deficient. A few showers of rain would probably stamp out the disease. It is estimated that sixty thousand people have left Bombay since the outbreak.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19. — A dispatch to the Herald from Constantinople

says: Mgr. Maghaki Ormanian's election as the new Armenian patriarch is an excellent sign for peace in the future. An imperial irade will probably be issued tomorrow approving the election and the next day the new patriarch will enter upon his functions. He has already declared that religious councils shall take immediate steps to examine the rules of organic law which will doubtless be modified.

Artin Pasha was warmly congratulated on the result of his efforts at the close of the sitting.

The extraordinary tribunals appointed early in September to try persons arrested in connection with the disturbances has been dissolved. The point was most strongly insisted upon by the foreign ambassadors. Imperial sanction has been given for the appearance of an Armenian paper, which appeared yesterday.

According to the religion the Armenians belong to the Armenian Gregorian church, which in the year 596 separated from the Greek church at the council of Chalcedon.

They have likewise separated from the United Catholic church and they now recognize as their highest religious authority the patriarch of Etchmianzin in Russia who bears the title of catholicos of Sis (Kilikien.) The patriarch of Constantinople occupies a most important position, as he is recognized as the representative of the Armenian nation and church at the Sublime Porte. He is chosen from a body of 140 members of the national assembly who sit at Constantinople and this election must be confirmed by the sultan. The inner affairs of the nation are settled by two councils.

The former Gregorian patriarch, Ismirlian, resigned in August, 1896, in consequence of a "Round robin" signed by the Armenians at the Sublime Porte among whom the opinion had gained ground that a fair share of "blood-guiltiness" should have been laid at the door of one without whose connivance Armenian intrigues would have been impossible.

The political importance of this event consisted in the fact that the sultan always persistently refused to receive Ismirlian.

The Herald special correspondent in Constantinople wrote at the time: "Now that this obstacle to any possible reconciliation has been removed the prospect of a satisfactory settlement of the Armenian question is confidently looked forward to on all sides, but the sultan's sine qua non is the frank recognition of the revolutionary character of the late movement and submission."

Mgr. Barloomeos, late Gregorian bishop of Bruza, was chosen to be locum tenens of the Armenian patriarchate on the resignation of Mgr. Ismirlian. The sultan was highly pleased at the choice at the time and assured him that he would always continue to manifest his good will and solicitude toward his Armenian subjects who remained faithful to the throne.

Mgr. Bartolomeos thanked the sultan, saying:

"The Armenian subjects of your

majesty have progressed and prospered in the shelter of your government. The throne of your majesty has been and always will be their refuge. They flee for safety to your mighty and benevolent protection. Loyalty and sincerity have always guided your actions. It is impossible that I myself should deviate from this course."

LEADVILLE, Colo., Nov. 20. — The most important move yet made by the striking miners is today announced on what is considered reliable authority. The statement that the governor has decided to take summary measures to suppress further violence here and bring the strike to an end has, it is said, caused the officers of the union, backed by the western federation of miners, to send missionaries to all other unions in the state to urge them to inaugurate at once a sympathetic strike, thus tying up all mines of the state. Cripple Creek and Telluride are to take the initiative. In this connection it is stated upon the authority that mine managers in Montana had decided upon making reductions on the wages of fifty cents a day. This is expected to participate a strike by the largest miners' unions in this country. The Montana unions have been contributing liberally in aid of the Leadville strikers, but with a strike imminent in their camp it is believed, they hereafter will keep all their money at home.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20. — General Merritt, commanding the department of Missouri, General Wheaton, the department of Colorado, General Otis the department of Columbia, General Forsythe, department of California and Gen. Bliss, the department of Texas, have made their annual reports to the secretary of war. The reports review in detail the work of the troops under their respective commands, and the condition of the stations contain recommendations for the future.

Gen. Wheaton devotes considerable space to the suppression of the Yaqual Indians or Santa Teresa fanatics, who attacked Mexican Nogales in August last, and to the raids of renegade Apaches. The labor performed in the effort to rid Arizona of the pestiferous renegades, he says, can be appreciated when he states that in a single year his troops in Arizona and New Mexico marched 32,457 miles on this duty.

Gen. Wheaton reports that Fort Stanton, N. M., has been abandoned. He recommends minor improvements at Fort Douglas, Utah, and the rebuilding of posts at Fort Grant, Ariz., and Whipple barracks, Ariz. He also urges that the attention of Congress be called to the disparity between the pay of adjutant general in the department compared with the pay of the clerks of the supply department.

NEW CASTLE, Del., Nov. 20. — The anti-Spanish feeling here culminated in an exciting episode, participated in by state troops, which may lead to the court-martialing of several members. Company H of the Delaware National guards last night in the armory gave a reception, an event which was much enjoyed. Just before the gathering dispersed, shortly after midnight, some one placed in front of the armory a Spanish flag. The young soldiers came out, caught sight of the emblem and