

CABLE NOT YET LANDED

Officials Fear Some Accident

San Francisco, Dec. 29.—Cable officials believe that some accident has happened to prevent the completion of the cable to Honolulu. No work has been received since Friday, though the signal that work is completed is expected at any time.

TIMBER ENTRIES CANCELLED

The United States land office at Oregon City has caused the cancellation of timber entries in Tillamook county amounting to 30,000 acres, on the ground of fraud and collusion between entrymen and parties who had arranged to buy the lands on title being secured. Charles E. Hays was the principal contestant and Robert Sturgeon was the principal contestee. On Sturgeon's case the fate of 100 others depended.

AN ANNOYING CRANK.

He is a source of irritation to the Treasury Department.

"Curious things happen in the register of the treasurer's office as well as elsewhere in the department," said an official of the bond department of the treasury. "Speaking of crank letters, I may mention the most annoying crank or rascal in the country. For many years at intervals we receive a package through one of the express companies billed as containing \$50,000 of United States bonds.

"On opening the package we find nothing but pieces of old papers carefully put together. Not a single scrap of information is contained in the package that gives the name of the man or anything about him. All that we know is that he sends the package from different parts of the country each time. Another funny thing is that the package is invariably sent collect. The United States never pays express charges on a package of this kind, and, of course, the express companies lose their transportation charges. It is a wonder that the agents at the other end accept the package under such conditions.



Miss Ida M. Snyder.
Treasurer of the Brooklyn East End Art Club.

"If women would pay more attention to their health we would have more happy wives, mothers and daughters, and if they would observe results they would find that the doctors' prescriptions do not perform the many cures they are given credit for.

"In consulting with my druggist he advised McEree's Wine of Cardui and Theodor's Black-Draught, and so I took it and have every reason to thank him for a new life opened up to me with restored health, and it only took three months to cure me."

Wine of Cardui is a regulator of the menstrual functions and is a most astonishing tonic for women. It cures scanty, suppressed, too frequent, irregular and painful menstruation, falling of the womb, whites and flooding. It is helpful when approaching womanhood, during pregnancy, after childbirth and in change of life. It frequently brings a dear baby to homes that have been barren for years. All druggists have \$1.00 bottles of Wine of Cardui.

WINE OF CARDUI

MARCONI SENDING MESSAGES

In Daily Communication With Europe Lengthy Dispatches by the Wireless

Glace Bay, N. S. Dec. 29.—Marconi's station at Glace Bay continues to maintain daily communication with Cornwall with constantly increasing efficiency. Marconi is still here, but leaves shortly for Cape Cod station. In the meantime he is sending two or three messages by wireless telegraphy to Europe daily, some of these dispatches being quite lengthy.

A Liquid Medicinal Soap.
A German professor recommends the following recipe for a liquid soap for medicinal use in wounds, etc.: One part of caustic potash dissolved in an equal weight of water. To this add four parts of olive oil and one-fourth part of alcohol. Stir thoroughly for ten minutes, shaking repeatedly. After about an hour mix with an equal quantity of water. Let it then stand several days, then filter it, and it is ready for use.

Canned Foods.
Canned goods require very little cooking as a rule, as they are already cooked before being put in the tin, and some of them, like corn and tomatoes, only require a thorough heating. Never cook string beans, lima beans or peas in the liquid which comes in the can, but drain that off, then place the vegetables in cold water and let them stand a few minutes to freshen. Then cook a few moments in either milk or water.

Play Aprons For Children.
One wonders why the mothers of families do not imitate for their children's use the long black aprons worn by nearly all French children. These buttons to the throat, are worn by boys and girls alike, thoroughly protecting the toilet beneath. As they can be dropped in an instant, they are not in the least cumbersome.

Two Impossible Men.
Dr. Hauslick once asked Schumann how he got on with Wagner.
"Not at all," replied Schumann; "for me Wagner is impossible. Doubtless he is a very clever man, but he talks too fast—one cannot get a word in."

Some time after, in an interview which Hauslick had with Wagner, allusion was made to Schumann.
"With Schumann," said Wagner, "it is impossible to arrive at an understanding. He says nothing. Some years ago on my return from Paris I called upon him to talk of operas, concerts, composers and other interesting matters with which I had become acquainted. Schumann looked at me stolidly, or rather he looked into space, without saying a word. Faith, I took leave of him almost immediately. He is an impossible man."

Taking No Chances.
"Do you mean to say that you don't want a railway through Crimson Gulch?" asked the astonished surveyor.
"That's exactly what I mean to say, young feller," answered Broncho Bob. "Cactusville got a railroad, didn't it? And they hadn't it two weeks before a couple of men won half the money in camp, got cold feet, took the train and was gone forever and ever. Crimson Gulch ain't takin' any such chances."—Washington Star.

Cockney.
"That Englishman Simkins is very well fixed, isn't he?" inquired Polk.
"Well," replied Jolk, "some people think so, but I know he hasn't a bit of property he can call his own."
"Nonsense! He lives in his own house."
"That may be, but he calls it 'his bawn.'"—Philadelphia Press.

Disenchantment.
"How did you enjoy your visit to the Bermudas, Uncle Jed?"
"I was a good deal disappointed. The onions didn't come up to my expectations. Why, I've eat better Bermuda onions right here."—Chicago Tribune.

An Old Family.
He—Miss Bellacour claims to belong to a very old family.
She—Well, she's justified. There are six those girls, and the youngest of them must be at least thirty.

BATTLE SHIP MAINE

Will Join Dewey's Fleet at Once

Philadelphia, Dec. 29.—The new battleship Maine left the Cramps shipyard this morning, her destination being the League Island navy yard, where she will be formally placed in commission and put in command of Capt. Leutz and a picked crew, said to be one of the finest in the navy. She will go immediately to the West Indies to join Dewey's fleet.

FOUGHT IN TWO WARS.
Captain Leutz, Who Commands the New Battleship Maine.
Captain Eugene H. C. Leutz, who has just been assigned to the command of the new battleship Maine, is a veteran of two wars, his first service for Uncle Sam being in the civil war. Captain Leutz is a native of Prussia. He entered the Naval academy in 1863, but in the following year ob-



tained leave of absence to enter active service on the United States ship Monticello, then on blockade duty.
After his graduation in 1867 Captain Leutz served on the European and North Atlantic squadrons for several years.
During the Spanish-American war he was in command of the monitor Monterey on her voyage to Manila from San Francisco. He was promoted to the rank of captain on Oct. 8, 1901.

An ingenious invention which has been successfully experimented with in several collieries in Lancashire, England, bids fair to add greatly to the simplification of coal mining, says the New York Times. Under existing conditions the coal after it has been undercut is "brought down" by an explosion of gunpowder. The new device brings down the coal by water power exercised through a hydraulic cartridge and obviates the wasteful shattering of the fuel.

Made of steel, the cartridge is twenty inches in length. Along its sides are orifices, each of which admits of a pressure of three tons per square inch, the total pressure being over sixty tons. When inserted into the hole bored into the coal to be operated upon, the cartridge is connected with a small hand pump. In a few minutes after the apparatus has been at work the coal breaks up and comes down in great blocks. There are no clouds of dust such as are caused by the gun powder method, and the entire operation is carried out without the slightest danger to the workers. About one and a half pints of water are used in the operation, and as the liquid returns to a tank it can be repeatedly used.

Although the initial expenditure is greater, the cartridge method is much more economical than the system now in vogue. It reduces the cost of labor, prevents waste and secured rounder coal. One colliery proprietor who has adopted the invention for use in three mines computes that each cartridge saves \$75 per week.

A Notable Locomotive.
The average performance of a locomotive in this country is a little over 20,000 miles a year, but an engine of the London and Northwestern Railway company has just completed its second million miles, equal to 100 years' service on the ordinary basis. This is the Charles Dickens, well known to most travelers who journey between Manchester and London. During the whole of its career no passenger behind it has suffered any accident.

MINERS SLOW TO DIG COAL

Only 85 per cent are Working Operators Will Make a Point

Wakesboro, Pa. Dec. 29.—Only 85 per cent of the miners working, although appeals from the coal famine districts are being received hourly. All efforts to induce the men to return to work are futile.

The operators will call the attention of the Anthracite Commission to this when it meets January 6th. Reports show that a large percentage of the New England mills have shut down until coal can be forwarded.

OPPOSITION TO CUBAN RECIPROCITY INCREASES
Treaty Will be Lost If Not Ratified by February First

Washington, Dec. 30.—Opposition to the Cuban reciprocity treaty is increasing. It must be ratified before February or will be lost. President Roosevelt is anxious.

An Exhorter's Little Blunder.
"Public speakers often make curious mistakes," said an observant man, "and I have had occasion to note some rather singular things in this respect. Some time ago I attended a religious meeting in an out of the way section of the country, and the very first thing the speaker said put me to thinking. He was a short, stocky fellow, with a rasping voice, and was as solemn looking as if he had been going to the guillotine. Here is the first thing he had to say: 'I want to say a few words before saying what I want to say.' I could not refrain from laughing at the bad break of the fellow, and all the good things he said after that had no effect on me. It was wasted ammunition, so far as I was concerned. This goes to show what a little mistake will sometimes do for a man. Really I believe the exhorter was as much put out by the bull as I was amused, for his talk was not as smooth as it might have been."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Doubtless.
Voice (in the house)—Bessie, what is keeping you out there on the porch so long?
Bessie—I am looking for the comet, mamma.
Voice—You'll take your death of cold.
Bessie—Not at all, mamma. I'm—I'm well wrapped.—Chicago Tribune.

The Great Question.
"We are to be made one," she suggested.
"Yes," he replied.
"But which one?" she asked.
And in the attempt to settle that question, another promising matrimonial future was spoiled, for woman is not so unassuming in these days as she was once upon a time.—Chicago Post.

A Deceitful Cat.
Mamma—You wicked little girl to say that the poor cat has eaten the jam, when I can see the stain of it on your face!
Winnie—So it was pussy! She stole the jam, and after she'd eaten it she started licking my face to make people think I'd done it.

Some Words.
According to the late Richard A. Proctor, says the London Chronicle, the phrase "I guess," to English ears so ridiculous, is really identical with the old expression, "I wis," meaning "I know." The word "guess" has changed its meaning entirely in England, but has partly preserved it in America, where of course the native says "I guess" when he is more or less in a state of certainty. There are many other examples of words that have played fast and loose with "g" and "w," such as "guardian" and "warden," "guard" and "ward," "gulect" and "warden."

Damascus is undoubtedly the oldest existing city in the world. Hencar and Constantinople, exclusive of Chinese towns, come next in point of age.

DISCREDIT THE REPORT

Washington, Dec. 29.—The State Department gives no credence to the report that British marines have been landed at La Guayra. Minister Bowen has not been heard from since Saturday, when he sent a dispatch stating the terms on which the allies were willing to submit to arbitration by the Hague commission.

GOING AFTER COMBINE.

Coal Manipulators in Court.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—The investigation into the reputed combine of railroads and mine operators to manipulate coal for higher prices. Attorney General Hamlin questioned many witnesses.

One testified that it cost \$1.50 per ton at the mine to lay down soft coal from the Illinois fields in Chicago. Proofs were offered that enormous quantities of coal are being held on suburban tracks, although the city is suffering for want of fuel.

Coal today sells at \$9 per ton and there is much suffering caused among the poor. The main line of the investigation is to show whether the railway officials and railways own stock in the coal mines.

A Sad Story.
Fowling is now very little practiced in the Shetland islands, although many eggs are secured annually. Many thrilling stories of fowling adventure are told by the Shetlanders. A man who had undertaken to climb a certain steep cliff was neither very experienced nor very brave, although he boasted of being both. He pushed upward, however, briskly without looking behind until he had got up about 150 feet, when he stopped to breathe. The pause was fatal to his self possession, and he called out in tones of terror, "Men, men, I am going—I am going." But he still held on for a little, and it was not till he had shrieked many times "I am going" that he did fall headlong.

His comrades, having thus been warned, moved the boat out of the way so that the poor fellow came sheer down into the deep water. Mighty was the plunge, but at length he rose to the surface, when of course he was instantly caught hold of and dragged into the boat. After many gasps and much spluttering of sea water from his mouth his only remark was: "Eh, men, this is a sad story. I have lost my snuffbox."—Sketches and Tales of Shetland.

The Strain on the Eye.
There is no reason why a muscle or muscles of the eye should not fatigue just as the muscles elsewhere do. Let one bear a weight all day long, does he not attribute his consequent headache to the heavy burden he has borne? It seems without elaborate thinking we could conceive of the results following upon prolonged use of the eye. Nature has done all she could to protect and prolong the usefulness of the eye.

No earthly architect ever yet planned a structure that would not yield, crumble and fall, and the house human, so exquisitely uplifted in curious and mysterious ways, falls and returns to dust more rapidly and surely than need be, for the reason that we do not realize how much one part is sustained or overthrown by another. One tiny muscle is potent enough to disturb the whole economy, especially if intercurrent diseases exist in addition to "eye strain."

Recourse.
In this quandary the highwayman thought himself to consult a lawyer.
"Good sir," said he, "on the one hand, my conscience will not permit me longer to do that which is unlawful, while on the other it is not practicable for a man at my age to change his employment."
"Incorporate under the laws of New Jersey," quoth the lawyer readily enough, for it chanced that he was learned in the law.—Life.

Nasal Catarrh quickly yields to treatment by Ely's Cream Balm, which is agreeably aromatic. It is received through the nostrils, cleanses and heals the whole surface over which it diffuses itself. Druggists sell the 60c. size; Trial size by mail, 10 cents. Test it and you are sure to continue the treatment.

Announcement.
To accommodate those who are partial to the use of atomizers in applying liquids into the nasal passages for catarrhal troubles, the proprietors prepare Cream Balm in liquid form, which will be known as Ely's Liquid Cream Balm. Prices including the spraying tube is 75 cents. Druggists or by mail. The liquid form embodies the medicinal properties of the solid preparation.

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Yorkshire Men's Fingers.

A Yorkshire man and a Lancashire man were conversing together the other day.

The Lancashire man said to the Yorkshire man, "Well, Bill, do you know the best way to find a Yorkshire man's lost fingers?"

"No," says Bill.

"Well, I will tell you what happened at our place the other day. Yorkshire Dan had two of his fingers cut off with a steam saw, and they got lost among the sawdust, and two of my mates were down on their hands and knees looking for them when the foreman came up and asked what they were doing.

"One of them said: 'We are looking for Dan's fingers.'"

"Oh, come out of the road," said the foreman. "That's not the way to find a Yorkshire man's fingers," at the same time taking a shilling out of his pocket and throwing it among the sawdust, when the two fingers at once popped up after it.

"There," said the foreman, "that's the way to find a Yorkshire man's lost fingers."—Pearson's.

Modern Surgery.

Your modern surgeon of note is a "sterile" man. The operating room, almost hermetically sealed and at a temperature of 100 degrees or thereabout, is purified daily by means of a hose throwing a solution of bichloride of mercury over ceiling, walls and floors. The surgeon arrives in an anteroom in his civilian's garb. He is required to be clean shaven, like a monk, says the New York Press. His clothes are removed. Two attendants in the sterilizing room hand him a white duck gown reaching from collar to heel and a cowl of the same material which covers tightly every part of his head except eyes, nose and mouth. The sleeves of the gown reach to his elbows. He incases his hands in the thinnest, finest sterilized rubber gloves. These garments are handed to him in sterilized tongs. There has been no human contact. Thus equipped he is prepared to saw and slice.

How the Earth Changes.

How does one generation of men succeed another? The fathers are not swept away in a body to make room for the children, but one by one the old drop off and the young come on until a day is reached when none of those remain that once were here. How does some form of human speech become extinct? About 100 years ago an old lady named Dolly Dentreath died in Cornwall. She could speak the Cornish language. After her death there was nobody that could. Thus quietly did the living Cornish language become a dead language. And in a like unobtrusive manner have been wroughtment of the new becoming which have changed and are changing the earth.—John Piske in Harper's.

It is remarkable how virtuous and generously disposed every one is at a play. We uniformly applaud what is right and condemn what is wrong when it costs us nothing but the sentiment.—Hazlitt.

"An easy way to soften hard water delightfully is to throw orange peel into it just before the water is used."