EVENTS OF THE DAY

Comprehensive Review of the Import ant Happenings of the Past Week, Presented in Condensed Form, Most Likely to Prove Interesting.

Germany, though its claims are clear, is willing to arbitrate the Veneguelan trouble

The new army staff bill, if passed, will not be effective until the retirement of General Miles.

Italy has taken a hand in the Vene sucian affair and has demanded the same treatment as England and Ger-

Coal shortage in Nebraska is causing intense suffering, aggravated by the Grant August 22, 1848.

extreme cold weather prevailing Four children were throughout the state.

A joint resolution has been introduced in congress changing the term of president, making the term begin at oon April 80, instead of March 4.

The president has appointed Lloyd Griscom, jr., now minister to Persia, to be minister to Japan. He has also selected Richmond Pearson, of North Carolina, at present consul general at Teheran, Persia, to succeed Mr. Gris-

coni has another invention, which he expects will startle the world. will not formally announce it until the wireless experiments are completed, which he says will be before the end of

foreign powers.

The first blizzard of the winter has swept Iowa and Nebraska.

Ice forming on the "third" rail of the New York elevated roads has stopped all trains.

The Venezuelan gunboats captured by Germany and Great Britain are now manned by British sailors. A Rock Island passenger train was wrecked by a broken rail near Terrill,

Tex., and the engineer and fireman Fire destroyed a five story building at Scranton, Pa., in which was located

a wholesale grocery firm. The loss will amount to \$175,000. An automatic machine has been invented that will clean more salmon than seven men. It will revolutionize

the salmon canning industry. The dock laborers strike in Marseilles, France, continues unbroken. The streets are now patrolled by troops

and riots are of frequent occurrence. Ice in Lake St. Clair clogged the in-

take pipes for Detroit's water supply so seriously that many factories were compelled to shut down temporarily. General Miles will visit the German

The reciprocity treaty with Cuba has

The California end of the Pacific cable has been laid.

Negro voters of Alabama have formed a colored Republican party.

Three men lost their lives in a coal

mine accident at Wilkerbarre, Pa. Secretary Hitchcock has suspended ju isdiction. all timber land entries in the Pacific coast states.

The cold wave continues in New York and suffering is intense on account of the lack of coal. Finley Peter Dunne, of "Mr. Dooley

Miss Margaret Abbott. Fire at Worcester, Mass., caused a

property loss of \$250,000. en firemen were injured.

per ton for coal. It is stated that President Castro has land values.

asked United States Minister Bowen to act as arbitrator in the controversy with Great Britain and Germany. The postoffices at Castle Rock, Wash

Nez Perce, Rathdrum, Sand Point and Shoshone, Idaho, and Moro and Mt. Angel, Oregon, have been placed in the presidential class.

The senate rejected the proposal to admit Chinese to Hawaii.

Vice Governor Wright wants a lower tariff for the Philippines. Senator Hanna says he does not want

the presidency and will not run for it. plants. It is thought likely that Governor Tast will succeed Judge Shiras on the supreme bench.

Charles T. Yerkes, the capitalist, is a nized in the United States.

There is much piracy being practiced pines. The small craft only are proyed

The Indian appropriation bill before the house carries more than \$1,000,000 present flacal year. Thirteen anarchists were arrested in

Rome after a desperate struggle. The police surprised them at a meeting while they were in the act of taking an oath with poniards to assassinate King Victor Emmanuel.

A civil war is in progress in Morocco China will increase its standing

Secretary Shaw proposes to remit the duty on tea in bond

It is the plan of the trusts to defeat Roosevelt for renomination. Secretary Root has recommended the

laying of an all-American cable to The crown prince of Germany wil

probably visit the United States at the time of the St. Louis fair.

orders in hopes of a decline.

MRS. GRANT DEAD.

Widow of Warrior President Succumb to Heart Failure.

Washington, Dec. 15 .- Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant died at her residence in this city at 11:17 o'clock Sunday night. Death was due to heart failure, Mrs. valvolar disease of the heart, which was aggravated by a severe attack of bronchitis. Her age prevented her rallying from the attacks. Her daughter, Nellie Grant Sartoris, was the only one of her children with her at the time of her death, her three sons, who had been summoned here, all being out of the city. There also were present at the bedside when the end came Miss Resemany Sartoris, a grand daughter. Dr. Bishop, one of the attending physi-

cians, and two trained nurses. came peacefully, the sufferer retaining ouness practically to the end. Julia Dent Grant was born January 26, 1826. She was married to U. S. Four children were born to her-

three sons, Frederick Dent, Ulysses, Jr., and Jesse, and one daughter, The remains of Mrs. Grant will be deposited in the tomb at Riverside park, New York, where those of her Whether they ceremony postponed for a time could not be accertained tonight.

GREAT FIRE IN OHIO TOWN.

The appoundement is made that Mar- Sheet Steel Company's Mills Burned at n Loss of \$1,000,000.

room and the building containing the old homes the excursionists will return, and expect to bring many of their friends and relatives with them. Spain is trying to buy warships from American sheet steel company's mills, were burned to the ground here last Judge C. B. Bellinger and W. W. znelan citizens between the ages of 18 night, and the company is confronted Cotton, has been issued. This code and 50 to take up arms in the defense

burning pile toward the offices and the to the secretary of state. machine shop. Fear that these, too, might be doomed caused a call for help fire engines from that city rendered sisting of Baker, Umatilla and Wallows late yesterday afternoon passed, with good service. The offices, machine counties, into two districts. Union mills on the east side are all that remain of this great paint.

The loss is partially covered by insurance. A dozen railway cars standing at tracks were consumed.

REORGANIZE CONSULAR FORCE.

Bill to Classify and Provide for Examin tion of Applicants.

Washington, Dec. 16. - A bill ha been introduced in the house by Repre sentative Adams, of Pennsylvania, to provide for the reorganization of the neular service of the United States. Provision is made for the classification of consuls general and consuls, specifying the number and salary of each ciass, and for the examination of ap-plicants and those now in the service Of the latter, those who fail to pass are to be dropped, but none can be called for examination within six months of the day of the passage of the bill. Consuls general and consuls may be transferred by the president from one place to another of the same class. Special examinations are provided for hose who may be sent where the United States exercises extra territorial

Naval Training Station on Lakes. Washington, Dec. 16 .- Secretary tially covered by insurance. Moody has transmitted to congress the report of the naval board, headed by melect a site for a naval training stawas married in New York to tion on the great lakes. The report recommends that the station be located on Lake Michigan, below latitude About a 43:30, and asks for an appropriation of \$250,000 to buy the land and develop the station, leaving the exact location One of the coal operators called to to be determined later by the board. The 50th anniversary of the organizatestify before the commission stated Secretary Moody approved the report tion of the first Odd Fellow lodge in

Union Men May Picket.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 16 .- Judge Carter, in the supreme court today, issued an order restraining 20 union men by name from gathering at the plant of the Drop Forge company, where a strike has been on for several months, for the purpose of intimidat-ing men who wanted to go to work. The court refused to interfere with the peaceful picket, which he held to be legal. The order is a modification of a former decision, which restrained the entire union from gathering at the

Blizzard Sweeps Ohio.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 16 -A heavy fall of rain and sleet last night was fol- am, \$3.20@3.60. strong advocate of the labor union as lowed today by a sudden drop in tan * perature, a furious northeast gale and chop, \$18. driving snow. Toward noon the storm In the waters adjacent to the Philip- reached the proportions of a blizzard, resulting in the demoralization of telephone and telegraph service in all directions. Serious delay was experineed by the trolley lines in moving less than the appropriation for the traffic. Reports indicate that the storm

Fatal Wreck in Missouri.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 16.—A spec-ial to the Star from Bucklin, Mo., says brollers, \$2.00@2.50; ducks, \$5.00@ oal & St. Joseph railroad tonight at 9 c ock. A local freight was wrecked four miles west of Bucklin. A steam 1636c; wrecker was sent from Bloomfield. The factory wrecker and engine went through the ridge at Yellow creek. Five men were killed and one other fatally injured and @22%c; store, 15@18, half a dozen others seriously hurt. All are ratiroad employes.

Contract for Rapid-Pire Quas.

Washington, Dec. 16, — General Prozier, chief of ordinance, has awarded a contract for the manufacture of 30 15-pound rapid fire guns and mounts to the Sethlehem steel works at its bid dramed, Sc. of \$3,950 for gens and mounts. The Lambs — (only other bid received was from the dressed, 6 %c. Hops still continue to raise in price, only other bid received was from the but big consumers are holding their American & British ordnance company at a slightly higher figure.

NEWS OF OREGON

ITFMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS OF THE STATE.

Grant having suffered for years from High Water Damages Eugene Woolen Mill-Minnesota Colony to Locate In Lane County-Ingram Wants Legislature to Aid Him Oregon Odd Fel-

lows Celebrate 50th Anniversary. Free delivery of mail will commence Albany March 1, 1903.

An Odd Fellows lodge has been intituted at Durkee, Eastern Oregon. There are about 30 members.

ne time occurred last week. H. A. pounds of wool. The shipment made are freely criticised here. up almost 10 freight cars.

These improvements to the jail have been made necessary by numerous jail breaks in the past two years.

For weeks there has been a systematic unting of reservoir sites throughout men, all from La Guayra, have been husband now repose. Whether they bunting of reservoir sites throughout men, all from la quayra, have will be taken there immediately or this Eastern Oregon. It has developed that every available reservoir site taken by ome one who has an eye to business.

A party consisting of about 40 Swedes and Norwegians have left Pen-Canal Dover, O., Dec. 16.—The corro-East, and at New York they will all gating mills, the paint shop, the store sail for Europe. After a visit to their

The new Oregon code, compiled by with a loss of over \$1,000,000, nearly was authorized by the last legislature of the country. \$750,000 is finished product and the remainder in buildings and machinery. In place of the codes beretolore in use. A strong wind was blowing over the One thousand copies will be delivered

There is a movement on foot to digood service. The offices, machine counties, into two districts. Union several amendments, the bill fixing department, and called attention to the compensation of the anthracite serious complications that may arise Baker county will be constituted a judicial district by itself, if the plan coal strike commission, and it now out of the Venezuelan situation udge to do.

> A slight earthquake shock was felt at Grants Pass last Saturday,

Local meat dealers of La Grande vill establish a first-class packing

A colony of Minnesota farmers egotiating for 30,000 acres of land in Lane county.

week have raised the Rogne river to the highet stage it has known for years.

deep interest manifested. Governor-elect Chamberlain is work on his insugural address. It will not be a long document, but will make a general survey of state affairs. He favors protection for public lands, salaries and a liberal appropriation for the Lewis and Clark exposition.

Fire destroyed the planing mill of W. D. Pine, at Rainier. Loss on building and contents, \$28,000, par-

Frank S. Ingram, who was shot while Admiral Taylor, which was created to Tracy and Merrill were making their been pardoned by the governor, is circulating a petition asking aid from the make for himself a living.

that his company received about \$2.50 and points out that an immediate ap- Oregon was held in Salem December 6. propriation will prevent the raising of There was a large number of members land values.

There was a large number of members from all parts of the state present. ses were presided over by Silas J. Day, past grand master, 1868.

The high water caused considerable damage to the worlen mill in Eugene, and was sufficient to scare the propriet badly out of true.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Walla Walla, 71@72c; bluestem 79@80c; valley, 74c. Barley-Feed, \$23.50 per ton; brew-

Flour-Best grade, 3.60@3.90; grah Millstuffs-Bran, \$19.00 per ton; middlings, \$23.50; shorts, \$19.50;

Oats-No. 1 white, \$1.15@1.17% gray, \$1.1216@1.15 per cental. Hay — Timothy, \$10@11; clover, \$9.00; cheat, \$5@9 per ton. Potatoes—Best Burbanks, 60@50e

per sack; ordinary, 50@55c per cental, is gene al throughout the lower lake \$2 per cental. Poultry-Chickens, mixed, \$3.00@ 4.25; per pound, 10c; hens, \$4@4.50 per

dozen; per pound, 10e; springs, \$3.00 @3.50 per dozen; fryers, \$2.50@3.00; serious wreck occurred on the Hanni-al & St. Joseph railroad tonight at 9 dressed, 15c; geess, \$6.00@6.50. Cheese - Full cream, twins 15 1/2 Young America, 16 16 @17 16 The factory prices, 1@11/c less.

> Eggs-25@30c per dozen. Hops-New crop, 23@26c per pound. Wool-Valley, 12)4@15c; Eastern Oregon, 8@14%c; mohair, 26@28c. Beef—Grose, cows, 3@8%c pound; steers, 4c; dressed, 6@7c. VonI-736@8 16 a.

Mutton - Gross, 3c Lambs - Gross. Hoge-Gross.

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VENEZUELANS ARE ARMINO.

Proops and Guns Sent to La Guayra and

TERMS OF RECIPROCITY ARRANGED BY La Guayra, Venesuela, Dec. 13 .- The British cruiser Indefatigable arrived here at 6 o'clock this evening from Guants, the port of Barcelona, where she is believed to have been in search of the Venezuelan gunboat Restuardor.

The German cruiser Vineta and the British craiser Retribution left here at o'clock this evening. It is supposed they have on board Venezuela's answer to the demand of the foreign powers, which arrived from Caracas on a special at 2 o'clock.

What is termed an inopportune der onstration and the strange method rewool ever made from Independence at sorted to is the remittance to the Venesnelan foreign minister of the demands and Senor Quesada, and the approval one time occurred last week. H. A. Douty shipped direct to Boston 120,000 of Great Britain and Germany, which of the United States and Cuban senates doors, but the latter resisted these

The government has sent 2,000 men and 18 gons from Caracas to reinforce The Linn county jail walls will be the garrison at La Guayra. These lined with three-sixteenths inch steel troops are camped at Cuaracuti, displates. The celling will also be cov-All products entering the United States, a red with a network of steel bars. day and all night ammunition has been the harbor, and preparations are being made to resist the foreign forces.

when the government committee gets at arms. It is asserted here that the its work in this arid region it will find government can find sufficient men to resist the foreign forces, as the movement is popular. Everywhere one meets all classes and conditions carrying Mauser rifles.

Spain, Trinidad, of the Venezuelan the state department to discuss the Charybdia was communicated at the state department to discuss the Charybdia was communicated at the state department to discuss the canal treaty nevotiation. Charybdis was communicated to President Castro by a representative of the Associated Press. The event caused great excitement.

The president has called on all Vene

PAY OF COMMISSIONERS.

Senate Decides on a Lump Sum for Each of the Strike Arbitrators.

Washington, Dec. 13.-The senate judicial district by itself, if the plan is carried out. The reason for the change is that the district is so populations that there is too much for one bers of the commission who are not They Capture \$30,000 in New Mexico and employes of the government a lump sum for their service, and after much debate \$4,000 was settled upon as the Globe-Democrat from Santa Fe, N. M., proper amount, thus taking the matter says: out of the hands of the president.

Several other amendments were adopted, fixing the expenses of the commissioners and the assistant recorders at \$10 per day, and leaving the pestion of the amount of salary of the The warm and heavy rains of last assistant record rs and employes to the commission. The name of the com-mission was changed to "Anthracite part of the county. After midnight

A two days' farmers institute was An amendment by Daniel, of Virginia rate through Fairview, a mining Gusya and the German Central rational and the civil or military branches of the Range. A sheriff's posse is jo pursuit.

The bank is owned by Pennsylvania and the situation is regarded as critical. government from serving on commissions or performing duties other than capitalists, and is doing a large busi. The British and German flags have called for by law, provoked a lengthy ness. Hillsboro is off the railroad line, been publicly burned. discussion, and in response to appeals the nearest point being Lake Valley, a of Allison and Hoar was finally with- number of miles to the north. There drawn. At 2 o'clock the statehood is no telegraphic communication. change between Quay, who favors the configurabili, and senators who oppose Quay and Bate said they were eady to vote. Beveridge, Lodge, Hale and others protested against pressing the bill so soon after it was reported and it went over until Mo: day

Paris Exhibit at St. Louis.

Paris, Dec. 13.-The prefect of the shadow, for some threatening, business whereby he may be able to of Paris at the St. Louis exposition, and asking for an appropriation of \$36,-000, which it is expected the council exposition and urges a Parisian repre- Latin America looks on at the present educational test would keep out all the sentation which will exceed in its crisis with anxiety. artistic nature that of the Chicago world's fair.

People Turn on Ladrones. Manila, Dec. 13. - Senor Daniel, governor of Rical province, Luzon, has ors regarding the prospect of what governor of Kiral province, Luzon, has might happen if the water should go abandoned the maintenance of somes of four feet higher, as it sometimes does, reconcentration in his district, which The machinery has been thrown pretty were established to prevent the ladrones from receiving supplies. The people have promised to assist the police and constabulary in the campaign against the ladrones, and Governor Daniel has agreed to give them a chance. Many adrones have already been arrested, and the plan of co-operation promises to be a success.

Build Up Japan's Navy.

committee on public buildings and grounds reported favorably the bill ap-Tokio, Japan, Dec. 13 .- The ques tion of Japan expanding her navy is still unsettled, though it is said to be bliged, as part of the secret conditions the accommodation of the supreme court of the United States, the departattached to the conclusion of the Anglo-Japanese alliance. Marquis Ito, the ex-Premier, is taking a deep interest in and international tribunals. The comthe matter, and is endeavoring to compromise the difficulties among the po litical parties with a view to effecting the expansion without having recourse to the continuance of the land tax. the limit to \$1,500,000.

Accept the Goldsboro. Silver Issue in Mexico. Washington, Dec. 13. — Robert T. Platt, of Portland, representing the receivers of the Wolff & Zwicker ship-Moody today in company with Senator Simon, for the purpose of inducing the department to accept the torpedo boat Goldsboro for the unpaid balance of \$20,000. He upped that a the food. Butter—Fancy creamery, 30@325c \$20,000. He urged that, as the Golds-er pound; extras, 30e; dairy, 20 boro now makes as great speed as other among the middle classes, especially were open and contained no money vessels of that same plan, 28.1 knots, it should be acceptable to the govern-cost of living is considered to be out of proportion to incomes.

French Banks Losing Deposits. Chicago, Dec. 13.—Mrs. Charles H. Blackman, a wealthy widow residing

TUMULT IN CARACAS. TREATY IS SIGNED

DIPLOMATS AT HAVANA.

Must New Be Approved by United States

No Further Changes Likely.

to make it operative.

change in this list.

ent was imperative.

Escape to the Mountains.

Doctrine Will Reach.

New Minister to Japan.

New Government Buildings.

Washington, Dec. 15 .- The house

Minister Buck.

men had deposited #30,000.

HAY NURRIES COLOMBIA

Negotiations.

and Cuban Senates - Uniform Reduc-

by Each Country on Many Products-

and Germans Arrested, House Brittish Stoned, Flags flurned.

Willemstadt, Curacao, Dec. 12 .-There was a great patriotic demonstration in Caracas last night when the news arrived that the British and German warships had seized the Venezuolan war vossels at La Guayra. tion of 20 Per Cent, With Specials Crowds quickly gathered and paraded the streets of the capital, displaying banners and singing patriotic songs. Violant speeches were delivered at var-Havana, Dec 12.—A definite treaty jour points. The populace marched to of commercial reciprocity between Cubs the palace of President Castro, who and the United States was signed at 11 addressed them. The mob then moved o'clock last night by General Bliss and on to the German legation, shouting: Secretaries Zaldo and Montes. It lacks "Death to the Germane!"

only the signatures of Secretary Hay The windows were shattered with stones and attempts made to force the efforts, and Madame von Pilgrim-Although the treaty provides for a Baltazi, the wife of the German charge, aniform reduction of 20 per cent from who has been ill in bed for the past the present tariff charges on Cuban two months, and therefore could not leave Caracas with her husband, was parallel list of products has been drawn United States respectively. It is im- and the residence of Dr. Koehler, possible now to make any material again stoning the windows and attempting to force an entrance. The police made no effort to disperse the monstration.

Calls for Oulcker Action in Panama Canal Washington, Dec. 15 .- At the intance of Secretary Hay, Dr. Herran, canal treaty negotiations, that the secretary might be able to report the exact status of the canal situation to the cabinet. Dr. Herran was unable to give the secretary any reply from the Bogota government as to the price which Colombia will accept for the lease. It was explained to Dr. Herran that in view of the many other weighty dip omatic matters pressing for attention at this time, and the growing impa-tience at the capitol at the delay in the the German legation, was met by the efforts to refute some of the see nclusion of the canal convention, imnediate action by the Bogota governmans!" and "Down with the foreign- the company will do so later. ers!" the populace directed its way to Dr. Herran today cabled the foreign office at Bogota the wishes of the state tering insults. The Belgian charge, F. miners are well pleased.

St. Louis, Dec. 15 - A special to the

three men were heard galloping at a bargo on the British railroad to La furious rate through Faircian, a mining Gunyra and the German Central rail-

HAWAII NEEDS JAPANESE.

Protest Against Educational Test Provid-

MEXICO IS INTERESTED. ed in immigration Bill. Washington, Dec. 12. - The senate Watching to See How Far the Monro mmittee on immigration yesterday continued its bearing on the immigra-City of Mexico, Dec. 15,-El Impartion bill, the first witness being Wilcial, the Liberal newspaper, in discussing the Venezuelan troubles, sees in the attitude of Germany and England an attempt to try how far reaching is the Mr. Hayward's objections were directed sent to the college. jost his leg as a result, and has since Seine has submitted to the municipal others protecting, of the Monroe doc ments of the bill. This test, he said, culating a petition asking aid from the legislature to establish him in a small to be gained by a liberal representation to be gained by a liberal representatio ton, for the situation may perhaps be- produce financial rum. The Hawatian planters have tried for years, he said, at great expense to get white labor to come very difficult for the American The Mexican Herald says that blood work in the fields, but without success. will grant. The memorial points out is thicker than water for the Latins as Japan is now the only country from the Franco-American character of the well as for the Anglo-Celts, and that which labor can be obtained, and

> Japaness. Colonel Joseph Smolinski, representing the Polish-American Alliance, also Washington, Dec. 15 .- Secretary Hay spoke against the educational test. has received a cablegram from John said there are almost 5,000,000 Slave Barrett, dated Calcutta, stating that he in the United States, and declared that regarded it his duty to continue his many Poles who would make excellent nection with the St. Louis exposi- citizens would be kept out by education, and, therefore, declining the Ja- tional tests, and their aspirations for

danese mission, which had been ten- freedom be stiffed. A. P. Anderson, representing the pered him. It is understood that Lloyd Griscom, Jr., now minister to Persia, American Line steamship company, who was charge d'affaires at Constanti-took exception to the amendments renople, and in that capacity did much to cently made to the bill imposing fines effect a settlement of the American on transportation companies for bringclaims, will be the successor to the late ing in diseased allens.

Sulphur Caught Fire.

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 12 .- By the ignition of a package of sniphur in a propriating \$7,000,000 to purchase a site for a court of justice building for escaped death from suffocation. The not this lumber is suited for construcof the supreme fumes of the burning stuff filled the tion purposes in the Philippines. house, overcoming many of the lodgers. ment of justice, national law library The police managed to grope their way and international tribunals. The committee also reported the bill, which dows, after which the unconscious men passed the senate, carrying \$2,500,000 were carried into the open air, where for the construction of a new depart- all were revived. It is not known how ment of agriculture building, but cut the sulphur became ignited.

Safe-Robbers at Pocatello

Pocatello, Idaho, Dec. 12,-The safe Mexico City, Dec. 15. — The silver n the Western Lumber company's question continues to be one of the office was blown up by burglars early great topics of public discussion. It is

Wheat Average Shows Increase. Washington, Dec. 12 .- The statisti-New York, Dec. 15 .- The with- cian of the department of agriculture Chicago, Dec. 13.—Mrs. Charles H.

Blackman, a wealthy widow residing in the Kenwood hotel, has been robbed of \$6,000 worth of diamonds. The levels were taken from her room in the hotel in daylight, and while the partor, a short distance away, was filled with people. There is no clew to the third third.

New York, Dec. 15.—The with class of the department of agriculture drawals banks, says a distance area of \$1.000,000 acres, an increase of \$1.1 per cent upon the amounted to \$2,000,000 deposited in the banks. Since the fall of 1901. The condition of winter wheat on December 1 was 99.7, as compared with 86.7 in 1901; 97.1 for property destroyed in suppressing thief.

TALES OF WRONGS

MINERS GIVE COMMISSION EVIDENCE AGAINST MARKLE CO.

Mother and Two Boys Struggle Thirteen Years to Pay Doht of \$396-Testimony at Times Was Pathetic, and Surprising to the Commission - Mine Owners Have Little to Say.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 11 .- Tales of eviction from houses owned by C. B. Markle & Co., the parration of the death of a wife as a result of an enforce removal from her home, and the story of a mother whose husband was killed in the Markie mines, and of how she and her two boys struggled for years to pay the Markles the back rent and coal bill she owed them, were the principal features of yesterday's sessions of the coal strike commission The testimony, as presented by some of carried to Fort Lavigita, which crowns up in which is set forth the reduction thus saved from violence. The crowd the witnesses whose fives are given up each item made by Cuba and the then marched to the German consulate to the coal mining industry, was at times pathetic, and surprising to the commissioners, who listened to it with undivided attention.

The miners this afternoon concluded the calling of witnesses sgainst the The excitement was still intense Markle company, which concern and when, at 10 o'clock tonight, the gov-ernment ordered the arrest of all Ger-man and English residents. One hour sioners since last Saturday. In the man and English residents. One hour later 125 persons prominent in commercial and social life were crowded together in the police station. All the British residents were arrested excpt Albert A. Cherry, of the Venezuelan Central railway, and W. W. Wallace, manager of the telephone company, who are reported to be unavoidably absent, only a perfunctory cross-examination has been carried on by J. H. Torrey, of Scranton, who is who escaped to a place of safety, representing another company before who escaped to a place of safety. representing another company before Ninety-seven German residents were the commission, and who had been arrested, among them the German con-sul, Valentine Blohm, and Herr Knop, manager of the German Central rail-Much surprise has been expressed that oad. Herr Simmross, chancellor of the company has not made greater police near Bolivar square and arrested.

Amid cries of "Death to the Ger eented. It is expected, however, that

The attorneys for the large coal comthe German residential quarter and gathered outside the Hotel Klindt and the character of the testimony being the German club, vociferating and ut- presented, but those representing the

S. Goffart, was arrested by mistase for Mrs. Kate Burns, of Jeddo, was one a German because of his fair complex of the witnesses called to the stand, ion. In spite of his vigorous protests, and told how she and her two boys he was taken to the police station, worked 13 years to pay off an accumubut was released 10 minutes later.

On learning these incidents, United States Minister Bowen and Secretary W. W. Russell went at once to Presidents of the Markle company. She was examined by Lawyer Darrow, and in answer to his questions said ber huse. dent Castro, and after a long conference band was an engineer inside the Mar-A report reached Santa Fe late this ferrocon that the private bank of Hills-boro, Sierra county, was held up by robbers, who escaped with considerable entire Blohm. Minister Bowen ob- of eight years. The company never booty, as but a short time before cattle- tained the official authorization of the offered her a penny, but the employee men had deposited \$30,000.

The deed was done in broad daylight. The robbers made for the northern part of the county. After midnight

The government has placed an employee gave her about \$180 to defray the imbroglio.

The government has placed an employee four room house into one containing four room house into one containing only two rooms, one room above the other, and for the next six years she years sho struggled as best she could to get along.

She took in washing, scrubbed for the neighbors, and once in a while she was given the cleaning of the offices of the Markle company. During these six years, she said, she kept her chil-dren at school, and when the eldest child was 14 years old she sent him to the mines to belp carn the daily bread. At the end of the first month the lad brought home his wage statement, showing that the mother owed \$396 for back rent. The boy's wages for the month had been taken off the bill and ent to the colliery. Like the older brother, the second boy received no pay, his earnings being deducted for rent. The tears of the mother on the witness stand were by this time welling up and when she added that the money she earned for cleaning the Markle offices was never given ber, but was kept by the company for rent, the commissioners looked at one another in surprise. She said it took the three of them 13 years to make up the debt, the mother's earnings from neighbors being the principal contribution toward He the maintenance of the family. debt was cleared last August. the six years from the time her hus band was killed until the time when the first boy went to work the company

never asked her for rent. Test Washington Hemlock in Manila.

Washington, Dec. 11. - On recommendation of Senator Foster, the war department has ordered that samples of Washington hemlock timber be carried to Manila aboard the transport Dix, now loading at Tacoma, to be thoroughly tested by forestry and quartermaster officers to determine its resistance to attacks from anta and its men's lodging house here early today, ability to stand the weather. These

Barrett Not the Man.

Washington, Dec. 11.—During a call in Secretary Hay the Japanese minis-Kogoro Takahira, diplomatically but firmly intimated that the appointment of John Barrett as minister to Japan would not be as pleasing to imperial government at Tokio as that of some other man. No formal protest was filed against Barrett's appointment, but the statements of the Japanese minister were such as to leave no room for doubt as to his meaning.

Fatal Wreck on the Santa Fe. Los Anglees, Dec. 11. - Peter Peteron, a Santa Fe engineer, was instantly killed and two firemen were seriously Ariz., yesterday. Both engines wrecked and several freight cars Both engines were mashed. Only meager details of the wreck are obtainable.