

## AT HOME AND ABROAD.

**SAN FRANCISCO, July 24.**—William Melville, the correspondence clerk of the Bank of California, has made a confession that has astonished the bank officials and startled the community.

Melville says that during the last thirteen years he has stolen \$35,000 of the bank's funds.

**WASHINGTON, July 25.**—Three firemen were killed, a dozen persons injured and over 200 horses burned to death in a fire which swept the block at Band Second streets, in which were the Knox stables and warehouse, early this morning. Besides the Knox and Adams express stables, ten houses were burned. One hundred and fifty horses in Adams' stables were rescued. The loss will exceed a quarter of a million.

**HUTCHINS, Kas., July 25.**—Jerry Simpson was nominated by acclamation at the Populist congressional convention today.

**COLORADO SPRINGS, July 25.**—Twenty-five persons, including two women, will be arrested tomorrow for tarring and feathering Adjutant General Taraney. Chief of Police Armstrong of Denver has a complete chain of evidence against them.

**CHICAGO, July 25.**—The Allen paper car wheel works at Pullman started up today with a dozen new men. The officials have notified their employees to return to work, guaranteeing them protection, and unless they return the company proposes to operate the works with new men. There is no evidence of weakening among the Pullman strikers. Simon Reskin, a Russian, hurled many stones at the massive residence of Geo. M. Pullman today, breaking ten or a dozen large plate glass windows. He was arrested charged with malicious mischief.

Reskin is said to be a well known European anarchist. He was held to the criminal court.

**WASHINGTON, July 25.**—The Senate committee on territories has ordered favorable reports on the bill admitting New Mexico and Arizona to statehood. These bills have passed the House.

**LONDON, July 25.**—The *Lancet* says the pupil of Mr. Gladstone's eye which was recently operated on has become so obstructed that a needle operation is necessary. His other eye is affected with an immature cataract, but aided by the application of a solution of atropine he can still see to write and to read good print. His general health is remarkably good.

**SHANGHAI, July 25.**—It is reported that the 12,000 Chinese troops which left Taku on July 20th for Corea, conveyed by eight gunboats, have landed in Corea. The gunboats escorting the transports had orders to fire upon the Japanese if the latter obstructed the landing of this army.

The other troops which left Foo Chow for the Lou Choo Islands are also said to have reached their destination safely.

**CHICAGO, July 26.**—The directors of the American Railway Union today issued a call for a convention in Chicago August 2. Debs said the convention will decide whether the strike will be continued, extended or declared off.

**NEW YORK, July 26.**—The *Herald's* London dispatch says the *Central News* has this dispatch from Shanghai:

War has been declared between Japan and China. The Japanese have seized the king of Corea and hold him prisoner.

Eleven Chinese steamers are on their way to Corea. Most of the troops aboard them are coolies armed with bows and arrows.

Some Chinese steamers which have arrived at Corea have been prevented by the Japanese from landing troops. It is reported that the Japanese artillery fired several of them.

**NEW HAVEN, Conn., July 26.**—Two representatives of the Chinese government are in this city purchasing arms. They visited the Winchester Repeating Arms company today and the Marine Fire Arms company, and, it is stated, left orders which are to be hurried.

**PARIS, July 28.**—In the Chamber of Deputies today the government's anti-anarchy bill was adopted by a vote of 258 to 163.

**WILKESEBARE, Penna., July 26.**—At Exeter Shaft, Lehigh Valley company, at Pittstown, the bottom fell out of a carriage as it was descending the shaft today and Colonel Mason, superintendent, Robert Mercer, assistant superintendent and William Wilson, another official, were precipitated to the bottom. Mason was killed outright, and the other two fatally injured.

**OMAHA, Neb., July 26.**—Unprecedentedly hot wind has done irreparable damage to the corn today. The thermometer was 102 in the shade.

**WASHINGTON, D. C., July 26.**—Large and indignant delegations from the industrial armies encamped at South Washington applied at the room of the House committee on labor today, not to urge their bills, but to plead for assistance.

The expected had happened; their leaders had deserted them, and they sought Congressional aid to return to the localities whence they had come.

Coxey's men said their leaders had left them in the lurch yesterday. Kelly's men averred that their leader had drifted away several days ago, and that they did not expect to see him again while Fry's men said their leader had probably abandoned them.

The men who were brought from the Pacific coast by Kelly were particularly indignant, and expressed a fervid desire to tar and feather their general.

**TIENTSIN, China, July 27.**—While no formal declaration of war, according to the usual diplomatic forms, has been made, the governments of both China and Japan recognize that an actual state of war exists and more collisions are expected hourly. The general opinion seems to be that while Japan may be looked upon as likely to score the first victories, the Chinese troops will eventually drive the Japanese out of Corea, even if millions of people have to be sent to the front. Negotiations are still in progress and there is a vague chance that an amicable arrangement may be arrived at. Should

this be the case, the naval engagements that have already taken place will be mutually disavowed. Otherwise these collisions will be held to constitute a *casus belli*. Nobody here, close to the authority at Peking, believes for a moment that the disputes can be settled without bloodshed.

The first overt act of the war occurred on Tuesday when the Japanese fired upon the junk steamship *Kow Shung*, belonging to Hugh Mathieson, of London, which has been chartered by the Chinese government to convey the troops to Corea. A Japanese cruiser sighted the *Kow Shung* and signaled her to put back. The transport continued steaming ahead until the cruiser fired at her. No attention being paid to this, according to the story, the Japanese cruiser opened fire in earnest, and the transport eventually sank with all hands. It is believed that a thousand Chinese soldiers perished.

Rumor also has it that on Wednesday a Japanese cruiser sank a Chinese cruiser conveying transport.

**RENO, Nev., July 27.**—The shooting down of State Senator M. D. Foley, late yesterday afternoon by Mrs. Alice Maud Hartley, an artist, created a great sensation, which was increased a half hour later by the death of the victim. The shooting took place in Mrs. Hartley's room, on the third floor of the Nevada bank building, but what led to the tragedy is known only to the woman, as Foley made no ante-mortem statement.

Mrs. Hartley was arrested and taken to jail. She was greatly excited, but by strong effort of will, mastered her agitation, and when seen she appeared cool and collected. She said:

"Upon the advice of my counsel I have decided to say nothing of the circumstances that led up to the shooting. All I can say is that I shot Senator Foley, and I fully intended to do it. I have known him since last October."

To one of the jail officials she was a trifle more communicative. When first brought to the prison she said:

"I ought to have done this in public, as he deserved to be shot in the street. I hope he may die of his wounds."

Senator M. D. Foley was one of the best known and most popular men of Nevada. He grew up with the state and has been identified with its prosperity and best interests for twenty-five years.

**COLON, July 27.**—The following advices have been received from Bluefields:

The Nicaraguans under Governor Cabas have been defeated and retired to Rama, where they collected 400 men and seized ammunition launches, intending to descend upon Bluefields. Subsequently the launches were restored to their owners upon the demand of the American consul.

Captain O'Neill, of the U. S. gunboat *Marblehead*, landed 150 United States soldiers and marines in order to protect the U. S. consulate and American interests generally. The Mosquito chief is expecting a renewal of the attack.

**WEST OAKLAND, Cal., July 27.**—The local branch of the A. R. U. voted last night to declare the strike off.

**SPOKANE, Wash., July 28.**—A