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THE OREGONIAN HAS THE FLOOR.

Stuyvesant Fish, president of the Illinois Central and Yazoo and Mississippi Valley railroad companies, appeared before the industrial commission at Washington on October 21 and made an exhaustive argument in favor of the shipment via New Orleans of products of the Mississippi valley intended for export.

Mr. Fish, in answering the summons of the commission, presented an interesting statement of the scope of the railway lines operated in the Mississippi valley and states tributary thereto. He declared that railroads are "of the people and for the people."

There are two points in Mr. Fish's testimony which the Astorian desires to commend to the thoughtful consideration of the Oregonian. First, Mr. Fish says, with the advantage of the descending grade, the products of the Middle West can be more cheaply carried to the seaport of New Orleans by rail than by water to New York, and that rail rates have become so low, that river transportation is no longer a rival of the railway companies.

Let it distinctly be remembered that these are not the utterances of some tyro in the school of economics. They are not the socialistic ravings of some worthless demagogue, envious of the prosperity of thrift and who seeks to excite prejudice against the private rights of corporate wealth.

There is food for thought in these weighty arguments of the president of the Illinois Central. There is a text here from which the Oregonian can preach a splendid sermon to the Harrison-Mohler-Hill combination and the tollers of the Northwest. Let every paper in the Inland Empire reprint this testimony of President Fish.

THE ENGLISH DISASTER.

The tactics of the Boers have one merit that laymen can understand—the merit of success. So far as the war has progressed, indeed, Joubert and other leaders of the burghers have proven themselves strategists of the

highest order, and the early victories of the English, if they really were victories, have been empty ones.

Armchair criticism of a general fighting a larger force than his own and opposed by a skillful and determined enemy is easy enough, but to be just, one should wait until more particulars are known before condemning White for that worst of crimes, in times of war, a mistake in judgment.

Everything so far as known, however, and even the words of White himself, tend to show that Joubert brilliantly planned and brilliantly executed a movement that for its success depended upon the over-eagerness of the English commander and it was successful.

The events at Ladysmith prove the wisdom of the English war department in raising an immense army for the conflict and justifies the tremendous preparations. Great Britain has no slight task before her and the end may be a long way off.

The second number of "Church News" the little monthly published by Rev. Edw. Curran has been issued. It contains many interesting notes and suggestions.

Edward Brady of Springdale, Kan., a lawyer and graduate of the state university, served a year in the Philippines as a private in the First Colorado volunteers, which was mustered out not long ago. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat prints an interview with him. His opinions about the Philippines and the war are interesting as coming from a young man of trained intelligence who has been on the spot.

If late reports are true that come from South Africa, the Boers will lose a great deal of sympathy which would go, and indeed was going, to them, said the English garrison have ceased all efforts to cover their dead, slain in the first engagement, because the Boers refuse to respect the Red Cross flag, which all civilized nations have agreed to honor.

BRYANTES ADOPT INSURGENT BATTLE CRY. If there was any doubt that "anti-imperialism" is to be the battle cry of the Bryan free silver opponents in 1900 it has been officially removed by the conference of democratic leaders held at St. Louis on Monday.

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perialism." But the evidences of good times and of unexcelled industrial activity, as a result of the restoration of business confidence in the currency system, were so manifest on every hand that Mr. Bryan finally concluded that another campaign for rotten money would be a failure. Business, big crops and the laws of nature were against him.

Following this came the announcement that the Bryan leaders had determined that "Down with the trusts!" would be a winning slogan for the banners of democracy in 1900. Mr. Bryan came to the trust conference in Chicago loaded with a series of resolutions that were to set the whole country ablaze with antagonism to these industrial combinations, which he characterized as monopolies.

Only one course is left for the despairing, disappointed silver democracy. It must join the forces of Aguinaldo in a general fire-in-the-rear assault upon our authority in the Philippines. It must raise the flag of the insurgents in this country and emblazon its banners with the delusive slogan, "Anti-imperialism."

With this formidable army of insurgents and malcontents it is believed the banners of Bryan and Aguinaldo can be run up on the national capital at Washington. Under the hobgoblin of "imperialism" it is believed the German-American voters of the Union, who have stood like a wall for sound currency, can be stamped into the ranks of rotten money and repudiation.

BOLD ROBBERY AT PENDLETON

A FEARLESS HIGHWAYMAN

Holds Up and Robs Four Men and Two Women at One Time Within the City Limits.

PENDLETON, Ore., Oct. 31.—A lone highwayman performed a bold piece of work within the city limits of Pendleton this evening at 7 o'clock, when he held up and robbed four men and two women. He had three vehicles rounded up in the street at one time, and all the occupants had their hands up.

A dairyman named Cheney and his son were on their way home when they were stopped at the point of a pistol by a man, who wore a white handkerchief over his face. Both were ordered to throw up their hands. The highwayman then went through their pockets, securing only \$3 in cash.

Just then a teamster in the employ of G. W. Rugg drove along. The robber stopped him and the man made an attempt to wrest the pistol from the

ARE THESE BOER MEAT?

Six Thousand English Troops Will Arrive at Cape Town Sunday. LONDON, Oct. 31.—About 6,000 fresh troops will arrive at Cape Town Sunday next from England, and will be available to reinforce Sir George White.

BOERS AT DEWDROP.

Will Form a Camp That Will Extend Over Four Miles. LONDON, Oct. 31.—Advices from Cape Town show that the Boers are gathering in considerable force at Dewdrop, southwest of Ladysmith, while a large force of Boers is advancing over Helpmaka road.

A big camp of Boers is to be formed between Harrismith bridge and Poigeters farm camp, at Dewdrop, which, it is said, will extend four miles.

GOING STRAIGHT HOME.

SPOKANE, Oct. 31.—It was definitely decided today that companies A and L will return direct from San Francisco

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highwayman. The latter struck him heavily on the head, cutting an ugly gash and rendering him unconscious. He had only 25 cents for the robber.

Next came William Bowman and Mrs. Bowman and their daughter. Bowman yielded up \$17 and Mrs. Bowman her gold watch. The robber then, with the pistol held in the ladies' faces, vilely insulted them. He kept all three vehicles standing in the street until through with the hold-up, and then sent their drivers on and disappeared. The officers are scouring the country for the robber.

WHITE SUFFERS THE LOSS OF TWO THOUSAND MEN

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considered out of the question. But now there is no knowing what steps will be decided upon.

LONDON, Oct. 31.—A special dispatch from Ladysmith says the Boers suffered severely during the engagement, some persons estimating their loss at 900 to 1,000 killed and wounded.

A TEST OF PATRIOTISM.

England Must Summon All Her Dogged Fortitude and Take Events Coolly.

LONDON, Oct. 31.—The tone of editorials of the afternoon papers can be summed up in the following statement of the St. James's Gazette: "It is evident the patriotism and fortitude of the nation are to be tested in real earnest by these operations of ours in Natal against great odds. General White had a difficult task set him, and we must take the disaster with the dogged coolness which Britons know how to display. We shall await the final result without apprehension."

While the announcement today of the arrival of General Buller at Cape Town was received by the British with unforgotten satisfaction, it is pointed out the general cannot end the war without the army corps, and some of the troops which are to compose it have not even left England for South Africa.

SHUBRICK LAUNCHED.

President McKinley Attends the Bap-tizing of a Torpedo Boat.

RICHMOND, Va., Oct. 31.—The torpedo boat Shubrick was launched here today in the presence of President McKinley, many members of the cabinet, Governor Tyler of Virginia and an immense outpouring of people. The demonstration was marred in some of its features by a heavy rain storm.

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THE LOUVRE.

Strangers visiting in the city will find the Louvre an attractive resort wherein to spend the evening. The Anne Sisters Ladies' Orchestra is still on the bills and presents tonight a musical program of exceptional merit. Handsome pool and billiard rooms are a feature in connection with the house. Palatable lunches will be served at all hours.

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to Spokane, and will not take part in the Seattle celebration.

THE MOSCOW TRIAL.

Damaging Evidence Against the Defendants.

MOSCOW, Idaho, Oct. 31.—The most damaging evidence yet presented against the men on trial for obstructing mails was given today by the witnesses for the prosecution.

Objections by Colonel Reddy were the order of the day. He exercised all his ingenuity in cross-questioning the witnesses to have them modify their statements and put the evidence, and the credulity of the people testifying in a prejudicial light before the jury.

The tendency of his efforts were to impress the jury that the witnesses were employees of the Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining Company, and depended on that corporation for a livelihood, and consequently deemed it policy to give evidence in accordance with the wishes of their employers.

Ed Clemmens, one of the miners who was released from custody yesterday, has got into trouble. He attempted to intimidate one of the government's witnesses today. A warrant is out for his arrest.

TAKE TRANSPORTS THURSDAY.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 31.—The Thirty-ninth infantry, 1,300 men, and two companies of the Forty-fifth, will leave Vancouver barracks for Portland to take the transports Olympia and Pennsylvania for the Philippines Thursday next.

The troops received two months' advance pay.

THE BEAR RETURNS.

She Brings Back Large Number of Sick and Destitute Prospectors from ALASKA.

SEATTLE, Oct. 31.—After a cruise in Alaskan waters as far north as Point Barrow, the United States revenue cutter Bear, Captain Jarvis, returned to Seattle today. She had sixty-odd sick and destitute prospectors, gathered up at various north land points.

At St. Michael, which port she left October 3, the Bear took aboard 10 United States prisoners, five of whom are accused of murder, and conveyed them to the United States penitentiary at Sitka.

Fifteen men who had been ordered out of Cape Nome by the local authorities were also brought to this city on the Bear.

IOWA'S LIBERALITY.

Her Troops Will Be Taken Home in Palace Cars Free of Charge.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 31.—The Fifty-first Iowa volunteers have been notified by Adjutant General Byers that the state would furnish transportation from here to each man's actual home, no matter where he enlisted. The state has provided three special sleeping car trains and subsistence, to leave here tomorrow with the regiment as fast as it is mustered out.

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