

Whydah, agent of the Hamburg firm of Webber & Brahm, that he had bought from the king of Dahomey slaves captured in French Hinterland, paying for them in Winchester rifles and ammunition, which the king of Dahomey had used in the campaign against the French. The firm admitted that the Congo state paid \$20 for each Dahomeyan slave.

The emperor denounced the motive of the firm, and declared if the French captured the agent the German government would not raise a finger to prevent his execution.

The committee passed a resolution to extend to all German colonies the penal provisions against human traffic.

DENVER, Feb. 2.—President Jeffery of the Denver and Rio Grand has restored the salaries of the general officers of the road to the basis in force before the voluntary reduction that went into effect last September. It is understood the salaries of the other employees will be adjusted the first of next month.

PARIS, Feb. 2.—Col. Dodds telegraphs that ex-King Behanzin has surrendered to him and is now under arrest.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Chairman Wilson of the ways and means committee and also chairman of the executive committee of the national association of Democratic clubs, has called a meeting of the latter to be held here on February 8th. Wilson states that it will be very important and insists that every member be present.

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 3.—Judge Bellinger, of the United States district court, has decided that, as marriage by proxy is legal in China, it must be recognized as legal here. He therefore allowed a Chinese woman, married in China by proxy to a Chinaman in this country, to land as a legal wife.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 3.—Geo. W. Childs, philanthropist and proprietor of the *Public Ledger*, passed away this morning, surrounded by his family and friends. One of his physicians made the following statement to an Associated Press reporter this morning:

"Childs suffered no pain; his end was peaceful as befitted his life. He has been unconscious for three days, except at intervals. The change for the worse became manifest about 9:30 last evening; his pulse faltered and he became rapidly worse. Then it was apparent the end was near and death was only a question of a few hours. The paralytic stroke which he suffered on January 18th only affected his right side, causing him to lose the use of both the right arm and leg. During the last hours he lay like a child asleep, and when he grew so much worse, about midnight, every effort was made to rouse him, but without avail."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Capt. Thomas Sharp, of the Seventeenth Infantry, has been relieved from duty as acting Indian agent at Tongue River agency, Montana, and Captain G. W. Stouch, Third Infantry, from Sisseton agency, South Dakota, and has been detailed to the Tongue River agency.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—(Special) 1:35 p. m.—As to statehood, it is noticeable that certain Utah papers have put themselves upon an anxious seat, but it is evident that their

influence tends mainly to mislead and delay such consummation. It is certain that Utah must lead the column of territories asking for admission. Patriotism, self-interest and the national welfare call on Western men for wise and harmonious action to augment Western representation in Congress. Why chatter so profusely about Western interests while obstructing and delaying the attainment of the authority to present these interests in the councils of the nation, where alone they can receive effective consideration? The Republican policy heretofore has been to advertise the admitting of Democratic territories. As the Republican party is not now in control their overtures towards Utah's admission do not carry the consciousness of responsibility and power to perform. What they have done is a good deal in the nature of bluff, but they cannot now draw back. The Democrats have not yet taken more than ordinary and reasonable time for consideration. Unless new complications arise important results will be reached this week. C. R.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—Heavy seas, high winds and generally rough weather are reported by several overdue vessels arriving today. The German steamer Taermin had her midmast carried away during a hurricane January 30th, off Sable Island. The steamer sustained heavy damage, her capstan being broken, the forward hatch smashed, stanchions carried away and lifeboats swept overboard.

FRESNO, Cal., Feb. 4.—A fight between the bandits Evans and Morrell and Deputy Sheriffs Timmins and Boyd occurred in the Slippery Rock country, about twenty miles from Dinuba, this afternoon. The officers were looking for the bandits in that neighborhood and were riding in a cart. When they got near the place of a rancher named Robinson, Timmins alighted and started in the direction of the house. He had only gone a short distance when Evans and Morrell came out of St. Clair's house, near by, and immediately opened fire on the officers. The latter had the advantage of being separated and could have raked the bandits from both sides.

As Evans appeared the officers took to flight, the bandits diligently firing upon them. After the officers had fled a distance they returned a few shots, without, however, ceasing to fly. In their flight Timmins and Boyd became separated, the former finally turning up at Dinuba and the latter at Reedley. Timmins telephoned the news of the fight to Sheriff Scott, who started for Sanger this evening with Deputy Reelye. It is said that twenty-four or twenty-five shots were fired, the robbers twenty and the officers four.

Another report has it that the officers made a bold stand, but were under disadvantage, as the bandits were under cover.

CITY OF MEXICO, Feb. 4.—Father Caspaneta, a revolutionary priest, has finally lost his life while in the act of leading an armed force against the government in the mountainous regions. He was one of the leaders in the recent revolutionary movement in the state of Guerrero. He was captured with General Canutil Neri and cast in

solitary confinement in the Belem prison. He was in prison but a few days when he made his escape and sought refuge among Catholic sympathizers, where he quietly worked up a strong feeling against the government and organized a force of about 100 men. With this small army he made an attack upon a hacienda in the state of Mexico and secured a large lot of supplies. They were pursued by a troop of cavalry commanded by Colonel Solin and retaken, and in the fight the priest and ten of his followers were killed.

ROME, Feb. 4.—Count Soderini, Pope Leo XIII.'s secret chamberlain, has written a pamphlet entitled "Rome and the Government During the past Twenty-five Years." The author maintains as an essential for real liberty, that the Pope should recover Rome, but Leo XIII. will readily discuss other means, if any are suggested, as his dearest wish is the welfare of Italy.

LONDON, Feb. 4.—A dispatch from Rome to the *Standard* says the Pope has decided that Mgr. Satolli will be among the new cardinals.

PARIS, Feb. 5.—August E. Vaillant, the anarchist who, on Dec. 9th, threw a bomb in the chamber of deputies, was guillotined shortly after 7 o'clock this morning. His last words were: "Death to society; long live anarchy."

At 7.30 the march to the guillotine began. Vaillant marched between the executioner and his assistants, with his head erect and defiant, while persons in the crowd cried out: "He dies like a true anarchist!" accompanied by an occasional cry of "Vive l'Anarchie!" Standing at the foot of the steps leading to the platform and gazing at the flaming flag, Vaillant shouted: "Vive l'Anarchie!" and a moment later, ascending the steps, he said in a loud voice: "A mort les bourgeois!" "death to the Bourgeoisie." On the platform he cried: "Death to society."

These were his last words. He was quickly strapped to the sliding plank and his neck placed beneath the knife, which fell, severing his head from the body.

THE HAGUE, Feb. 5.—The police have unearthed an enormous forgery of bank notes. Notes to the value of 227,000 guilders were seized and eight men, including the leader, an American named Krause, were arrested.

DENVER, Feb. 4.—Chief Ignacio of the Southern Utes passed through Denver last night en route for Washington to testify at the hearing February 10th on the question of the removal of the Southern Utes in Colorado to the eastern part of Utah. The chief says the Utes want to go west and are becoming restless on account of delay in carrying out the treaty. The game in the southern part of Colorado is about exhausted and the Indians are pining for hunting ground in Utah, where game is abundant and white people not numerous.

The registration of the Chinese is going on in Fresno district, Cal., rapidly. About forty a day are being registered, but three times that number apply. A careful estimate, made from the most reliable information, places the number of Chinese in the district at 9,000, over 4,000 of which are in the city.