

TELEGRAPHS CLOSE TO CARACAS

Capital is Cut Off from All the Other Cities of the Country.

REPORTED TO BE IN A CONDITION OF PANIC.

from La Guayra Say That the Allies are Giving Open Assistance to the Rebels—Castro in

Jan. 5.—Three columns are within eight miles of this morning. All telegraph railroads are destroyed, and is practically cut off from all other cities.

PRELIMINARY CONFERENCE.

at Mitchell Meets the Members of Anthracite Commission.

NATIONAL LOTTERY.

of China Approves Plans to Funds for War Indemnity.

Among Gopher State Officials
Jan. 5.—Lieutenant Ray W. Jones, State Auditor, Iverson and C. A. Pidgeon, the supreme court, the three officials chosen at the last were inducted into office.

to Judge Corn and Stock.

Jan. 5.—Some of the town and most successful live-poultry and corn-growers are attending the corn and live-poultry school which began its today at the state agricultural college.

Going to Relieve Wilds.

Jan. 5.—Rear Admiral Cooper will leave the next few days to succeed Admiral Wildes in the command of the southern division of the Asiatic Squadron.

Involving the Metal Trades.

Jan. 5.—In response to a call of T. H. Flynn, general secretary of the American Federation of Labor, a meeting of representatives from crafts was begun here today for the purpose of settling jurisdictional disputes involving the metal

Sultan Will Abdicate.

Jan. 5.—A special from Morocco says the sultan of Morocco has abdicated in favor of his son, who is acclaimed whenever he appears on the streets of Fez.

BIDS FOR MIGHTY CRUISERS.

Opened at the Navy Department—The Two Ships Will Cost \$6,000,000 Each.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—Bids for the construction of the two most powerful armored cruisers ever designed for the United States navy were opened at the Navy department today and within a day or two it is probable the result will be announced and the contracts awarded. It is said the bidding for the construction of these ships has been unusually active, proposals having been received from nearly every concern in the country having a plant capable of turning out a warship of the desired type.

The two ships will cost not less than \$6,000,000 each and will be the costliest vessels in the navy, the price greater by several hundred thousand dollars than that of the heaviest battleship. The cruisers will be known as the Tennessee and the Washington, and are the vessels about which a disagreement arose in the board of construction as to whether power should be sacrificed to speed. A negative decision was reached.

The yards awarded the contracts will receive from the government not less than \$4,000,000 each for the construction of hulls and machinery, and the armor factories will receive practically the remainder. Nearly two years' time was devoted by the experts to the designs for these cruisers, and it will be at least three years before they are completed.

OPPOSES FILIPINO CHURCH

WILL NOT ALLOW THEM TO POSSESS CATHOLIC PROPERTY

Has Issued Instructions to the Police to Prevent New Organization From Taking Forceable Possession of Property of Mother Church.

Washington, Jan. 5.—In a supplemental report to the annual report, Governor Taft opposes the recently established Filipino Independent Catholic church, which was organized in opposition to the Roman Catholic

Taft has issued instructions to the police that they must try to prevent the followers of the new faith from forcible taking possession of Roman Catholic property. They must also protect the new church in holding any property to which it has good title.

GRANT'S PASS LABOR UNIONS.

Will Establish Co-operative General Merchandise Store.

Grant's Pass, Jan. 5.—Grant's Pass Federated Trades Union and the various organizations of labor here are preparing to establish a co-operative store, similar to those in vogue in the eastern and middle states, that are controlled by the Grange, Farmers' Alliance and Patrons of Husbandry. Stock is being liberally taken up by the members of the local organizations, and by the citizens of the county, and those who have the matter in charge feel confident they will have no trouble in getting a store started. Only groceries will be handled at first but it is the intention of the promoters to branch out and handle all lines of merchandise. The combining of all the Grant's Pass stores and a mutual agreement to keep prices at a high mark is the labor organizations' reason for establishing a co-operative store.

AWAITING AN ANSWER.

Union Employees of Railroads Sent Officials to Get Answer to Demands for Increase of Pay.

St. Louis, Jan. 5.—Committees representing the orders of railway trainmen and conductors met here in force at noon for the purpose of receiving the answers of the railways regarding their demand for 20 per cent increase in wages. The demand was made December 20th, and will effect all railroads west of Chicago.

TO MAINTAIN BLOCKADE.

England and Germany Arrive at an Agreement.

Berlin, Jan. 5.—It was announced today that England and Germany arrived at an agreement Thursday last to maintain the Venezuelan blockade throughout the arbitration negotiations.

Enter Formal Protest.

New York, Jan. 5.—Agents of the Red "D." Steamer Line entered a formal protest today with Secretary Hay at Washington, because the steamer Caracus was not allowed to land her cargo at La Guayra recently.

CONGRESS REASSEMBLES AFTER THE HOLIDAY RECESS

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts Introduces a Bill Suspending All Duties on Coal for Ninety Days.

Congressman Hull Asks Consent to Present a Bill Creating a General Military Staff in the Army.

Washington, Jan. 5.—A large representation was present when the senate opened and the galleries were filled. The senate lost no time in getting to business.

Hoar gave notice that immediately after routine business tomorrow morning, he would speak on the antitrust bill.

In the house the galleries were almost empty, scarcely a quorum of members being present, when Henderson dropped the gavel.

John A. Tull, of Iowa, the chairman of the military affairs committee, asked unanimous consent to present for consideration the bill to create a general staff of the army. Richardson, of Tennessee, was the only objector. The house proceeded to consider the question. Hull said the bill was unanimously indorsed by the committee on military affairs and that it was for the purpose of concentrating the several staff departments under one head.

Bartlett, of Georgia, wanted to know if it wasn't for the purpose of displacing General Miles as commander of the army. Hull replied that the term commander of the army was nothing but a myth and that Miles had no authority to issue any order unless by direction of the president or secretary of war. There was only one commander in chief—the president.

At 2 o'clock Henderson announced a quorum present and, adjournment was taken. The bill will be unfinished business before the house next suspension day. As there will be no suspension day until the last three days of the session, enemies of the bill are triumphant today.

Hull was not caught napping, however, and offered a rule to be considered tomorrow to make the bill in regular order immediately after the adoption of the rule. The reason for the fight will therefore come tomorrow.

Lodge, of Massachusetts, introduced a bill for the suspension of duties on coal for 90 days. Culberson, of Texas, offered a bill removing the duty on anthracite. Platt, of Connecticut, objected and declared that there was no duty on anthracite. The resolution went over.

Among the nominations sent to the senate today was that of William Estes, of Minnesota, to be consul to Antigua, West Indies; Hugh Pitcairn, now consul, to become consul-general at Hamburg.

Proctor, of Vermont, unsuccessfully strove to have a day fixed for a vote on the bill providing for the reorganization of the militia. Vest, of Missouri, offered a resolution placing anthracite coal on the free list. Aldrich, of Rhode Island, moved to refer the resolution to the committee on finance. Vest called for the yeas and nays. The resolution went over until tomorrow.

The omnibus statehood bill came up, Foraker of Ohio, announcing, that in the absence of Senator Quay, he would look after its interests. Nelson, of Minnesota, took the floor in opposition.

Representative Fitzgerald of Brooklyn, introduced a bill in the house today making it a misdemeanor for any business firm in the United States to picture any living person without that person's consent, for advertising purposes.

if, as has been suggested, it is not taken with a view to making a record of the position of the powers in this matter.

The situation is regarded here as warranting some concern, though, unless the Washington government is to discredit utterly every statement of the powers in the past two years, whenever the possibility of a division of China came, it cannot believe that there is any intention to proceed to extremes. It is again suggested that the time is ripe for a reference of this complete issue to The Hague tribunal, a consummation devoutly wished for by China, and a cause which has commended itself to the Washington government.

The United States, which is interested equally with the other powers in getting as much money as it can in the shape of indemnity, still feels bound by moral law to support the Chinese contention for the silver basis looking not only upon the language of the protocols and the Peikin treaty itself, but also having a solicitude regard for China's interest and perpetuity as a nation. The other powers are united in demanding a settlement on a gold basis. This is an issue which, in the minds of the officials here, is eminently adapted to the methods of arbitration. So far, China alone has suggested a reference to The Hague tribunal, but it is possible, and even probable, if the powers are going to extremes, the United States government will seem bound to discharge its duty under article 27 of The Hague tribunal and point the way to arbitration.

California Federation of Labor.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 5.—The California State Federation of Labor began its third annual convention in this city today and will remain in session until the end of the week. There is a large attendance of delegates from the local unions of San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento, Fresno, Bakersfield, Vallejo and other cities of the state. Plans for pushing the work of organization and prospective legislative measures affecting labor interests will occupy the convention. The annual report of Secretary Rosenberg shows a gratifying increase in membership during the last 12 months.

GRAIN MARKETS.

Quotations Furnished by the Coe Commission Company—L. C. Major Local Manager, Room 4, Association Block.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—		Opened.	Closed.
Wheat—	May	75 3/4	75 3/4 @ %
July	72 1/2	72 1/2	
Corn—	May	43 1/2	43 1/2
July	42 1/2	42 1/2	
Oats—	May	33 1/2	34
Pork—	May	1607 1/2	1592 1/2
Minneapolis, Jan. 5.—		Opened.	Closed.
Wheat—	May	73 1/2	74 @ %
July	74 1/2	74 1/2	
New York, Jan. 5.—		Opened.	Closed.
Wheat—	May	79 1/2	79 1/2
July	77 1/2 @ %	77 1/2 @ %	

Asks for Receiver.

Chicago, Jan. 5.—The American Steel Company today applied for a receiver in bankruptcy for the Keystone Manufacturing Company, one of the largest farm implement concerns in America. It has several immense plants. The liabilities are \$300,000.

Trial of Boodler.

St. Louis, Jan. 5.—Charles Kelly, the alleged boodler, has been called for trial today.

A TEN-MILL TAX IS VOTED

FOR MAINTENANCE OF PENDLETON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Will Raise About \$10,000 Which, With the \$7000 State Fund, Will Maintain Schools.

At a special school meeting held at the courthouse this afternoon, a 10-mill tax was unanimously voted for the maintenance of the Pendleton public schools.

This money is necessary for the buying of fuel, paying the salaries of 20 teachers, paying interest on the bonded indebtedness of \$13,000 and to float warrants to the amount of \$5000 beside other incidental expenses.

The 10-mill tax voted will raise about \$10,000 for the purposes intended. This amount together with the \$7000 which comes from the state school fund is necessary for the proper maintenance of the schools of the Pendleton district.

"A 10-mill levy may seem very large for one district, but the taxpayers will have to bear it as long as the present assessment of property in district No. 16 prevails," said School Clerk Walter M. Pierce. "At the present time the property of the district is assessed at \$1,500,000. This causes a deficiency in the school money of the district of \$10,000 which amount has to be raised by a high levy. With a proper valuation of the property in the district it is estimated that this levy would be reduced by half and perhaps more than half. The property on Main street, of Pendleton, could not be purchased for \$1,500,000, yet the entire district is assessed at this amount.

"As long as the present property valuation prevails the taxpayers are willing and anxious to vote the high tax in order to keep up the present high standard of the schools. There is no higher nor more laudable purpose than the desire to have the best educational institutions in the country. Pendleton ranks at the head now and will use every effort to continue to do so. The taxpayers recognize the fact that with less attention paid to the schools and less competent instructors, and poorer facilities many of the farmers and stockmen who move to town every winter to take advantage of the schools, would go to Walla Walla or to Portland or send their children away to school then."

From Far Indiana.

Charles Rader, a cousin of M. A. Rader, of this city, and M. Bouden and family, of Wolcott, Ind., were guests at the home of Mr. Rader last night on their way to Walla Walla county to locate. Mr. Rader's parents live in Walla Walla county and Mr. Bouden is bringing his family here in the hopes of the change of climate being a benefit to their health.

REDUCED TO FAMINE.

People of Pescadore Islands Said to Be Starving.

San Francisco, Jan. 5.—A severe famine is reported in the Pescadore Islands. The population has been reduced to a diet of potato leaves and seaweed grass. Relief will be sent from Formosa.

ELOPED WITH A PRISONER

Sheriff's Daughter Releases Two Prisoners, One of Whom She Marries.

THE GIRL SUPERINTENDED FEEDING THE PRISONERS.

Searching Parties Have Been Sent Out and if the Prisoners Are Found it May Precipitate a Very Serious Fight.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 5.—Miss Etta Aldredge, a well known beauty, aged 20, the daughter of the sheriff of Blount county, released two prisoners from the county jail last night and eloped with Mabren Murphy, awaiting trial for seduction. The other prisoner, Lewis Gurley, is a desperate character charged with murdering an aged woman.

The girl superintended the feeding of the prisoners when her father was away last night. A prolonged absence of the girl caused an investigation. Searching parties have been sent out. It may prove another Biddis case, as both convicts are believed to be fully armed.

SAWMILL AT WALLULA.

Proposed Scheme to Make Fuel and Lumber of the Columbia River's Drift Wood.

Walla Walla, Jan. 5.—A scheme is said to be on foot for the purchase of land lying along the Columbia River above Wallula for a saw mill site.

This on first thought seems to be a ludicrous undertaking, as Wallula is in the sand belt 60 miles from timber, but it is intended to utilize the drift wood of the big river and perhaps float saw logs down the stream to the mill.

A sawmill at this place would prove of great value to the homesteaders in the Horse Heaven country and Wash-tucna country, it is said, as fuel in the new farming districts is scarce. Countless feet of wood suitable for lumber or fuel yearly floats down the Columbia, and this could easily be brought ashore and utilized by the construction of a swinging boom.

WHEAT FAMINE.

The Harvest Nearly a Failure in Australia.

San Francisco, Jan. 5.—Late advices from Australia state that there is an unusual demand for foreign wheat in that country to meet the harvest deficiencies. The harvest now on, is nearly a failure and it is estimated that 100,000 tons of breadstuff will have to be imported into Australia this year.

Fifty Years a Nun.

New York, Jan. 5.—A golden jubilee mass was sung at St. Catherine's convent of the Order of the Sisters of Mercy for Sister M. Frances Murray, in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of her entrance into the order. Many prominent priests and prelates of the Roman Catholic church took part in the celebration. When Sister Frances took her final vows in 1853 she became connected with the Mulberry street house of the order and remained there for 16 years, until the opening of St. Catherine's convent in Madison avenue, 34 years ago, with which institution she has since been associated. In the civil war, Sister Frances was assigned to the staff of General Foster and served at Stanley hospital, New Bern, N. C., where her devoted attention to the sick and wounded soldiers called forth the praise of the officers.

CRACKER CREEK FACTS

North Pole mine was offered for sale three years ago for \$600,000. It has 6000 feet on the mother lode. It is now worth twenty million dollars.

The South Pole mine adjoins, has 4941 feet on the same lode, has six tunnels, amounting to 2200 feet, all in ore. We expect within less than three years' work to have a mine as valuable as North Pole is today.

South Pole stock is selling at 15 cents until about January 1st. Buy before the price raises. See Gahagan at Hartman Abstract office, Pendleton, Ore.