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SAPOLIO Battle-Ship Illinois at Boston. BOSTON, June 10.—The new United States battle-ship Illinois arrived in this port from Newport News early today. She

UNCLE SAM REFUSES Disapproves Joint Guarantee of Chinese Indemnity. FOREIGN POWERS ARE NOTIFIED. If Other Nations Carry Out the Plan, the United States Will Arrange the Matter Directly With China.

WASHINGTON, June 10.—The Government has formally communicated to the foreign powers the impossibility of joining in a joint guarantee for the payment of the Chinese indemnity. The difficulties in the way of such an arrangement are set forth in the communication, particularly those relating to the Constitutional restrictions on the President in making a joint of this character.

AS VIEWED IN ENGLAND. LONDON, June 11.—The Times, in the course of an editorial today on the Chinese indemnity guarantee, says: "Doubtless the United States is actuated by the same reasons as Great Britain in declining a joint guarantee of the Chinese indemnity. In the American and business-like people. They are no more likely to lend credit than money to oblige China's creditors, and Washington's obligation must have been foreseen and discounted long ago."

MEETING OF CABINET. None of Members Would Discuss the Subject Discussed. WASHINGTON, June 10.—In response to messages from the President, sent late this evening, after an hour's talk with the Secretary of State, all members of the Cabinet met in the city assembled at the White House at 8 o'clock this evening. There were five of them present.

FREE TRADE IN JULY. Porto Rican Legislature Will Be Convened for That Purpose. SAN JUAN DE PORTO RICO, June 6.—Since Governor Allen has returned here, he has given the free trade problem earnest consideration. Treasurer Hollander has presented to him a report showing in detail the workings of this new revenue act. He shows that when the law shall have gone into full force, July 1, the island revenues will be sufficient for the island's maintenance, without the customs duties on trade between Porto Rico and the United States.

PORTO RICO ARMY OFFICERS. President Names Men to Command Provisional Regiment of Infantry. WASHINGTON, June 10.—The President has appointed the following officers of the Porto Rico Provisional Regiment of Infantry: Lieutenant-Colonel—James A. Buchanan, Major—William E. Sims, Eben Swift, Captain—Louis E. Bennett, Christian Briand, William P. Butler, Charles H. Hamilton, Osman Latrobe, Thomas F. Maginis, James T. Ord, Allen D. Raymond. First Lieutenants—William D. Ballard, Jr., William W. Bessel, Harry L. Cooper, Morris E. Locke, E. J. Martin, John Bland, John Osteger, A. Owen Seaman, Orville P. Townsend, Jacob E. Wyke, Second Lieutenants—George C. Broome, Terrence Hamill, Charles B. Kerney, Jean S. Oakes, Eben Swift, Jr., Paul Wittkie, Assistant Surgeon, with rank of Captain—Jose Luzo Vila. Also the following in the regular service cavalry: Second Lieutenants—Eugene J. Ely, Clarence Linsinger, Howard C. Tatum. Second Lieutenants of Infantry—David A. Henkes, Edward K. Masse, Shelby C. Leasure, Pat M. Stevens, William Little, Second Lieutenants, Artillery Corps—Harman L. Butler, Frank L. Thornton, John R. Musgrove. Surgeon of volunteers, with rank of Major—Frank E. Airtaud.

United States Will Object. NEW YORK, June 10.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says the Government will resist the proposition that the Spanish Treaty Claims Commission should undertake consideration of the question of responsibility for the destruction of the battle-ship Maine in Havana Harbor on February 15, 1898, that question being involved in a batch of claims which have recently been presented to the committee, rectifying damages for loss of life through that disaster.

Admiral Remey Leaves for Sydney. WASHINGTON, June 10.—The Navy Department has received a cablegram announcing that Admiral Remey on board the Brooklyn left Wellington yesterday for Sydney, N. S. W. The Admiral will shortly sail for Cavite, and resume active command of the Asiatic station.

Liabilities Special Tax as Broker. WASHINGTON, June 10.—Commissioner of Internal Revenue Yerkes has decided that a person is liable to special tax as broker No. 2, whose business it is to deal in puts and calls on stock or grain outside of an exchange, board of trade, or similar place.

Mexican Minister to Austria. MEXICO CITY, June 10.—A definite announcement of the appointment of Joseph de Tiersa, Mexican Minister to Austria, has been made.

WILL MEET TODAY Legislature of Washington in Special Session. FOR CAPITAL PUNISHMENT LAW. Statute as It Stands Prevents Hanging of Criminals Now Condemned, and May Result in Their Discharge. OLYMPIA, June 10.—For the second time in the history of the state, the Washington Legislature is to meet in special session today, when the following bills will be taken up: To amend the law relating to the hanging of criminals now condemned, and if not amended may result in their absolute discharge from custody. It is the desire of all concerned that the session may be concluded within a few days, and leading Republicans are urging, as a party matter, that no business be transacted other than that specified in the call. Only once since statehood has Washington had a special session of the Legislature. This was in 1890, when the preceding Legislature adjourned without passing an appropriation law.

Gov. Rogers ordered it to convene in this city tomorrow at noon for the purpose of amending the laws relative to capital punishment. The conditions which have necessitated the calling of the special session are as follows: The Legislature which met last Winter passed a law providing that hereafter criminals convicted of murder in the first degree and condemned to death shall be executed in the state penitentiary instead of the jail of the county where their crime was committed. The new law provides that within 10 days after the sentencing of the prisoner, the Sheriff of the county where he was tried shall deliver him to the warden of the penitentiary, taking the latter's receipt therefor, and that he shall "be kept in solitary confinement" until the day of his execution.



The Washington Legislature meets in special session at Olympia today, to amend the capital punishment law introduced at the last session of the Legislature. The author of the bill was Senator E. M. Rands, of Vancouver. As passed, the measure practically prevents the hanging of criminals now condemned, and if not amended may result in their absolute discharge from custody. It is the desire of all concerned that the session may be concluded within a few days, and leading Republicans are urging, as a party matter, that no business be transacted other than that specified in the call. Only once since statehood has Washington had a special session of the Legislature. This was in 1890, when the preceding Legislature adjourned without passing an appropriation law.

Summary of Important News. Federal Government. United States will not agree to joint guarantee of Chinese indemnity. Page 1. The powers have been notified. Page 1. Anglo-Boer War. Report that Boers have used for peace before the Hague arbitration court. Page 2. Kruger is at the Hague to confer with Boer agents Wednesday. Page 2. Queen Wilhelmina is supposed to have invited the Kaiser. Page 2. Foreign. London Times continues its campaign against American locomotives. Page 5. Robert P. Porter discusses industrial pessimism in England. Page 5. King Edward will distribute South African medals today. Page 2. Domestic. Thirty men are entombed in a burning coal mine in Pennsylvania. Page 1. Nonunion strikers will be given aid by International Machinists Association. Page 2. Y. M. C. A. Jubilee convention opens today. Page 5. State rests in the Kennedy murder trial. Page 2. Sport. Umpire O'Connell of California League, engaged to Bill McDermon's place. Page 3. Portland baseball team leaves today for Seattle. Page 3. Bicycle Taxpayers' Council will urge construction of city paths. Page 3. Pacific Coast. The Washington Legislature will meet today in extra session. Page 1. The Sheriff of Clackamas County will proceed to collect bicycle taxes. Page 3. A convict at Salem is held in the gallows for assaulting an officer. Page 4. A dividend of 40 per cent will be paid within three weeks on claims against the Vancouver bank. Page 4. The Oregon Supreme Court has handed down six decisions. Page 5. Commercial. Portland market quotations. Page 11. Domestic and foreign commercial news and quotations. Page 11. New York stock market transactions. Page 11. Portland and Vicinity. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons elects officers. Page 8. High School graduating exercises will be held at the First Baptist Church. Page 12. Women's Auxiliary preparing banquet for pioneers. Page 12. Mrs. Hart acquitted of murderous assault on grounds of insanity. Page 8.

ENTOMBED IN MINE At Least Thirty Men May Be Overcome by Gas.

FIRE ATTRIBUTED TO EXPLOSION. Every Effort is Being Made to Reach the Men—Two Rescue Parties Have Not Been Heard From for Several Hours.

PORT ROYAL, Pa., June 10.—The Pittsburg Coal & Coke Company's shaft No. 2, at this place, is again on fire, after burning steadily for several years, and at least 30 men are in the mine, many of whom it is feared, will never be heard from again. The names of those known to be entombed cannot be learned, but the following are known to be in the burning mine: Jack Peoples, Tony Sickles, Frank Davenport, Dan Williams, William McCune, superintendent; Dennis McWright, pitboss of the mine; and Michael Roy, foreman of the Euclid mines. About 6 o'clock smoke was seen to be issuing from shaft No. 2, which is on the line of the Pittsburg & Lake Erie Railroad. It is thought the fire started from an explosion, and that six men were in the mine at the time, the men being Jack Peoples, Tony Sickles, Frank Davenport, Dan Williams, Lawrence Zetter and John Stakes. Stakes and Zetter were not near the point where the explosion occurred, and on the arrival of a rescue party they were quickly brought to the surface, after being nearly overcome by after-damp. They could give no information as to what caused the fire and told the rescuers that four other men were entombed.

At 11 o'clock tonight four men volunteered to reach the mine. They are W. A. Sweeney, Harry Beveridge and Frank Stratton succeeded in working their way to the pit mouth, and were quickly put under the care of physicians. Beveridge and Stratton are unconscious, and the physicians say they cannot live. Beveridge's arms are both broken, his body horribly bruised, and it is believed by the doctors that he will not survive. Sweeney was rescued and carried him along with him. Sweeney himself is so badly used up that all the information he could give of the explosion and fire was that the explosion came just at a time when the shaft were changing from day to night run. The miners were hurried in all directions and Sweeney known of the explosion, but he was kind and cheerful. He says it is impossible to tell just how many are entombed, but he thinks there are more than 37 reported at first.

At 2 o'clock this (Tuesday) morning, heavy volumes of smoke are still issuing from the mine, and hope of saving any of the entombed men, miners or rescuers, is fast disappearing. The Port Royal mines are situated on the Youghiogheny River, 37 miles from Pittsburg. They are owned by the Pittsburg Coal Company.

Democratic Issue in 1904. Breckenridge Says It Should Be Relations With New Possessions. LEXINGTON, Ky., June 10.—In a letter in answer to one asking for his views on the reorganization of the Democratic party and future issues, Colonel W. C. F. Breckenridge, ex-Democratic Congressman, says: "The American people will never consent to such legislation concerning the currency as will put into a statute the views of Mr. Bryan. It is equally true that the American people will approve of the territorial policy advocated by Mr. Bryan. For the next few years the currency issue and the expansion issue tendered by the Democratic party and accepted by the Republican party have been settled."

Further along in the letter he says: "We are therefore confronted with this actual state of facts. It is impossible to win without such a nominee and platform as will secure the support of those Democrats who refused to vote for Mr. Bryan in 1896 and 1900, and it is almost impossible to win without the cordial support of the regular Democratic party. It has occurred to me that the issue in 1904 might be our relations with our new possessions. That there will be retained is now certain. That the principles promulgated by the Supreme Court in the late opinions will be accepted by the people is certain." After outlining the questions involved, Colonel Breckenridge says: "To adopt this policy does not require that any Democrat should retract any utterance made or apologize for any course heretofore pursued."