

HOW WILL IT END?

Just what will be the outcome of the present situation seems at present a very difficult question for any one to answer, The city officials are saying nothing, the mayor, naturally, will not disclose what his policy will be when the new charter comes into force, and while the gambling fraternity are not averse to discussing the matter, they also are singularly reticent as to the scope or the originator of what it is now certain is a concerted plan to block the system of "closed towns" which now impends in Oregon. THE STATE CRUSADE.

This much is sure. In Astoria, in

SUGAR UP ONCE MORE

Market Still Rising---A Rise of Almost \$1 in Short Time.

Sugar is still continuing to rise. The market report shows another advance in 20 cents, making the price per sack, \$5.30. Where not so, very long ago one could purchase sugar at \$4.35, today the price is almost one dollar higher and is still advancing. The consumer, of course, is the one to bear the burden, while the retailer makes very little if any profit in the sale

of this commodity. The direct benefit of the rise in the market price is derived by the manufacturer, and is in turn partly derived by

SWORE TO KILL

money will be spent in the state, between now and the time when the Legislature The smaller towns in Oregon are meets. adverse to Portland's precedency. any half' way course.

In conclusion Mr. Frazier said: "I stand for good government. I cannot go further. I am convinced that so long as men will gamble, it is far better to have it done openly, with the mayor's sanc-tion, than to patronize secreted joints that can only perplex the police.. Put me on record," continued Mr. Fra-

zier, "as voicing my bellef that a refer-endum call will not be made, and in my conversation with the men who gamble I become convinced that they believe a 'little bit' in the mayor."

the wholesaler-and jobber, while the retalier must pay any price set by the comblue. The consumer will, of course, not, pay very much more, and therefore the burden must be borne by both the retailer and the consumer.

CANNOT MOVE NAST.

confronts the nation internal rebellious fires continue to burn and it is hard to NEW YORK, Dec. 9.-It is announced here that it will never be possible to retell whether the greater peril to Castro's admin.stration is from within or without. move the remains of Thomas Nast, who died Sunday in Ecuador, back to the However, the greatest danger to the country is without doubt the gunboats United States. The contagious nature of the disease from which he died will renof Germany and England, knocking at der such action 'impossible. her treasury door.

O'BRIEN MUST DIE.

LEXINGTON, Dec. 9.—The fury trying O'Brien, the boy burglar, who, with his partner, killed C. J. Chinn. returned a verdict this afternoon of guilty and fixed the penalty at death. O'Brien is un-

LONDON, Dec. 9.—A cabinet meeting was held today for discussion of the Venezuelan situation. Nothing definite has been given out. It is understood that vigorous action will be at once taken, as Britain has gone too far to stop with

CARACAS. Dec. 9 .- There is con-) business to the American legation before sternation here. For the first time the departing on board the warships. people have begun to realize the serious

Shortly after the message from Bowen situation in whic., the country has been was received a messenger called at the placed and with gaping brown guns of State Department from the German the German and British warships frown-ing upon them they are in a position Embassy and left a note from the British minister. It is supposed that it contained from which there is no such thing as adformal notification of the action and atvance or retreat. Completely within the titude of Germany and England. power of the "foreign devils" they are doomed to make whatever peace terms-A cabinet meeting was held this morn-ing and the Venezuelan situation was

doomed, to make whatever in the discussed at length. Nothing has been shall be dictated to them. discussed at length. Nothing has been given out but it is not thought probable to haugh at the idea of serious complica-tions following. They will not. They policy as already outlined.

UP TO BIG GUNS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 .- When the British and German representatives at Caracas had delivered the ultimatums of their countries they at once left Venezuelan soil and went on board their warships. That meant that anything that was to be said by Castro must be said by special envoy. After presenting the ultimatums it was in the hands of the government to which they had been delivered and anything that was to be done must emanate from that source. It would appear that whatever there is to be done must be done quickly or the matter will pass into a period when action on the was received from Minister Bowen, at Caracas, the Venezuelan capital. This to be taken. It is admitted in diplomatic circles here that Castro is in a very tight box and it will be extremely diffiish ultimatums have been presented to the Venezuelan Government. It further announces that both the British and German ministers turned, over their tion. cult for him to squirm out of it. Ap-pearances are that he must either pay

When he had finished, Officer Wilkin-

U. S. DISTRICT COURT.

SCRANTON, Dec. 9 .- There was something out of the ordinary this morning to break the routine of proceedings before the coal strike settlement committee WASHINGTON, Dec. 9 .- Two tele-grams were laid before the Senate this in the announcement of the death of Dr.

Rice, one of the independent operators. When the news was given out, President Gray, of the commission, paid a high tribute to the memory of this man and expressed the sincere regret of the entire membership of the board at his untimely death. Dr. Rice was one of the most liberal of the independent operators. onclusion of routine business, the mili-Testimony taking was pesumed and Motia bili was taken up. In the House the London dockage bill

Meigle, a former employe of the Markle Company, was the first wilness. Evi-dence given by this man was most sensational and detailed how an effort had been made to compel him to work under dangerous hanging rocks and at the peril of his life.

HE WALKED OUT.

Rather than place himself in the threatening danger he quit his job. Shortly thereafter he was evicted from his home and, together with the members of his family, turned into the world without a house to live in or remunerative employment.

McMeigle went into details over the statement of his wrongs. When put to work in the dangerous tunnel he had complained against the danger, but was told by the foreman that unless he did what was assigned to him he could have no more work in the mines. The miners were there to work and not for the purose of choosing where that work should be carried on.

ANOTHER INSTANCE.

markets in search of mules and horses. The row pones of the West will be shipped from this port in large numbers McMeigle also detailed an incident of another miner who walked out at the same time with himself and refused to during the coming Spring. work in the dangerous shaft. He was also compelled to leave his home and went for months without employment. son came up and arrested Mr. Duffy. Duffy has his dollar yet, and he says Since the strike, however, this man has when he gains freedom he will walk to Puget Sound, rather than endure the privations of Portland. been put back to work at a place where

he can make but 60 cents a day. All this evidence is along lines that toud to show there is a blacklist in operation in the mines and that if a miner is once found guilty of disobedience to even the stightest wish of the operators or thelf bosses he is placed forever under the ban

EXCURSION TO CHICAGO.

A circular has been issued by the Ore-

The first message sent over the new mon points, \$55. Stations west of Uma-cable from Victoria. B. C., to Australia tills, double local rate is added to the

The dates of sale will be January & and message was from a firm in the Fiji The dates of sale will be January & and Islands and was for a large order for 9 only, and the limits will commence date

Telegrams From Different Sections Presented to Senate.

was called up and discussed. This bill

provides there shall be nothing in con-

tracts between shippers and the ship companies whereby the latter can make

charge of the dock tax imposed at the

AMES GONE.

has been withdrawn and he is now a fu-

BRITISH COW PONIES.

port of London.

gitive from justice.

morning urging adoption of the omnibus statehood bill and opposing the single admission of Oklahoma. One of these Five Are Dead and Many was from the Commercial Club of Kan-sas City, and the other was from the Chamber of Commerce and prominent citizens of Guthrle, Oklahoma. At the More Hurt.

> WILKESBARRE, Pa., Dec. 9 .- Falling several hundred feet down a mine shaft and striking the hard floor of the tunnel, a box of dynamite exploded this morning and created havoc in the Lehigh colliery. Although it is not possible as yet to determine the extent of the damage, ti is feared that five men have been killed and many more injured.

IN A COAL MINE

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 9 .- The sheriff of The bodies of four men have been re-Minneapolis, assisted by the local police, are searching the city to find and arrest moved from the mine already and nine men, who are dangerously hurt, have been removed to the hospital. The others ex-Mayor Ames of Minneapolis, for whom requisition has been issued. He is beare less seriously hurt. lieved to have gone to Boston. His bond

The box contained 50 sticks of dyna-mite. The extreme cold weather rendered it unfit for use, and it was being thawed by a stove. When a workman undertook to carry it into the shaft he stubbed his toe and fell. The explosive fell down the shaft. The man's body was blown into small fragments.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 9 .- The question of restocking Transvaal farms has again brought Great Britain to the American The colliery will not be closed,

WHEAT MARKET.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.-Wheat.-7314@76c.



The Whole Business Section Swept and Property Loss Is Placed at Fully \$1,000,000 in the Southern City.

ATLANTA. Ga., Dec. 9.—A fire which originated in the main business por-tion of the city early the morning completely destroyed an immense furniture establishment, the largest in the South, and caused other damage and the probable loss of half a dozen lives. The total loss is estimated at fully \$1,000,-000. In the very center of the area that was swept over by the fire field was a cheap hotel which is always well patronized. The firemen arruggled through the flames and smoke and did their best to arouse the sizepers. Many came istaggering out through the intense heat and reached surfer, but six are still miss-ing and it is believed they ware strangled by the smoke and perished in the flames.

Anarchists Taken While Plotting to Murder Ruler-Fierce Fight With the Police---Were Caught Red-Handed.

KING OF ITALY

ROME. Dec. 9.—Just as they had bared their breasts and had begun, upon the points of poniards, to swear a dreadful oath that they would kill Italy's king, thirteen Anarchists were surrounded by the police last night. The officers heard the men repeating the oath and they will probably be tried and executed. The police rushed them, each having a man to deal with, but in the melee that followed the lamp was overturned and a desperate fight in the darkness followed. When the assassing were at last overpowered and a light was struck one po-liceman was found to have been fatally stabled and a member of the Anarchist brotherhood was lying on the floor with a bullet hole through his head. The rest of the crew were priconers. There is not lack of evidence, as the officers were for some time concealed within easy hearing of the conspirators. This is con-sidered further proof that organized Anarchistic activity is assuming dangerous proportions throughout Europe.

He Was on the Trucks and Happy -- Pertland Police His Enemy. "My poor man, I sympathize with you. Take this gift, for you must be in sore need."

SHE BALLED

nation

Mrs. J. C. Beals of Corvallis said this last night when the train was pulling out for Tacoma and Seattle. His name is Duffy and having battled with Chief McLauchlan's men for more

Venezuela is facing the most stirring climax of her existence as a separate

In spite of the common enemy that

AT WASHINGTON.

WASHINGIUN, Dec. 9.-At the State Department this morning a long dispatch

message confirms the heretofore unoffi-cial statement that the German and Brit-

MR. DUFFY OUT

than two weeks he decided to move to greener fields. Mr. Duffy climbed way up under the

rods on the first coach of the 11:35 train last night. Mrs. Beals saw him as he executed his stunt. It was then she peered under the car and called him. She tendered a silver dollar, and this is what Duffy said: "Lady, you're all right; but you've



itors.

States Court, praying to be adjudged a bankrupt. The assets are less than \$1,500.

has been received in this city by the rate from Spokane, not to exceed rate Portland Flouring Mills Company. The from Portland.

bailed me out. I was comfortable on four and feed. It cost 55 cents a word, of sale, and going will be for continuous the trucks and could have ridden to Ka-lama, but now you have exposed me." before the cable was finished

the St. Helens Lumber Company, filed a petition in the United States Court this morning requesting the court to de-clare the latter firm bankrupt. William T. Muir appears as attorney for the cred-J. T. Yantis of Fossil, Wheeler County,

Tatum & Bowen, E. C. Atkins & Co., and George Ainsile & Co., creditors of

filed a petition this morning in the United

gon Railroad & Navigation Company giving the reduced round-trip rates from points on the Coast to Chicago during the exhibition of the National Livestock

Association, which will be held in that city next month. The rates are as follows: From Portland, Puget Sound and

common points, \$60; from Spokane, Pendleton. Lewiston, intermediate and com-