

PEIXOTO STILL IN POWER.

The Report That He Had Resigned Denied.

NEITHER HAS HE SURRENDERED TO THE INSURGENTS.

Memorial Adopted by the Columbian Commission Presented to President Cleveland and Secretary Gresham Asking That Steps be Taken to Secure Arbitration of National Disputes.

Special to the Record-Union.

RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 24.—The rumor received at New York that Rio Janeiro had surrendered to the insurgent forces and that President Peixoto was in the hands of his enemies is without the slightest foundation in fact.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs, acting for President Peixoto, has given the following statement concerning the insurrection: "Rear Admiral Custodio de Mello left Rio harbor on the night of November 30th on the warship Aquidaban, taking with him also the Esperanca. Rio Admiral Saldanha da Gama took command of the insurgent ships remaining in the harbor, and in a manifesto dated December 7th and published December 10th, said that matters ought to be replaced as they were on November 15, 1888, and that the country must be consulted with regard to the form of government.

"Several islands have been taken by the Government and fortified with cannon. The revolt is reduced to a small space in the bay between the Government's fortifications. In the State of Rio Grande do Sul the insurgents have overrun the southern part in bands of a few hundred, and are along the coast in the State of Santa Catharina, avoiding in both States the royal troops who follow them, and who are in all cases superior in number and arms.

"The revolt once subdued here (and that can be done easily) the attention of the Government will be required only in Rio Grande do Sul and Santa Catharina. All other States enjoy peace and side with the Government. The President has a small fleet at Montevideo and another at Pernambuco. They may in a short time scour the south coast for any insurgent ships that may be there."

LANDING OF CARGOES OBSTRUCTED. PERNAMBUCO, Dec. 24.—It is announced that Admiral Da Gama continues to obstruct the landing of cargoes from ships, and only American and German merchandise is guaranteed protection.

PEIXOTO'S FLEET WILL BE ATTACKED. BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 24.—It is reported that the Brazilian rebel warships Aquidaban and Republica are bound for Montevideo, where they will attack President Peixoto's fleet, which is fitting out there. General Emile Mitre, chief of the general staff, is dead.

VERY ENCOURAGING INFORMATION. WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Minister Mendonca received a telegram from Rio last night. He said it contained very encouraging information. The telegram reports to me," said the Minister, "that there have been several important changes of position at Rio which greatly strengthen the Government. Commanding islands in the bay are now in possession of the Government, except Villaigaignon, Corbas and Paqueta."

Concerning a cipher message which was received from Rio last night from Captain Pickens, Secretary Pickens declined to give it out for publication, said to-day: "There is nothing in the message to indicate any recent victories either for the Government or the rebels, or that there is any material change in the situation."

CAPTAIN PICKENS'S REPORTS MISLEADING.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The Herald prints the following: MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 24.—Advices from Rio say General Telles, who had one of his best ships at Montevideo, was killed during an attack upon Governor Island, died to-day. Captain Pickens's refusal to give American vessels in Rio harbor all the protection they desire from the rebel fire while landing cargoes has been asserted by aggrieved shipmasters as a virtual recognition of the insurgents as belligerents, and their view is evidently shared by American merchants in the city. These persons say Captain Pickens's report of the situation to Secretary of the Navy Herbert has been so vague as to be absolutely misleading, and they declare that a firm stand taken just now by American vessels would be of material aid in bringing about a satisfactory ending of the revolution.

RAISING NEW FORCES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A Herald's dispatch from Bahia says: A report has reached here that the Government forces available for actual service, having been allowed to suffer serious depletions from one cause and another, Peixoto has now determined to raise the strength of the national guard at once to a high standard in several provinces. Accordingly he has issued an order that drafts shall immediately be made for that purpose of slightly more than 120,000 men from the following provinces: Para, Piauhá, Sao Paulo, Para Haiba and Pernambuco.

INTERNATIONAL DISPUTES.

Memorial Asking That They be Submitted to Arbitration.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—W. E. Blackstone has presented President Cleveland and Secretary Gresham a memorial adopted by the World's Columbian Commission, asking that steps be taken to secure the arbitration of international disputes. The President made reference to this subject in his annual message, and yesterday expressed gratification that so much had been accomplished. Secretary Gresham said he would take measures to have a fac simile memorial sent to all foreign Governments, and that he would be asked to take steps to bring about a conference to carry out the plan, which originated at Chicago.

Blackstone was made an honorary commissioner for the purpose of securing signatures to the memorial, and acting under a resolution of the commission, has obtained many endorsements, securing signatures of the commission from some forty different nations which participated in the exposition. They include Sir Richard Webster, England; George R. L. Cockburn, Canada; Enrique Dupuy Requier, Spain; Antonio Vazquez de Castro, Brazil; Dr. Anton von Palmstorf, Austria; T. Heiky Pey, Turkey; N. Yamataka, Japan; Professor Sheppan, Wartsold, Germany; Chun Guan Kee, China; also commissioners from the different States and Territories of the United States, directors and officials of the exposition, many chairmen and speakers of the World's Congress Auxiliary, including Cardinal Gibbons, Mgr. Satolli, Dr. Phillip Schoff, Bishop Merrill, Joseph Cook, Mr. Moody, Rev. Alexander Mackay Smith, William E. Dodge, Lady Somerset, Lady Aberdeen and Miss Quincy; also editors of the principal daily papers of New York, Baltimore and Washington; ex-President Harrison, Secretary Morton, Comptroller

Eckels, Chief Justice Fuller, Secretary Herbert of the Navy, and Daniel S. Lamont, Secretary of War; John Sherman and several of the most prominent business men of the country, including Joseph Seligman, Geo. M. Pullman, Cornelius Vanderbilt and others. The memorial and its signatures making a large volume will be engraved in fac simile for presentation to the governments. The memorial is addressed to the governments of the world and it prays that all will agree by mutual treaties to submit to arbitration all such international questions as shall fall to satisfy by ordinary peaceful negotiation.

DEPEW'S TRIP TO ROME.

He Talks of a Visit at the Vatican—An Audience With the Pope.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Chauncey M. Depew, on his arrival from Europe to-day, talked entertainingly to an Associated Press reporter of his trip to Rome. "I did Rome in four days," said Depew. "I wanted to see the Pope, but was told he gave no private audiences. Nevertheless, I received a message that he would see me the next day at noon. As I entered, the Pontiff arose, came half way across the room and shook me cordially by the hand. He requested me to be seated, and then resumed his Papal chair." Depew said he found the Pope vigorous and strong in health, with a vivacity of 50 instead of 85. This was especially noticed when his boldness was discussing questions of the rights of property and of labor.

"When I rose to go," said Depew, "he took my hand and said that he had the profoundest respect and admiration and love for the United States, and wished I would tell the American people that he was much impressed with their World's Fair, and had done all he could to help that; that he was much pleased and gratified to learn that I was always kind and considerate for the employes of my company and that I had never made any distinction between these English and others. He also expressed gratification when I told him of Archbishop Corrigan. This ended for me one of the most pleasant meetings with one of the most eminent men of the age. The Pope sent a message to me, but I received it when I could not return to the Vatican. The Vatican looks to America with more interest, in view of the rapid spread of the Italian and theories, as her great friend of the future."

Trouble in Madagascar.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A dispatch to the Times from Paris says: News has been received from Madagascar to the effect that the Hovas are arming and are undisturbed by the presence of French soldiers, driving peasants from the rice fields. The French post at Wandarant was attacked by Hovas, who killed five persons and took twenty-one prisoners, including two Frenchmen. The French outpost at Avondara was also pillaged. The French residence and house of Nananjury was smeared with mud and he himself threatened with death. The Minister of Marine has ordered reinforcements sent.

Mitchell is Still Confident.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Pugilist Charley Mitchell arrived this morning from Boston, and left this afternoon for Philadelphia. He will remain at the Quaker City until Tuesday, when he will start for Jacksonville, and will go into his training camp. He will have a cook with him, and all food consumed will be sent down from Philadelphia. He will be met at Florida next week by Jim Hall and Steve O'Donnell. Mitchell looks exceptionally confident and expressed his perfect confidence he would come out victorious in the fight.

Evils Menacing France.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A Paris dispatch to the Times says: Cardinal Richars has issued a pastoral letter prescribing the prayers for France in all Paris Catholic Churches. In reference to the dynamite outrage in the Chamber of Deputies, it says the Catholics should join the felicitations of the Deputies over the preservation from an awful death, and pray God fervently that they should turn aside the evils menacing the country.

Serious Rioting.

PALERMO, Dec. 24.—There has been renewed and serious rioting, owing to anti-Octroi agitation at Lerici di Freddi. A mob marched to Octroi stations and burned several of the tollhouses. The troops and gendarmes were hastily summoned, and after a sharp conflict, during which two policemen were wounded, the mob dispersed. In consequence of the repeated disturbances, reinforcements of troops will be dispatched to the island.

Silver Question in India.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A dispatch to the Times from Calcutta says: The Government has not given any sign of its intentions in regard to silver. The opinion is becoming more general that a sliding import duty should be imposed forthwith. The strongest opposition is likely to come from Bombay, where it is feared the Chinese trade will be disturbed.

Admission Bills Will be Delayed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Consideration of bills providing for the admission of Territories as States will be delayed somewhat after the reconvening of Congress by the marriage of Fancher, chairman of the Senate Committee on Territories, which will occur on the 3d of January, the day set for the reassembling of Congress.

A Dynamiter Arrested.

BARCELONA, Dec. 24.—A printer named Stvepel has been arrested for implication in dynamite outrages, and has confessed that he made the moloch in which the bombs used recently with such disastrous effect were cast.

Cholera at St. Petersburg.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 24.—Twenty-seven new cases and twenty-four deaths from cholera were reported here to-day. General Gourko is still seriously ill.

BICYCLE TOURNAMENT.

Eighteen Men Start in a Six-Day Race at New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Eighteen bicyclists started in a six-day race to-night. Those entered are: William Martin, champion of the world, with a record of 1,466 miles; A. Schock, ex-champion; C.W. Ashiner, the seventy-two-hour champion; Frank Albert; Frank Fuller, the champion long-distance skater; Dawson Formwalt, the holder of the twenty-five-mile road record; Pete Golden, long-distance pedestrian; Edward Leading, Wuxell; John H. Barton, Friedrich Foster of Germany; Albert Hosmer, H. E. Bartholomew, Frank Walsh, C. Greer, P. Berto, Frank Edmond, J. F. Starbuckal and George Vandenberg. At one o'clock the score stood: Martin, 20.2; Walsh, 21; Berto, 21.9; Fuller, 19.3; Bartholomew, 20.; Wuxell, 19.4; Albert, 20.3; Formwalt, 20.5; Vandenberg, 20.5; Greer, 19.3; Schock, 20.2; Ashiner, 20.2; Reading, 19.3; Golden, 19.9; Hosmer, 20.; Foster, 21.1; Barton, 19.3.

Chinese Sentenced to Deportation.

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 24.—Chief Deputy United States Marshal John Water leaves here this week for San Francisco, having in charge sixty-five Chinamen sentenced to deportation for violating the Exclusion Act. He will be accompanied by twenty guards. All the offenders have been arrested within the past three months. Twelve are in jail at San Antonio, nineteen at Del Rio and the remainder at Eagle Pass and El Paso.

TRAGEDY IN INDIANA.

A Prominent Attorney in the Town of Sullivan Assassinated.

THE KILLING NOT A MATTER OF MUCH SURPRISE.

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Road Placed in the Hands of Receivers—The Armour Institute at Chicago, the Wealthy Packer Whose Name It Bears and the President of the Institution Threatened With Destruction by a Dynamite Crank.

Special to the Record-Union.

SULLIVAN (Ind.), Dec. 24.—William C. Hultz, a prominent attorney, and formerly Public Prosecutor, was assassinated by masked men this morning. The assassin encountered Hultz on the street, and fired point blank with a shotgun, wounding him in the right shoulder. Hultz ran across the street for refuge in a heavy stable, and just in the doorway received the contents of the second barrel of the shotgun in the back, dying in two or three minutes. He lived long enough, however, to call out to the men in the stable that he had been shot by Sam Willis.

The assassination was not a matter of much surprise, owing to the fact of the intimacy between Hultz and the wife of Willis. Three or four months ago Willis lay in wait and found the couple in an incriminating position at his house. He incriminated Hultz, but the latter escaped, and left town. A few days ago he returned.

About an hour after the shooting Willis was met coming into town by a Constable, and arrested. He claimed that he was the proprietor of a livery and an ex-Sheriff of the county, and lives on a farm a mile from town. He was divorced from his wife soon after the first shooting of Hultz, and when brought to court he professed to know nothing of the matter. Willis had refused an offer of a thousand dollars to compromise, and had made threats to finish Hultz. When arrested this morning Willis took home a pistol, saying that he would use it to him. The evidence collected during the day points strongly toward him as the assassin.

SANTA FE ROAD.

The Entire System Placed in the Hands of Receivers.

LITTLE ROCK (Ark.), Dec. 24.—The expected in the railroad world has happened. The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe and the St. Louis and San Francisco railroads, with their branches, the whole comprising the Santa Fe system, have been placed in the hands of three receivers, the order having been made by United States Circuit Judge H. C. Caldwell. The application was made by the Union Trust Company of New York, trustees of the bondholders of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe, and the Merchants Trust Company of New York, trustee of the bondholders of the St. Louis and San Francisco.

The receivership met with no resistance on the part of the railroad companies and the arrangements were quickly reached. The bills in both cases showed the lines to be heavily involved, with maturing obligations coming on soon. It was also shown that the interest due on both could not be paid and would be foreclosed.

In both cases the complainants' bills went elaborately into figures and were very full and voluminous. The bonded holders of the Santa Fe system, who follow: \$150,000,000 of first mortgage bonds, \$77,000,000 of Class A, second mortgage bonds, and \$5,000,000 of class B, second mortgage bonds. The interest due January 1st aggregates \$22,000,000, and the floating debt amounts to about \$5,000,000, making the total liability about \$24,000,000.

EMPLOYEES WAGES TO BE PAID.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—It has been ascertained that the receivers of the Santa Fe have agreed to pay the wages of the employees who have advanced money to keep the system will be considered preferred creditors, and that the wages of employees will be paid the coming week. Receiver Wilson arranged to pay the wages of the employees, returning to Topeka shortly after. It is stated that he would in a few days go to New York to meet and confer with the other two receivers.

WILL HAVE NO EFFECT IN COLORADO.

DENVER, Dec. 24.—Collier, General Agent for the Santa Fe, says that the bill of receivers will have no effect in Colorado. When asked if he thought the English stockholders of the Colorado Midland would demand a separate receiver, Collier replied: "Not at all. The cases are entirely different. The first stock of the Midland was bought by the Santa Fe, and the English stockholders can do nothing. The only redress they have is to demand new receivers in case they are dissatisfied with those appointed by the courts. The Midland Terminal's new road, being built to Cripple Creek, which is to be a feeder of the Santa Fe, would not be affected, as that road is under construction has all been subscribed."

CHARGED WITH KIDNAPING.

Member of an Ohio Company Under Arrest at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Henry B. Shields of Coleman, Shields & Company of Niles, O., was arrested last night, on a charge of kidnaping E. M. Byers of Pittsburg, a member of a wealthy iron house in this city. The warrant was sworn out by Mrs. Byers. Shields arrived in Chicago yesterday, and registered at a hotel under an assumed name. After his arrest he was admitted to bail in \$10,000. The attorney representing Mrs. Byers says that last May Shields brought Byers from Pittsburg to Chicago and placed him in charge of Dr. Tallman, at the Great Northern Hotel; that by various artifices, Byers, temporarily of a weak mind, was inflamed against his wife, who for three months vainly tried to ascertain his whereabouts; that letters written to her by Byers, and the fact that Byers had been a long search Byers was found at St. Paul in charge of a female nurse, and returned with his wife to Chicago, only to be again taken away by Dr. Tallman during the illness of Mrs. Byers. This time Tallman and the nurse, Geo. Byers, to Montreal, and registered under false names.

Since then Byers has been taken to different parts of the country, and that he has been taken by little money from the firm, about \$15,000 has been supplied from some source and spent on his account. The attorney says Byers wants to go to his wife, but is held in duress. Dr. Tallman ridiculed the story of abduction and of Byers' insanity. He says owing to his wife's peculiarities Byers was unable to live with her, and became a sufferer of nervous prostration. On returning to St. Paul he tried to live with her fourteen days, but could stand it no longer, and told Tallman he was going

away where he would have a chance to get well. Since then Tallman has not seen him but once. Friends know where he is, for he has written them occasionally. Shields left to-day for Pittsburg, but will return Wednesday, when the case is to be called.

THREATENED WITH DESTRUCTION.

A Dynamite Crank's Talk of Blowing Up the Armour Institute.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The Armour Institute, the grand gift of the wealthy pork-packer whose name it bears, has been threatened with destruction by a dynamite crank, and it is said the same crank has threatened the lives of P. D. Armour and Rev. Frank Gunsaulus, President of the institute and pastor of Plymouth Church. Neither Armour nor Gunsaulus will say a word concerning the danger to their own lives, but Gunsaulus has declared that a man once connected with the institute has threatened its destruction with dynamite. When the threat was made Gunsaulus succeeded in interviewing the would-be destroyer, who professed to execute his threat. He said that, counting on the warm friendship between Gunsaulus and Armour, the crank demanded that Gunsaulus furnish him with money obtained from Armour, and when Gunsaulus declined threats were made to blow up the institute and also Armour and Gunsaulus.

Little Beatrice, the 12-year-old daughter of Dr. Gunsaulus, stated two days ago "that a man with a pistol has been following my papa around, and one day a man with a light overcoat came to the house and papa was afraid to have him around." This was the extent of Beatrice's information, except the remark, "My father told me that much about it."

To-night Gunsaulus refused to say anything about his personal danger, but said: "It is true threats have been made to blow up the institute with dynamite, and my wife and I don't care, I can fix the place any day with a little dynamite." He told him further that talk of that kind would lead to arrest. He said he didn't mean anything, and was discharged, with a warning, and would not have seen him around since, but an little apprehensive." Further Dr. Gunsaulus would not say.

GAMBLING AT OMAHA.

A Judge Severely Censures the Mayor of Omaha (Neb.).

OMAHA (Neb.), Dec. 24.—District Judge Scott, dissolving an injunction obtained by the proprietor of a leading gambling-house to restrain a loser from interfering with his business, took cognizance of the fact that the gambling-houses are being openly run in defiance of the law on the payment to the city of a monthly fine of \$150, and severely censured Mayor Bemis for permitting such a state of things. Judge Scott said: "This has gone to stop the criminal courts have got to stop, and I am in favor of stopping gambling. Why is this done? It is done because it will put some people in the city, and the chief executive of the city, who has violated his sworn duty, should be impeached and branded as an impeached scoundrel in office. I say this strong language, and I hope I will be understood. I only wish I had language strong enough to express my feelings. A man was before this court the other day for stealing \$150, and was sent to prison. Another man pays \$150 and is allowed to commit felony and walk the streets with the protection of the arm of Mayor Bemis."

A Murder at New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—George Clancy, brother of Congressman John M. Clancy, was murdered this morning by Timothy McDermott in a saloon on Hudson avenue. Clancy was standing at the bar, when McDermott came in and stealing up behind Clancy lifted up the flaps of his coat-tails and slashed him across both legs with a long knife. The injured man fell, and when a surgeon arrived it was found that the arteries of Clancy's legs had been severed and he could not live. He was taken to the hospital and soon died.

Cried Like a Baby.

MUSKOGON (Mich.), Dec. 24.—Kid Hogan of California and Jack Bates of Rochester, N. Y., the former 131 and the latter 145 pounds, fought twelve rounds this morning before the Muskegon Athletic Club. Bates was unable to hit Hogan, scoring only twice, while the other hit him at will, knocking him down five times out in the seventh and twice out in the twelfth. This was Bates' first defeat and Hogan has never been whipped. After Bates was carried to his corner he cried like a baby, protesting that he was not whipped.

Possibility of a Bread Famine.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The possibility of a bread famine stares this city in the face. Saturday night the bakers in two large bakeries were ordered out by the Union. The bosses' organization has taken up the matter and declare they must return to work under the new rules or give up their positions. In consequence the Bakers' Union has ordered a strike in nine other bakeries.

A Planter Murdered.

VICKSBURG (Miss.), Dec. 24.—Mansel Mitchell, a planter and merchant, was murdered last evening at Ursino Landing by Willis Green, a negro. Mitchell had prevented the shipping of a bale of stolen cotton. The murderer escaped.

His Head Smashed to a Jelly.

FALMOUTH (Ky.), Dec. 24.—Martin Finn, a farmer, was assassinated to-night while returning here from town. He was very drunk when he started home. His body was found by the roadside with his head smashed to a jelly.

GOOD FOR PLACERVILLE.

The Old Mountain Town Not in the Hands of Hordes of Hungry Men.

(El Dorado Republican.) The universal cry of hard times is heard from one end of the land to the other, and the silver bill and the McKinley bill are held up as scapegoats, and picked at and pulled until only fragments are left. Charity societies, and free lunch and soup houses have been established to feed the unemployed; tramps by the hundred take possession of railroad trains and go from one dead town to another that is worse.

Why all this hue and cry? If Placerville is a fair index of the whole, there is more in the alarm than the facts justify, and a plain statement will prove the truth of the assertion. No idle men can be found on our streets, more buildings have been erected the past season than in the last twenty years, and business of all kinds has been better than the average. In addition to all this, done amidst the sounds of alarm and fear of bankruptcy, anyone who was present at the M. E. Church last Sunday evening and noted the magnificent improvements recently made, and heard the pastor's statement, would not have believed there was any good reason for the cry of hard times. He stated that four weeks before he had commenced repairs on the church with the idea that that money would be made at a cost of \$798 25, a carpet costing \$220, and window shades at \$28 purchased, every dollar of which had been paid except \$56, a condition of affairs that would have flushed the time in the history of California.

And yet the people had not stopped giving. At the close of the services Judge L. D. Merks stepped forward and presented the pastor, Rev. S. M. Driver, with a purse of \$60, in appreciation of his labors in renovating and beautifying the church, without the incubus of a debt to mar the enjoyment of its use.

TRAIN ROBBERS.

Passenger No. Twenty Held Up Near Roscoe.

THE WORK SUPPOSED TO BE THAT OF GREEN HANDS.

Bold Train Robbery on the Kansas and Arkansas Division of the Missouri Pacific at Seminole, Indian Territory—The Mail and Express Cars Rifled of Their Contents and All Passengers on the Train Stripped of Their Valuables.

Special to the Record-Union.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—It was reported this morning that passenger train No. 29 was held up by masked men one mile east of Roscoe about 12:30 o'clock. The first report said the baggage-car was broken into, while the second report says the robbers confined their work to the express-car. There is little information at hand in regard to the affair. In fact, there is but little to get, aside from the fact that the train was stopped by two men, who covered the trainmen with revolvers and blew open the door of the express-car with dynamite, and after the robbers had gone through the express-car the train was allowed to proceed after a detention of about twenty-five minutes.

Detective Will Smith of the Southern Pacific, who started out about 4 o'clock with a posse, returned about noon. He says the work was that of green hands, who went out from this city and returned immediately after the robbery. He thinks they are local men, and this evening the officers are working on a clew which promises to lead to their capture. One of the men went out early in the evening with horses and the other followed on the train.

At Roscoe the first man built a fire by the track and as the train approached pointed it on the train as a signal to his confederate, who was on top of a freight car just behind the tender. The latter clambered down over the tender and covering the engineer with his revolver ordered him to stop the train, which he did when the latter appeared at the cab and the "hold up" was proceeded with.

Another story is that the robbers went on the train as passengers, having purchased tickets to Burbank, where they left the train ostensibly, but made their way forward in the darkness and again boarded the train forward, when they made their way to the engine over the tender.

The Southern Pacific has announced a reward of \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest of the robbers, in addition to the regular Wells-Fargo reward. The following is a description of the men: One man was about five feet nine inches in height, weight about 175 pounds. He wore a dark-colored cape overcoat, a white hat and light mustache. The other was about five feet eight and weighed 160 pounds. No one was hurt and no damage was done beyond the breaking of the express-car.

W. W. Weller, one of the postal clerks who went out from this city and returned to the city yesterday, and was seen late this evening by a Times reporter. Mr. Weller did not venture out of his car for observation while the robbers had control, but he has been able to give the following account of the occurrence: "Our train left Burbank on time Saturday evening, and nothing unusual was noticed until we reached the little station of Roscoe. All at once we heard several shots fired, and a few moments later the cars were brought to a standstill. We all kept very quiet, and said nothing, and the men in the cars of the robbers came along and poked his head in at the door, saying, 'You had better be still, if you want to keep out of trouble.' He was marching the fireman and engineer along in front of him, and the latter held a revolver in his hand and felt he was given away by exploded a bomb in front of our door, by way of warning. I suppose."

"At Roscoe there is a 'blind' or half-siding that is, a switch with one end closed by a sand bank and a heavy gate. After first stopping the train the high-waymen made the engineer run the train onto this siding, the switch having been previously opened and left in readiness. They then went directly to the express-car door, and without any preliminaries or without asking Messenger Potts to open it, placed a bomb under the front door of the right side, and blew it open. They then got anything or not I do not know, but the engineer told me afterward that they did not go away with empty pockets.

"From the moment the train stopped until the men were off they kept firing off their guns at random, at least twenty or thirty shots being fired. It was their intention to ditch the blind switch before leaving in order to gain time, but the engineer told them if they would agree not to do this, he and the fireman would go down the track for a short distance when they got ready to go and not return to the train until a signal was given. This arrangement was consented to, and after the robbers had gone a short while a shot was heard, the sound coming from some distance. The trainmen then returned to their posts."

TRAIN ROBBERY IN INDIAN TERRITORY.

PARSONS (Kans.), Dec. 24.—One of the boldest train robberies ever attempted occurred about 8 o'clock last night at Seminole, I. T., on the Kansas and Arkansas division of the Missouri Pacific. The train was bound for Little Rock, and as it approached, the engineer saw the danger signal and slowed up. Two or three men boarded the engine and compelled the engineer and fireman to jump into the cab. Half a dozen other men, armed with Winchester and revolvers were at the side of the track. The balance of the train crew, who came forward to ascertain the cause of the stoppage, were confined and placed in charge of a guard. The mail car was then attacked and the pouches rifled of their contents and the letters in the pigeonholes gone through and their valuable contents extracted. The express car was next looted of all valuable matter, the messenger being powerless to offer resistance. Then all the passengers in the coaches were stripped of their valuables by eight heavily armed desperadoes. Every passenger gave up without a struggle, glad to escape with their lives, and no violence was offered. Big booty was secured, but no estimate of the loss can be given. A posse was organized as soon as possible and deputies are out on the trail of the robbers. It is probable a fight will ensue if the gang is overtaken.

CHINESE SMUGGLERS.

Three of the Defendants Found Guilty by the Jury.

PORTLAND, Dec. 24.—A few moments before 6 o'clock last evening the jury in the smugglers' trial decided upon a verdict in regard to the twenty defendants, and the hour for receiving the same was called. Judge S. M. Driver, who presided at 7 o'clock. At that hour it was ordered that all the defendants be present.

Long before 7 o'clock the corridors

were crowded with people anxious to learn what the verdict was. The Chinese defendants were the first to come, and soon after Mulkey, Lotan, Bannon and others, till all were present except Dunbar. There was a long delay while Dunbar was hunted for. At 8:15 o'clock he put in his appearance, and a few minutes later the jury filed into their seats. The Judge then mounted the bench and the jury having been called, he asked "Have you agreed upon a verdict?"

"We have," replied Foreman Ladd, "so far as we are able to." Its reading was listened to with the closest attention. C. J. Mulkey, ex-Special Agent of the Treasury Department, William Dunbar and P. J. Bannon were found guilty. In the case of James L. Lotan, the ex-Collector of Customs and Seid Back, the jury disagreed. The remaining defendants were acquitted. The indictment contained the names of twenty-seven defendants, but only twenty appeared for trial. Blum and Jackling pleaded guilty. Major John Wilson is at Victoria and cannot be extradited. Alexander Ross is in Southern California. E. P. Thompson has been arrested since the trial began, and Bon On Chong is supposed to be in China. The jury stood six to six as to Lotan and Seid Back.

The penalty provided by the United States statutes is a fine of \$5,000 to \$10,000 or imprisonment from two to five years, or both.

BLOOD-HORSE RACES.

Wildwood Wins the Rich Thornton Handicap.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—Wildwood regained his lost prestige yesterday when he won the rich Thornton handicap from one of the very best fields of horses that ever started in a race in California. In a few minutes Wildwood won fully \$10,000 in stakes and bets for Ottinger. The victory of the brown horse was a big upset to the talent, who could not figure out Wildwood as a winner, judging by the race on Thursday.

About six furlongs, Castro won, Ichi

Bo second, Com third. Time, 1:16.

About three-quarters of a mile, Zaragoza won, Remus second, Border Lassie third. Time, 1:17.

Thornton handicap, mile and a quarter, \$5,000 added, Wildwood won, Cadmus second, Charmant third. Time, 1:22.

Others which ran were Racine, Radium, Stroboli, Marigold and Romair. Steeplechase, short course, El Dorado won, First Lap second, Templemore third. Time, 3:45.

Five furlongs, Broadhead won, Gussie second, Gordins third. Time, 1:04