

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Butte, Mont., Jan. 4.—Fire on the 700-foot level of the Never Sweat mine of the Anaconda company this afternoon resulted in the death by suffocation of Michael C. Flaherty and John Sullivan, pipemen in the Anaconda mine proper, and the narrow escape of three others employed in the Never Sweat. The stories told of the occurrence are somewhat conflicting, due in part to the fact that two of the men who were fortunate enough to escape were overcome by the smoke and have no distinct recollection of what took place, while the other man whose life was saved was not near enough to the scene when the victims were overcome to know much about it.

According to reports of the origin of the fire, it was the outcome of some fire that raged in the St. Lawrence mine many years ago, and is said to have been smoldering ever since. This, however, the officers of the company strenuously deny. They claim that the fire was started by someone carelessly leaving a candle sticking in the timbers where the fire broke out.

Flaherty and Sullivan are supposed to have smelt the smoke and gas while in the Anaconda workings, which connect with those of the Never Sweat, and gone to investigate the cause. They were evidently driven back and were overcome while trying to escape. Flaherty fell 250 feet from the scene of the fire and Sullivan 400 feet from it.

Two other men who were working in a crosscut on the same level were overcome, but were rescued in time after the alarm was given by Shift Boss John D. Sullivan. The latter was himself somewhat affected by the smoke but not overcome. The company says the damage to the timbers on the level will be repaired by tomorrow, and work will go on as usual.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The President today sent the following nominations to the Senate:

A. L. Thomas, postmaster of Salt Lake City.

George A. Smith, receiver of public moneys at Salt Lake City.

Pekin, Jan. 5.—The Kiao-Chou difficulty was settled yesterday at a conference of the Tsung-Li-Yamen (Chinese foreign office), which made the necessary concessions.

Berlin, Jan. 5.

The Reichzenger says: "The ceded territory comprises the whole of the inner basin of Kiao Chau Bay as far as the high-water line, the larger headlands situated south and north of the entrance of the bay to the point where they are naturally bounded by mountain ranges and also the islands situated within and in front of the bay. No obstacles are to be raised by China to any measures Germany deems necessary for the regulation of the water-courses. China has transferred to Germany for a period not stated in the telegram, a lease of sovereign rights over the ceded territory.

"If for any cause, Kiao Chau Bay should prove unsuitable for the objects Germany has in view, China, after arriving at an understanding with Germany, will cede another piece of territory on the coast which Germany may regard as more suitable for her purpose."

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 5.—At Rock Island Junction, Kansas, this morning, a west-bound Union Pacific work-train and an east-bound Rock Island stock train collided head-on. The engineers and firemen of both trains were injured but not seriously. The fronts of both engines were jammed in hut none of the cars were wrecked. The collision is attributed to a dense fog. The injured are: Peter Reissacker, Albert

Lewis, W. Q. Trent, Frederick Fletcher. All were from Kansas City, Kansas.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 5.—Last night's hold-up on the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf railway appears to have proved a wind-haul. Wells-Fargo Express Messenger A. E. Hayden, who was bound and covered by one robber while the other rifled the local safe, sent his company a message this morning to the effect that the robbers took nothing of value. The local officials of the express and railway companies assert that only a few packages of jewelry of no particular value, and no money, was secured. The robbers are described as being about 25 years of age, and clean shaven. They have apparently made good their escape.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 5.—An order for 10,000 of the latest pattern of military rifles and 5,000,000 rounds of ammunition, has been placed with the Winchester Arms company, through its San Francisco office. They are to be shipped at the earliest possible moment. The order comes from the Russian government, the company having had an agent negotiating with that government for several weeks.

New York, Jan. 5.—The last payment to the government by the Union Pacific reorganization committee for today, a check for \$3,500,000, (round figures) being deposited at the sub-treasury.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Mrs. Adelina M. Fassett, an artist of national prominence, dropped dead on the street this evening. Mrs. Fassett's specialty was portraiture, and her most noted work was "The Electoral College," now among the paintings hung in the Capitol. It represented the tribunal which decided the Hayes-Tilden contest. Each one of more than one hundred faces in this distinguished gathering was a miniature portrait and it is considered the greatest curiosity of art in possession of this government. Mrs. Fassett also painted a portrait of Garfield and many of the members of the Supreme court. She came to Washington from Ohio in 1875, and has made this city her home ever since.

New York, Jan. 6.—A dispatch from Havana to the Herald says: All Havana is talking of the frustration of a plot to kill or capture Gen. Arangueren, in which Gen. Lee and Representative King of Utah were innocent instruments.

Mr. King since his arrival ten days ago has proved himself an enthusiastic, but most indiscreet investigator. He made no secret of his intention to communicate with the insurgents and expressed a particular desire to meet Gen. Arangueren. He succeeded in inducing Gen. Lee to provide a guide who agreed to take him to Gen. Arangueren, but insisted that the proposed expedition be kept a secret, for fear the Spanish would take advantage of it to learn of Gen. Arangueren's location.

In spite of this, the story not only leaked out, but Mr. King was offered an assurance by Secretary General Congosto that no opposition would be made to his passage through the Spanish lines. All was arranged for Mr. King and the guide to pass the lines this morning, and go to the rendezvous where he was to meet Gen. Arangueren and Col. Juan Delgado tonight.

The guide became alarmed last night. Noticing that Mr. King was closely shadowed by Spanish police agents he watched and about 10 o'clock discovered Mr. King and Secretary Congosto in earnest consultation under a dark colonnade in the Prado. Fully

realizing the danger, the guide started for the country and in half an hour was on his way toward Arangueren.

It is openly asserted that the authorities made every preparation to follow Mr. King to the place of meeting and have a force on hand ample to overcome resistance by the rebel chiefs. A train of seventeen cars filled with troops left this morning going in the direction in which the meeting was to take place.

Mr. King's first intimation of the failure of the proposed expedition was this morning when he learned that his guide was missing.

A very singular condition of apathy to everything connected with the revolution is apparent in Havana. It is well known that agents of the insurgents come and go without hindrance showing themselves in the cafes and on the streets with perfect impunity. As indicative of public indifference an Englishman walked down Obispo street from the Parque to the Palace wearing a large Cuban badge, without attracting any more attention than few curious stares. Such an act would have cost him his life a few months ago.

New York, Jan. 6.—Nikola Tesla has announced an important discovery. He says that he has perfected vacuum tubes, of such high illuminating power that they may be used in lighthouses, and that they will enable the photographer to work by night as well as day. The results which Mr. Tesla has attained have been achieved by the use of his vacuum tubes and his oscillator. The light which he is able to produce by this means is as bright as that of the noonday sun. By its use every line of the object photographed may be made to stand out clearly and distinctly. It is well known that it is difficult to secure a light which will penetrate fog. It is believed that light from the vacuum tube will eventually be used for this purpose. It is likely that practical experiments will soon be made in some lighthouse on this coast for the purpose of demonstrating the practicability of Mr. Tesla's invention.

London, Jan. 6.—The Times says editorially this (Thursday) morning: "It would be simple to assume that the Reichsanzeiger has the whole story, for it quite omits to say what China gets in return. To the world at large, however, the material fact is that Germany by physical force has obtained a naval station. This is the fact that must guide other powers in determining their own policy. The talk of a lease is a mere saving of appearances. There is no doubt that both Germany and China are aware that it is a practical session in full sovereignty. It provides a further argument in favor of an English guaranteed Chinese loan."

The morning paper editorials generally are in the same strain as that of the Times. They point out that the contract is one in which Germany apparently gets everything, and China nothing, while the question of the safety of the missionaries is entirely dropped. Nothing, however, is said about railways or mines.

The Standard says editorially: "England need not be ruffled, because she can claim exactly the same privileges as Germany. This is the logical and unassailable position the government has taken up, and it is not astonishing to find that it has made a profound impression in Europe, as well as had a satisfactory reception in America. Whatever Mr. Sherman may say, the mercantile community is well aware that England is claiming equal rights for all in fighting the battle of the American merchants and traders as well as that of her own subjects."

The Daily News: "The real point for Lord Salisbury to consider is the possibility of Germany claiming the right to erect a tariff wall against other