

go far ahead of California, as it is said to the doubtful if California's output will touch the \$18,000,000 mark. Last year, Colorado's output was \$16,500,000 and that of California was \$17,000,000, while the total production of the country was \$61,717,926. The great increase in the Colorado output this year will send the total for the United States up to the \$70,000,000 mark.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 29.—A special to the Times from Washington, D. C., says:

Director of the Mint Preston said to the Times correspondent this afternoon, that from his estimates of gold production compiled so far, he was perfectly satisfied that Colorado would take first place this year in production of yellow metal, ranking considerably ahead of California, which has heretofore led.

Port Au Prince, Haiti, Dec. 29.—At 11 o'clock last night a fire, which assumed considerable proportions on account of lack of water to supply the pumps, broke out and destroyed 800 houses, including a number of warehouses, a hotel, the church of St. Joseph and its parsonage. About 3,000 people were rendered homeless.

This morning at 6:45 there was an earthquake, the disturbances running from north to south, lasting half a minute and causing slight cracks in the earth. There were no accidents, but the populace was greatly alarmed.

Bordentown, N. J., Dec. 30.—Mrs. Annie Fowler, aged 65 years, was burned to death in the house of Frank Graham early today. The house and adjoining property were consumed, entailing a loss of \$25,000. The members of Mr. Graham's family were aroused by the mewling of a cat in time to escape.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 31.—That the Rhode Island cotton mills will cut wages is now assured. A prominent cotton manufacturer says there is nothing left for the manufacturers to do and that action will be taken in a few days. Nothing definite can be learned regarding the probable action of Rhode Island owners of Connecticut mills, but it is to be presumed that the policy of Rhode Island will be adopted by the Connecticut mills.

Havana, Dec. 31, via Key West, Fla., Dec. 31.—Details have been received from Spanish sources of a conspiracy against Spanish rule said to have been discovered in the province of Pinar del Rio. It is narrated that 1,500 men employed in the field of Clay, Brock & Co., tobacco growers, who had been disarmed, conspired to join the insurgents. Their leaders have been imprisoned in Moro Castle.

On Christmas night there were riots similar to those which occurred at Havana, in Matanzas and other towns. The demonstrations were intended as a protest against autonomy.

At Matanzas crowds cheered for the United States, President McKinley and annexation.

A letter from an important insurgent chief says that about 150,000 insurgents and concentrados have died in western Cuba. He also expresses regret at the suffering endured by the insurgents in the field.

Dr. Delfin calls attention in the *Diario De Laurina* to the necessity of sending about fifty physicians into the interior of the island, provided with medicine chests and vaccine. This step, he says, is to save from certain death innumerable human beings who are dying of hunger and neglect. Dr. Delfin adds that over 500 persons, mostly children and women, have died of famine in the fields. It is not advisable, the Spanish say, to entrust the distribution of food and money to the concentrados.

Besides the pangs of famine the concentrados are suffering from small-

pox, dysentery, malaria, etc., which threaten extermination. Therefore, Dr. Delfin says it is necessary to send medicines with the food and physicians.

It is reported that an important engagement occurred last Monday in the Mulatta mountains, province of Pinar del Rio, and that large numbers were killed on both sides. One prominent insurgent was captured and brought to Havana, where he is imprisoned incommunicado.

Philadelphia, Dec. 31.—Through carelessness in backing a shifting engine in a track in the yard of the Wurdin boiler works at 19th and Allegheny avenue, this afternoon, Walter Gregory and Phillip McNeiley were instantly killed. Patrick O'Malley and Patrick McHugh received injuries which will likely result in their death, and John A. Hallihan was severely hurt. The men were loading an empty car when the shifting engine entered the yard and struck the car. All five men were thrown down and the car ran over them.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 30.—The Chehalis valley is a dreary waste of water. That is all that confronts the eye in every direction. Farms and highways alike are under several feet of water, and men go from one point to another in boats. Fish Commissioner Little, when he left the fish hatchery on the Chehalis river, rowed across farms and up the county road, now buried under ten feet of water.

Mr. Little arrived from the flooded district today on the first train that had succeeded in getting through. He says the loss will not be very extensive, but the prospect is not at all encouraging. Some of the farmers will lose a large part of their grain and hay stored on the farm, and others may lose some stock.

The floods are the highest ever known in the valley. The smaller streams, many of them tributary to the Chehalis, are out of their banks, and the usually placid creeks have become raging torrents. The Saohet is four feet higher than it has ever been and the Wynooche is over the railroad tracks. At Oakville the branch line is under three feet of water.

It is not probable that much stock will be lost if the water subsides soon. The farmers will lose heaviest on their stores of grain and hay, which were in the granaries or in stacks.

Landslides have done the most damage. There have been small slides along the line, but one of the largest was the one which occurred above Chehalis this morning. They have now a hydraulic engine at work, and will have the bank safe in a short time.

A special from Everett says no eastern mail has been received there since last Sunday. It is almost impossible to get any definite news from the Upper Skykomish valley. The wires are reported down and the condition of the wagon roads, which are flooded on the bottom lands, with some of the bridges gone, have prevented any one from coming out of the valley.

It is understood that one span of the railroad bridge at Sultan has been carried away, and that many of the fills recently made in repairing the damage by the November floods, have been more or less washed away. From the fact that the Great Northern will give no indication when the line will be open is full assurance that it will not be in order for some days at least.

Marysville, Cal., Jan. 3.—Clyde Manwell, one of the members of the Wheatland football team who was injured in a scrimmage during the last half of the game against the Marysville athletic club team last Saturday, died at 2 o'clock this morning. He received an injury to the spinal cord opposite the sixth cervical vertebrae which caused paralysis from the seat of the injury

downward. There was also some internal injury in the region of the chest.

A short time before his death young Manwell said, "I was playing quarter back and tackled one of the Marysville men. In doing so I caught him above the knee. Then I fell, my head resting on his leg and my body on the ground. When the players began to pile on us in the scrimmage I felt my neck crack and when the crowd piled off I cried, 'Oh, my neck,' and turned over on my back. That is all I remember."

Washington, Jan. 3.—In the Supreme Court of the United States today, the appeal of George D. Crossley, from the decision denying him a writ of habeas corpus, was denied. Crossley was one of the railroad rioters in the summer of 1891 and was charged with being responsible for the death of an engineer, caused by the derailment of a train. In the state court he was found guilty, and sentenced. It was sought to bring the case in the United States courts, on the grounds that the detailed train was a mail, but the court held that there was no statute under which the case could be tried in the United courts, and held that the application for habeas corpus was properly denied in the state courts.

Walsenburg, Col., Jan. 3.—Robert Mandolini, proprietor of a saloon at Pictou, near here, and Dave Evans, were killed by an unknown assassin in Mandolini's saloon, and Dick Owens had a portion of his chin shot away.

Mandolini was standing behind the bar, engaged in conversation with several men who were leaning against the bar, when five shots were fired into the saloon from the outside in rapid succession. The first shot struck Mandolini, who fell to the floor, dying instantly. The next shot ploughed through the chin of Dick Owens, bored a hole through the head of Dave Evans, and buried itself in a large refrigerator. Evans fell dead in his tracks. Immediately after the shooting a man was seen to leave the front of the saloon and run in the direction of some cabins occupied by Italian miners. This is the only clue the police officers have to the identity of the murderer, and Sheriff Farr and posse are scouring the neighborhood in the vicinity of the Italian cabins for the assassin, but as yet have discovered no trace of him.

The dead men were young and both were married and had families. Owens condition is not serious.

No cause is known why these murders were committed.

San Bernardino, Cal., Jan. 4.—A. H. Revis, a member of the Salvation army in Redlands, who was arrested for wholesale thievery, appeared before the Superior court yesterday with a Bible in one hand and a tabulated statement of his thefts, committed since 1888, in the other. He pleaded guilty to the crime charged in the information and also insisted that punishment be administered for each theft committed as per schedule which appeared by the score. In that way only, he said; he could atone to a just God. The defendant presented so novel a case, without an attorney to advise him, that the court refused to pass sentence without further consideration, and continued the time for sentence two days.

Stockton, Cal., Jan. 4.—At 12:10 this morning fire was discovered in warehouse No. 5, of the Farmers' Union and Milling company, and before the department could respond the flames were beyond control. The fire quickly spread to warehouse No. 6 and it was soon seen that neither warehouse could be saved. The attention of the department was turned to saving the warehouse of the Navigation and Improvement company, which was separated from No. 6 only by a fire wall and the