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SHALL MEDFORD BUILD A RAILROAD TO THE BLUE LEDGE COPPER MINE MEETING IS TARIFF BUARD BRITAIN'S BIG COAL STRIKE CALLED FOR IS DENOUNCED NEARING END MONDAY EVE **BY DEMOCRATS**

Citizens to Discuss Possibility of Building Railroad to Mine-Towne. Owner of Property, Promises to Start Operations if Road is Built.

Means Big Payroll and Steady Work for Several Hundred Men-Promises 2000 Tons Minimum Output.

Rusiness men and citizens of Medford have called a mass meeting for Monday evening next at the Medford ods of the tariff heard as "erroncoustheater to discuss the promotion of and untenable," the democrats of the a failroad to the Blue Ledge copper house ways and means committee toford.

from Robt, S. Towns that he will at the president last summer. since creet a large concentrating plant. The committee declares that the at the mine and operate with a large tariff heard gives absolutely no reapayroll, provided such a railroad is some for changes in the bill passed the project, providing a few miles deut's velo, the committee voted the struggles in years to a close, of railroad are first constructed, report on the original bill that it Ways and means to secure the funds "would be trifling with the people to comed at the meeting:

The following wires have been rethe latter at New York:

New York, March 16. lars the committee's bill of the last. We are interested in having road session was defective, the report a meeting of the Miners' Federation. built. Can only represent what it is states: "This analysis has failed to pleading with the men to accept the

concentration and shipment of prod- gle change in the rates fixed in the parliament. net. This would be 2000 tons per committee's bill. month and upwards. What freight "As shown in the analysis, the

Coal Mine Operators Unanimously Theory and Methods of Taft's Pet Scheme Declared Erroneous and Untenable-Voluminous Report on Introduction of Wool Bill.

Analysis of Board's Findings Failed to Reveal Anything That Requires a Single Change in Measure.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27. Denouncing the theory and meth-

lican counsels of more delay."

ceived by Dr. J. F. Reddy, who sold analysis of the report of the tariff den turn in affairs is due to the efthe filme Ledge to Mr. Towne, from board in order to interpret the find- forts of J. R. McDonald, leader of the ings and to discover in what particu- conservative laborites in the house of

likely we might do if we adopted reveal anything that requires a sin- minimum wage bill now pending in The house of lords is expected to

pass the minimum wage bill before adjournment today. It probably will be approved by King George tomor-

Accept Terms Specified in Minimum Wage Bill-Miners Hold Referendum Ballot on the Bill. All England Rejoicing Over the Pro-

bability of Strike's Termination-Conservatives Support Measure.

LONDON, March. 27.-The coal mine operators, in conference here today at which every hig mine in the country was represented unanimously mine, 39 miles southwest of Med- day flied with the house a volum- accepted the terms specified in the inone report on the introduction of minimum wage bill, now pending in Assurances have been received the Underwood wood bill, vetoed by parliament. The miners are holding a referendum hallot to determine whether to accept the bill and it is expected they will act favorably, thus built. Bond buyers agree to finance last year. After reviewing the presi, bringing one of the greatest industrial

LONDON, March 27.-All England for construction work will be dis- give further consideration to repub- is rejoicing today over the probability of the hig miners' strike terminating The committee has made a careful before the end of the week. The sudcommons who this morning addressed



RANK FRAUD IN PRIMARIES SAYS COLONEL

Wholesale Charges Made by Roosevelt Regarding Farcial Proceeding Which Gave Taft 83 Delegates to Seven for Teddy.

Governor Dix Considers Demand on Legislature for Special Session to Enact New Law.

NEW YORK, March 27.-General depunciation of the New York primary, on the face of the returns from which President Taft's adherents snowed under the Roosevelt faction. today makes the Taft forces fearful that the primaries must be held again. There is no doubt that the primary was farcial and Governor Dix, it is understood, is considering a demand on the legi-lature to enact remedial laws

Up to the very last minute the Roosevelt men fought to have changes ordered in the ballots as a result of the printer who supplied the ballots was unable to fill his orders. Many had no ballots at all and in others sample ballots were used. Today the general sentiment is in favor of another primary.

If yesterday's result is permitted to stand, President Taft will have 83 New York delegates and Colonel Roosevelt seven.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., March 27 .--Wholesale charges of fraud were made by Colonel Theodore Roosevelt at Canton, Ohio, today, when he was shown the despatches indicating that President Taft had carried the New York primary election. Colonel Roosevelt said: "The vote in New York state yesterday, as a whole, was not the real vote of the republican party. Outside New York City the primary was a farce and in the city it was even a WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27greater farce. As it is, one-fourth Denouncing Attorney General Wick- of the delegates chosen are straight ersham's refusal to give the house Roosevelt men. Of the remainder the information regarding the existence majority of those elected in New of a smelter trust as "astounding" York City have no more claim to sit United States is a congrenital rene- Congressman John A. Martin .demo- in the state convention than if they tionary and that his choice as a crat) in the house today introduced had been sent there by Tammany standard hearer would be rainous to a resolution demanding the house Hall. They were elected by methods mining committee investigate the al- more outrageous than the worst meleged combine. Cougressman Martin thods Tammany itself ever employed. "In my speech tonight I shall take "It is an absolutely safe assertion up the matter in detail, as to why the that there is a smelter trust and that men chosen in New York's primary the department of justice in protect- election in no way represent the re-The letter recites the bolting of the ing it is shirking its duty. This de- publican party, and why no action of emocratic ticket by Harmon in 1896; partment does not dare prosecute theirs should be accepted as repreand his record since that time, which this powerful ally of the Taft admin- sentative of or binding on the republican party." "The smelter trust is the most cor-Medill McCormick of Chicago, one rupting and reactionary influence in of Colonel Roosevelt's chief political "The Harmon is a reactionary is Rocky Mountain politics. The black- advisers, called the Taft adherents in anquestioned by any fair-minded est pages in the history of Colorado New York to task for what he termed nan," says the letter. "Since 1908 - and there are no black in the hiss "their political grand lareeny." He his political influence has been tory of the American commonwealths infimated that a contesting delegation -are written in the Guggenheim would be sent to the New York state

rate to Medford could be made on data of the report of the tariff that tounage? If rate low enough, beards has found to be diffuse and be approved by King George tomorinvestigation we might adopt that unsystematic and to present insignifthink it quite likely that on further least findings.

plan and erect plant for same by date ["The theory of applying tariff du-ROHT, S. TOWNE. Use according to the difference on you state. New York, March 19. _ the cost of production in this and

If you can promote the building of foreign countries, upon which the structed to protect strikebreakers at the road I think there is no doubt board has projected and prepared its all hazards. we will operate the mine. 1 do not report, is entirely erroneous and unfeel like subscribing for stock or tenable. These persons who are will- Miners' Federation is on the very of bonds. Our investment in mining ing to overlook the lack of theoret- collapse, but the miners insist they ty-six bodies were recovered today claring that Governor Judson Harand metallurgical plant would be ical soundness and of statistical ac- could continue the strike for an in- from the mine of the United States uracy, will find the data of the re- definite period. port too fragmentary and incomplete

ROBT. S. TOWNE. New York, December 21, 1911 to admit of conclusions with refer-Dear Mr. Reddy: 1 have your fa-vor of December 11. 1 agree with port leaves the question of the tariff WEALTHY PRISONER you it is interesting that the South- duties on wool as much unsolved as ern Pacific be favorably impressed before the tariff board was formed.

with interests of building a road toward or past the flue Ledge. The SENATOR TAYLOR OF property has a large tonnage of ore developed. I think it can safely be

catled upwards of 200,000 tons. The WASHINGTON, D. C., March 27 .outlook for its further development United States Senator Robert Love instigation of President Taft into several weeks age after fighting con is good. I do not take any very ac- Taylor of Tennessee is reported dying the photographing of S. C. Lillis, a viction since 1908, and was phototive interest at this time in trying to here this afternoon following an op- federal prisoner serving six months in graphed at the prison. He has now put that before these people myself eration for gall stones. For a time the Alameda county jail for unlaw- appealed to the president to force There is no objection to your stating Senator Taylor showed improvement, fully fencing public lands,

is unconscious.

Probers.

After a two days' session, the new

grand Jury Tuesday afternoon re-

the matter. Yours truly, ROBT. TOWNE.



RIOTING RESULTS IN MARTIAL LAW AT ROCK ISLAND

ROCK ISLAND, III., March 27 .-With one dead, one dying, nine in hospitals desperately wounded and ported to the court that it had found no irregularities and no graft in four others hurt as a result of a batcounty court transactions, and adthe between the police and a mobinfuriated over local political devel. lourned until the August sitting. opments, civil law is practically suspended here today.

State militiamen are patrolling all atd the county court. the streets of the city, and all saitia are under arms and four others missioner, who was accused of hav- to submit the following report: are waiting for a call to the scene log purchased county warrants at of the trouble. The entire sixth regi- less than par while an official of the ment. county, Joe Beeman and Lon Barment has been ordered here.

The rioting began as the result of ber of Gold Hill testified that Mr. nesses who testified concerning the a political fight which has been rag- Davis had eashed small warrants for county court affairs not touched upon ing for a month between Harry them at 96 cents on the dollar. Mr. by the previous grand jury, and so

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In the event of the miners rejecting MacDonald's suggestion, the government will send troops to protect the collicries if the owners decide to re-

The operators contend that the



Coal and Coke company, which was wrecked by a gas explosion. Thirty other corpses have been located in the shaft, and will be recovered this af-

> Coroner Mct'allough of McDowell nings Bryan today wrote a letter of said; county is investigating the cause of energetic disapproval to E. H. Moore, the explosion.

OAKLAND, Cal., March 27,-Investigation is being made today at the ago. He arrived at the Alameda jail Sheriff Barnett to withdraw his pic-

whatever you care to, however, in but he suffered a relapse today and Lillis is a wealthy stockman who ture from the prison files and to surwas convicted in Fresno four years render the plates and prints to him.

SECOND GRAND JURY REPORTS FINDING NO

himself, had purchased any county] the part of any of the county officials Gold Hill Parties Try to Secure In- warrants below par. He stated that and so far as the grand jury ascerseveral of the bank's customers had tained there seems to have been the dictment of Former Commissioner left money at the bank for the pur- ordinary care and system to the Davis-No Irregularities Found by chase of warrants, and in a few in- county's management. In every instances the bank, as a matter of ac- stance supposed irregularities report- erats are progressives, and nearly commodation, had acted as agent for ed were proven to be fallacious."

these persons in buying a small "The grand jury does not underamount of warrants.

"We have examined several wit-

Davis testified that neither the Farm- far as the evidence before us shows

ers & Fruitgrowers bank, nor he there has been no fraud or graft on

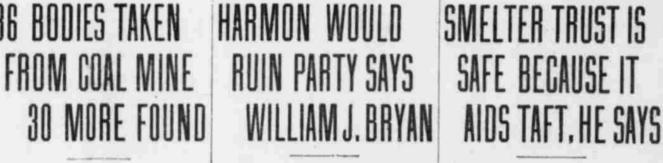
Former Roadmaster Harmon, port upon the affairs of the county, predatory interests," among other witnesses appeared be- for such could not result from two

fore the jurors but accusations were days' session. But from the slight found unsupported by evidence and inquiry we made (and we candidly the grand jury filed the following considered all evidence offered) we report: can find nothing to condemn and

having returned one indictment, This "We, your grand jury, convened have nothing to suggest. As a body is the second grand jury to exoneryesterday, the 24th instant, having convenes the 26th day of August

An effort was made by Gold Hill disposed of whatever business came with one week's touure, we wish to ioons in the corporate limits have parties to secure the indictment of before us, and knowing of no further state that we will carefully hear all been closed. Four companies of mil- Geo. L. Davis, former county com- duties at hand awaiting us, beg leave evidence illuminating county affairs that may be conveyed from any and "We have returned one indict- all sources. Respectfully submitted.

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WELCH, W. Va., March 27 .- Thir-LINCOLN, Neb., March 27 .- Demon of Ohio, caudidate for the democratic nomination for president of the the democratic party, William Jen-

> of Columbus, Ohio, manager of Harnon's political interests.

Bryan alleges shows that the Ohioan Istration.

favored the attempts of the reactionaries to control the party.

theown to the side of the reactionries-notably when he appeared be- checkbooks of 1902 and 1906. . republican convention. ore the constitutional convention in Ohio and advised its members to reject the initiative and referendum Surely you cannot believe that a democratic candidate with such a record will prove a popular leader at this time, when nine-tenths of the demo-

one-half of the republicans are aroused to the importance of taking take to make a general and final re- the government out of the control of



TUCSON, Ariz., March 27 .- Eight persons are dead and several are suffering from wounds today following a bombardment of the port of Mazatlan by the Mexican rebel gunhoat Guerrero. Five of the dead are federals and three rebels, according to reports of the engagement received here.

the banks who underwrote the subscriptions.

Mr. Payne set up in defense that A force of rebels which simultan the subscription had been obtained cously attacked Mazatlan from shore side were turned back.



mittee of Commerci al Club Aired in Court

After five minutes deliberation the | Commercial club had not constructjury in the case of the Medford Com- ed the entire road, that the construcmercial club versus M. H. Payne re- tion already done had been of no turned a verdict for \$200 in favor benefit to him and that consequently of the plaintiff. The suit was he should not be compelled to pay brought to secure payment of a sub- the same.

scription made to the club for the The history of the subscription list building of the Crater Lake highway. and of the efforts of the commercial It was a test case, as many other club to secure the construction of the subscribers have withheld their pay- highway were gone into at length ments, hoping to escape payment, and the probe inserted into the af-About \$8000 is due the club on these fairs of the Crater Lake Highway subscriptions, \$5000 of which is due commission.

> Minutes of the meeting, financial reports, road and sundry expenses incurred were brought out, the court

by false representations, that the (Continued on Page 6.)

