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ber is Free Man-Wager for Years an Unequal Battle Against "The Octopus" in California.

Chris, Evans, Bandit and Train Rob- Operations on Property of Sterling Gold Quartz Mining and Milling **Company Have Been Greatly Facil**tated-Many Improvements.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 15.-Chris Mining operations on the property of Evans, the noted bandit and train robber, the Sterling Gold Quartz Mining and is a free man today. His order for pa- Milling company have been greatly farole from Folsom penitentiary, where he cilitated by one addition of new mining has been serving about 12 years of a machinery of the latest type. An enlife sentence, was made last night by gine of the most powerful kind has been the state board of prison directors. set up as well as a new boller of great Evans' failing health prompted the pa- capacity. An air compressor fitted with all the latest devices known to the min-

How Chris Evans, John Sontag and ing world has been set in place and the their band first took up outlawry which work will hereafter be done by pneuended in Sontag's death and landed matic drills instead of by hand, as has Evans in a prison cell is well known to been the case up to the present time. the old settlers of Tolare and Kings The new outfit underwent a thorough counties, California, War with the South- test Friday under the supervision of ern Pacific, on which is based Frank R. L. Ray, general manager of the com-Norris' story of "The Octopus," was the pany. In addition to the new mining maoccasion of their first conflict with the

Were Settlers.

law.

chinery, a gasoline pump has been set up and will be used to pump water from On lands granted to the Southern Pa- Sallor creek to the mouth of the mine, cific, Chris Evans, John Sontag and which lies 750 fect above the water at

their friends were settlers near Mussel that point. Sough. They had with their hands re-In an interview R. L. Ray, manager of the company, said that operations on an claimed the lands, drained it, cropped it. Fields of alfalfa and wheat waved under extensive scale would begin as soon as the sun, their homes were there, but the the plant could be gotten into shape. The mine is situated nine miles south Southern Pacific wanted the lands, so the big railroad served notice on the west of Medford on Callor creek, from little band of settlers that they must which over a million and a half dollars leave. But the settlers were staunch have already been taken. The ledge has and served notice on their part that never been mined thoroughly, however, they would defend their homes with and after careful investigation the owntheir lives. The railroad took up the ers have concluded that they possess the challenge, and a posse of 15 men was mother lode to which the placered gold sent from Fresno to clear the valley, originally belonged.

A tunnel 30 feet wide had already been When they tried it, the rifles of the settlers spoke and not a man of the driven before the present syndicate took railroad posse ever went back to Fresno. possession and another tunnel is being Road Too Strong.

But the railroad, backed by its mil- it. lions and the lawyers it could hire, was too strong. Some of the settlers were tried for murder, many were evicted and the connection can be made. others forced to pay the company for their lands. Evans and John and George drills four inches a day was the prog-Sontag were in the latter class.

is not stealing." That was the feeling were drilled through in one and three then in Tulare and the neighboring coun- quarters minutes. ties. So then Chris Evans and the Sontags started holding up Southern Pacific trains. George Sontag usually rode found in the rich mines of Nevada. Gold on the trains, while Chris Evans and in paying quantities is being taken out, John Sontag boarded the engine and dynamited the express car. They stole only from the express company and the railroad. They never molested the passen-SOTH.

railroad. George Sontag's boldness led and tests show it to run from \$6 to to the handits' downfail. After a holdup near Visalia George Sontag remained mining in this region has been child's with the train and rode into town, where play in comparison to the modern methsomebody tipped the abcriff and the arrest was made.

driven at right angles to connect with

Previous to the installing of the new ress made in breaking down this wall, "Stealing from the Southern Pacific but at the test Friday six and one-half

> The drilling is being done through form known as dyorite, the same as i as is some silver, nickel and copper. The two veins now being worked contain rich ore, and when the tunnels arcompleted a veritable bonanza is expect ed to be uncovered.

expenditure of many thousands by the belying on the dumps ready to be milled, Ore to the value of \$100,000 is said to \$1.50 per ton.

"In my estimation," said Mr. Ray, "the od of mining. Panning and placer mining have been used and only the surface



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Bandit Opens Fire

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Caught in Haystack.

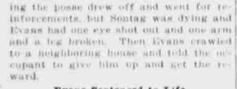
"Medford is the center of the richest Evans at the bandits' home both opened mining district left untouched, and 1 fire. The deputy was severely wounded believe that in a few years we will be and Evans took to the mountains, where , ving in the midst of one of the greatest

gold taken out.

Nurse Killed. LOS ANGELES, April 15.-Miss Grace Finally they were located in a cabin Nealey, nurse, was almost instantly killnear Dunlap, and when the posse arrived ed when she lost her balance and was Evans and Sontag threw open the door hurled from a rapidly moving automobile and opened fire. Two noted Arizona early today as it skidded in rounding a trailers were killed at the first volley corner on a wet pavement. She struck and a deputy sheriff was wounded and on her head. Three other occupants of

Then, still under fire, the outlaws started up the mountain and escaped. A primary course of twelve lessons They camped that night in a cabin three Truth will be given by Annie Spragus miles away. Foroseeing that the out- Smith every Thursday afternoon at laws would eventually have to pass a p. m. Teaching and divine healing b

was placed there. When the battle came sale. Subscriptions taken for Centra Evans and Sontag took refuge in a hay Power, Nautilus and other publication stack. All night long their rifles bark- Enquiries received by mail will receiv ed defiance to the trailers. In the morn-prompt attention



Evans Sentenced to Life.

Evans was mentoreed to life, but aft few years be and a prisoner man Morrell obtained weapons and made break for liberty. One goard was killed and another wounded and the two cor victs gained the mountains. For several Good business opportunities and lomonths they defied all parault. Finally Exam was captured after being led into a trap by a report that his daughter was dying and that his presence was imperative if he wished to see her alive:

From the day of his field terms, the daughter has never ceased to ask for hor father's pardole, sovernut after gos ernor was sided, and each refused to From the suithw

Realth Failed.

rapidly. Only the granting by Governor. Johnson of the daughter's plea has it believed; mayed blin from death tertand against the railroad's might are dead or scattered, and all he asks is a chance to admit final defeat in the inequal atrungle and to end his days in prace spoke to keep from the grip of "The cost or large places to an advantage, or topus.

COLD WEATHER SLAUGHTERS

RLAMATH FALLS, April 17 - Alex Davis, the cattle man from the Klamath marsh, is in town looking after hashness interests. Mr. Davis says that for nearly three months straight on the marsh zero weather prevalled, and this was the main reason that stock suffered so much in that region, and so many of those who were not amply supplied with food lost portions of their bands. 11cause of the continued extreme cold, he says it required much more feed to keep stock up and allvethan it would have had the weather not been so severe. He says the winter was the worst he has seen or address since he has been in the country. White he had ample hay to casry him through in pretty good shape, he mays many of his neighbors ran short.



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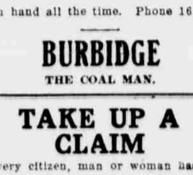
A county road has been petitioned for, viewed and will hand, which is set to orchards in part, be opened this summer running within 100 yards of build- timber and stone right of 160 acres. Of late years Evans health has failed Some of the land is now in bear- ing site, to connect with steel bridge across river, for price to the government \$2.50 per ing trees and may be jurchased at which bids have been advertised by county court. This acre. No cultivation, residence or reasonable figures, the alfalfa land when completed will be one of the most extensiveyl travel- improvement required. I have about

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