

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

CAMDEN, N. Y., March 12.—Conrad Coke, John Ellis and a crowd of negro boys yesterday seized Charles Barney, a white boy eight years old, and tied him to a stake, piled brushwood about him and set it on fire. The child's cries brought a colored man, who freed him. The boy's hands are so burned that amputation will be necessary and the doctors are doubtful if his life can be saved.

NEW YORK, March 12.—The New York Presbytery held its monthly meeting today. Several young men were presented, prior to their admission to the ministry, and after the usual questions had been put and answered favorably. Dr. S. L. Shear, of the Tract society, created a commotion by suggestion that it might be well to ask these young men whether they are attending any seminary not recommended by this body and the general assembly.

This practically introduced the Briggs question into the case, and a dozen ministers were on their feet in an instant. A hot debate followed, but following this the men were admitted, with only three votes to the contrary.

BATHURST, March 13.—It is reported that the slave chief Fodisilah, who has been causing the British forces so much trouble, has surrendered on French territory.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., March 13.—The steamer Virginia Lake arrived this morning towing the steamer Briscoe, to whose rescue she went last Sunday. When the latter was found she was practically dismantled, a large part of her upper works having been cut away and burned to keep up the steam, the coal having been exhausted, and she badly used by the storm. The men were out of provisions and reduced to mere skeletons for want of food and from exposure. Their wants were at once supplied by the Virginia Lake and the vessel was towed in.

LONDON, March 13.—The house of commons passed Henry Labouchere's amendment to abolish the house of lords, 147 to 145 in spite of the opposition of the government.

PITTSBURG, March 13.—The Junior Order of American Mechanics today made an application in the county court for an injunction restraining the Riverside public school board from employing members of religious orders, and wearing the garb of an order, as teachers. This action is aimed at the Catholic sisters. The hearing was fixed for March 24th. It is expected the central board of education will have the matter under consideration this evening.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., March 13.—The passengers of the steamer Arawa, which has just arrived here, give the Associated Press correspondent an interesting story of recent events in Honolulu. They assert that a subject of Japan was recently arrested in that city for a trivial offense and placed in jail. He escaped from jail and swam out to the Japanese warship. The authorities appealed to the American admiral, asking that he demand the surrender of the Japanese. The com-

mander of the Japanese warship refused to give the man up, and threatened that if the American admiral boarded the ship he would give him a half hour to leave, or, if he refused, the American flagship would be blown out of the water. According to the story of the passengers the escaped prisoner was unmolested.

BALTIMORE, March 14.—The veteran theatrical manager, John A. Ford, proprietor of Ford's grand opera house, died this morning, of the effects of the grip. He was the oldest theatrical manager in the country, having been known in that capacity as early as 1851. He was brought into national prominence in 1865, when manager of Ford's theater, Washington, where President Lincoln was assassinated.

CLEVELAND, March 14.—The roll of the membership of one of the leading A. P. A. lodges containing 700 names, has fallen into the hands of the Catholics, and a great stir is being made by the ordering of boycott of merchants whose names are found on the roll.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Dabney has sent the House committee on agriculture a report of the investigation of the matter of the Russian thistle ravages in the Northwest, with the comment that it is thorough and little remains to be done. The report gives the history of its rapid spread, and says that it now occupies 40,000 acres in adjacent territory in North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska, with isolated bodies as far east as Madison, Wis., and west to Denver. The chief agents of distribution are the wind, in flax seed and in bedding and in stock cars on railroads. The report says it is easily killed by cutting before the month of August, before the seed ripens, but, to be effective, general co-operation is necessary; or it may be kept down by pasturing. Further remedies suggested are thorough cleaning of the seed to be planted, and, to prevent the distribution by the wind, wire fences, with a double row of sunflowers as a temporary fence all around unfenced farms, to stop the rolling of the weeds.

BOSTON, Mass., 14.—Over 800 guests last night participated in the wedding festivities of Henry Feinberg, of Worcester, and Miss Ida Margolies, daughter of Rabbi Margolies of this city. Fully three hundred were victims of poisoning, caused, it is thought, by eating food that was cooked in two old copper boilers. The principal articles of food eaten were chickens, chicken giblets and pickled tongues.

There was no intimation that anything had gone wrong during the festivities, which ended at midnight, but after a majority of the people had gone to their homes the poison began its work.

Shortly after 1 o'clock this morning Dr. Israel B. Krongberg, who keeps a drug store, was called out to attend a woman and nine-year-old child, who were in a dangerous condition and exhibiting symptoms of poisoning. This was but the commencement, for up to 4:30 a. m. over forty patients called for treatment.

The same program was being enacted in several Jewish sections of the city, every Jewish doctor having five to forty patients each, but no fatalities have been reported. The Hebrew section of the community are all excited, and a few hint that enemies of the rabbi placed emetic in the food for spite, because the rabbi was not of their way of thinking on matters pertaining to church work.

All the party from this city are now out of danger except Rabbi Baerman, who is in a critical condition.

BUENOS AYRES, March 14.—The insurgent admiral is at Grande, sixty-eight miles west of here, southwest of Rio Janeiro, with the war ships Aquidaban and Republica. It is thought he will surrender.

DENVER, Colo., March 15.—This has been a day of intense excitement in Denver, scenes unparalleled in the history of the city have been witnessed. Governor Walte, of "blood to the horses" bridle" fame, called out the first regiment and the Chaffee light artillery to attack the city hall and drive therefrom the two police commissioners who defied his power, entrenched behind barricaded doors and surrounded by hundreds of armed policemen and deputy sheriffs, ready to do their bidding.

Massed in the vicinity of the city hall were thousands, most of them drawn to the spot out of mere curiosity, and reckless of the danger that seemed imminent. Part of the policemen, armed with revolvers and clubs, were drawn up in line outside the hall, awaiting the approach of the enemy. Inside were the remainder and a large force of deputy sheriffs, armed with rifles, revolvers and shotguns, and determined to hold the fort at any sacrifice.

On the arrival of the troops General Brooks ordered the city hall cleared, and announced if the order was not complied with firing would be begun. Many of the crowd feared, others cheered. On all sides were pale, drawn faces, but the onlookers stood their ground, determined to "see the fun," as many termed it.

Messrs. Orr and Martin, having obtained from the district court an injunction restraining Governor Walte from forcibly removing them, were determined to resist to the uttermost. They accordingly kept the entire police force at the city hall all day, under orders to resist the soldiers if attacked. In addition several hundreds of the toughest citizens, many of whom have records as man-killers, were sworn in as deputies by Sheriff Burchinell and placed in the city hall as a reinforcement of the police department.

Each deputy was armed with two six-shooters, and instructed to use them in case of necessity. The police were armed with shotguns in addition to their clubs and revolvers.

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 15.—Oriental advices which have been received here state that a disastrous collision occurred recently in the strait between Bengal and Cagal. Two steamers, the Seng Guan and Aing Hoe, collided while going at full speed. Those on board the Seng Guan jumped into the water and were picked up by the crew of the Aing Hoe. Scarcely had they reached deck when both steamers lurched and went down. About fifty