

CAPE TOWN, Dec. 13.—Advices from Buluwayo say Major Forbes, with a small detachment, arrived at Spanghal river without incident. Captain Wilson was deputed to pursue Lobengula with an advance party. He left camp late in the evening and overtook the king's wagons at midnight. The natives were ambushed in expectation of the British advance, and opened a hot fire from the ambush on both sides of Captain Wilson's party, which, in the face of superior numbers, was forced to retire, fighting steadily. Captain Wilson dispatched a messenger to the camp of Captain Forbes for reinforcements, but meantime the Shanghal river had suddenly risen and cut off the advance party from the main body of Major Forbes's command. It is feared the force of Wilson is in a perilous position, and Forbes is trying to make a crossing higher up the river and go to his relief.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—A dispatch to the Times from Lishon says: "The steamship Nile, which left Rio de Janeiro on December 5th, has arrived at Pernambuco, bringing news of the arrest of the crew of the French steamer Parahyba.

The advices say the crew were ordered shot without trial, although there was no proof that they intended to join the insurgents under Admiral Mello. Incensed at the injustice of the sentence, the condemned soldiers at the moment of execution cried in one voice, "Long live Mello." This produced such an impression that the government troops in the firing party tried not to hit the prisoners, and only five were killed. The soldiers were ordered to fire again, but refused. The remainder of the crew were, therefore, imprisoned.

OMAHA, Dec. 13.—General Cowen, general counsel for the government in the Union Pacific receivership, says the application for \$18,000 salary each for the receivers will never come up again. The court will see how much actual labor falls to each of the five receivers and will in time fix their respective pay.

BERLIN, Dec. 14.—It is announced that out of 190 salted American hams examined in central market in this city, one was found on December 9 full of trichinae in a chrysalis state. It is thought probable that some trichinae might be alive, and experiments tending to demonstrate whether or not such trichinae might spread an infection will be made by Herr Hertwig, director of meat inspection. The ham has been handed to the police.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 14.—Billings, Mont., Pioneer Press special: The Crows are out again. Nearly all the young men of the tribe, belonging to the Brior mountain branch, the one who made trouble last spring on the newly ceded strip, are massed at the head of Stillwater creek, of the reservation, and killing cattle wantonly. Agent Wyman has refused to make an effort to drive them in and refers the sheriff to the governor for aid.

The stockmen have a detachment in the field, and have declared their intention to take the law into their own hands and protect the stock, even if they are obliged to kill off half the Crow tribe.

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 14.—A diamond as large as a pea was found by a

farmer near Oregon. The genuineness is verified by geologists at the state university.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 15.—The large span of the Jeffersonville and Louisville bridge across the Ohio river fell at half-past 10 o'clock this morning. The bridge would have been completed in a few days. Fifty men were thrown into the river and a number were drowned. It is estimated that all the way from twenty-five to seventy-five bridge timbers, the false work of iron, and the mangled humanity is lying in a heap in the river. Several thousand people line the shore on either side and the boats near the spot are crowded. Heroic efforts are being made at rescue. The number killed will not exceed twenty. The bridge has been under construction a number of years, several times interrupted by lack of funds. Three years ago, during the construction of the piers, an accident happened in the caisson by which twelve lives were lost. Accidents have been frequent, and it is said that fifty persons in all have lost their lives by them. The bodies of Ed. Simmons and ten unidentified have been recovered.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The bill for the admission of Utah will probably be opposed in the Senate by its old antagonist, the Ladies' Home Missionary Society, which is seeking an opportunity to be heard by the Senate committee on territories. The members of this society take exception to the statements which have been made very freely by the advocates of the bill that polygamy is dead in Utah, and say they have positive information that the contrary is the case. They have obtained this information from the missionaries scattered through that Territory. The information is to the effect that the practice is not carried on as openly as formerly, but in places remote from the towns and centers of habitation there is little or no abatement in the custom. They also say that in the towns and cities there is a covert observation of the old doctrine, and that everywhere among the Mormon people there is a feeling in favor of polygamy, just as strong as in the palmiest days of Mormonism, and that where this feeling is suppressed at all it is only done because of fear of the federal authorities. The ladies argue that if the Territory should be admitted as a state and its authority removed, the Mormons would control the state organization and it would be a short time only before polygamy would again be openly taught and practiced as one of the tenets of the Mormon people.

The society embraces large membership in the Presbyterian, Congregational and Methodist churches.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—A small negro was arrested here today with \$3,000 worth of watches and diamonds in his possession. He said a crook in San Francisco compelled him at the point of a revolver to enter a millionaire's house on Sutter street, in that city, and steal the property. He succeeded in eluding the crook, and came directly here. He refused to give his name and is being held to await advices from San Francisco.

CHEYENNE, Dec. 16.—Trouble is expected on the Shoshone reservation

from the efforts made by Captain Ray, military agent, to suppress immorality and polygamy among the Indians. A few weeks ago he had a number of Indian maidens, who insisted on visiting the post on pay day arrested and sent back to their lodges with their heads shaved. This is considered a great indignity among the Shoshones and Arapahoes, and they were in a bad humor when last week the captain called a number of chiefs before him and ordered them to dispense with all their wives but one.

Plenty Bear, one of the Arapahoes, who has two squaws, with whom he has lived for many years, said he was too old to change his habits, and would die before he would obey such an order. Raising his Winchester, he said: "We will both die together."

Ray ordered him arrested, but the Indian police refused to obey, and Plenty Bear left the meeting very angry.

Washakie, chief of the Shoshones, is also a polygamist, and his arrest has also been ordered. He is guarded by a number of Shoshones, who say they will not allow his arrest. If attempted an outbreak of the Indians is certain.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—After a warm struggle Samuel Gompers was tonight re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor, receiving 1,334 votes, against 1,222 for John McBride.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 17.—At the annual banquet Monday last of soldiers decorated with the cross of St. Andrew and St. George, forty guests are said to have partaken of meat pie in a putrid state. The result is that fifteen have since died of cholera, and others were very sick several days.

SIoux CITY, Dec. 18.—The bodies of George R. Myers and Joe Brown, confidence men, were found this morning in the rear of a saloon. Both were shot through the abdomen. One theory is that they were shot by a man whom they were attempting to hold up; another is that they were killed by their pals.

Myers and Brown were running a film flim tailor shop.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 16.—In harmony with Governor Llewelling's recent tramp circular, the Topeka metropolitan police board orders the chief of police to give the unemployed entire freedom in going and coming. The board also abolishes the rock pile and bull pens.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Standard commenting on the admittance of Utah to statehood says it is inclined to the belief that polygamy is again practiced with impunity. It adds that it is even believed that Mormons will capture Nevada and exercise considerable influence over American politics.

DENVER, Dec. 13.—Thomas B. Owen, alias Bert C. Frane, and W. H. Gibson, arrested today at San Francisco, are wanted here to answer to a charge of obtaining \$30,000 from Mrs. J. E. Snell, formerly Mrs. Helen C. Woods, by blackmail. Mrs. Woods gave Owen money to frustrate an alleged plot to kidnap her daughter, and he told her that he had killed the two plotters and made her believe she was an accomplice in the murder. Owen was arrested last summer at Centerville, Ohio, but got free on habeas corpus and escaped before extradition papers arrived.