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The Associated Press announced yesterday that diplomatic relations between Great Britain and Venezuela was on the verge of being severed. In that event, what will become of the Monroe doctrine?

TELEGRAPHIC reports of last night state that President Roosevelt has cancelled all of his dates, owing to the necessity of undergoing a surgical operation, as a result of the bruises sustained in a trolley car accident a few weeks since. Every one hopes that the doctors will not cultivate this trivial injury into a serious matter.

It is announced that the lead miners of the Coeur d'Alenes have brought the smelting trust to terms, securing a reduction of four dollars a ton. In reaching this agreement it was proven that the trust was "whipsawing" the producers, getting a rebate on shipments from the railroads, as well as exorbitant charges for ore treatment, as two dollars of the four dollars reduction was taken from transportation charges.

Reports from Louisville, Kentucky, are to the effect that manufacturers of Portland cement say there is a great shortage in the supply, on account of the increased uses to which the cement is put and the activity of building operations. The local mills have all sold their products far ahead, some for a year, and the same state of affairs is reported from mills all over the country. As it takes about a year to put up new mills, there is not much prospect of early relief. If capitalists would investigate they would find a profitable field in Oregon for the manufacture of Portland cement, as the necessary material for its manufacture, of the finest character, is plentiful in certain districts in the state.

The division of mining and mineral resources of the United States Geological Survey, has recently issued a chart showing the quantity and value of the mineral productions of the United States for the ten years ending with 1901, which will be widely sought because of its convenience for reference purposes. Without attempting an analysis of the statistics presented, it is noticeable that the value of the total output of metallic ores, such as iron, copper, gold, silver, etc., in 1901 was \$524,873,284, against \$307,836,189 in 1892; and that the value of the nonmetallic products, including coal, petroleum, natural gas, building material, etc., was \$556,351,006, in 1901, against \$339,958,842 in 1892. From the compact arrangement of the metallic and nonmetallic resources on a single sheet, it is possible to follow the yearly change in the production of about sixty of the important mineral products of the country during the decade. The chart, to be had on application to the Director of the United States Geological Survey, is issued in advance of the report, "Mineral Resources of the United States, 1901," which will be ready for distribution in the fall.

The North American Miner for October, published by Wheeler & Co., the New York bankers and brokers, who are largely interested in the mines of this district, is full of good stuff about Sumpter and the surrounding country, both in the way of illustrations and

reading matter. Of this town it says: Sumpter, the city of eastern Oregon, is a typical example of the wondrous rise of a town following upon the establishment of a mining camp, which in extent and, in proportion to development, in richness, has scarcely a parallel in the remarkable history of mining districts in this country. A fragmentary stretch of a village four years ago, it is now a city of thousands, with a city's hopes and ambitions and the natural evidences of wonderful growth.

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For back of her prosperity and as a groundwork for her future brilliant outlook is a gold district unsurpassed in America, only just shadowing forth the great possibilities which lie bound in the enormous extent of mineral territory.

Sumpter is the center and supply base of a vast area of territory of untold riches. She is in the midst of mining camps whose output few know accurately, but the aggregate of which is tremendous. And these are only the initial points of a great mining future in which this favored city will have a chosen part.

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