

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

BANGOR, Me., Feb. 18.—Charles D. French, a peddler and hermit, blew the top of his head off today. He left the following letter:

"To the Curious:—Feb. 18, 1894.—In two hours I shall be dead, shot through the head with a big charge of lead (no poetry intended) and be on the spook route to the kingdom of come. Disease and poverty are the causes. However, no one knows that I am in a destitute condition, but I am, just the same. Burn, boil, bake, bury or send my carcass to the phosphate factory, just as the humor strikes you. I am weak, faint and hungry, but I know how to cancel all my engagements with Mr. Trouble and Mr. Misery.

Yours respectfully.

CHARLES D. FRENCH."

DURANGO, Colo., Feb. 17.—A letter dated Farmington, February 16th, says: Manuelito, chief of all the Navajos, died five days ago, and his wife a day later. His successor will not be known for several days yet.

KNOXVILLE, Feb. 18.—For months past there has been an aerial cable car line across the Tennessee river at this place, and hundreds continually flocked there, a ride at a distance of 2000 feet above the river being a particularly exhilarating one. This afternoon, without a moment's warning, while the cage with eight occupants was near the bluff on the opposite side of the river, the cable broke and the car dashed down the incline at a frightful speed.

ROME, Feb. 18.—The closing ceremony in connection with Pope Leo XIII jubilee took place today, and consisted of mass, celebrated by him in St. Peter's, followed by a "Te Deum."

The mass was celebrated at the papal altar. Leo was borne into the basilica at 9:40 o'clock, preceded by a cortege of cardinals and bishops.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Senator White (La.) has been nominated by the President for associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. The nomination was a complete surprise to everyone. Hill and the Republican members who have been questioned say little about White's confirmation.

HOUSTON, Feb. 19.—Tonight at 10 o'clock there was committed at the Grand Central depot one of the most horrible crimes in the history of Texas. Jim Mitchell of Richmond, a man long known for his desperate character, shot to death three men and one little child and wounded a woman.

Mitchell had been in the city all day and had imbibed more or less intoxicants. As near as can be learned the men, not knowing the desperate character of Mitchell, attempted to remonstrate with him for his boisterous and ungentlemanly conduct in the station, and he resented the remonstrance, when others joined the first to remonstrate with Mitchell.

The desperado pulled his revolver and began shooting. The station was crowded and when the shooting began there was a rush for the doors. The crowd were panic stricken with the expectation of a few brave men and many were badly hurt in the crush.

YANKTON, S. D., Feb. 19.—Mrs.

Chaska, nee Cora Bell Fellows, who was married at the Cheyenne river agency three years ago to a Santee Sioux named Chaska, has found life with her dusky spouse unbearable and is now living apart from him. He is a Santee Indian and in company with children receives a fat government subsidy every three months. After two months of life on the reservation Chaska suddenly eloped with a young and buxom squaw.

Mrs. Chaska, after waiting for his return for a week, left the reservation with her half bred children, vowing that she would never live with Chaska again, and two weeks after she left, Chaska returned to the agency and is now living there with the woman who accompanied him in elopement. He is happy and wants no more to do with a white wife.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 19.—A suit filed in the circuit court this afternoon is the greatest sensation in real estate circles experienced for years. The action was brought by the Beacult Property company against Mary E. Patterson, and is the first of a series of suits which will involve titles to all the property on one side of Olive street, from Third to Twenty-first, aggregating in value nearly \$50,000,000. Over forty heirs are interested in the common litigation, and in all sixty suits will be brought.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Joseph Keppler, the caricaturist, editor and proprietor of *Puck*, died tonight at his residence, aged 59 years. The immediate cause of death was heart failure, resulting from a complication of spinal and lung troubles.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Miss Nannie Cook, aged 50, a cousin of Jefferson Davis, died in want in a room on Wells street this morning of paralysis. She worked in Chicago as a seamstress in a corset factory, arriving here eighteen months ago from her mother's home, Plainfield, Ind.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—A special to the *World* from New Orleans: The rumor published a few days ago to the effect that the tug Millard was wrecked off the Nicaragua coast has been confirmed. Sixty-two lives were lost.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19.—The youngest child of the President was christened Esther Cleveland yesterday afternoon in the blue room of the White House. Only members of the family and a few intimate friends were present.

VISALIA, Calif., Feb. 19.—A sheriff's posse surrounded Chris Evan's house at 2 o'clock this morning, having information that Evans and Morrill were inside. His children were there and a young man named Beeson was paid to go in and get the children out, preparatory to a general attack on the place. As soon as he reached the door he was pulled inside and kept there. A strong cordon was drawn around the house and half the town gathered at a respectful distance. Word was sent to Fresno for reinforcements and every avenue of escape was guarded. Finally, seeing there was no hope of getting away, the bandits surrendered.

Evans and Morrill are now behind the bars of the county jail. Negotia-

tions with the bandits were carried on by letters through Evans's young son. WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The House bill limiting the indebtedness of Salt Lake City, Utah, has passed the Senate.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—A correspondent describing the march of Col. Ellis's column against the Sofas in Sierra Leone, gives horrible details of the Sofa slave raids. Entire towns have been wiped out. The thriving town of Tokivama, with 3,000 inhabitants, is in ashes. The mutilated trunks of men, women and children are heaped up and putrifying amid the ruins. The absence of the bodies of young men and women indicates that they were spared to be sold into slavery. Col. Ellis freed hundreds of slaves.

HOUSTON, Texas, Feb. 20.—Last night a horrible tragedy was enacted here as a sequel of the famous Fort Bend feud, known as the Jay Bird-Woodpecker quarrel. James R. Mitchell, the quadruple murderer, was the central figure in that affair. Milton, Sparks and D. J. Sutton, the constable of Eagle Lake, were in the city as attached witnesses in the Fort Bend feud murder case and Mrs. Sparks accompanied her husband. This engendered bad blood and last night Mitchell, who was waiting for his father and brother from Richmond, espied Sutton. He opened fire which was promptly returned, Sutton falling after firing a second shot. Mitchell kept up the murderous fusillade until he had fired six shots. The result was, in addition to Sutton being killed, that Milton Sparks was shot to death. Dan Gleason, an omnibus driver, also lies dead. Mrs. Sparks, the wife of the murdered man, was badly wounded, as was also the child she carried. A brother of Sparks was mortally wounded, and Mrs. McDowell, an aged lady, received one of the bullets, and her chances of recovery are slim.

ITHACA, N. Y., Feb. 21.—As a supplement to the regular annual class riot between the Freshmen and Sophomores of Cornell, the Sophomores perpetrated a dastardly and dangerous trick by generating chlorine gas in the hall where the Freshmen were holding their banquet. Several Freshmen were carried out insensible from the fumes. A corps of physicians were summoned, and prompt efforts made to resuscitate the asphyxiated students by the application of ammonia and stimulants.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 20.—The property of Governor and Mrs. McKinley, conveyed to trustees last summer when the governor was forced to make an assignment, has been transferred back to them. This result is due to the effort of the trustees, H. H. Kohlsaat of the Chicago *Inter-Ocean*, Colonel Myron T. Herrick of Cleveland and Judge William R. Day of Canton.

FRESNO, Cal., Feb. 20.—After a night spent within his old quarters at the jail, where he was safely landed at 1:30, Chris Evans was brought into court at 10 o'clock this morning, and after a consultation with his attorneys, sentenced to imprisonment for life at Folsom, by Judge Harris. Evans was taken on the noon train to prison by Sheriff Short and Kay and deputies. He seemed cheerful, and greeted all who spoke to him pleasantly. The motion for a new trial made by his at-