

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

TROPPAU, June 17.—The total number of deaths resulting from the explosion that occurred in a mine near here a few days ago is 281. The mine is still burning, and it will not be possible to resume work for at least six months.

The victims were buried this afternoon, and the services were marked by many distressing scenes.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., June 17.—Patrolman King of the city police shot and fatally injured Jerry O'Neil, a popular Irishman living in the West End, this evening. The officer had become engaged in an altercation with a man and attempted to arrest him. It is said that there was no occasion for the arrest, and a crowd followed the officer and his prisoner.

O'Neil ran up and struck King in the face when the policeman drew his revolver and shot him down. A crowd gathered around the officer and an attempt was made to lynch him. He made a running fight for his life, but would have been overpowered had he not been rescued by a platoon of police.

TAHLEQUAH, I. T., June 18.—A desperate battle took place yesterday evening on the road from Tahlequah to Wagner between Deputy Sheriff Gourd and posse and the Cook gang of outlaws.

Sequoyah Houston, one of the sheriff's posse, was killed, and one of the outlaws, Bob Martin, was captured. Several others of the sheriff's posse were wounded, some of them, it is said, fatally.

Cook and all but one of his gang escaped. Since the killing of Bill Dalton the Cook gang is now considered the most desperate of the territory outlaws.

CUMBERLAND, Md., June 18.—Clement E. Moreland, aged 18, was fatally injured while swimming in the canal near here. He dived from a wall just as a companion who had been swimming under water, was coming to the surface. His head struck the swimmer with such force as to break his neck.

PITTSBURG, June 18.—The settlement of the coal strike and return to work today of 15,000 miners in this district has given an impetus to all kinds of business. At many large plants in this city work was resumed today after a long idleness. It is believed that the McKeesport tube works will start up soon.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—The secretary of the interior has granted permission to the management of the New York Museum of Natural History to allow its representative entrance to the Uncompahgre and Uintah Indian reservations, Utah, to obtain fossils for exhibits. The request was denied last winter owing to the excited condition of the tribe.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 18.—The steamer *Belgic* arrived today with fuller details of the black plague, now raging at Hong Kong. Despite the operations of the sanitary staff and the police, assisted by the army medical staff corps, the soldiers from the Shropshire regiment, about 500 new cases had been reported within a week, and there had been 400 deaths. The drains of Hong Kong were filled with poison-

ous gases, the plague had been spreading in the most densely populated part of the city, and, to cap the climax, an outbreak of smallpox was dreaded.

News from Canton, where the plague started, states that the deaths now average 200 a day. During March and April they averaged 500 daily. Although the fact that the "black death" was raging in Canton became known only about a month ago, it appears that the disease started in as long ago as last February and has been epidemic ever since. The plague is spreading to the country districts about Canton and to neighboring cities. About the only measures taken in Canton to stay the progress of the disease, are those adopted by the priests, who march through the streets chanting incantations and sprinkling holy water.

A huge mask, representing a dragon's head, is also carried about the city, accompanied by a prodigious beating of gongs and drums.

PARIS, Ark., June 19.—The doctors of this place are busy night and day. A disease is raging with terrible fury within six or eight miles west of the town, and in its severity and behavior, the doctors are inclined to call it cholera. One physician at Paris reports fifty-seven cases. Several deaths have already occurred.

LONDON, June 19.—Sir William Harcourt will retire from the lower house at the close of the present session and be elevated to the House of Lords. The choice of a successor to Sir William as liberal leader seems to be between Henry Campbell-Bannerman, Henry Asquith and John Morley.

LAREDO, Tex., June 19.—Reports come from San Pedro of the murder of two children in order to obtain \$3. The children had been sent from a ranch to town to pawn some articles and take home the money. On their way home they were murdered. Every effort is being made to catch the murderers, a reward of \$500 being offered for their capture.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., June 19.—The *Journal* says: There is an interesting rumor in Catholic circles that in a secret conference in Rome, Archbishop Ireland was slated to be raised to a cardinal along with Archbishop Satolli. It is added that this course was urged on the holy see not only by Satolli, but by Cardinal Gibbons, in order to give signal confirmation in America to the pope's liberal policy.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., June 18.—When the news of the verdict of guilty rendered today by the United States court was conveyed to the camp of the commonwealers on the military reservation, quite a commotion was raised. The prisoners became excited, and a rush for liberty was made. The deputy marshals took after two men, firing on them, hitting and bringing down a man who afterwards crawled away in the brush.

During the confusion nearly forty of the convicted wealers made good their escape. Company F, Sixth cavalry, was called from Fort Leavenworth, and the remaining prisoners were surrounded and brought to Leavenworth for safe keeping until sentenced tomorrow. The convicted men were divided

into squads and sent to Topeka, Lawrence, Kansas City, Kan., and Atchison, to serve what sentence is given at the jails in those places.

MEXICO CITY, June 20.—Consul Gibson of Gueayamas has reported to Secretary Graham a story that two Americans have been killed and eaten by cannibals on Tiburon Islands, Lower California. Secretary Gresham has asked the Mexican government to punish the Ceris Indians. It is believed here that one of the men reported killed, a newspaper correspondent, will reappear with a sensation for his paper. Nevertheless, Mexican troops will thoroughly investigate.

FORT SMITH, Ark., June 20.—Details of a horrible state of affairs which exists in the mining region of the Indian territory have been brought to this city by evicted miners. The stories they tell of oppression, hardship and cruelty to themselves, their wives and children, by the deputy marshals and federal troops, are similar to those which come sometimes from Siberia.

Many of the men were thrown bodily from their homes, their wives and children beaten and bruised, and their furniture and household effects destroyed, after which they were loaded into boxcars like cattle and shipped out of the territory. The story of brutality told by the men from the Hartshorn district is revolting in the extreme.

August Smith, one of the Hartshorn miners, says troops came to his house and arrested him. They would not allow him to put on his shoes and coat, and refused to let the family eat breakfast. The soldiers threw his furniture into a wagon and then asked Smith's wife if she wanted to go too.

"No," she said. "I have worked for this home, and if I leave you will have to shoot me."

"The house was built by me and belongs to me," said Smith, "though I have no legal title to it. The commander ordered the privates to put my wife and five children out. They jumped at her, one of them pulling a knife, and took the babe from her breast. Then four or five took and dragged her to the wagon and threw her head foremost into it. We were then carted to the station and put in a box car with dozens of others. Most of the miners and families were thrown out in a driving rain, and had no time to dress or get breakfast. In one instance a family of four were evicted near Anderson. The wife of the miner was struck over the head with a Winchester and severely maltreated by the soldiers. The woman, while being carted to the railroad station, gave premature birth to a dead child. She is in a critical condition and may die."

MONTGOMERY, Ala., June 21.—A decision in a novel case has been handed down by the supreme court of Alabama. The style of the case was Sylvester Festorezzi and others, executors of St. Joseph's church in Mobile, sent up from the chancery court there. Some time ago a prominent Roman Catholic died in Mobile and bequeathed \$2,000 to be used for the masses for his soul. The court held the bequest void because there was no living beneficiary of the trust endeavored to be created, the soul not