

north of Montana to North Dakota. Between North Dakota and the South Atlantic coast sharp barometric gradients will cause the severest cold wave and the lowest temperatures ever recorded the first week of February, from Arkansas, Kentucky and Virginia southward. The temperature of Indian Territory and northern portions of Texas and Louisiana has fallen from 36 to 38 degrees the past twenty-four hours and is now 40 degrees below normal. Emergency warnings for northwest gales and freezing weather have been sent to south Louisiana and Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and Florida.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 7.—The blizzard raged with unabated vigor all night. At 7 o'clock this morning the thermometer registered 10½ below zero, with a gale blowing. Signal Officer O'Connor does not promise any respite until Friday evening. The railroads have not been inconvenienced much from the drifts.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—A cablegram from Wei Hai Wei, dated February 5, says the Chinese fleet has practically ceased to exist. The ironclad Chen Yuen and her sister ship, the Ting Yuen, have been sunk, and the other vessels of the Chinese fleet are within the grasp of the Japanese.

At daybreak on Sunday the Japanese fleet opened fire on Lul Kung forts, which replied vigorously. The bombardment became terrible.

The Chinese fleet came to the assistance of the forts. The Ting Yuen used her guns with effect, but succeeded in diverting some of the Japanese fire from the forts to herself. The Lul Yuen, a smaller ship, also fell.

The bombardment was resumed today, Sunday's operations being repeated. The fire from Fort Seihl continued weak. The Chinese men-of-war were so repeatedly and effectively hit that their guns were hauled with difficulty and with less spirit. Towards the close of the fight the Ting Yuen and Chen Yuen were disabled. They gradually settled down and foundered, amid the shouts of triumph from the Japanese both on land and sea. The other Chinese vessels were in distress.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Advices just received from Che Foo state that the Japanese landed a force ten miles to the east of the town last night. These forces are now attacking the fortifications on the eastern part of the city. There is intense excitement and a big fight is expected there today between assaulting Japanese and defending Chinese.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Feb. 8.—A series of sensational developments in the case of George H. Arnold, who disappeared from home on December 16th and whose body was found in the river last Friday, culminated last night when his father, Adam C. Arnold, a pioneer of this city and worth about \$100,000, was arrested for his murder.

It is said the father and son had frequent quarrels and on the night the son disappeared they had a personal encounter. The son had for some time been drinking heavily and it was known that he had frequently had rows with his father. After his disappearance Arnold bet Sheriff Watkin-

shaw \$10 that George was dead and drowned in the mill race, which runs in front of his block. The water was let out of the race at his request, but the body was not found. It was noted as a singular fact that Arnold had the race searched not in the day time but at night. He hired some men to do the searching, among the number being his hired man, John Beck, now under arrest. The body was accidentally found by officers in a locality where there was but little chance of its being discovered until the ice broke up in the spring. Arnold declines to talk.

BANGOR, Maine, Feb. 8.—The highest tide ever known here flooded the warehouses along the river this morning slacked the lime and started a fire which threatens the business section of the city.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Senator Lodge today (by request) introduced a bill to provide for the issue of \$1,250,000,000 worth of bonds payable in gold coin at 2½ per cent interest to run from 10 to 25 years.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Feb. 8.—The Philadelphia and Reading passenger train due here at 10 a.m. was wrecked at Allenwood. Four passenger coaches were derailed and are lying on their side. The fireman is missing. Many passengers are said to have been badly bruised. Particulars are meager on account of the condition of the wires.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—The worst snow storm since the blizzard of March 14, 1888, started in last evening and has continued uninterrupted to this time. Traffic on the surface street railways is much delayed and the elevated roads are taxed beyond their capacity. The ferry boats have stopped running. Thousands are snow-bound on the rails.

TAMPA, Florida, Feb. 8.—Snow fell here four hours today, the first on record. The mercury fell to 24 degrees above last night, but is slowly rising today. Orange trees were killed and the damage to truck and fruit farms enormous.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The affairs in Hawaii have taken a turn that has caused interference of the United States government again, as is evident by two telegrams sent to Congress by the President today. The first is from United States Minister Willis to Secretary Gresham, dated Honolulu, January 30, wired from San Francisco, February 6th, and reading as follows:

The revolt was over on the 9th. Casualties: Government, 1; royalists, 2. Court martial convened on the 17th, and has tried thirty-eight cases. Two hundred or more are to be tried and daily arrests occur.

Gulick, formerly a minister, and Steward, minister and major general of the army, both Americans, and Rickard, an Englishman, have been sentenced to death. All were heretofore prominent in politics. T. B. Walker, formerly of the United States army, is sentenced to imprisonment for life and \$5,000 fine.

The other sentences are not disclosed, but probably will be death. I have requested copies of the record for our government, to determine its duty before the final sentence, but have no answer yet. There is bitter feeling and threats of mob violence, which the arrival of the Philadelphia yesterday may prevent. Liliuokalani was made a prisoner on the 16th. On the 24th

she relinquished all claims and swore allegiance to the republic, imploring leniency for the Hawaiians.

In response to the above, Secretary Gresham addressed the following telegram:

Mr. Cooper, U. S. Dispatch Agent, San Francisco:

Forward the following by the first steamer to A. S. Willis, U.S. minister, Honolulu. If the American citizens were condemned to death by the military tribunal, not for actual participation in the reported revolution, but for complicity only, or if they were condemned to death by such tribunal for actual participation but not after an open, fair trial with an opportunity for defense, demand the delay of the execution and in either case report to your government the evidence relied upon to support the death sentence.

(Signed) GRESHAM.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 8.—While digging out a snowbound train on the Pennsylvania road near Lucknow this afternoon, ten men were run down by a section of the Pacific Express. Two were killed instantly, two injured so badly that they lived but a short time and the fifth is at the city hospital with a fractured skull, his arm being broken in three places and severe contusions on the face.

Under the direction of Supervisor King, the men were releasing two engines which had been stalled by the blizzard. The snowbound train was on the eastbound passenger track with the men armed with shovels all around it. As fast as they cleared the snow away, the wind would drive it over them and on the track on which the cars stood. The air was full of it, making it difficult to see in any direction.

Suddenly one of the workmen cried "Look out!" Coming up the westbound track was one of the sections of the Pacific Express which was scheduled to arrive at 3 o'clock in the morning, but which had been belated almost twelve hours. Before the men could get out of the way the express struck them.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Three trains were wrecked at Beltzville, twelve miles from this city, today. Particulars are meager, but it seems certain that the damage to the trains was great, although no lives were lost. So far as can be learned, the noon train was stopped at Beltzville by snowdrifts. The 2:10 train on the same line ran into from behind, smashing the cars badly. While efforts were being made to clear the track, the 3:45 train came up and ran into the other trains, doing great damage.

A little later the 4:10 train came up, but was stopped by a drift only a hundred yards from the spot where the three other trains were piled up. But for this, it would have been added to the ruins. It is shown that no flagmen were out. There were only thirty-five passengers on the trains all told, and none of them were injured. They suffered severely from the cold. The wires are down, and no information can be obtained. Baltimore is the only city with which communication is now open.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 9.—A man, whose name is supposed to be Wm. Holland, shot at I. W. Hellman, president of the Nevada bank, today, on