

California street. The shot did not take effect and the man then shot himself in the head, inflicting probably a fatal wound. It is understood the shooting was done because the Nevada bank refused to cash Holland's checks.

SANTA FE, N. M., Feb. 9.—News from Washington that the United States Supreme Court has dismissed the case of Joel P. Whitney vs the United States, appealed from the United States court of private land claims, was received here today. The case is of the greatest importance to many mining men as it involves the title to the rich Cochita mineral district, thirty miles west of here. Whitney claims to have a land grant covering the great mineral dykes in that locality. The land court decided that the grant lines had been stretched by fraud to include the mineral bearing section and decided in favor of the miners. Then notice of appeal was given, but the sixty days' time was allowed to lapse and upon a certificate from the clerk of the land court that the appeal had not been perfected the government secured dismissal of the suit. The miners are elated over this, their second victory, and even if an effort to sue out another appeal should be made it is deemed very questionable if it will be granted for the grant claim appears to be a fraud on its face.

COMITAN, State of Chiapas, Feb. 9.—This border town is full of Guatemalan refugees who are arriving from the south daily by secret routes to prevent being pressed into the army service. They report great alarm as prevalent among the people of the republic of Guatemala, especially among the frontiersmen, over the threatened war with Mexico, and say that the greater part of the army of 12,000 men now along the border have been forced into service by the Guatemalan government. The most of the refugees arriving at Comitán have come long distances on foot through a wild country and are in a very destitute condition. The problem of taking care of them is assuming serious proportions and, work being scarce, it is not known from where can come the means for their continued support. Many of them are willing to enlist in the Mexican army and fight against their own country if thereby they can contribute to the overthrow of the rule of President Barrios. Among the refugees just arrived is a Mexican family named Valdez, who have been living for some time in Guatemala. The family consisted of the parents, two sons and two daughters. In making their escape from the country they were overtaken and the father and two sons killed. After being maltreated the mother and two daughters succeeded in reaching this place nearly dead with hunger and hardships. The matter will be called to the attention of the Mexican government with a request that a demand be made upon Guatemala for indemnity and punishment of the offenders who, it is claimed were Guatemalan soldiers. A number of strategic movements, which have been made by the Mexican troops within the last few days, have given rise to the rumor that an advance upon Guatemalan soil has been ordered. This is denied by Gen. Lorenzo Garcia, who is in charge of the Teotiquil forces.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The secretary of the navy has received the following dispatch from Admiral Carpenter, dated Chee Foo, February 7: "The Japanese have taken possession of Wei Hai Wei today. Three vessels of the Chinese fleet were sunk in the harbor by torpedoes. The Charleston left today for the purpose of assisting distressed persons at Tung Chow."

PITTSBURG, Feb. 9.—A blizzard swept over this section furiously all night, causing great suffering among the poor. The official record is four below zero. Trains arrive from one to twenty four hours late.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The thermometer reached zero at 6 this morning and at 10:30, seven degrees above.

At Sandy Hook the wind is blowing fifty-six miles an hour. The southern point zero line today is Knoxville, Tenn.

Commissioner Waring estimates that it will take ten days and \$100,000 to clear the snow from the city's streets.

CALCUTTA, Feb. 9.—The latest advices from Kashbar say the Chitralis repulsed Umra, khan of Jandul, pursued him and killed over a hundred of his Bajant troops. The Chitralis also suffered severe loss.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The French steamer *La Gascogne* from Havre, January 28, had not been sighted up to 11 o'clock this morning. She is now six days overdue. The cause of *La Gascogne's* non-appearance can only be conjectured, but there can be little doubt that her machinery in some way was disabled and that she is working for port under reduced steam.

The Red Star liner *Rhyndaud* from Antwerp is still out. It is fourteen days since she left Antwerp. She probably will be reported during the day. The Bolivia is sixteen days out from Gibraltar; the *Llandaff City*, eighteen days out from Swansea; the *Manitoba*, fifteen days out from London; the *Whitebird*, seventeen days out from Bremen and the *Paumotu* is sixteen days out from Hamburg.

The Cunard liner *Umorla* from London and Queenstown is due today, but under the existing weather conditions she is not likely to reach port until tomorrow.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 9.—The Warrimoo arrived at midnight, and the Associated Press correspondent, writing up to Saturday last, says of the military court-martial:

Six leaders of the recent uprising were all sentenced to be hanged. They are Charles T. Gulick, Wm. H. Rickard, William T. Seward, Robert W. Wilcox, Sam Nowlin and Henry Bertelman. Sentences in the last two cases will be commuted, as both men have furnished valuable evidence for the government.

Gulick was born in this country. Rickard is an Englishman. Wilcox is an Hawaiian. The only one of the four entitled to the protection of the United States is William T. Seward.

The only important case tried before the military court since the departure of the Australia was that of V. V. Ashford.

U. S. Minister Willis has changed his attitude somewhat since the last advices. His latest communication to the government is a request that if the death penalty is imposed in the case of any Americans, the executions be postponed until he can communicate with his government.

The British minister has made a similar request.

Queen Liliuokalani is to be tried for treason.

FIRE ISLAND, Feb. 10.—Two men who clung for forty hours to the rigging of their vessels off Fire Island Beach were rescued at midnight by the crew of the Lone Hill life-saving station. The vessel was the schooner *Louis V. Place*, Captain Squires, coal laden, Baltimore to New York. She was wrecked during the height of the gale.

Nine men took to the rigging when the vessel went down, about one-eighth of a mile off shore, and they clung to the rigging during the blizzard until one by one, seven of them slipped into the sea or hung lifeless, bound to the rigging. Two only were able to endure the terrible exposure.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 11.—The state department will take vigorous measures in the case of J. Cranston, arrived at Vancouver yesterday on the Warrimoo, exiled from Hawaii. A brief statement has been received from the United States commercial agent at Vancouver, alleging that Cranston, an American citizen, guiltless of any participation in the rebellion, was forcibly placed aboard of the steamer and exiled without any trial and subjected to severe pecuniary loss. Minister Willis took his deposition before he was ejected from Hawaii and is doubtless fully investigating the matter there. Should Cranston's assertions be borne out by inquiry, there can be little question that we will have good claim for indemnity against the Hawaiian government.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The Senate today agreed to the conference report on the bill for the removal and settlement of the Southern Utes.

LONDON, Feb. 11.—In the Commons today John Redmond, the Parochial leader, resumed the debate on the address in reply to the queen's speech. He submitted the following amendment:

"We humbly represent to your majesty that the time has come when it is the duty of the ministers to advise your majesty to dissolve the present parliament and submit the question of home rule to the electors."

DENVER, Col., Feb. 11.—A special to the *Times* from Phoenix, Arizona, says Frank W. Smith, gatekeeper of Grand and Maricopa canals, was shot and killed at 1 a. m. today by one of two burglars, who broke into his house. Smith had received \$200 last night.

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark., Feb. 11.—J. L. Dickson, cashier of the McClroy Banking company up to the first of January, whose accounts showed a shortage of \$21,000, took his life with strychnine when the bondsmen called to get a statement from him.

FIRE ISLAND, Feb. 11.—A late bulletin says that at 5:20 p. m. the steamer *La Gascogne* was sighted south of Fire Island.

The water company has commenced its surveys for the proposed system of water works, says the *Lamb, Idaho Republic*. The site of the reservoir will be 125 feet higher than the intersection of Main and Center streets.