

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

CITY OF MEXICO, April 13.—A telegram from Oaxaca City states that rebel Indians at the town Juquila killed all the town councillors, school teachers, local priests, chief of police and the telegraph operator, in fact every one holding a government place. The people are in terror.

The rebels began their plotting in holy week, instigated by Indian lawyers, who informed them that the new state taxes were unconstitutional, but the authorities paid no attention to the excitement among them, considering they were engaged in their unbroken celebration of the season. But, procuring arms and matches, they made a rush for the town hall, and the prefect hastily closed the doors, which they soaked with petroleum and burned, thus effecting an entrance and sacking the place, penetrating the private apartments of the prefect, and grossly maltreated the women of his family, and then, turning attention to the officials and armed servants, killed and wounded several. The scene was a horrible one, as the assault took place in the early evening, and the excitement of the mob was indescribable.

EUGENE, Ore., April 13.—Oral Polnuxter, a lad 12 years old, was arrested at his home four miles north of Oxburg this morning, and was brought to this city on a charge of attempting to kill the family of Mrs. Hiram Smith, a widow who lives on a farm adjoining that of the Polnuxter's. For some time the Smith family have felt that they were the victims of persecution, as repeated attempts had been made to poison the entire family by scattering poison about the dishes and eatables.

CHICAGO, April 14.—Frederick A. Starr, professor of anthropology in the University of Chicago, has just returned from a three months' trip through unexplored portions of Guatemala and Mexico. Prof. Starr's object in making the trip was to visit all the ruins in the two countries which, in his trip last summer, he had heard so highly praised, and to find the pigmy tribe which was supposed to live somewhere about there. The professor spent ten days among the Mixes, the fiercest tribe known, who are supposed to retain some of the cannibal instincts of their ancestors. The professor and his companion, a German political refugee, had no trouble in getting along with them.

In speaking of his trip, Prof. Starr was very enthusiastic. The results he said, had been so successful and the fields so promising that he expects to return there October 1st. He says: "The state of Chiapas is attracting much attention at present on account of its coffee, and American capital is flowing in at a great rate. Every plantation or piece of ground available for coffee growing is being seized upon by investors."

Prof. O. C. Farrington, curator of geology of the Field Columbian Museum, has just returned from a three months' trip to Mexico. The object of his trip was to study the mineral resources of the country and to collect specimens of the same and other illustrating volcanic and glacial phenomena. The

famous silver mines of Guanajuato, Pachuca and Zacatecas were visited and valuable specimens obtained from them.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, April 14.—Bishop Warden, of the M. E. church, returning from his missionary trip around the world, was accorded a warm reception at the Methodist ministers' meeting yesterday where fifteen ministers had assembled. Dr. Warden talked of China, Japan and India, speaking mostly on Japan. During the last eleven months he has traveled 40,000 miles.

DURHAM, April 14.—An explosion occurred in a colliery, Wellington. Eight miners are known to have been killed and it is believed eighteen persons will lose their lives through the disaster.

LONDON, April 14.—A dispatch from Madrid to the Pall Mall Gazette says: Senor Canovas del Castillo, the Spanish premier, is ill and cannot be interviewed. His relatives, however, confirm the existence of a "communiqué" from President Cleveland, but in the present state of public feeling, it will be impossible for the government to accept his offer. Matters are very complicated and, while the government will do everything in its power to avoid a quarrel with the United States, it will prefer to fight rather than lose Cuba through foreign pressure. The coming Cortes will grant Cuba every reasonable franchise to be enjoyed under the Spanish flag.

CHICAGO, April 14.—While brooding over the idea that his family would suffer from want, John Lehman this evening shot and killed his three children. After committing this terrible deed Lehman attempted to end his own life by hanging, but failing in this he turned the revolver upon himself and sent a bullet through his heart, killing himself instantly.

TORONTO, Ont., April 15.—Miss Eva Booth, the youngest daughter of General Booth, has been appointed commandant of the Salvation Army of Canada and New Foundland.

CHICAGO, April 15.—One of the main buildings of the Chicago Fireworks company, at Gross Point, fourteen miles north of this city, blew up this morning, resulting in the death of Nicholas Bore and Annie Bore. The explosion is supposed to have been caused by powder being ignited by concussion in the machinery used in making fireworks. The fire discharged blew out the sides of the buildings, letting the roof fall. In a moment another explosion shattered the roof. The remains of Annie Bore could not be found. Nicholas Bore, her brother, was horribly mangled. There were eight people in the building, not one of whom escaped injury. Several are believed to be fatally burned.

TACOMA, Wash., April 17.—James E. Alsop, who was arrested at Seattle yesterday on a charge of having murdered Lena Olson at Duluth, Minn., in 1894, came here in 1888 from Kansas, where he had been a deputy sheriff. He engaged in real estate business and several years later was supposed to be worth \$80,000. He was made superintendent of the Lake Park

Land, Railway and Improvement company which built a suburban railway, but was removed by the directors. He left Tacoma for Duluth, where he engaged in the real estate business and is reported to have got into trouble there by the alleged forging of a deed. November 24, 1890, Alsop drove his wife behind a spirited horse to the top of a hill to look at a house. At the top of the hill he got out for the apparent purpose of fixing the harness. The horse ran away, threw Mrs. Alsop out and she was killed. The body was buried, it is said, without her relatives in the East being notified. Later her brother came out and wanted the body exhumed, alleging foul play. Through the efforts of friends the matter was hushed up. The next July he married Mrs. Julia Minthorn, who had just secured a divorce on the ground of non-support for which divorce Alsop is alleged to have paid. The couple lived together very happily for a year. She still resides here as do also Alsop's son, a young man, and his daughter Kate, aged 18. Mrs. Alsop did not wish to make a statement today, but admitted they did not live happily together.

St. Louis, April 20.—Capt. D. P. Slattery, the well known elevator and general business man in this city, was drowned this afternoon at Kings Lake, about sixty miles north of here, whither he had gone on a fishing excursion with his friends.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 20.—Edward Evans, of Shanghai, China, who was among the passengers on the steamer Gaelic, says that Li Hung Chang, the eminent viceroy now on his way to Moscow to attend the coronation of the czar, took with him on his trip a casket in which he expects to be buried when he dies.

"It is not an unusual thing for Chinese to buy their own coffins and keep them in their houses the same as any other article of furniture until they shuffle off the mortal coil," he said. "To carry a coffin with one's self on a long journey to guard against any inconveniences in case of death may seem ridiculous to Americans, but that Li Hung Chang has done this I know to be a fact. I have the story from a missionary in China who was engaged by Li Hung Chang to accompany him on the voyage, but who gave up the trip at the last moment."

LONDON, April 20.—The South African situation still absorbs a large share of public attention and apprehensions for the safety of the English in Matabeleland and particularly in Bulawayo, are not yet abated. There is an appreciable sense of relief over the news that a supply train from Mafeking has got through to Bulawayo and that the reinforcements of imperial troops from Mafeking are being rapidly pushed forward for the relief of the place, which is to all purposes beleaguered, so closely invested by the natives that numerous skirmishes are occurring almost in the outskirts of the town. Friends of the people in Bulawayo (and this includes, so far as sentiment is concerned, all England) are relieved to hear that no extensive offensive movement is planned at present against the natives. There have been grave fears that the whites would be rash and invite a disaster.

The reply of President Krueger to