

plaint setting forth that the interest on \$27,000,000 first mortgage bonds had been defaulted on January 1, 1895, and asked for foreclosure of the mortgage and the appointment of separate receivers for that division covered by the mortgage, known as the main line. The court took the matter under advisement and will render a decision probably the first day of next week.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Secretary Gresham has received official information of the attempted rebellion in Hawaii. He has been in consultation with Secretary Herbert relative to the immediate dispatch of a cruiser to the islands. Gresham at 10:30 a.m. was at the White House consulting with the President on the same subject. Secretary Herbert also has gone to the White House to take part in the consultation. The impression at the department is that the flagship Philadelphia, with Admiral Beardsley, will be dispatched to Honolulu.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19.—The rise and fall of the queen's supporters in Hawaii has created a great deal of excitement in this city. The chamber of commerce held a special meeting today and forwarded a telegram to Secretary Gresham, urging him to send a warship at once to Honolulu. This was before it had been learned that Gresham had already ordered the Philadelphia to the islands. Anticipating orders to sail, the officers of the Philadelphia commenced preparations for departure early this morning. They expect to get away tomorrow or by Monday at the latest.

The Philadelphia can steam to Honolulu in five days, or even less, if she is pressed, and on arrival at the islands it is supposed she would immediately proceed to land troops for the protection of Americans and property of Americans.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 20.—A special to the *Republic* from Hawesville, Ky., gives another story of the sinking of the steamer State of Missouri and places the loss of life at not less than forty.

The writer of the dispatch today visited the scene of the wreck thirty-five miles from Hawesville, and reports that there were twenty-two passengers and a crew of seventy-eight on board. Of these thirteen passengers and nearly half of the crew, principally negro roustabouts, were drowned. C. C. Whitehead, an old river pilot, was on board and to the correspondent said:

"Of the twenty-two passengers only nine were saved. There was a young married couple from Louisville. The husband swam ashore with his wife and they were saved. A man and his wife from Philadelphia escaped, but the man lost his clothing and \$4000.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—The *Times* has a dispatch from Teheran, capital of Persia, stating the town of Kuchan, in the province of Khorassan, which was destroyed by an earthquake fourteen months ago, and which was subsequently rebuilt, was again destroyed by an earthquake shock on Thursday last.

There was, as on the previous occasion, great loss of life. One hundred women who were in a bath house were crushed to death by the falling building. The weather was intensely cold, and this increased the sufferings

of the survivors, whose houses were destroyed.

The dispatch adds that fourteen distinct shocks were felt at Meshed within three days. None of these shocks, however, were of sufficient strength to do any damage.

Kuchan lies at the foot of the Shah Jahan Kuh, a mountain 11,000 feet in height. The town, which is about eight miles northwest of Meshed, is 3,300 feet above sea level. It is, or was, an important place, being on the route to Shirvan. The population prior to the earthquake of 1893, which destroyed every house in the place, was between 20,000 and 25,000. The official report of the disaster places the number of persons killed at 12,000. Fifty thousand head of cattle perished in the valley at the head of which Kuchan is situated.

From Nov. 7th to 27th there were 127 distinct shocks. It was the first shock that destroyed the town.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 22.—A bomb was exploded yesterday evening in a crowded cafe at Jumet, near Charleroi. Much damage was done to the building and a panic followed. Nobody was seriously injured.

LEON, Mex., Jan. 22.—A duel was fought at San Felipe, east of this city, between Henry T. Wood, an American mining engineer, and Juan Cantu, a merchant of the place. Wood was seriously wounded, being shot through the body. The affair grew out of a financial deal between the two men.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Senator Wolcott today proposed as an amendment to the Ute removal bill, to strike out the words: "An act to provide for the allotment of lands in severalty to the Indians on the various reservations and extend the protection of the laws of the United States over the Indians," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "An act to ratify an agreement submitted by the confederated bands of Utes of Colorado for the sale of their reservation, and make necessary appropriations for carrying out the same."

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—A case of great importance to manufacturers and retail dealers has just been decided by United States Judge Gruescup. A retail haberdasher of the name of Schuster was closed up on an execution and the United States marshal was instructed to sell the goods at public sale. A local firm of wholesale manufacturers of collars and cuffs filed an intervenors' petition claiming that among the stock of the delinquent haberdasher was a large consignment of collars and cuffs which belonged to them. The intervenors claimed that three years ago they made a contract with Schuster to furnish him with a stock of their goods, retaining, however, the proprietary interest, Schuster paying them at the end of each month for the amount of sales during the month. Counsel for the other creditors argued that any such contract was clearly against public policy, as it gave the consignee an appearance of ownership and enabled him to get a credit that otherwise he could not obtain. The argument proved weighty with the court, for Judge Gruescup sustained his position and quashed the wholesalers' bill for want of equity. This decision will have especial weight with manufacturers of agricultural and musical

instruments, as it is an open secret that retail dealers in these classes of goods sell almost entirely on commission.

MASSOWAH, Egypt, Jan. 22.—Ras Mangiotta, an Abyssinian chief, is on flight, seeking refuge at Temben. His force is completely scattered.

TEREHAN, Persia, Jan. 22.—An official dispatch from Meshed, the capital of the province Khorassan, says a severe earthquake shock was felt there at noon on Thursday, January 17. The vibrations extended in a northwesterly direction as far as Chinaron. There was a second shock the same evening. The damage was slight. No lives were lost.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Jan. 22.—It seems as if the route of the Central Pacific were laid through the lines of the greatest snowfall. With drifts forty feet deep and snow twenty-two feet deep on the level at the summit, the utmost energies of the railroad people are put to the test. The rotaries are tossing snow in continuous streams from the roadbed, but from Gold Run to Truckee snow is falling at the rate of an inch an hour. Luckily the wind is not blowing, and the situation is not complicated by the formidable land and snow slides that so often make railroading and even existence in the high Sierras perilous.

In places hardy mountaineers in the smaller towns communicate by means of tunnels through the snow. Habitations are obliterated and the reign of the storm king, magnificent but desolate, is supreme.

Trains proceed cautiously through perpendicular banks of snow like marble walls towering above the coaches. The rotaries precede them in ceaseless toil, cutting the way that a couple of thousand men have prepared. The snow is falling so fast that it is not certain that the push plows and the flangers will not have to be invoked to keep the way open.

The latest official reports received show that during the previous twenty-four hours the snowfall was as follows: Truckee 3 inches, on the ground 7 feet and 8 inches; Summit, 24 inches, on the ground 20 feet and 5 inches; Cascade, 30 inches, on the ground 18 feet; Cleco, 20 inches, on the ground 16 feet 3 inches; Emigrant Gap, 12 inches, on the ground 15 feet; Blue Canyon, 12 inches, on the ground 8 feet 9 inches; Sandy Run, 12 inches, on the ground 10 feet; Fowler, 9 inches, on the ground 8 feet 3 inches; Gold Run, 6 inches, on the ground 4 feet 10 inches; Colfax, 4 inches, on the ground 3 feet.

There is no flood in the valley. Of course the tules and low basins are filled, but the streams are well in their banks and at present there is no danger of washouts.

If the storm continues it will severely test the levees. A warm rain on the mountains of snow now would bring a greater body of water on the valley than in 1861-62.

Word was received early this morning that the snow on the summit of the mountains had reached to a level with the cross arms on the telegraph poles and that four more inches of snow would prostrate every wire over the mountains.

NEWBURYPORT, Mass., Jan. 22.—Ex-Congressman Eben F. Stone died today, aged 78.