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## THE OPINION

OF ANOTHER CELEBRATED PIANIST.

Governor

My attention has been directed to your recent production, the Pianola, and after a careful study of its merits, I wish to add my testimony as to its excellence, both for professional use in reading eleborate plano compositions, and for private use in educating the musical tastes of people who have planos and are unable to use them for want of a thorough musical training. I am astonished at the possibilities of the Planola, and the inventor commands my most profound admiration in bringing out an instrument whose playing has the characteristics of the work of the human fingers.

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GREETED BY KENTUCKIANS Reception and Banquet in Honor of Schley at Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, Jan 29 -- Admiral Schley in following the programme prepared in his honor by the Louisville Board of Trade, moved through the heaviest sleet storm that Louisville has experienced in many years. In spite of the bad weather more than 2000 persons visited the Board of Trade this morning and shook the Admiral's tired but still ready and right hand. A great crowd had gathered in and about Exchange Hall, where the Admiral received the people. Marion E. Taylor, president of the board, made the ction, and as the crowd filed be him, the Admiral had a courteous

mainder of the reception at the side of lowed, and tonight the Admiral was the guest of honor at the annual banquet of the Board of Trade at the Galt House. He responded with a bow to the cheers greeted his entry to the banquet-n. Admiral Schley, Governor Beckham, General Catchings and others spoke,

Beckham was in the line, but was res-

word of greeting for each.

## SAID TO BE FREE.

Rumor That Miss Stone and Mm Tallka Were Released.

LONDON. Jan. 30.-The Sofia correspondent of the Times, wiring under date of January 29, says: "It is rumored that Miss Stone and me. Tsilka were liberated this morning on Turkish territory."

Blame the Newspapers.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—The State
Department is disposed to attribute the failure of the negotiations looking to the release of Miss Stone to the newspapers. The recent arrangements for her release have completely miscarried. A body of Turkish troops, guided, it is stated, by the finger of the press, appeared near the

scene arranged for surrender and caused Suicide of Prominent Saratoga Man. SARATOGA, N. Y., Jan. 29.—Caleb W. Mitchell, who has been a prominent figure here for more than 30 years, shot and killed himself at the door of the office of State Senator Brackett today. He was the fifth member of his family to commit suicide, and he is believed to have been mentally unbalanced for an extended pe-

Association of Retail Grocers. MILWAUKEE, Jan. 29.—The National Association of Retail Grocers, whose annual convention came to a close here today, voted to meet next year in Kansas City. Joseph E. Williams, of South Bend, Ind., was elected president.

## TWO RUNAWAY CARS.

Cause Death of Three Persons and

PITTSBURG, Jan. 29 .- Three pers were killed, two fatally hurt, and a score of others more or less injured by two runaway cars on the Monongahela branch of the Pittsburg Railway Company tonight. The dead are JOHN M'FADDEN, aged M, East Mc-

MARY KINCAID, 19, East McKeesport, ROBERT TRUSH, 29, conductor, Pitts-

The injured are: Charles Wright, motorman, arms broken, hurt internally, will die; Alexander Sanders (colored) both legs broken, will die; James F. Ryne, orman, severly cut and bruised; nk Small, East McKeesport, leg broken in two places, badly cut; Thomas Campbell, Wilmerding, teller, Farmers' National Bank, Pittsburg, cut and bruised all over the body; Jacob Smith, Wai-

severely cut about the head, e accident happened at the foot of Long Hill, running into Wilmerding, from McKeesport. A car without passengers got beyond control of the motorman, and dashed down the hill, one and a quarter miles long, at a terrific speed. At the bottom it jumped into the Pennsylvania Railway Station, carrying away the side of the station and tearing up the plut-form. A large crowd gathered about the wreck, and 12 minutes later a sec and plowed into the crowd with deathdealing force. On the way down the hill the car struck a carriage contain-ing James Brown and Lizzle Minner, on their way to McKeesport to be married and the driver, 'Alexander Sanders, was fatally hurt. The young couple escaped with comparatively slight injuries, and later were married. A blinding sleet storm prevailed at the time, and it is said the two cars "skated" down the

hill with brakes tightly set.

"Slip" at a Furnace.

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—In an accident known as a "slip" at the plant of the Illinois Steel Company, at South Chicago. early today, Michael O'Branski was ki four others were so severely injured that they will probably die. Cold weather is thought to have been the immediate cause of the accident. It is supposed that the molten from at the top of a blast fur-nace became chilled and clogged at the top. When the men opened the vent at the bottom to draw off this metal, the whole mass sild down, covering the workmen from head to foot, with the white

Nova Scotia Colliery Explosion. HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 29.—An explo-sion of dynamite at the Marsh Colliery at Thornburn today killed three men and at Thornburn today killed three men and demolished the structure. The dead are: J. W. Sutherland, resident manager; Wai-ter Sutherland, underground foreman; John Wilkes, overground foreman

## OFFER BY COOLEY

Contractors Willing to Build an Isthmian Canal.

EITHER PANAMA OR NICARAGUA

Spooner Explains His Substitute Bill -Democrats Delaying the Tariff Bill-Control of Forest Reserves.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.-Lyman E. Cooley, on behalf of the contractors who to build an isthmian canal complete, either at Nicaragua or Panama, under contract with the United States. He says either route is feasible, but thinks far betragua Canal, as once the canal is built, the United States will practically annex Costa Rica and Nicaragua and control their With the Panama route we would acquire nothing but a waterway.

Spooner Explains His Bill. Senator Spooner says that the substitute which he offers for the Hepburn canal bill means that the United States will have a canal across the isthmus and that it does not put the burden on the President of deciding between the two routes. It simply means that if he cannot secure proper concessions for the Panama route he is to go ahead with the Nicaragua route. Senator Spooner says that Congress should not shift the responsibility of the selection of the route upon the President, but take it itself, and that if proper title cannot be secured for Panama, then his bill will insure a canal in Nicaragua, and for that reason he thinks it will meet with favor.

Friends of the Nicaragua route do not care to discuss Spooner's proposition until they have further time to examine it, although several insist that it is simply another movement in favor of delay. The report of the Isthmian Canal Commission is being used with considerable effect in favor of the Panama route as against Nicaragua, and it is possible that the Senate may decide in favor of Panama. Some people are of the opinion that the Spooner bill represents the views of the President, but the Senator declares that it is an independent proposition of his purpose than what it states on its face. Democrats Delaying the Tariff.

The course of the Democrats in disusning the Philippine bill means nothing but delay, and for this they have no reason. The bill is sure to pass just as the majority wants it, and this the Democrats nust know. So far there has been almost ure, but it has been confined almost wholly ship to outside subjects having no bearing upon the Philippine tariff. Some surprise has been expressed that the Democrats did not first attack the proposition to tax products coming from the Philippines to this country.

Control of Forest Reserves.

If Representative Lacey can secure the passage of the bill which he introduced today, transferring to the Department of Agriculture full control of the administration and management of forest reserves, he will be able to put a stop to the wrangle that has been in progress for the last two years, and will take from the hands of Secretary Hitchcock one of his most-cherished duties. The passage of this bill will throw the control of the reserves into the hands of Gifford Pinchot, Chief of the Forestry Division of the Agricultural Department, and it is believed such a transfer would be very satisfactory to President Roosevelt, as it was Pinchot's recommendation that Secretary Hitchcock was forced last Fall to adopt radical changes in his forestry administration.

The Lacey bill permits the Interior De partment to continue the work of surveying reserves, to make exchanges under the Heu land law, and to adjust all claims of jurisdiction; No transfer of control of any reserve will be made until the bouncaries of that reserve have been examined and approved. The President is to have full authority to eliminate any portion of any reserve so as to cut out all tracts that are not properly forest lands, and tracts so eliminated shall be restored to the public domain and revert to the control of the Interior Department. The bill further authorizes the President to create forest reserves intended as game and fish reserves, whenever the Governor of any state or territory makes request to that effect, provided an "open season" is preserved in each case. The game laws of the state or territory in which such reserves are created are to be strictly enforced in all game preserves,

This latter feature of the bill is but e carrying out of the recommendation of President Roosevelt in his message; in fact, it is believed the whole bill was drawn at his suggestion, and is in direct line with the contentions of Secretary Wilson, who some time ago announced that he would bring this proposed change about. With this strong indorsement, the bill stands an excellent chance of passing

Fox-Breeding Enterprise. Representative Otjen today inroduced bill authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to lease the islands of Alaska for a period of not exceeding 20 years for the purpose of breeding blue and silver foxes

and other fur-bearing animais. Title to Mineral Lands.

State Land Commissioner Calvert, of Washington, has taken up with the Interior Department the question whether or not lands which have been acquired by his state under its grants and are subse quently discovered to have coal or other minerals, are subject to untry under the mineral land laws. The department informs Mr. Calvert that after the state has once secured title to lands, under its grants, such lands are not subject to mineral entry or settlement of any kind, and verses, due to unfortunate ventures.

### the subsequent discovery of coal thereon does not change their status. This de-cision directly affects Pierce County.

ahead without authority and developed school sections belonging to the state. Sale of Indian Lands. Senator Mitchell today introduced a bil permitting the adult heirs of deceased Indians to sell inherited lands, and to

where several mining companies have gone

permit minor heirs to participate in such A Lighthouse Appropriation. The Senate today passed Senator Fos-

ter's bill appropriating \$3000 additional for the Brown's Point lighthouse. STEEL TRUST PROSPERS.

# Report of the Operations of the United States Corporation.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.-A preliminary report covering the operations of the United States Steel Corporation since it came into existence 10 months ago was made to the stockholders today. It was a forerunner to the more extended resume to be submitted at the annual general meeting February 17, and was designed to familiarize the shareowners with the financial status of the company and the trade situation and the trade market where it buys and sells. The report, signed by both Charles M. Schwab and Elbert H. Gary, says:

"The outlook for the year 1802 is very

bright. Everything indicates that all of the facilities of each subsidiary company will be taxed to their utmost to supply the demand that is being made. The actual business now booked, and of which shipment is being called for faster than it can be supplied, amounts to more than half the total combined annual capacity of all the companies. The neavier products, like rails, billets, plates and struc-tural material, are sold up to the pro-ductive capacity of the milis until nearly the end of the year. In the more highly finished products the consumption in each case is greater now than at the corre-sponding period in 1901, which, it should be remembered was an absorptially heavy sponding period in 1801, which, it should be remembered, was an abscreally heavy year. The expectation increfore, of those closely connected with the manu-facture and sale of these highly finished products is for a demand even larger than that of 1801, and up to the limit of production."

production."

Discussing prices, the report said:

"The demand for products has been so great that prices could easily have been advanced. Indeed, higher prices have been voluntarily offered by customers who were anxious for the immediate execution of orders, but the commanies have

been voluntarily offered by customers who were anxious for the immediate execution of orders, but the companies have fairly maintained the position of not advancing prices, believing that the existing prices were sufficient to yield a fair return on the capital and maintain the properties in satalsfactory physical condition, and that the collateral advantage to be gained in the long run by refusing to advance prices would be of substantial and lasting value, not only to the companies, but also to the general business interests of the country."

The report asserted that this policy as to prices had not only a reassuring effect upon the trade, but contributed to the restoration of confidence in the general business situation. The report said that great progress had been made in the general plan to harmonize the work of the many plants to secure perfect co-operation and to effect economy in manufacture, but that the end had not been reached, and more favorable results might still be accomplished. The departments of ore mining, coal mining, coke manufacture and lake transportation have been thoroughly systematized, and the managements of manufacturing plants have been thoroughly into closer relationthe managements of manufacturing plants

The report reviewed the larger financial operations of the company, including those of its organization and the recently published statement of earnings for the first nine months of the existence of the company, and gave a condensed general balance sheet for November 30, 1901. The settlement with the underwriters' syndicate was thus stated:

"The residue of the common and pre-ferred stock of this corporation, delivered to the syndicate under the contract of March 15, 1901, and not used for the ac-quisition by it of the stocks of the specified companies, being the shares which, as stated in the syndicate circular of March 2, 1901, were to be retained by and to belong to the syndicate, amounted to 89,967 shares of preferred stock and 649,588 shares of common stock. This residue of stock, or the proceeds thereof, after re-imbursing the syndicate the \$5,000,000 in cash which it paid to the corporation, and approximately \$3,000,000 for other syndicate obligations and expenses, constituted the surplus or profit of the syndicate. The transactions between this corpora-tion and the syndicate having been concluded, an agreement of final settlement and mutual release, dated January 3, 1962, was executed between this corporation and the syndicate managers."

The condensed balance sheet for No-vember 30 showed that on that day the accounts receivable aggregated \$45,269,453, the bills receivable \$2,821,463, and the cash on hand \$55,315,527, a grand total of \$166,-106 444 In the list of assets in the balance sheet was a credit of inventories amounting to \$56,600,307, and a subjoined tabulation showing that it included ores on hand valued at \$34,776,663, finished products \$15,-322,636, manufacturing supplies and miscellaneous stores \$12,170,161, and materials, labor and expense locked up in current uncompleted bridge contracts \$9,368,341. current Habilitles November 30 were stated at \$30,259,630, and the surplus of the corporation and the subsidiary com-panies was placed at \$174,344,229. The cost of the properties owned and operated by the several federated companies was BR \$1,437,494,862

given as \$1.437,494,862.

"The business of the companies," said the report, "had been put on practically a corresponding basis. The losses actually incurred through bad debts have been very small, and little, if any, loss in the collection of accounts and notes receivable is anticipated. About 70 per cent of the total current monthly accounts due. of the total current monthly accounts due from citizens is now being generally col-lected within 30 days, and it is the effort of the several managements to maintain the business on a strictly cash basis."

Mineworkers' Convention Adjourns ual convention of the United Mineworkers of America adjourned tonight, after selecting Indianapolis as the place for the convention next year. convention before adjournment voted \$1000 for the aid of the widows and orphans of the miners killed in the Iowa disaster. adopted a ringing resolution against "government by injunction." and adopted resolution favoring the re-enactment of the Chinese exclusion act. The most important action taken by

the convention today was the adoption, by a decisive majority, of an amendment to the constitution providing for the elec-tion of the National officers by popular vote of the local unions through

BOSTON, Jan. 29.-Lane S. Schoefield, Whicher & Co., bankers and brokers, of

Practically a Repeal of the Law Is Decided Upon

BY WAYSAND MEANS COMMITTEE

Such a Bill Will Be Framed Before Proceeding Further With the Subject of Cuban Reciprocity.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.-The Republican members of the ways and means committee held a private conference tonight, and decided to frame a bill for the reduc-

Chairman Payne said he had had several conferences with Mr. Root on the sub-ject, who had stated that he had no additional facts to present and did not de-size to appear before the committee. The committee decided not to invite Mr. Root. the Democratic members supporting Mr Richardson's motion.

For Reduced Tax'on Whisky. CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 29.—The reduc-

which today engaged the attention of a joint delegation of the four leading whisky interests of the country. Their object is to devise some method of getting the at-tention of Congress to the proposition.

M'KINLEY AND LABOR.

Subjects of Speeches at New York Board of Trade Banquet.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.-The annual bar quet of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation was held tonight at the Waldorf-Astoria. The function this year had a double object in view, first to do honor to the memory of William McKinley, and, secondly, to encourage the closer union of capital and labor, The first toast was "President United States," drunk standing and in

COLONEL C. A. COOLIDGE.

MANDER OF SEVENTH INFANTRY, NOW AT VANCOUVER BAR-

"Some men shrink from this policy be-

cation. They imagine that it somehow in

for countries with the same products as

our own. We can give free admission for the coffee of Brazil in return for favored

terms for American products there, and

when we deal with France or Germany

Russia or Austria, we can fix a varying

that grants us the best terms and a dis

criminating maximum for the nation that

powerful weapons in our hands, and with wise, broad statesmanship, we can be

masters of the situation. President Mc

Kinley rounded his great creative work

in proposing reciprocity with the com

mercial nations and in standing before

and the open door. Hallowed with a na-

tion's love, comes today his authoritative voice for generous reciprocity with Cuba,

Roosevelt is not only acting out his own chivalrous impulse, but faithfully honor-

ing the heritage left by his nobic prede-

ferring at length to the Ohio Senator's

efforts to bring about peace in industrial circles by means of arbitration. The toast, "The Educated American," was re-

sponded to by Nicholas Murray Butler president of Columbia University. Sam-

ail is said and done, why strikes are to be avoided and to be deplored, yet there

are some things which are worse than

strikes. One of them is degraded and de-moralized manhood." Captain R. P. Hob-son responded to the toast, "The Navy."

He strongly advised the strengthening

Senator Hanna came next with an in

formal speech on "Capital and Labor, and the suoject of the Navy and merchan

marine. He said he thought that the

ganization of business men like th

fatr division."

of Trade give the others sympathy

son's speech. Senator Hanna said that,

while he appreciated the Captain's argu-ment, he wished to offer this amendment:

"Don't spend all your money on war-ships. Give us a few merchant vessels, Give us something to protect. We ask a

The Nipper Mine Sult.

he sult brought by the Anaconda Copp

wasting the Nipper mine, in which the

plaintiff has a five-thirty-sixth interest and the defendants a thirty-one-thirty-

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 28.-The hearing in

active support. Referring to Captain

and in urging this measure

cessor."
Colonel Myron T. Herrick respon

the tonst, "The Middle West," He pa a high compliment to Senator Hanna, i

rate with a safe minimum for the natio

troples and another for Europe.

discriminates against us,

BACKS, WHICH HAS BEEN ORDERED TO THE PHILIPPINES.

The restriction of the recent hearings to flexible and adapted to varying condi-beer and ten led to the belief that re-

on the war revenue reduction bill will be- cies. He said:

gin. No draft of a bill has been pre-pared by the Republican members, but it

fecting very large reductions amounting

practically to a repeal of the entire war toxes and aggregating about \$68,000,000.

ductions might be confined to these two

articles, but the sentiment of the maority now appears to be favorable to a much larger reduction. At the conference

today it was the prevailing view that as

Cuba has been the cause of incurring the war revenue taxes, the burden should be

removed from this country before considering the extent of relief to be granted

to Cuba. The question of what percentage

of reduction in tariff rates would be made

for Cuba was not considered at the meet-

ing tonight, owing to the determination

leave this until after the war revenue

Dr. H. W. Wiley, Chief of the Bureau of

Chemistry, Department of Agriculture, was before the committee today in con-

nection with the Cuban reciprocity ques-

tion. His statement covered the scientific phases of the production of sugar from

beets cane, etc., and the development of

the respective industries. By means of charts he showed the comparative insig-

nificance of the beet sugar industry is

1866, when most of the sugar was made-from cane. Since then conditions have re-

versed, until now the greater part of the

larger part of this production was in Eu-

rope, the product in America being com-paratively small. Dr. Wiley expressed the

opinion, however, that the beet sugar

would never extinguish the cane product, as the latter had certain special use.

Dr. Wiley's emphatic declaration that

Cuba's appeal to the United States was misplaced and would not afford relief at-

tracted much attention. This came after

he had shown that the European bounty and kartel systems were the controlling

factors in the sugar situation. The Cu-

ban planters had prospered, he said, un-der Spanish regime, and why should they

now lay their misfortune to the breaking

stances it might be best to lead them

"The cause of the trouble they are fight-ing is not in the tariff duties of the

United States, but is the overproduction

of sugar, due to bountles granted by Eu-rope. Their cause should be pleaded in

the Parliaments of Europe, not in that

On being questioned by Representative

pressed himself in favor of Cuban an-nexation, but said admission of Cuban

ugar at reduced rates would be disas-

nessee, questioned Dr. Wiley on the dif-ference between his views and those ex-pressed by President Roosevelt and Sec-

retary Root. Dr. Wiley said he was

formerly connected with the beet-sugar experiment station in Nebraska. He dis-

laimed speaking for the Secretary of

Agriculture, but he said he views were the result of his own inquiries and con-

Mr. Richardson asked if the witness expected to remain in the Agricultural Department, it having been stated that

he was about to enter the sugar business. Dr. Wiley said this was the first he had

Special agent Saler, of the Agricultural

Department, in charge of beet-sugar in-vestigations, gave the state of business, showing 50 factories operating or about to begin, and some hundred capitalized and

The committee went into secret ses-sion and Representative Richardson moved

that Secretary Root be invited to appear. | ment.

eting to operate.

of Nevada, Dr. Wiley ex-

of the Spanish yoke. Under such circum

back to Spain. Dr. Wiley then said:

ORDERED TO MANILA

Leave Vancouver.

SEVENTEENTH GOING THERE

Seven'h Infantry Will Soon

This Regiment Will Sail From the Philippines February 28 - Seventh is to Be Recruited to the Maximum.

VANCOUVER, Wash, Jan. 29 .- An order from the War Department, designat-ing the Seventh Infantry, Colonel C. A. ildge commanding, now stationed at service in the Philippine Islands, was reved at Vancouver Barracks last night, e order does not specify the date when the Seventh will depart. Officers state that it will probably be two months be-fore the regiment leaves. The order di-rects the Seventeenth Infantry, now in the Philippines, to take the station of the Seventh Infantry, in the Department of the Columbia, which means that the Seventeenth will relieve the Seventh here. As the Seventeenth will not leave the Philippines until February 28, it cannot reach this department before the last of March, hence the Seventh could not leave before that date, and even then it will be a small portion of the regiment which will be ready to go to the islands. Two companies are stationed respectively at Skagway and Vaides, Alaska, Company L. Twenty-fourth Infantry, is also at Skagway. Two other companies, at Nome and St. Michaels, could not possibly reach here before August, and two at Fort Gib bon not before the middle of September or the first of October.

Details of the movement of troops in this department cannot, Colonel Coolidge says, be arranged until the return of Gen-eral Randall, Department Commander, now in Washington on official business, as the order directs that the department commanders will, by concert of action, arrange the details of the movements ordered, and report by telegraph the hours of departure and arrival and the strength of the organizations.

All troops in the United States which

have not seen service in the Philippines are included in the order. The troops, the order directs, are to be recruited to the maximum and fully clothed, armed and equipped, each man to be provided with 50 rounds of cartridges to be carried on the person. The baggage to be trans-ported will be reduced to the lowest practicable limit. The soldier will not be allowed to have trunks or boxes as bag-gage, and his personal effects will be limited to his full marching kit and one telescope valise, furnished by the Quar-termaster's department. Enlisted men, exless than six months to serve, and who have not expressed an intention to re-callst, will be transferred to the regiments not designated for service in the Philippines. One battalion of the Seventh tion of war revenue taxes before pro-ceeding further with the subject of Cu-licles," was the first toast to be responded has been in the Philippines since last Spring. It is stationed in the Island of Samar, under command of Captain Waiban reciprocity. Chairman Payne at once to, and ex-Postmaster-General Smith was called a meeting of the full committee for the speaker. Reciprocity, he said, was a ill o'clock tomorrow morning, when work

The Seventh Infantry, under command in the Cuban campaign, being in the engagement at El Caney July 1, and the hombardment of Santiago July 12. Upon pared by the Republican members, but it cause they do not grasp its importance is pretty fully understood that the ma- and do not apprehend its practical appliits return from Cuba the 12 companies volves a flanking of our own industries and a surrender of our own field. They don't understand that it may be made among 14 Army posts for guard duty the 3rd of February, 1900 General Wheaton, who has gained considerable notoriety recently on account of his alleged criticism of the United States Senate, was made Colonel of the Seventh, and com-manded the regiment until March 2, 1901, adopt one principle for countries with different products and another principle when he was promoted, and Colonel C. A., Coolidge, who had seen hard service in China, as Colonel of the Ninth Infantry, transferred to the Seventh, relieving Colonel Dougherty.

## A RAILROAD MUSEUM.

Archeological and Ethnological Cols. lection at Albuquerque.

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.-The management of the Santa Fe Company has decided to establish at Albuquerque the largest archeological and ethnological museum in the United States. The purpose of the venture is to provide a novel attraction at that place. The museum will contain a that place. The museum will contain a collection valued at between \$190,000 and \$150,000. The collections will be largely from the ruins of New Mexico and Arlzong but will include exhibits from ainost every country of the globe.

### SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS Congress.

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ress censorship at Manila was discussed in the Senate. Page 2. nel Gompers following in response to the The oleomargarine and census bills were reported to the House. Page 2. toast, "Labor Is Always Honorable; to the Laborers Honor Is Always Due." Foreign. Speaking of strikes, he said: "And, after

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#### hirers of laborers had a duty to perform as well as the laborers, and asked the tution. Page 3. business men present if they could not do something to better the condition of their Pacific Const. ganizers of workingmen were working earnestly and honestly to improve labor conditions, and he hoped to see great or-

ber of the State Board of Control. Page 4. Explorers in Alaska suffer great hardships while about work that proves very import

#### cleared yesterday. Page 5. German ship Robert Elckmers libeled at Tacoma. Page 5. Portland and Vicinity.

Company against F. Aug. Heinze, the Nipper Mining Company, Carlos Warfield and others to secure an injunction to re-strain the defendants from mining in and Port of Portland Commission accepts Lang-plan for drydock. Page 12. Oregon volunteers and National Guard to get more money from Government. Page 10. sixth interest, ended this afternoon, and

Judge Harney took the question of issuing or denying the injunction under advise-