

The insurgents have dynamited and destroyed the iron bridge near Mercha, Matanzas province.

The band of Jose Bona has burned the houses and demolished the plantation of San Francisco, by which seven-hundred people are left homeless. The houses and planking of Maria Villa at the colony of Lucia have also been destroyed, leaving numerous other families homeless. Threat was made to them that they would be killed with the machete if they did not go to the village of Bolondron in Matanzas or return to their farms.

It is now reported that at the time the insurgent general, Juan Bru o Zanay, was killed there were also killed by his side Carlos Macias Solico and several youths, the sons of well-known Havana families.

Yellow fever is on the increase at Bagua and in the last three days a large number of cases have entered the hospital. Many of the natives even are being attacked with the disease.

DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 2.—The awful heat of yesterday and for many days passed continued today. Indeed it was worse at several points in the city, the thermometer showing 107½, or 1½ above yesterday's register. Old men who have been here forty years say they never knew anything like it before.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 2.—At Columbus City, Ala., Maynard Covas was escorting Misses Dovie Proctor and Della Bishop, daughters of prominent families, out for a walk when a cloud gathered. A heavy rain and wind storm came up, when the trio stepped up into an old building to keep from getting wet. The storm increased in fury until the building collapsed and all three were caught in the debris. Covas and Miss Proctor were instantly killed and Miss Bishop so badly injured that death will result.

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 2.—A startling piece of news in connection with the Brown strike, which comes from an apparently reliable source, is to the effect that the strikers are arming themselves and drilling. It was said today that forty of the strikers had organized a company last Saturday, elected a captain and purchased revolvers. The company drill was Saturday evening, and it was announced the purpose of the men was to avenge the death of the two men who were shot at different times in conflicts between the union and non-union men.

SOFIA, Bulgaria, Aug. 2.—The tomb of M. Stambuloff of Bulgaria, who was assassinated in the streets of Sofia in July last year, has been seriously injured with a dynamite bomb. Once before, in August of last year, Mr. Stambuloff's grave was made the object of outrages by vandals, the cross on the grave being broken, the wreath destroyed, and attempts were being made to exhume the body when the police interfered. A riot was caused at the grave of the dead statesman at the time the funeral ceremony was going on, July 20th, or last year, by his enemies and by the friends of Major Pauliza, who had been executed by an order of M. Stambuloff while he was premier. For some time after his burial the grave had to be kept guarded by military, so persistent were his enemies in their attempts to wreak in-

sults upon the grave, and his widow was equally the victim of the malice of her husband's enemies in acts of persecution by Bulgarian officials against members of her household.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—Li Hung Chang, representing the emperor of China, arrived at Southampton today from Havre and was received by various officials of the British government, and among others by the manager of the American steamship line. The distinguished Chinese visitor proceeded directly to London, where he was installed in Lord Londsdale's magnificent mansion in Carlton House terrace, which is to be his residence during his visit in England, which is expected to last about a month. Li Hung Chang is the guest of the British government. It is announced that he will only stay for three weeks in England, at the end of which time he will sail for the United States. His departure is thus planned in order to enable him to catch the steamer Empress of China, upon which he will sail for home from Vancouver.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—A special to the World from Thomasville, Ga., says: Col. James F. Lilly was shot down in the Baptist church at Metcalf, ten miles from here, Sunday afternoon, by John P. Rushin. Rushin stopped at the side of his victim's body, and taking a razor from his coat pocket almost severed the prostrate man's head from the body. Rushin then attempted to commit suicide by taking laudanum. He is supposed to have been insane.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Aug. 3.—While the attorney was looking over the papers of the late Eugene Wilhelm at his old home near this city he found an express order for \$1,500 issued in 1853 at Ellicottville, Cal., and sent by Mr. Wilhelm to his wife, Martha Wilhelm, and payable to her order. Why the order was never cashed, Mr. Wilhelm, who is an old woman, is unable to explain. The head of the company at New York has been notified that the order has been placed in the bank for collection.

KEY WEST, Fla., Aug. 3.—Colonel Joaquin Delgado and Lieutenant Fernando Velasco of the insurgent army, have reached this city from Cuba with important dispatches from General Gomez for the Cuban junta. Delgado and Velasco, accompanied by a skillful boatman, reached Mariel Friday night where they were to take a boat for Key West. While they were on the beach preparing to launch their boat they were discovered by four Spanish soldiers and a hand to hand fight followed. Delgado and Velasco used their machetes with deadly effect and killed the four Spaniards.

LA CROSSE, Wisc., Aug. 3.—While out boat riding Sunday evening, Henry Hendrickson, Anna Amerud and Lizzie Oldstad, three La Crosse young people, were drowned in the Mississippi river just below the city. They were rounding a bend in the river where the current was very swift and the boat became unmanageable. The boat, with its occupants, was pulled under some barges which were moored near by and that was the last seen of them. Not one of the party could swim and they all had very little experience in rowing. The bodies have not been recovered.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 3.—The labor

situation in this city is again critical. A hundred and fifty non-union men went to work at the Brown Hoisting works this morning, guarded by four companies of militia and a large force of police. A big crowd of union men was present, but no outbreak occurred. The police and soldiers kept the strikers moving.

The sympathetic strike threatened ever since the strike at the Brown company works began eleven weeks ago, was inaugurated this morning. Eighty-seven men employed by the Van Wagner & Williams company, hardware manufacturers, laid down their tools and walked out. They said their only grievance was sympathy with the Brown Hoisting company's men. Committees were sent to other factories to notify the men that they were called out. The leader of the Van Wagner strikers said they would demand of Mayor McKinney, that the non-unionists be disarmed, and if this is refused the strikers would arm themselves and compel the non-unionists to give up their weapons by force if necessary.

Shortly before noon Director of Police Abbott ordered another company of militia to the Brown works, making five companies in all. The director said he had received private information which satisfied him that the condition of affairs was more serious than appeared on the surface. A crowd of union men gathered at the corner of Hamilton and Belden streets this morning and when ordered to disperse refused to do so.

A squad of police charged the crowd, took into custody several charged with violating the sidewalk ordinances.

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Seven-year-old John Terante was run down by an electric car at Los Angeles, Cal., Monday afternoon. His skull is fractured and there is small hope of his recovery. He attempted to cross the street in front of the car and miscalculated its speed.

James Nibley, 60 years old, manager of the Oregon Lumber company's store in this city, committed suicide Sunday morning. After cutting his throat from ear to ear with a razor he jumped into the river. The body was recovered. He has shown signs of insanity for several days.

At 7 o'clock Tuesday morning Wm. Freeman, who has been employed in the Southern Pacific blacksmith shop in San Francisco for the past twenty years, dropped dead at his home in Washington, Yulo county. Heart disease is supposed to have been the cause. Deceased was about 60 years of age.

Fulton Shepard of Alameda distinguished himself on Thursday by rescuing a drowning boy. Shepard has but one leg, having lost the other some years ago in a train accident. He is, however, a very good swimmer and was with some other boys bathing in the canal near High street when a little fellow named Durant of East Oakland was nearly drowned. He had gone down twice, when Shepard, who was on land without his crutches, hopped to the water, and, striking out for the boy, reached him in time to pull him out, though in a fainting condition.