

For topographical work the Atlantic region is allowed \$40,000, and the central Rocky Mountain and the Pacific regions, \$30,000 each. In the surveying department, preliminary triangulations will be made in Colorado, Oregon, Washington and Indian Territory.

NEW YORK, June 7.—A special to the *Herald* from Panama, Columbia, says: Advice received here from Guayaquil, Ecuador, says the government possessions are now reduced to the provinces of Pichincha, Canar, Azuay and Loja, the other eleven being almost completely in the hands of the revolutionists.

The four principal ports, Guayaquil, Bahia, Esmeraldas and Hanta are also held by the insurgents and the interior provinces will be compelled to surrender although it is thought that by the aid of clergy they will be able to hold out for some time.

General Modaro, brother of General Eloy Alfaro, has left here to join the insurgent forces, General Flores, ex-commander-in-chief of Guayaquil, has fled, it is supposed, to Payta, Peru, Dr. Arbeleda, his secretary, has arrived here.

BLAIRSVILLE, G., June 7.—A young mountain girl stated to United States Commissioner Baker today that she was afraid to give the names of members of a band of white cappers who had made her one of their victims, for fear they would take her life. She is Miss Annie Phillips, the daughter of John Phillips, one of the best known farmers of this county. Phillips, his daughter and his son narrowly escaped death at the hands of a gang of drunken moonshiners, who visited their home near here on Monday night. The gang went to the house after the son, Albert, who was suspected of "mooning" to the "revenuers." They called him out and when he saw the crowd he called for his father. John rushed to his son's assistance, and was shot by some one in the crowd. Then Miss Annie, who is just 18, ran out to defend her father, and was knocked down and stamped on until she was unconscious. The crowd took the son off a quarter of a mile, and, stripping him, gave him a terrible beating. The daughter recovered and raised the alarm which brought neighbors to the scene. The father and the son are in a critical condition. Four of the gang have been apprehended. There were fifteen in all.

NEW YORK, June 7.—According to the report of the cotton acreage and the crop estimate issued by the *Financial Chronicle*, the percentage of acreage decrease has been as follows: North Carolina, 20; South Carolina, 10; Georgia, 18; Florida, 5; Alabama, 11; Mississippi, 10; Louisiana, 14; Texas, 11; Arkansas, 12; Tennessee, 9; other states and territories, 12. The average decrease is 11.6 per cent. The acreage is 17,767,668, against 30,107,247. The small decrease in Florida is due to larger planting of sea island cotton.

BRAZIL, Ind., June 7.—Serious forest fires are raging in the northern part of this county and the southern part of Parke, caused by railroad men burning old ties along the track. It is said that about 300 acres of timber has been consumed by the flames, while some residence property is threatened. A large number of men

have been constantly at work fighting the fire.

DENVER, June 7.—The Plateau Valley Railroad company, capitalized at \$250,000, was incorporated today by G. W. Vallery, general agent of the Burlington Railroad; F. P. Ernest, president of the National Bank of Denver; Prescott T. Stevens, Orson Adams Jr., and Fred S. Rockwell.

The company proposes to build about 100 miles of railroad in Grand, Mesa and Pitkin counties, opening up a region which is well adapted to fruit raising and dairy farms.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—The President late this afternoon announced the following cabinet appointments: Secretary of state, Richard J. Olney, of Massachusetts.

Attorney general, Judson Harmon, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

STUTTGART, June 7.—It is officially announced that the fatalities which resulted from the cloudburst on Wednesday over the Wurtemberg portion of the black forest amount to fifty. At Balingen thirty houses were demolished by a rise of the river Eyach.

There was another cloudburst last evening in the same district and the Eyach valley was again flooded. The damage done is not known. The Rems valley was also visited by a water spout, and there have been heavy thunder storms throughout the southern portion of Wurtemberg. The Danube and Neckar are greatly swollen.

HAVANA, June 7.—A small detachment of Spanish troops, it is announced in a dispatch from Manzanillo, were surprised by insurgents commanded by Amador Guerra. Fierce fighting followed. The Spanish lost one sergeant and three soldiers killed and had seven wounded. The insurgents were compelled to retire leaving four dead and nine wounded. The troops pursued the fleeing insurgents and captured five prisoners.

Another dispatch announces that a number of insurgents recently attacked the village of Guaya which was defended by a small detachment of troops commanded by Col. Castilan. The Spanish soldiers routed the enemy who left three dead upon the field.

NEW YORK, June 8.—A dispatch received from Dr. Charles E. Peabody, dated Eretria, Greece, states that a gymnasium and other well paved buildings have been uncovered, as well as three inscriptions, three heads and some good architectural fragments.

According to this dispatch the work of excavation among the ancient Greek ruins which have been carried on for some years by the American school of classic studies at Athens, is continuing to show good results.

Dr. Ruus Ryan Richardson, who is mentioned as overseeing the work, is the director of the school and has supervised the explorations which have been uncovered, and are probably part of the buildings on either side of the ancient street laid bare last year between the theater and the naval school of King Otho, and quite near the latter.

When the houses found last year were cleared, a floor of cement and pebbles was discovered about a meter below the surface. The "well paved buildings" of the dispatch are no doubt of a similar character.

The inscriptions, heads and architectural fragments are in all likelihood

of a nature corresponding to the ones brought to light in May a year ago.

The statement about the excavation of the theater being nearly completed indicates that the two former attempts made to uncover this building have been pushed to a more completely successful conclusion. Most of the more important excavations and discoveries have been in the immediate neighborhood of this theater.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 8.—For some time reports of destitution and suffering among the settlers in parts of Oklahoma have reached the public, but for the most part they were not believed. It was thought that the newspaper correspondents of the Territory were using the subject as a means of tiding over a dull season, and official denials of reported instances lent color to this theory.

The Rev. P. Shane and Judge T. B. Nash of Grant county, Oklahoma, reached the city today with a story of the actual condition of affairs among the settlers.

They declare the condition of affairs among the settlers of Grant county is one of desperate want. Hunger is their constant companion, and the situation is such that only instant aid will prevent actual starvation among those who are trying to hold the claims which they secured in Cherokee Strip opening, September 16, 1893.

Slowly, but surely, the settlers exhausted their resources. With actual starvation in sight, the people of Prairie township held a meeting, and started the movement which resulted in the county sending out the Rev. Mr. Shane and Judge Nash, to tell the story of their extreme want to the charitable people of Kansas and Missouri, and to beseech aid. They want provisions, flour, seed, food, clothing—anything, in fact, that will cover nakedness and fight off hunger.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, June 8.—The police were called upon today to quell a riot at the works of the American Wire company, where 200 laborers struck yesterday for increase of wages. The strikers, on learning that their places were being filled, became very threatening. Stones were thrown and windows broken, but no one injured.

BRESLAU, June 10.—The Saxigotten mine, belonging to Count Von Donnermark, is on fire. Out of 400 at work when the fire broke out, only forty reached the surface in safety. The fate of the other miners is not known as this dispatch is sent, but terrible disaster is apprehended.

WASHINGTON, June 10.—The Chinese legation has received no information as to the reported massacre of American missionaries in Cheng Tu, and strong hopes are entertained that the affair may be less serious than the meagre reports indicate.

Cheng Tu is a large city in the interior of China, the capital of Sze Chuan. The whole number of missionaries in the province is less than 100. They were the only foreigners there. The inhabitants were excited over the opening of the province to foreigners under the treaty with Japan.

KEY WEST, June 10.—It is known that the expedition that left this country Wednesday landed on the north of Cuba in the province of Las Villas, near Sagua La Grande. The expedition was under the command of General Roloff.