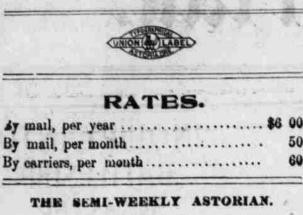
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"THE STRIKE IS HELL."

Bishop Spaulding, of Peoria, Ill., a member of the coal strike commission, urges the plan of arbitration contained in the Foss bill before the house committee on labor. The bill provides for a permanent board of arbitration to which disputes between capital and labor shall be referred.

Bishop Spaulding said it was not his opinion that the proposed tribunal would never be called on to determine what is a legitimate profit on the investment of capital. Its province would be to settle disputes as to hours, treatment and pay. Fair wages, he said, were determined in the soft coal mines of the west by the conditions of the mines and the cost of living. Where the business did not permit the payment of living wages, according to the American standard of living, that business ought to be closed up.

"I would say," he continued, "as Sherman said of war, that the strike is hell." Men who have been out on strike went back to work injured morally and not the same men. The children of strikers had been taught to taunt the children of other workmen. The relations between capital and labor were not improving, he said, although he believed the ecal strike commission has acomplished good results. He referred to the labor troubles in Colorado, San Francisco and Chicago, which were blocks to the improvements of general conditions of the country. It was becoming more and more manifest, he said, that capital and labor were dependent on each other.

Asked if he did not think that conditions were improving as to lawlessness, Bishop Spalding said that it did not seem so to any extent. The riotous conditions in the anthracite strike were not so bad as the newspapers had made them, although there was picket ing and always would be violence in strikes.

"I don't think there is in America any class of em-

ways, the telegraph and telephone, and those utili ties are managed with the single purpose of giving the best service at the least cost. I don't mean to say that their operation is ideally perfect, but it is ex tremely satisfactory, and under no circumstances would we desire that they be placed under private ownership and control.

"Our labor situation is," he continues, "preferable to that of any other country, for we have a board of arbitration which upholds the scale unpartially between employer and employe, and whose decision is as binding and potential as the decree of any court of law. It is in effect a system of compulsory arbitration, and the verdict that is rendered is obligatory on both parties."

The christening of the big battleship that was launched at Newport News last week after the state of Virginia-the seat of the Confederate government during most of its existence and the home of thei commander of the Confederate forces-serves as a reminder of how completely the old sectional spirit between the north and the south has disappeared. There is now in the navy, or soon will be, six battleships named after states that seceded from the union namely, Virginia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Georgia and Texas, while there are two that are named after states in which secession sentiment was very

pronounced-Kentucky and Missouri. Of the nine armored cruisers already built or in process of build ing three are also named after southern states-Maryland, Tennessee and West Virginia. Only four southern states are now unrepresented among the bigger vessels-the two Carolinas, Florida and Arkansas -and no doubt their turn will come. It was a hap py inspiration that thus led the government to ig nore the past in naming these marine defenders of the republic.

Senator Burton says "If the whole, absolute truth were known about my case, the world would stand appalled." We do not believe the world would be shocked or surprised at any development of the case.

The Russian battleship Petropavlovsk has been destroyed. While we sympathise with the Russians in the loss of this fine vessel, we must congratulate them upon even the temporary loss of her name.

Wile Utah ministers are planning a campaign against simultaneous polygamy, the New York ministers are proposing to do what they can to surpress polygamy of the serial kind.

The emperor of Japan has conferred high honors on an officer who was killed at Port Arthur. He is following the American custom of conferring honorary titles on the dead ones.



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ployers who deliberately do their men wrong," he declared. He believed the American people entertained good will toward labor and the distressed. He considered them free from anarchistic ideas, and said that the tendency to socialism is only a minor one. He regarded a permanent tribunal of greater value than one created for each dispute. He did not believe in sympathetic strikes.

to labor the right to strike, was the one weapon of American flag. labor organizations, and to deny that right would be to deny the right to organize; but the great object sought, he added, is to bring about peaceful settlements without strikes. Labor organizations, he said, had accomplished much good. He was satisfied that any president would appoint a non-partisan tribunal. He had asked Mr. Mitchell if labor organizations would thrive if they lost the approval of public opinion, and he replied they would not, but would disintegrate. He referred to the settlement of the coal to sell, strike, suggesting conditions which would have resulted had that dispute not been settled.

NEW ZELAND EXPERIMENTS.

Lord Macaulay something less than a century ago picked out a New Zealander as the man who in his fancy should come from the center of a future civ ilization to view the ruins of London. The New Zea lander of Macaulay's acquaintence, if he ever knew one, was a savage of the first water, and therefore his prophetic fancy leaped far into the remote future and pictured a most unlikely transition. But the New Zealand of today is a progressive country and one whose people are as democratic, or more so, than those of any other country on earth, says the Ledger. The New Zealanders are experimenting along several lines of social and economic discussion and their experience is likely to prove valuable to the people of many older commonwealths. Reports from New Zealand differ, some being to the effect that the innovations that have been attempted are failures and have driven capital out of the country.

There are others who regard the experiments tried in New Zealand as successful. The Washington Post quotes a native New Zealander, by the name of Mr Charles Ratjen, a merchant of Auckland, to the effect that "there are many conditions of existence in New Zealand that make life worth living. We have as much freedom as any people could want, and yet our government is probably the most paternal in the world. We have state proprietorship of the rail- wills than with platforms.

SHORT LINE PORTLAND. OREGON. It does not seem right to refer to those clashes between Russia and Japan as battles when the loss of AND UNION PACIFIC life is smaller than that which follows a race riot 70 hours from Portland to Chicago in an Arkansas village. FRESH AND CURED MEATS No change of cars. Wholesale and Retail We trust it is no violation of the president's neu-TIME SCHEDULES Depart Ships, Logging Camps and Mills supplied on short notice. Arrive PORTLAND trality order to intimate to the czar that we have a The strike, he replied when asked if he would deny habit over here of shooting men who pull down the LIVE STOCK BOUGHT AND SOLD Chicago Portland special k15 a. m. via Hunt-Chicago and the East WASHINGTON MARKET - CHRISTENSON & CO. 5:25 pm ingto A Boston boy has been fitted for entrance to Harvard at the age of 10 years. The Society for the Pre Mantic Salt Lake, Denver Fi Worth, Omaha, Kan-sas City, St Louis, Chicago and the East vention of cruelty to Children has overlaaked a bet. xpress Something New wia Hunt-9 :00 a m looked a bet. ington Ranges, Stoves, Iron Beds and Furniture of all kinds. Also a good assortment of Second Hand Goods at Lowest Prices. St. Paul Fast Mail Walla Walla, tewis-One of those agricultural department experts with ton, spokane, Minne-apolis, St Paul, Duluth Milwaukee, Chicago, and East L. H. HENNINGSEN & CO. 7:45 p. m. via Spo-kane a big bulging forehead has figured it out that the 8:00 p m price of beef is high because the beef trust has meat 504 BOND STREET, ASTORIA, OREGON. PHONE, RED 2305 OCEAN AND RIVER SCHEDULE -From Astoria-Scow Bay Iron & Brass Works A local milliner reports are the first buyers of new All sailing dates subject to change. spring bonnets. Naturally, the society people will For San Francisce every five days. **Manufacturers** of wait until the fashions are thus established. Daily ex-cept Sun-Portland and Way day at7am Landings Iron. Steel, Brass and Bronze Castings. Daily ex-The sultan has decided to make an exhibit at the General Foundrymen and Patternmakers. St. Louis fair, but it will probably be tame to the Absolutely firstelass work. Prices lowest. Steamer Nahcotta leaves Astoria on one he is planning for the Balkans. tide daily except Sunday for liwaco, **Corner Elghteenth and Franklin** Phone 2451. connecting there with trains for Long A New York man proposes to use tame snakes to Beach, Tioga and North Beach points, clear houses of rats and mice. He will also clear them Returning arrives at Astoria same ASTORIA AND COLUMBIA of women by this method. evening. LUXURIOUS I RAVEL RIVER RAILROAD Through tickets to and from all prin-The seems to be nothing left that congress is wilcipal European cities. LEAVE | PORTLAND | ARRIVE ling to tackle except its pay checks "until after the The "Northwestern Limited" trains, electric lighted throughou', both inside and out, and steam heated, are with-G. W. ROBERTS, Agent, 8:00 a m Portland Union De-| 11:10 a m presidential election." 7:00 p m pot for Astoria and 9:40 p m Astoria, Ore. out exception, the finest trains in the world. They embedy the latest, newsai and best ideas for comfort, convenience Way Points Judge Parker is one of the fortunate individuals ASTORIA NIAL-M and luxury ever offered the travelling public, and altogether are the most complete and splendid production of the car builders' art. These splendid Trains Connect With..... who do not have to do their own horn blowing in 7:45 a m For Portland and 11:30 a m Tkese tiny Capsules are superior this life, 10:30 p m 6:10 p m | Way Points to Balsam of Copalba. CURE IN 48 HOURS SEASIDE DIVISION It is a misfortune for a congressman to put his foot the same diseases with *8:15 a m Astoria for Waren- 7:40 a m out inconvenience. Sold by all Druggists in it; a crime for him to put his fist in it. 11:35 a m ton, Flavel Fort 4:00 p m The Great Northern 5:50 p m Stevens, Hammond *10:45 a m The Northern Pacific and and Seaside It is now asserted that trolley cars produce ap-The Canadian Pacific Every Woman 6:15 a m | Seaside for War-| 12:50 p m pendicitis. Also corns and profanity. Flavel, 7:20 pm *9:39 a m renton, AT ST. PAUL FOR 2:30 p m Hammond, Fort *9:25 a m MARVEL Whirting Spray Stevens & Astoria The Parker button is out, but the voters are anx-ChiCAGO and the BAST. *Sunday only ious to get a speaking likness of him. All trains make close connections at No extra charge for these superior acommodations and all classes of tick-ets are available for passage on the trains on this line are pretected by the interlocking Block System. Gobie with all Northern Pasific trains MARY KL. to and from the East and Sound points Mr. Bryan is not having much more luck with his J. C. Maye, General Freight and Pass. Agent.