

ancestors a manly contempt for moral littleness, a high sense of honor, lofty regard for plighted faith. At Appomattox, Puritanism, backed by overwhelming numbers and unlimited resources, prevailed, but brute force cannot settle questions of right and wrong.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 31.—For over fifteen months nine seamen, against whom no charge has been made, have been government prisoners at Angel Island. They were witnesses against St. Clair, Sparf and Hansen, the would-be pirates of the bark Hesper, who killed mate Fitzgerald, after having plotted to kill all the officers and to cruise the southern seas as free-booters. The witnesses were unable to give bonds and were thrown into the government penal institution pending an appeal to the United States Supreme Court. Each has been allowed one dollar a day as witness fees, however, and they will be paid their money today, when all will be released in accordance with an order from Washington.

The death watch has been put upon the condemned pirates against whom they were witnesses.

AMESBURY, Mass., May 31.—Captain Nathan Peters, the oldest Free Mason in the United States, died this afternoon. He was born in Goschen, N. Y., in 1803, and joined the Masons in 1828.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—The Senate, Senator Mills of Texas alone voting no, today passed a resolution declaring that the United States will not interfere with the affairs of the Hawaiian Islands and the United States will regard the interference by any foreign power as an unfriendly act.

Peffer offered a resolution which was appropriately referred, instructing the judiciary committee to report whether the government of the United States could by virtue of an act of Congress constitutionally take possession, paying compensation therefor, of all the coal beds of the country.

DUBUQUE, Iowa, May 31.—J. K. Graves, of this city, has concluded the sale of Larrabee coal lands in Wyoming. The transaction was made in Chicago, and the purchasers are eastern capitalists. The coal is of superior quality and very abundant.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—Col. Fred C. Ainsworth, chief of the records of the pension division, indicted for manslaughter on account of Ford's theater disaster last June, in which more than a score of government clerks were killed, is now free. Justice M. Comas of the criminal court today ordered the indictment quashed, because it did not show that the falling of the building was due to the personal neglect of Ainsworth.

NEW YORK, May 31.—A terrific explosion occurred at 3 o'clock this morning in the distillery on the ground floor of the double tenement house, 129 Suffolk street, resulting in the death of Lizzie Yeaga, aged 4 years, and seriously injuring four others. Twenty families tenanted the building. The fire cut them off from the stairway. Some older persons escaped by creeping on the narrow ledge of the second story to a window of the house. Two men used a net to catch the children dropped from the windows above. Fifteen were

dropped through the sheet of flames which was leaping from the side of the building. Then the elder ones jumped. Mrs. Hyman Ehrenwost broke the blanket and was severely injured. Meyer Dietrick, aged 41, was badly injured. Several persons on the top floor were overcome by smoke and carried out by the firemen. Three persons were burned to death in the building two years ago.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 1.—The *Call* says that J. J. Klein, a Roumanian, is conducting negotiations for the purchase of 200,000 acres of land belonging to the Mitchell estate in Merced county, and that if the deal is carried through 14,000 Roumanians will settle in California as colonists. These Roumanians are of German descent and live in Bessarabia.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 1.—The *Call* says: Particulars have reached this city showing that the 200 persons reported to have been killed in one of the preliminary battles at Santa Ana, San Salvador, were the victims of one of the most horrible railroad accidents ever recorded.

On May 3rd President Ezeta went to the assistance of the city of Santa Ana, which was threatened by the rebels. Fifteen hundred men were placed on a special train, which started for Santa Ana. The insurgents, learning of the approach of the government troops, removed the rails from the track on a steep grade several leagues from Santa Ana.

The train rushed along at a high rate of speed and eight cars were telescoped. Two hundred men were killed and 120 wounded. President Ezeta had a narrow escape.

PARIS, Tex., June 1.—Cephus Wright and Thompson Wade were convicted in the Federal court yesterday of the murder of Mike Peter, near Atoka, in the Choctaw nation, on January 16. All the parties are Choctaw Indians.

BERLIN, June 1.—A dispatch to the *Tageblatt* from Sofia, Bulgaria, says two battalions of infantry and the entire police force have issued a manifesto in favor of ex-Premier Stambouloff. The dispatches add that a bloody fight has taken place between the rebelling soldiers and the police and local troops. Many were killed on both sides. Several disturbances directed against the prefects are reported from the provinces. One official is said to have been killed. On the other hand it is reported that Prince Ferdinand has received many telegrams thanking him for the dismissal of Stambouloff.

LONDON, June 1.—A dispatch to the *Telegraph* from Belgrade says: The following telegram has been received from Sofia: Ex-Premier Stambouloff and the officers who formed his cabinet are under arrest. Civil war has broken out. Two battalions of troops have rebelled and demand the reinstatement of Stambouloff. They have joined with the gendarmes in an attack on the troops, who have declared for Prince Ferdinand.

CHARLESTON, S. C., June 2.—Jeff Crawford, colored, who murdered W. P. Blackburn, a white, last December, was convicted at a recent term of court and sentenced to be hanged. He was lynched by a mob before day break.

LEAVENWORTH, Mass., June 2.—Today marks a crisis in the miners'

strike in this city. Agitator McGregor was forced to leave the city two days ago and returned at noon today. Three hundred Leavenworth miners received him with wild cheering. Fully as many deputy sheriffs and police met the train, but no attempt was made to arrest McGregor. The strikers paraded, causing much excitement. At 4 o'clock a committee of citizens and miners will hold a conference. The miners will hold a mass meeting tonight.

GOLDEN, Colo., June 2.—Alexander McCurdy, who horribly mutilated his step brother, Charles Berry, last winter, was this morning taken from jail and lynched, after being subjected to the same treatment he gave his victim. McCurdy was this week convicted of mayhem and yesterday sentenced to the penitentiary for three years, the full extent of the law. At 2 o'clock twenty men aroused Alex. Kerr, the jailer, choked him and taking the key went to McCurdy's cell. He was dragged to a lawn in front of the building and mutilated the same way he cut Berry. He probably died while this was being done, but the body was rushed down to Lakewood trestle over Clear creek and hanged.

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, June 2.—A. Noyes, of this city, is corresponding with other heirs, scattered all over the country to secure a division of \$40,000,000 left by Nicholas Noyes, late of Newbury, Mass. Ex-Governor Noyes is a cousin, and H. E. Noyes, of Berkeley, Calif., is foremost in the matter.

WATERLOO, Ind., June 2.—The apple army worm has appeared in this country. Quite a number of orchards have already been visited and the trees look as if a fire or frost had slogged the leaves. The worms pass over an entire orchard in an incredibly short space of time, and while they destroy all the fruit on the trees, this year the danger is that the life of the tree is in jeopardy.

The worm is black and about one inch long.

ATOKA, I. T., June 2.—Two companies of United States troops have moved to Lehigh. The miners have sent a committee to Caddo to interview Governor Jones today. He said it was not in his power to do anything for them, the whole matter being in the hands of the Indian agent. The men, women and children are fleeing to Lehi and Coal Gate. Some miners are drilling to fight Uncle Sam's men.

CHESTER, Ill., June 2.—A peculiar case of suicide is given out by the authorities of the prison here in the death of James Murray, a convict sentenced from Marion county for larceny. Murray resorted to all kinds of methods to avoid working. Last Monday he secured a large bar of lye soap. This he ate and was at once taken with spasms. He died a horrible death.

CLEVELAND, June 2.—Judge Ricks in the United States circuit court today rendered a decision which practically declares the Ohio tax inquisition law unconstitutional. The decision enjoins the treasurer from collecting \$6,000 back taxes.

CHILLICOTHE, Ohio, June 2.—The miners have started from Wellstone to close down the mines operating near Hamden. The Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern train was stopped at Wellstone last night. All cars were