

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

in Iowa the same day as that upon which he met with the fatal accident.

On Saturday night about 6 o'clock, Arthur, the thirteen-year-old son of George M. Evans, a farmer living near Fort Jones, Cal., was sent to carry in wood for the night. He not returning to the house, his brother went to look for him, and found him suspended by a strap around his neck fastened to a rafter in the woodshed, dead. It cannot be determined whether the act was accidental or premeditated.

Caldwell (Idaho) *Argus*: E. E. Morton, at Fairs store a few days ago, received a very severe and painful injury. He was in a wagon, gun in hand, and a sudden start of the team caused him to loose his balance, striking the hammer of the gun on the wagon box and discharging the weapon, the whole charge passing through his right hand. The second finger has been taken off close to the wrist.

There is considerable excitement at the Big Laramie placer fields, says the *Cheyenne Sun*, over a big strike that was made a few days ago. A prospect hole was sunk on one of the claims belonging to the Dodge City Placer Mining company to bed rock. The gold is different from any other that has been panned since the first discovery of gold in the camp, all of it being round or block pieces. In fact it is the only place where red rock has been struck and it pans out beyond all expectations.

A bill has been introduced in the lower branch of the Idaho legislature appropriating \$50,000, to be secured by a bond issue, for a wagon road from Boise up Boise river, via Atlanta and other rich mining districts, to Red Fish lakes, Alturas county, near Sawtooth. A commission of three, one each from Ada, Elmore and Boise counties, is to be appointed by the governor to have charge of the work. The proposed road will connect on Salmon river with the state road system.

The Carson (Nevada) *Appeal* says that a mining company in Lincoln county has assumed the coinage of money. Silver is scarce in the town and to supply the wants of the community the De Lamar company has had coins of the denominations of 12 1/2 cents, 25 cents, 50 cents and \$1 struck. The coins state on their face that they will be redeemed at the office of the mining company. The papers say they are a great convenience for merchants, business men and the public generally. They are very light being made of aluminum, and pass as readily as if they were gold and silver.

T. S. Spalding, a prominent merchant of Woodland, Cal., has had a narrow escape from death by poison. He was troubled with muscular rheumatism, and his physician intended to prescribe codeia. Instead he wrote atropia, and the druggist failed to correct the blunder. Shortly after the dose was swallowed Mr. Spalding was taken suddenly ill. A physician was summoned and found that he had been poisoned. He soon became unconscious, and all efforts to resuscitate him failed. Another doctor was called in, and finally Mr. Spalding was restored to consciousness. He is now out of danger. The rheumatism was cured.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The Democratic members of the House are devoting themselves assiduously to the framing of a bill upon which they can agree and which can secure a majority of the Senate for the reorganization of the currency. It is understood the deliberations are based upon Jones' bill. Jones has perfected the measure but adheres to his original determination not to introduce it unless he can be reasonably assured in advance of its passage. He and the supporters of the bill are today trying to ascertain just what support can be obtained and in doing this are, to a certain extent, canvassing the Republican side of the Senate as well as the Democratic.

BROOKLYN, Jan. 14.—All the electric street railways with the exception of the Smith and Jay street lines were tied up by a strike which began at five o'clock this morning. Between 7,000 and 8,000 men are out. The entire police force of 1,700 men is in readiness in case there should be any trouble.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—Throughout the night relays of men worked desperately at Diglake Colliery, Audley, North Staffs shire, where a large number of miners are entombed, at noon yesterday, by a sudden rush of water from the old workings. By 5 o'clock yesterday 150 men and boys had been rescued. It is thought 20 men in the lower workings were drowned. There are still between 90 and 120 men and boys in the mine. The sorrow-stricken wives, daughters and other relatives of the imprisoned miners have been gathered around the pit head, facing the bitterly cold wind since shortly after noon yesterday and many have been without food. The water so constantly fluctuates that the rescuers are well nigh discouraged. They found the bottom of the shaft choked with piles of timber swept there by torrent of water which poured into the mine. All this timber must be removed before the entombed men can be reached. But ceaseless pumping does not seem materially to affect the water level.

The greatest fear is expressed that the waters will undermine the galleries and that there will be a cave-in. The rescuers work with difficulty, standing in four feet of water, and only fifteen yards' progress was made during the night. A hundred miners have arrived at Diglake colliery from other collieries, and they volunteer to go down and assist in the rescue. Fresh gangs of men are thus supplied to go down every hour.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The *Pall Mall Gazette* says grave fears regarding Nansen's arctic expedition are general among arctic voyagers of Great Britain and Scandinavia. Lieut. Hovgaard, of the *Dimpna* expedition, wrecked in the Kara sea, has expressed the opinion to the Danish geographical society that there is no question but the Fram has been crushed in the ice and Dr. Nansen and his party are retreating.

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 15.—J. R. Sovereign was seen in reference to the statement attributed to him by the *Leader of Des Moines* yesterday, to the

effect that he and E. V. Debs had conspired a plot to lead a rebellion against the government at the time of the big railroad strike in Chicago last summer. He denied that he had said that the scheme was considered. He said further that a plan of rebellion was submitted to Debs, himself and other strike leaders, the details of which had been partially worked out by two Chicago attorneys whose names he refused to reveal. The scheme embraced the general details outlined in the *Leader* interview with him, including the establishment of a provisional government in the West with a plan of campaign toward the East.

"This scheme," Mr. Sovereign said, "was proposed to us seriously by its friends, just as many other wild plans were submitted, but neither it nor any of the others was considered by us individually or in conference, or talked of seriously at any time."

BALTIMORE, Jan. 15.—At 4 o'clock this morning a fire broke out on the ground floor of 13, West Bidule street, and before discovered made such headway that escape of the sleeping inmates was rendered hazardous. When the firemen and neighbors reached the scene, Thomas Whitbridge, broker, and his young wife, appeared at the window of the second story front room. Mrs. Whitbridge was unconscious. The husband, holding her in his arms, leaned far out and made a frantic grab and spring for the ladder which the firemen ran up. He missed the ladder. Mrs. Whitbridge was instantly killed and her husband died a few minutes later.

GAGSDEN, Ala., Jan. 16.—Joe Cunningham, the 13-year-old son of the chief of police of this city, and nephew of the mayor, was killed in a horrible manner at Wharton's saw mill, four miles from here. The boy was playing in the mill and crawled under the buzz saw to get a baseball that had been thrown at him. Just at the moment when he was beneath the machinery one of his companions called to him and he looked up, forgetting his perilous position, when the revolving saw struck him in the back of the head and split it to the shoulders.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—The Duke of Orleans, pretender to the throne of France, left Stowe House today for Dover. It is presumed he is going to Belgium or will meet his supporters at Dover. Consequently it is believed the royalists of France are preparing to take some action in view of the crisis.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 16.—The two houses of the legislature met in joint session today at noon and declared John M. Thurston elected U. S. Senator to succeed Charles F. Maudersohn.

BOISE CITY, Idaho, Jan. 16.—The ballot in joint session for United States senator gave Sweet 21, Shoup 15; necessary to choice, 28.

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—The *World* tomorrow will say:

William K. Vanderbilt sailed today on the Teutonic for Liverpool. Before he left an amicable arrangement had been made by which Mrs. Vanderbilt will secure a divorce without contest.