

COAL MINERS

Threaten to Tie Up the Mines of the Central

Mitchell Asked to Settle Difficulty.

Quit Tonight.

Haute, Ind., March 31.—The bituminous operators and mineworkers to settle wage for 1903, is futile—12,000

afternoon both sides united in John Mitchell to assist in the settlement of the difficulty. He will return tomorrow.

operators refuse to grant any concessions to the miners, who demand. Their present agreement expires tonight. Nearly 12,000 men quit work tomorrow pending settlement.

WANT PROTECTION.

new of the Lorimer-Durbrow Congressional Contest Promised in Federal Courts.

March 31.—The attorneys election commissioners this afternoon telegraphed to Washington that protection of the general election be given them to prevent the forces from getting possession of the ballots in the Lorimer-Durbrow congressional contest by an answer is said to have been promised a review of the case in the federal courts by a committee who will be sent to give both sides an impartial hearing.

NEGRO QUALIFIES.

Appointed Collector at Charles Takes His Office and Forces Attempt at Injunction.

March 31.—Dr. Crum, who was lately appointed collector at this port here, took his office today, and is preparing to secure injunction restraining him from charging on the grounds that his appointment was made by Roosevelt without the consent of the senate, and therefore unconstitutional, and that he forestalled them by qualifying.

AMER LAUNCHED TODAY.

Asbury Park Will Ply Between City and Famous Methodist

Philadelphia, Pa., March 31.—The Asbury Park, built by the Railroad of New Jersey to ply between New York City and the famous Methodist resort, was launched today at Cramps' in the presence of the city officials and a number of other prominent visitors. The christening ceremony was performed by Miss Winsor, who had as her maids of honor Miss Mabel Burr and Miss Mabel Hawkins, all of Asbury Park.

OLUTION IN MACEDONIA.

ing Trouble in the Balkans—Russia Thought to Be Back of the

Petersburg, March 31.—The reports from Uskub, in Macedonia, show a rapid increase of the revolutionary movement in the Balkans. An attempt was lately made to burn the barracks and military stores at Ishtip. The revolutionaries, despite the official warnings, believe that Russia is backing them.

TO MEET COMPETITION.

Iron and Steel Manufacturers Conference to Consider American Methods.

London, March 31.—A conference of iron and steel manufacturers from Great Britain was held today to discuss the means of meeting American competition. Park, who recently visited America in connection with the trade, occupied the chair. He said the British manufacturers use greater economy in production, they already make more use of saving appliances than the Americans.

Light Betting.

York, March 31.—The lightest betting ever done on a championship fight marks the New York situation in the Corbett-McGovern fight. It is scarcely any betting of large stakes. McGovern is a very slight favorite at eight to ten and even.

Corbett the Favorite.

Francisco, March 31.—The young Corbett have been beating the pool rooms with money and it now looks as though Corbett was entering as favorite.

FURNACE EXPLODED.

Molten Steel Deluged Workingmen in Steel Works—Three Fatally Injured.

Pittsburg, March 31.—A blast furnace in the Edgar Thompson steel works at Braddock, exploded from some unknown cause at 4:30 this morning. Fourteen men were seriously injured and three fatally hurt. The men were casting, when without a premonitory sign the big furnace let go, throwing a deluge of molten metal. A special train brought the victims to a hospital here.

STRIKE AT BROMBERG.

Blacklegs Met the Strikers—Scores on Both Sides Injured in a Riot.

Berlin, March 31.—The building trades strike at Bromberg, resulted in fierce riots today. A trainload of blacklegs arrived under police protection and were met by the strikers. Scores on both sides were more or less injured. The infantry was called out and numerous arrests made.

PLEADED HIS OWN CASE.

Rev. Hungate, of Paintsville, Ohio, Found Guilty of Delicate Operation.

Paintsville, O., March 31.—Rev. Hungate, who the jury found was guilty of criminal operation upon his 18-year-old housekeeper, this morning was sentenced to five years' imprisonment. He eloquently pleaded his own case and asked that the verdict be set aside. He protested his innocence.

EPIDEMIC OF DIPHTHERIA.

Detachment of Marines Sent to League Island to Quarantine Receiving Ships.

Norfolk, March 31.—A detachment of 40 marines arrived here today from the League Island navy-yard to reinforce the quarantine on the receiving ships Franklin, Richmond and the torpedo boat Decatur, where diphtheria has broken out among 1,500 recruits.

Report False.

Chicago, March 31.—The report sent out last night that troops had been called for in the Lorimer-Durbrow election contest, is utterly without foundation.

Decision Tomorrow.

St. Louis, March 31.—All the parties in the Washburn injunction suit today were notified that the court will hand down a decision tomorrow.

NEW CUBAN TREATY WILL BE RATIFIED

MINISTER QUESADA AND SECRETARY HAY SIGN

Copy Ratified by Cuban Congress Not Arrived—They Agree in Writing to Recognize That as an Exchange of Ratification.

Washington, March 31.—Minister Quesada for Cuba and Secretary Hay for the United States, this morning constructively exchanged ratifications of the Cuban reciprocity treaty. The copy ratified by the Cuban congress has not arrived but both signed the copy ratified by the United States and agreed in writing to recognize that as an exchange of ratification. They will sign the Cuban copy when it arrives.

KILLED BY PUMA.

Children Playing in Creek in Texas. Torn to Pieces by Enraged Beast.

Houston, Texas, March 31.—Word reached here this morning that two children playing in Mud Creek, were lately attacked and killed by a mountain lion. They were literally torn to pieces, as was the dog which fought for them. The owner of the ranch, where the children's father was employed, trailed the beast and killed it.

Increase for Alabama Miners.

Birmingham, Ala., March 31.—As a result of the unprecedented earnings during the past year the Galloway Coal Company, operating extensive coal mines in the Carbon Hill district, has granted a general wage increase to its employes, effective today. The miners' wage scale is increased from 50 cents per ton to 55 cents, the advance benefiting more than 1000 men.

Big Increase in Telephone Stock.

New York, March 31.—Stockholders of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company voted at a special meeting today to increase the capital stock of the company from \$150,000,000 to \$250,000,000. This increase of \$100,000,000 is to be used as necessary demands, and is not all to be issued at once.

King Edward Going to Lisbon.

London, March 31.—King Edward sails today on the royal yacht Victoria and Albert for Lisbon to repay the recent visit to England of King Carlos. Though the plans have not been fully announced it is understood that the king will remain in Portugal four or five days. He is accompanied on the trip by his intimate friend, the Marquis of Soveral, the Portuguese minister to London.

THE VENEZUELAN TROUBLE NOT YET AT AN END

Foreign Powers Delay Their Signatures to the Protocols to Allow Seligman to Make a Loan.

Washington, March 31.—A million dollars and possibly the whole future of Venezuela depends on a race which is being run today between Laguarda and Carracas by Pulida, the Venezuelan minister to Washington, and a representative of the Seligman Bros., the New York bankers.

Six weeks ago Minister Bowen submitted to the Hague the question as to whether by reason of their blockade of Venezuelan ports should be entitled to preferential treatment. Notwithstanding the promises of prompt action, the signatures have been unaccountably delayed.

Early in March the Seligmans made a proposition to loan Venezuela \$50,000,000 to pay the claims of the allied powers, bearing 10 per cent interest. Bowen absolutely refused this proposition.

Suspecting that the signatures to

the protocol were being withheld because the powers wanted Venezuela to accept the loan, Bowen sent Pulida direct to Castro to explain the many objectionable features of the loan. He called March 21. The same boat carried a Seligman representative, who will get Castro to accept the loan, notwithstanding Bowen's protest.

The boat arrived at La Guayra today and Minister Bowen believes that whichever gains first audience with Castro will be successful. He is anxious that the Hague render an opinion relative to the collection of claims by force to gain a preferential treatment.

Another serious anxiety is that if the loan is accepted and the claims paid, it will leave considerable money in the Venezuelan treasury which is always a menace in a South American republic.

RAILROAD WRECK

A PASSENGER TRAIN COLLIDES WITH ENGINE.

Engineer and Fireman Killed—Express Messenger Fatally Hurt—Number of Passengers Injured.

Waterbury, Conn., March 31.—In a collision between a light engine and a passenger on the New York, New Haven & Hartford this morning the engineer and fireman were killed and the express messenger was fatally hurt. Both trains were going at a high speed. A number of passengers were slightly injured by being hurled from their seats.

EASILY LED.

New Shamrock Sailed Against the Old Challenger Today on Clyde.

Glasgow, March 31.—Shamrock III sailed against the old challenger Shamrock I on the Clyde today. A light west wind was blowing and the new Shamrock easily led. It created a decidedly good impression. As the breeze freshened she went through the water with scarcely a ripple. She is exceptionally quick in her stays.

STEAMER WRECKED.

Brighton Ashore Off Atlantic City—Crew Saved With Difficulty.

Atlantic City, March 31.—The British steamer Brighton, loaded with fruit and carrying a small number of passengers, went ashore off here in a storm last night. All aboard were rescued by the life savers with difficulty, the breeches buoy being used, the vessel, which is partially new, will be a total wreck.

PILOT ROCK ROBBERY.

Thieves Entered by Front Door—Secure About \$150 in Cash—Postoffice Inspector Now Investigating Matter.

In addition to what could be learned yesterday about the Pilot Rock postoffice robbery it is reported that the robbers entered the building through the front door.

It is probable that they first attempted to enter the safe through the combination after knocking off the knob. Failing in this they blew the safe, using two charges of dynamite for the purpose.

They secured between \$140 and \$150 in cash and stamps and valuable papers to an unknown extent. Miss Smith, the deputy postmaster, arrived in town last night and reported the affair officially to Postmaster Livermore, who at once notified the postoffice inspector, Clark, of Walla Walla, who has the investigation in hand now. Miss Smith could not say just the extent of the loss, because she and the postmistress, Mrs. Lura Richards, labored under the misapprehension that the safe and its more or less scattered contents should not be overhauled before the arrival of the inspector.

While they satisfied themselves that the money and stamps were taken, they did not know at the time Miss Smith left Pilot Rock, just what had been taken besides, nor the value of whatever else had been taken. Of the \$140 or \$150 cash taken, about \$40 belonged to one of the Pilot Rock fraternal organizations.

IN POLICE COURT.

Five Hoboes Given From Five to Ten Days Each in City Jail.

Five hoboes went through the vagabond mill this morning. They were Edward Hayes, Joe E. Davis, James Redmond and S. Moore. All were booked as plain vags and were given from five to ten days each in the city jail.

LARGE AREA FLOODED

ANOTHER BAD BREAK FEARED AT LELAND.

Mississippi Fell an Inch Last Night at New Orleans—Louisiana Convict Plantation Submerged.

New Orleans, March 31.—The river fell an inch in the last 24 hours. The crevasses are in the same condition as yesterday. Many weak points are reported.

State Plantation Damaged.

New Orleans, March 31.—The levee protecting one of the state convict farms gave way this afternoon. No lives are known to have been lost. Efforts are being made to protect the convict camps. The plantation will be completely covered, causing big damage.

Leland Threatened.

Leland, Ark., March 31.—This city is threatened with a flood. Nothing but a rapid fall of the river will prevent a break below here which would inundate hundreds of miles in Arkansas and North Louisiana.

THE CAYUSE FIRE.

Loss of Two Cars by the O. R. & N., a Small Dwelling and Three Warehouses.

Further particulars about the Cayuse fire are as follows: There was approximately 18,000 bushels of wheat and barley burned in three warehouses, divided as follows: Kerr, Girard & Co., 4,000 or 5,000 bushels; Interior Warehouse Company, between 2,000 and 3,000 bushels; the balance being in the Pacific Coast Company's warehouse. The buildings and contents were a total loss. The fire, the origin of which cannot even be guessed, began in the upper part of the Interior Company's warehouse.

All the warehouse companies carried insurance, but the local agents do not know in just what amounts. Several telegraph holes were burned, belonging to the Western Union Company, and one rail in the switch track was considerably warped by the heat.

The O. R. & N. also lost a car with its contents, which belonged to the painters' outfit, and also an empty box car, which was awaiting loading. A small dwelling belonging to J. W. Flack, the Cayuse merchant, and Martin Madison, and in which the two men slept, was burned, the loss probably being \$250 to Messrs. Flack and Madison.

Trees 150 yards from the fire were consumed. J. W. Flack's store building caught fire repeatedly, and only strenuous and patient work saved it. All that saved the Flack store and also the section house, but more particularly the latter, was the direction of the wind.

MAKING PROGRESS.

Executive Committee of the Lewis and Clark Fair Have Engineers and Gardeners at Work.

C. B. Wade has returned from attending an unofficial and informal meeting of the fair commission at Portland. The general board cannot legally organize until the 28th of May, and on that account the meeting of the board was necessarily informal and advisory.

Mr. Wade reports that the executive committee is making progress, having engineers and landscape gardeners at work, and that the architects will begin work on the building plans in a short time.

Team of Clydes.

George Horsman, of Gurdane, yesterday sold to a sound buyer in this place a team of 7-year-old Clyde grades for \$300 cash. This is said to be one of the finest teams ever bred in this country.

GRAIN MARKETS.

Quotations Furnished by Coe Commission Company, 120 Court Street—B. E. Kennedy, Local Manager.

Table with columns: Grain, Opened, Closed. Includes Wheat, Oats, Minneapolis, Chicago Wheat.

Mrs. Joe H. Parkes is quite ill, and has been so nearly a week.

KILLED AT DRILL.

Caisson of Light Field Gun Overturns and Explodes at Fort Meyer.

Washington, March 31.—One soldier was killed and four others were seriously wounded in an explosion of an ammunition caisson of light artillery, at Fort Meyer while at practice drill this morning. The details were not given out either by the war department or the hospital, but it is known that the victims served the gun and caisson that met with the accident.

Caisson Overturned.

It was announced this afternoon that the killing and wounding of the artillerymen at Fort Meyer was due to the overturning of a caisson instead of an explosion.

ROOSEVELT WILL EXPLAIN.

President Enraged Because the Charge is Made That Simon Was Turned Down Because He Was a Jew.

Portland, March 31.—A Washington special to the Journal says Roosevelt is enraged at the charge made that ex-Senator Simon was turned down because he was a Jew. When the president comes west he will personally explain the entire matter to the leaders here.

Challenges Novelist.

Paris, March 31.—The brother of Emma Thoret, the woman who yesterday tried to kill Provost, the author, today challenged the novelist to a duel.

VERDICT IN THE BURDICK INQUEST

PENNELL, IF ALIVE, WOULD BE CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Judge Murphy This Morning Exhaustively Reviews Evidence—Couldn't Render a Verdict Establishing Identity of Murderer.

Buffalo, March 31.—Judge Murphy this morning rendered a verdict in the Burdick case and exhaustively reviews the evidence. He closed by saying that were Pennell alive evidence had been brought out at the inquest that would justify the issuance of a warrant for his arrest on the charge of murder. He said the law presumes a man innocent until he is proven guilty, therefore he could not render a verdict establishing the identity of Burdick's murderer.

Mrs. Hull's Testimony.

Judge Murphy also lays stress on Mrs. Hull's testimony and says: "Her actions the morning of the murder, and her testimony are to my mind, inconsistent with a perfect want of knowledge as to what actually occurred. So little apparent feeling for the dead man and such an evident desire to cover up the crime, and no disposition whatever to aid the authorities in apprehending the murderer may be explained but certainly have not been explained."

Censured Mrs. Burdick.

In closing, Murphy said: "It is our duty to censure Mrs. Burdick, but as great as her wrong has been, great is her punishment."

BROUGHT FROM BARNHART.

Charles Frazier Fractured His Left Elbow and Was Badly Bruised by His Fall.

Charles Frazier was brought from Barnhart last night on the passenger train.

Examination by Drs. Cole and McFall disclosed the principal injuries to be a bad fracture of the left elbow and more or less severe concussion of the brain. There was no fracture of the skull.

Aside from the injuries mentioned, he was badly bruised and shocked from the fall of over 12 feet from the scaffolding to the floor of the new warehouse. He is at his home now, perfectly conscious and in a general way doing well.

"You say your playing created a great deal of talk?" said the friend. "Yes," answered the pianist, "but unfortunately, it was mostly during my fortune-telling."—Washington Star.

H. W. CORBETT DEAD

Oregon's Foremost Citizen Dies at His Home of Heart Failure.

CAME TO OREGON WITH THE ARGONAUTS OF 1851.

Has Led an Active Business Life Covering the Period of Half a Century—As United States Senator Succeeded George H. Williams.

Portland, March 31.—Former United States Senator H. W. Corbett died at 6:45 this morning, of heart failure.

Henry Winslow Corbett was born in Wgatbro, Mass., February 18, 1827. He removed with his parents to Washington county, New York, and received an academic education; entered a store as a clerk in 1840 at Cambridge, Mass., and in 1843 removed to New York city, where he continued in the mercantile business.

In 1850 he shipped a large quantity of merchandise, by way of Cape Horn to Portland, Or., and in the following spring came to Oregon himself, by way of the Isthmus of Panama.

From the date of his arrival in Portland he began an active business career which has been closely identified with every step in the history of the state of Oregon.

In 1855 he secured a government mail contract between Portland and Sacramento and put a stage line on the route. In 1859 he joined with Henry Failing in purchasing the First National Bank of Portland, which institution has been under his management continuously since that time.

In 1867 Mr. Corbett was elected to the United States senate, to succeed George H. Williams, the present mayor of Portland.

In politics he was a whig until the republican party was formed, and since its organization has been one of the foremost leaders of that party in the state.

In business Mr. Corbett has always been extremely liberal, fostering and encouraging every industry and undertaking that tended to advance the state. As United States senator he was an ardent advocate of the construction of the Northern Pacific railway, at that time in a formative stage.

When the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition corporation was organized Mr. Corbett was unanimously elected president, which position he held at the time of his death.

He has taken an active part in advancing the exposition and has displayed remarkable vigor for a man 76 years of age. His health has been very good and the sudden attack of heart failure came unheralded.

PRESIDENT SWIFT.

Head of the Great Packing Trust, Had Internal Hemorrhages and Died Yesterday.

Chicago, March 31.—Gustavus Franklin Swift, president of the Swift Packing Company, died at his home, 485 Ellis avenue, of internal hemorrhages, resulting from a surgical operation performed several days ago. Mr. Swift was 63 years old.

The hemorrhage which caused Mr. Swift's death resulted from an operation for an infection of the gall bladder, performed March 22. His death was entirely unexpected both by Mr. Swift's family and physicians.

His Life Career.

Gustavus Franklin Swift began his business career as a butcher. He leaves a fortune estimated at from \$7,000,000 to \$10,000,000, made in the course of 45 years. He was born at Sandwich, Mass., in 1835. He opened a small butchery shop in his native town. He removed to Boston when he was less than 30 years of age.

He remained in Boston until 1875, when he came to Chicago. In this city he engaged in the same business which he had left in Massachusetts, and developed the department of shipping live cattle to Eastern markets. In 1877 he evolved plans for the first refrigerating car, and dressed meats instead of live animals were shipped to Eastern cities. He was the pioneer in this kind of business and it was not long before others saw the advantages of his method and imitated him.

Mr. Swift was not only the oldest packer at the time of his death, but he was the originator of the methods that has made many large fortunes. From the small plant started in 1877, has developed a great corporation with branches at Kansas City, St. Joseph, St. Louis, Omaha, St. Paul, and Fort Worth, Texas, and with distributing offices in every important city and town in the United States and with representatives in leading cities of the United States, Asia and Africa. Its employes number 22,607. Upon its capital stock of \$25,000,000 the sales of 1902 exceeded \$200,000,000.

Starrs Tomorrow.

Washington, March 31.—The grand jury starts on its Western tour at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.