

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

HONOLULU, June 17.—The first Legislature under the republic was called together on the 11th inst. The president's message was read. It deals with many questions of local interest. In speaking of annexation to the United States, the president says:

"While the annexation of this country to the United States of America has not yet been accomplished, it still remains the policy of the government. Its consummation will be earnestly sought, with an abiding faith that such a result will be of great and lasting benefit to our people."

The government has decided to liberate a number of rebel prisoners on July 4th. The pardoning power will be used in the cases of a number of ignorant natives who took part in the recent revolt. This fact will be a disappointment to several white men who expected to be pardoned, Major Seward being among them.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 18.—Representatives of twenty-three firms of Tacoma, Portland, Seattle and Mount Vernon, which ship eighty per cent of the shingle output of the Pacific northwest, have organized the Pacific Lumber and Shingle Shippers' association.

The association will issue a blacklist of eastern buyers who take advantage of the shipper's distance from his market to put in claims for shortage, broken bunches, etc., and thus enforce deductions. The association will also attend to relations with the railroads, such as rates, supply of cars, etc., and will protect the manufacturer against unscrupulous dealers.

GUTHRIE, O. T., June 18.—Stories of remarkable finds are still coming in from the newly found gold fields. John Ennis and R. A. Gregory, claim holders in Washita county, came in today from the scene of the gold find there. They state that along Doggy creek there is an outcropping of a vein of ore from two to four feet in thickness and that all of the tests known to miners and jewelers show there is gold in it. One man has made assays running from \$100 to \$1,500 per ton. An area ten miles square is now staked off in making claims and there are indications of the deposits for over forty miles.

NOGALES, ARIZ., June 18.—E. W. Woodruff, paymaster for the Nacacari Copper company, managed by John Weil of New York, and who is operating his mines in the state of Sonora, reports that on Thursday last, while traveling by buckboard to Nacacari from Bisbee, Ariz., with money to pay the employees, he was attacked by masked men near Cacabute, a point about 40 miles south of the Arizona line, and more than a hundred miles southeast of Nogales.

The driver, a man named Floreno, was killed, and \$8,000 was taken by brigands.

HAVANA, June 18.—Maximo Gomez has attacked Alta Gracia, burned the railroad station and many other houses. The garrison consisting of 25 soldiers, made a heroic defense, losing five killed and having seven wounded. The sergeant who was in command of the detachment has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant for bravery.

Owing to unexpected events, Captain General Martinez Campos has reconsidered his decision and proclaimed the province of Puerto Principe under martial law. Col. Canellas has had several engagements with insurgents at Philipinas, Uetas, Costas, Passos and Songo Dos Bozas, routing the insurgents who had several killed. Among the dead was Col. Eversto Lugo. The Spanish commander also captured a quantity of arms and ammunition. The troops had one killed and twelve wounded.

During the nights of June 15 and 16 an outpost of the Spanish troops at Puerto Principe was fired upon by insurgents. One soldier was killed and one injured.

NEW YORK, June 18.—The jury in the Laidlaw-Sage case returned to the court room at 4:11 o'clock with a verdict in favor of plaintiff. They award Laidlaw \$40,000 damages. A stay was granted until next September. This was the fourth trial of the suit of Laidlaw against Sage for \$50,000 damages for injuries received by plaintiff being used as a shield for Sage when Norcross exploded a bomb in the millionaire's office.

EAGLE PASS, Tex., June 18.—Rafael Valdez, a notorious border bandit, was captured a few days ago at Lampasas, Mexico. When near Piedras Negras he attempted to escape and was killed by one of the guards. His depredations have been such that border cattlemen have offered \$1,000 for his arrest.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—The Intercontinental Railway commission, under whose direction extensive surveys have recently been made in Central and South America, for the purpose of ascertaining the feasibility of constructing a railroad connecting the systems of the United States and Mexico with those of southern Peru, Brazil, Chile and the Argentine Republic, is in receipt of information showing that its researches are already bearing fruit. The Guatemala Central Railroad company, whose main line runs from San Jose on the Pacific to Guatemala City, has determined to build that portion of the intercontinental system intended to traverse Guatemala, and has put that determination into practical shape by actual construction, having opened to traffic on April 14th last the section extending from Santa Maria, on the Guatemalan Central, to Santa Lucia, and is continuing construction to Patulul, with the intention of continuing the line northwesterly to the Mexican frontier and southeasterly to the frontier of Salvador.

The Mexican Southern railroad is already in operation to Oaxaca, 400 miles south of the City of Mexico, and will soon close the intervening gap between that city and the Guatemalan frontier. The Mexican Southern and the Guatemala Central will soon enable one to go from Washington to the center of Salvador. In this latter republic Mr. Scherzer is at work constructing his line and it, taken in connection with the railroads already existing in Nicaragua, would enable travelers to go by rail from any city of

the United States to the proposed location of the Nicaragua canal.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—Sir Edward Gray's statement in Parliament yesterday that Ambassador Bayard had been informed that Great Britain would consent to the arbitration of the Venezuelan question under certain conditions, creates some surprise among officials here, as Sir Edward's statement is calculated to show that Great Britain has accepted the suggestion of the United States, whereas it has been declined. The desire of Venezuela is to arbitrate the entire boundary question, and the request of Mr. Bayard in behalf of the United States was in this direction. But the answer of Great Britain was that no arbitration was admissible as regards certain territory which Great Britain asserts is indisputably hers, though she offered to arbitrate concerning certain territory to which apparently, Great Britain regarded her title as less clear.

McCook, Neb., June 18.—Grasshoppers have appeared in such quantities between Eckley and Otis, a distance of 25 miles, as to cover the Burlington railroad track and cause much trouble. The engines have been provided with steel brushes with which to clear the track. At Yuma, Colo., they have invaded the grainfields, doing much damage. They seem to be working their way southeast.

CHICAGO, June 19.—Prince Johann Sapiel, commissioner of the Austrian government to the United States to prepare a report on the agricultural, commercial, financial and social conditions in this country, after spending a few days in the city will leave on Thursday for Colorado Springs, Colo. From there he will go to Wyoming, Utah and the Pacific coast states.

The report which Prince Sapiel will make to the Austrian government, for which task he has received the royal commission, will be with reference to Austrian emigration to this country, many Austrian emigrants having through their ignorance of the country fared poorly.

NEW YORK, June 20.—A special to the *World* from London says: There can be no possible evasion of the fact that the sensational and exclusive announcement in the *Times* that Mr. Gladstone had surrendered his pair in Parliament on the pending bill to disestablish the church in Wales is the most staggering blow the Rosebery government has ever received.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., June 20.—Matthew McEwen, a wealthy and respected farmer, shot and killed himself with a Winchester rifle at his farm, three miles south of Goldendale. He committed the deed in his bedchamber this morning while his wife was cooking breakfast, the bullet passing through his heart. Deceased was 62 years of age, and at one time was a Mormon Elder in Utah.

Inquiry of both of the McEwen and McCune families in this city today elicited the statement that the Matthew McEwen referred to was unknown to them. The deceased formerly lived at Beaver.—Ed. News.]

CLEVELAND, June 20.—It was after 2 o'clock this morning when the subcommittee on resolutions of the league adjourned. Mr. Blackwell, of Massachussets, presented a resolution in