

has memorialized the king remonstrating against such a course, and at the same time offering his resignation. Judge Denny, the king's confidential adviser, also wrote a letter to the king, in which he stated that on the day when China attains her objects as regards Corea, both nations will have been brought under the rule of other powers.

#### Earthquakes.

San Jose de Costa Rica was the scene on Dec. 29 and 30 of serious earthquake shocks. At Alajuela eight persons were killed and many injured. The churches and principal buildings in the city suffered considerable damage. The inhabitants encamped out of doors for two days. No further shocks have been felt.

Severe earthquake shocks were felt on January 3rd in Rhojend and Kastakos in Russia. Many persons were killed and a number of buildings were destroyed.

#### Bou langer.

General Boulanger, in an address to the electors of the Department of the Seine, berates those members of Parliament who have been working against him, and says: "If I could ever have entertained the idea of playing dictator it would have been when, as minister of war, I had the whole army in my hands. There has been nothing in my conduct to cause such suspicion. There is nothing dictatorial in the programme that demands the constitution's revision by a most democratic system and by a constituent assembly. I challenge the republicans to cite a single act or confession in which I have not plainly supported the republic." Most of the republican journals describe this manifesto as a tissue of calumny and brag, and say it is not worthy of discussion.

The *Gaulois* says: "As Boulanger's programme is to ask the country to make its voice heard, the conservatives intend to vote for him."

A congress of republican senators, deputies and editors opposed to Boulanger met on Jan. 6 to select a candidate against him.

#### Floods.

The floods near Rome are extending. There is much damage. In one house which collapsed 12 persons were killed.

A violent storm has occurred in the Pyrenees Oriental. The rivers have overflowed their banks and the streets of Perpignan and the country round

about are flooded. Communication has been stopped. An enormous amount of damage has been done, and much distress was caused. It is feared the storm also wrecked vessels.

#### Is It a War Move?

The *London Times'* Rome correspondent says that the Italian government will obtain a loan of \$20,000,000 in Germany, which will be equal to the Russian loan obtained in France.

#### A Dynamiter in Madrid.

In Madrid, on Jan. 4, while the audiende was leaving the opera, a bomb exploded near by with a tremendous report. Everyone in the vicinity was thrown into a panic, and great excitement prevailed for a time. No one was injured, however, but the buildings in the neighborhood were damaged.

#### The Samoan Trouble.

The following account of occurrences in Samoa was given in a dispatch from Berlin Jan. 6:

On December 18th the German gunboat *Adler*, with the German consul on board, proceeded to Wanly, Mataafa's chief position, with the intention of negotiating for the disarming of the insurgents in consequence of the destruction of German property and insults to German sailors. A party of men was landed, and while on their way to Vailele plantation they were suddenly attacked by a party of rebels, led by an American, named Klein. The *Olga*, *Adler* and *Eber* landed more men, who succeeded in repelling the natives and destroying some of their villages. Lieut. Seiger and fifteen men were killed, and Lieuts. Spengler and Burchard and thirty-six men were wounded. The latter are doing well. Other accounts state that the Germans retired to Vailele and held it against the greatest odds until reinforced. Mataafa's loss was ten killed and thirty wounded.

The Germans bombarded Vailele, Letoga, Lanta, Metafuga and Matafa. Mataafa now holds a strongly fortified position near Apia, where great excitement prevails.

European women and children have been placed on board men-of-war. Business is at a standstill, expecting further German action.

Mataafa has obtained a supply of ammunition. He declares himself ready to appear before the commander of the British and American men-of-war.

#### A Sad Case.

About a quarter before 2 o'clock p.m. Sunday Jan. 6 Brother Amund Hanson, of the Twenty-first Ward, departed this life. His demise was entirely unexpected, and is a heavy blow to his family, whose circumstances are not the best. Brother Hanson was a tallor, and has been struggling to establish a home for himself and family. To do this he has worked very hard, and though he has been unwell for some time, being a sufferer from asthma, he still kept at his daily toil, that the means necessary for his family might not suffer diminution.

On Saturday evening he returned home from work about 8 o'clock and remarked that he felt very tired, but would take a good rest that night and next day. On Sunday morning he did not rise from his bed, saying he would rest a while longer, and at the same time gave directions for some of the children to attend Sunday School.

There was nothing to indicate the serious condition in which he was; his tired state being considered as the result of his having had his rest broken during the previous week, his wife being sick. Shortly before 2 p.m. one of the children went to the bedside and took hold of her father's hand. There was something strange about it to the child, and she called to Mrs. Olsen, who had come in to see Mrs. Hanson, who was in bed in another room. The lady answered the call and made the terrible discovery that Brother Hanson was dead. He had made no signs of suffering, and probably passed away in his sleep. A short time before the children had been in the room and he had spoken to them.

His family consists of a wife and six children, the eldest nine years and the youngest a week old. They are in very poor circumstances, there being some indebtedness yet on their home. This is but slight, however, as the deceased was very careful not to get far behind; but there are many of the necessities for the family that have not been provided. In this condition the family will have the deep sympathy of the people.

Brother Hansen was a quiet, unassuming man. Those acquainted with him speak very highly of his integrity and faithfulness. He was kind and considerate to his family and associates, and was prompt in performing the duties of life imposed upon him.