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ANOTHER SURPRISE.

Middlemen Getting \$11 to \$12 Per Ton for Coal While Poor Are Freezing. Scranton, Pa., Dec, 18.-When the oal strike commission met yester day Chairman Gray opened the proceedings by saying that the commissioners were impressed with the spectacle of the little girls who were before the commission yesterday and testified that they worked all night. He said the people of the community and citizens of the commonwealth should not let the incident pass without taking some steps to have the Legislature of Pennsylvania serious ly consider the enactment of a law that will forbid the employment of children at night. At the suggestion of the commission the statements of

other over \$900. prise by presenting an individual priation for the 1905 fair. perator on the witness stand against the operators. He was John C. Hadlock, of Wilkesbarre, president of Plymouth Coal Company. Mr. Haddock, in answer to questions put to him by C. S. Darrow for the miners, said he had been in the coal pusiness 35 years. His company op-erated the Black Diamond and Dodvember 14 trustees took hold of the

more than \$1000 last year and the

all sizes below that was waste. This by the two petitions. s now being utilized,

Regarding the price of Coal Mr Haddock said the middlemen in New York are paying \$11 and \$12 a ton. Judge Gray—"Do they pay the oprators that price?" "Possibly."

MURDERERS SENTENCEU.

Oscar Bradshaw Must Suffer Death Kellett Gets 20 Years.

Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 18 .- Un-Bradshaw, a young man, arrived in North Yakima, for the murder Peter Nelson, at Pasco, last July. February 2, unless an appeal to the Supreme Court is perfected. With Bradshaw came William Kel

lett, a much older man, under tence of 20 years at hard labor, for the part he took in the murder of Nelson. Bradshaw was tried Decemper 3 and 4, and a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree was en-Makes a specialty of land office work. Final proofs in timber and homestead entries made fort for a lighter verdict. Upon the fort for a lighter verdict. Upon the Kellett he asked to be allowed to plead guilty to murder in the second degree. After the state had advised in the matter the plea was accepted and the sentence of 20 years inflicted by Judge Rudkin, yesterday.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CASTRO.

Crack Shots and Old Mountain Men from Montana Will Join Venezuelans

Butte, Mont., Dec. 18.-It is stated u what appears to be good author ity that a fillbustering party is being ganized in Butte to go to Venezuela. It is said, at least, that an alleged ousters, who are organizing to go to to the secretary of state. Venezuela, is really based upon fact. A number of Butte men have already enlisted. The men conducting the scheme are keeping it quiet OREGON but it is said at least one well-armed company, all crack-shots and nountain men, will go South in a few days. A number of Spanish war veterans and several veterans of the Fenian invasion of Canada are among the men enlisted.

CONTINUE TO RUN TRANSPORTS.

Ludington Advising House Committee Against Contract System.

Ludington of the naster-General Army, before the House committee on nilitary affairs, today advocated continuing the transport service under the control of the War Department. am, \$3,20@3.60. He said the cost of the service as now onducted is about \$3000 less than any of the estimates submitted by private concerns, but said that in his chop, \$18. inion it would be in the interest of he soldier and service for the War Department to operate its own line. leneral Ludington, speaking of mater of carrying private parties on the \$9.00; cheat, \$8@9 per ton. lovernment transports, said the numer was insignificant and that where abuses had occurred in that direction they already had been corrected.

A Western Philanthropist.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 18 .- A deed was recorded yesterday, whereby South Park, formerly a Summer reort, situated 13 miles from Louisille, passed into the hands of Wiliam H. Beach, a Los Angeles, Cal. capitalist. It is stated that he will convert part of the property into a summer resort and another part into children's home, where abandoned waifs will be given every care and @221/c; store, 15@18. attention. The place contains about 300 acres of land and a 25-acre lake.

Russians Raised Wheat in Alaska. Tacoma, Dec. 18.-That wheat was rown in Alaska by the Russians a century ago is proved by the discovery of two old flour mills built by the subjects of the Czar. One of there is on Wood Island, in Southeastern Alaska, and the other in the interior. The former mill has just been investigated by R. B. Taylor. He says the old flour mill was built OREGON. early in the last century.

NEWS OF OREGON

ITFMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

OF THE STATE.

Sheep Herding Within Two Miles of Favor More Stringent Clame Laws.

Commissioner Hermann has recommended the repeal of the lieu land law.

a street fair. the wages of the fathers of two of land charged with the recent Grants the girls were presented. One earned Pass stage hold-up.

> not be asked for a government appro-F. S. Ingram, who is circulating a heaviest for years.

petition asking for aid from the state Very few people refuse to sign.

Mr. Haddock then explained that free delivery, after viewing two rural storm originated in Arizona, and the he miner's ton, which runs from 2700 free delivery routes out of Wasco, states temperature at no time has been unto 3200 pounds, was fixed years ago that the employer could get out of the ton 2240 pounds of pure coal are not the required number of families bove the size of pea. Pea coal and within the 50 miles of territory covered

There is a petition being circulated in the eastern part of the state asking the legislature to enact a law prohibiting the herding of sheep within a distance of two miles of any habitation It is being pressed by cattlemen in the main although a great many business men who are not interested in stock are such laws.

Senator Mitchell called the attention er sentence of death to be carried of Commissioner of Pensions Ware to company. The reports of the bondthe city yesterday morning, in charge the last session which have not as yet over those for 1901. There was an inof Sheriff I. J. Davis, of Franklin been granted. The commissioner crease of over \$5,000,000, in gross death at Pasco by Judge Rudkin, of states that considerable difficulty is earnings and of \$27,000,000 in exof being experienced in getting the mili penses. tary service of the claimants but he

in Albany March 1, 1903.

There are about 30 members. Probably the largest shipment of wool ever made from Independence at one time occurred last week. H. A.

pounds of wool. The shipment made up almost 10 freight cars. The Linn county jail walls will be

plates. The ceiling will also be covered with a network of steel bars. breaks in the past two years.

The new Oregon code, compiled by ludge C. B. Bellinger and W. W. Cotton, has been issued. This code josh" story in the Inter-Mountain, in place of the codes heretofore in use refused concerning a party of Montana fili- One thousand copies will be delivered miners.

There is a movement on foot to dilous that there is too much for one judge to do.

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Walla Walla, 70 271c; blue stem 78@79c; valley, 75@76c. Barley-Feed, \$23.50 per ton; brew ing, \$24.00.

Flour-Best grade, 3.60@4 10; grah-Millstuffs-Bran, \$19.00 per middlings, \$23.50; shorts, \$19.50; tion at Laken, two shots were fired at

Oats-No. 1 white, \$1.15@1.17% gray, \$1.121/2@1.15 per cental. Hay - Timothy, \$10@11; clover,

Potatoes-Best Burbanks, 60@79c per sack; ordinary, 50@60c per cental, growers' prices; Merced sweets, \$1.75@ \$2 per cental.

Poultry - Chickens, mixed, 11c; young, 10c; hens, 11@113c; turkeys, live, 13@ 14c; dressed, 15@ 17%; ducks, \$5@6 per dozen; geese, \$6.5

Cheese - Full cream, twins, 16 1/4 @ 17%c; Young America, 17%@18% factory prices, 1@1%c less. Butter-Fancy creamery, 27 1/4 @30c

Eggs-25@35c per dozen. Hops-New crop, 23@26c per pound. Oregon, 8@14%c; mohair, 26@28c. Beef-Gross, cows, 3@31/c per

pound; steers, 4c; dressed, 5@7c. Veal-7%@8%c. Mutton - Gross, 3c dressed, 6c. dressed, 6%c.

Ho Gross,

dresued, 7@7 %c.

SNOW IN THE ROCKIES.

Fell Over Large Area and Is Gladly Welcomed in Most Places.

Denver, Dec. 17,-The entire Rocky Mountain region from Northern Wyoming to Southern New Mexico has been visited by a storm during the past 36 Eastern Oregon Wants Law Prohibiting hours. The ground in the plateau section is covered to a depth of six Habitations - Wasco is Refused Rural inches, while the fall in the moun-Mail Routes-Lina County Sportsmen tains has been much heavier. The greater portion of the precipitation fell yesterday and last night. Today about two inches of snow fell during the morning in most sections of Colo-The Multnomah club of Portland has rado, but tonight the weather has commenced arrangements for holding cleared. No snow fell in Western Wyoming today, although around Chey-Three men have been arrested at Ash- enne and in the region immediately German commander delivered to the Dr. Bishop, one of the attending physi- town. Regrettable as it was, this perienced. In Southern New Mexico The present session of congress will a light rainfall was reported, with snow in the north. In some parts of Cololey in the south, the snow was the

ment of better game laws. All concur fact that the snow drifted but little. E. C. Clement, special agent of rural 110 losses have been reported. The arms. comfortably cold.

THE AIDED RAILROADS.

Only One Owes the Government, Accord-

ing to Commissioner Longstreet. Washington, Dec. 17 .- The annual eport of General Longstreet, the commissioner of railroads, says that, of the settled their indebtedness with the gov-Central Branch Union Pacific railway

The report deals with detailed an-The death penalty is to be inflicted hopes to have all straighened up shortly. nual summaries of the operations of the roads, embraces the principal laws note excepting American ships from Free delivery of mail will commence of congress that relate to the bond-aided certain restrictions of the Venezuelan An Odd Fellows lodge has been in stracts of the decisions of the supreme German Government. The Foreign of stituted at Durkee, Eastern Oregon. court in cases affecting the bond-aided Office treats the matter as not rais-Pacific companies, and to which the ing any essential difficulty as being United States is party.

THREAT TO RENEW STRIKE.

action of the jury being announced to Douty shipped direct to Boston 120,000 Coxe Brothers' Miners Demand Reinstallment of Union Men.

000 miners at Drifton, near Hazelton, lined with three-sixteenths inch steel will go out on strike unless their employers adjust grievances they com-These improvements to the jail have plain of, says a dispatch from Scran-companied by any conditions. been made necessary by numerous jail ton to the Press. The shipment of coal to New York will be decreased 10,000 tons a day if this strike is dewas authorized by the last legislature large independent operators. They and will hereafter be used in the courts say that the company has repeatedly in place of the codes heretofore in use, refused to re-employ all its union The matter had been considered in

District Presidents Duffy, Fahey and Nichols, who are in this city, have ade of the ports. It was not intended had a conference regarding the questo land a British force, and still less vide the Eighth judicial district, con- tion. Duffy upholds the attitude of to occupy Venezuelan territory. sisting of Baker, Umatilla and Wallows the Drifton miners, but the other discounties, into two districts. Union trict presidents, together with their and Wallows will constitute one, and attorney representing the miners be-Baker county will be constituted a fore the strike commission, are doing judicial district by itself, if the plan their utmost to prevent a suspension is carried out. The reason for the change is that the district is so popuchange is that the district is so popu- strike before they see whether the commissions intend to protect their rights in their decision will have a

MORE SHOTS AT THE KING.

Leopold of Belgium Fired Upon as He Was

Leaving the Royal Train. New York, Dec. 17,-The Ameri an's correspondent at Brussels says: As Leopold, the king of the Belgians was leaving the royal train at the sta-

him, although neither took effect. It is not known whether the shots where fired by an assassin or by poachers, but in view of the dissatisfaction with the king becasee of his cruel treatpent of his daugther, the Princess Stephanie, the shooting is generally believed to have been a deliberate attempt to kill him, and much excite- son this government makes this de entire union from gathering at the pent prevails.

have been doubled.

Snow All Over Kansas.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 17. - The first heavy snowstorm of the winter prevailed all over Kansas today. The fall in some places amounted to four inches per pound; extras, 30c; dairy, 20 panied the storm, and great goodt o the than it has been since the trouble be wheat crop in Central Kansas will gan, result. Trains on all roads were delayed today, the snow in some places preventing traffic. There has been no Wool--Valley, 12 16: Eastern relief of the fuel famine in Kiowa county.

Logs to increase in Price.

pected by Coast loggers within the next few days. At the present time the ruling price is from \$7.50 to \$8.

SHIPS WERE SUNK

BRITISH CANNON PUT FATAL HOLES THROUGH VENEZUELAN BOATS.

Later Without Them - Cannon Shots Venezuelan Forts.

island.

document: "By order of my sovereign and at

rado, particularly in the San Luis val- the German squadron in West Indian waters, I, the commander of the Panther, request you to lower your ship's For the past three years drouth has flag immediately and leave your ship legislature, is securing many signa visited the San Luis valley, and the tures. He has in the neighborhood of present moisture has brought rejoicing, This is not a measure of war on the Nellie. assuring as it does good conditions for part of Germany, but only with the Linn county sportsmen are taking experiencing no serious interruption active measures to secure the enact-HOOD RIVER LODGE No. 105, A. F. and A son mines near Wilkesbarre. He said in the opinion that hunting for the his company went into the hands of receivers on March 14, and on No. C. D. Thompson, Secretary. cognize our just demands. In case

"ECKERMAN, Commander." Further details of the sinking of the Venezuelan ships have been obtained from an entry made in the books of the signal men of the fortress at La Guayra. It is as follows:

"Tuesday, December 9, 1:30 night. 'The Adjutant called me to see if knew the steamer Retribution of railroad companies which have received north. I had heard four cannon shots government subsidies in bonds, all have and saw the two steamers had disapbeen sunk by the Vineta and Retrisigning. Idaho and California have ernment except the Central Branch butlon. At the end of an hour the The fact that the Retribution re

idents of La Guayra. Consequently Venezuelan ships to Curacoa or Trin-

Germany Accepts America's Protest. Berlin, Dec. 18 .- Secretary Hay's ing at tracks were consumed. d land grant roads, and includes ab | blockade is favorably received by the without precedent, since made a similar reservation in the American vessels under the blockade

will be defined in an official notifica-

England Will Go After Castro. London, Dec. 18.-Replying to duce the desired effect, further coonsultation with Germany, and it jurisdiction.

New York, Dec. 18.-Secretary Hay has cabled to Ambassabor Tower, at Berlin, says the World's correspondent at Washington, to ask the Ger-

Although it has not been put into \$250,000 to buy the land and develop public expression, this government the station, leaving the exact location contends that there is no such thing to be determined later by the board. as a "peaceful blockade." If a state of war does not exist this government to pass

The test will come when the Red D Line steamer Caracas arrives at La Guayra, probably next Saturday. If that ship goes through, as it is expected it will, other ships from other nations will also demand to go through, and the "peaceful blockade"

will become a farce. ships through the German and English to keep his fleet together. The reausand of Germany is because it has plants. The guards that surround the king in writing in black and white, the fullest statement of Germany's intentions in Venezuela. It has no such mats of that country were shrewd ment of intent.

The Administration is awaiting Germany's answer with some anxiety.

Italians Gladly Join in Blockade. London, Dec. 18 .- News has been All are railroad employes. ceived in London that all the employes of the La Guayra-Caracas and Puerto Cabello-Valencia Railroads

ade more stringent.

MRS. GRANT DEAD.

Widow of Warrior President Succumb

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. Towed Them to Sea from the Harbor of Grant having suffered for years from La Guayra and Returned Two Hours valvular disease of the heart, which was aggravated by a severe attack of Were Distinctly Heard by Officers in bronchitis. Her age prevented her rallying from the attacks. Her daughter, Nellie Grant Sartoris, was the only Caracas, Dec. 18.—The Governor of one of her children with her at the time Margarita Island reports that British of her death, her three sons, who had and German warships are off that been summoned here, all being out of sland. the city. There also were present at the bedside when the end came Miss the Venezuela ships at La Guayra the Rosemary Sartoris, a grand daughter; ly at the fortifications and not at the came peacefully, the sufferer retaining

to Heart Fallure.

consciouness practically to the end. 26, 1826. She was married to U. S. Grant August 22, 1848. Four children were born to her-

three sons. Frederick Dent, Ulysses, Jr., and Jesse, and one daughter, next year's crops. Railroad traffic is object of making a provisional seiz- deposited in the tomb at Riverside park, New York, where those of her husband now repose. Whether they will be taken there immediately or this ceremony postponed for a time could

GREAT FIRE IN OHIO FOWN.

not be ascertained tonight.

a Loss of \$1,000,000.

Canal Dover, O., Dec. 16 .- The corrugating mills, the paint shop, the store United States that when the blockade room and the building containing the four mills on the west side of the the English Navy was towing the steamers Crespo and Totune, of the steamers Crespo and Totune, of the steamers the steamers crespo and the steamers National Navy, three or four miles night, and the company is confronted with a loss of over \$1,000,000, nearly al case. But now that the blockade peared and understood they had \$750,000 is finished product and the re- is sought to be established. Secretary mainder in buildings and machinery. railway company, the su cessor of the Retribution returned to the harbor burning pile toward the offices and the be interfered with in their trading.

machine shop. Fear that these, too, might be doomed caused a call for help turned to La Guayra alone two hours to be sent to New Philadelphia. The out, at the state penitentiary, Oscar the number of applications for pensions aided and land grant roads show an inunder the Indian war veteran act of crease of \$20,000,000 in net earnings sels was confirmed by English res- good service. The offices, machine shops, galvanizing department and the she did not have time to conduct the mills on the east side are all that remain of this great paint.

The loss is partially covered by insurance. A dozen railway cars stand-

REORGANIZE CONSULAR FORCE. Bill to Classify and Provide for Examina tion of Applicants.

Washington, Dec. 16. - A bill has been introduced in the house by Repre-Cretan blockade. The precise status of sentative Adams, of Pennsylvania, to provide for the reorganization of the Minister Bowen's communication to Provision is made for the classification Germany through the United States of consuls general and consuls, specifyGovernment in behalf of President ling the number and salary of each the allied powers for a peaceful set-Castro, received here yesterday, was a simple proposal to arbitrate the class, and for the examination of ap-

to be dropped, but none can be called warded to London and Berlin through for examination within six months of the embassies here, and as both Great a the day of the passage of the bill. question in the House of Lords to Consuls general and consuls may be clared. The dissatisfied miners are day, Lord Lansdowne, the Foreign transferred by the president from one employed by Coxe Bros. & Co., the Secretary, said that if the selzure of place to another of the same class. The proposal did not mention the the Venezueian gunboats did not pro- Special examinations are provided for methods of arbitration nor the limitaercive measures would be employed. United States exercises extra territorial those who may be sent where the tions, and the point of doubt which Naval Training Station on Lakes.

Washington, Dec. 16 .- Secretary Moody has transmitted to congress the is liable at all. report of the naval board, headed by Admiral Taylor, which was created to select a site for a naval training station on the great lakes. The report

Secretary Moody approved the report

land values.

Union Men May Picket. Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 16 .- Judge Carter, in the supreme court today, double reason for the attack.

Carter, in the supreme court today, first place, Colombia wishes to take men by name from gathering at the strip, which would control both routes plant of the Drop Forge company, available for an Isthmian canal, and If Germany insists on its right to where a strike has been on for several so enable her to make her own terms blockade peaceably and refuse to let months, for the purpose of intimidat- and secondly, she must find congenial American ships through, then Ad- ing men who wanted to go to work, employment for the Colombian solmiral Dewey's fleet will be sent to The court refused to interfere with the diers who have been fighting rebels Venezuela to convoy the American peaceful picket, which he held to be for four years, and cannot now be legal. The order is a modification of a casily turned to ways of peace, and ships through the German and English legal. The order is a manufactured the lines. Admiral Dewey has been told former decision, which restrained the lution if not allowed an outlet for

Fatal Wreck in Missouri.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 16 .- A spec- ing about for means to avert the atstatement from England. The diplo | ial to the Star from Bucklin, Mo., says tack by Colombia. enough to make only a verbal stateo'c ock. A local freight was wrecked four miles west of Bucklin. A steam on the level. No severe cold accom- The situation is now more critical wrecker was sent from Bloomfield. The wrecker and engine went through the siveness of England. It is believed killed and one other fatally injured and that England has combined with Gerhalf a dozen others seriously hurt.

Contract for Rapid-Fire Guns. Washington, Dec. 16. - General other valuable acquisitions in the are safe. Telegrams received here Crozier, chief of ordinance, has award. neighborhood of the Orinoco river. Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 17.—Another from Berlin confirm the statement ed a contract for the manufacture of 30 crease in the price of logs is exthat it has been arranged for Italy 15-pound rapid fire guns and mounts to join the blockade, and say that to the Bethlebem steel works at its bid the German Government will ask of \$3,930 for guns and mounts. The in this city were shut down today on It is thought this will be increased by consent of the Bundersrath to a pro-only other bid received was from the account of inability to obtain 8% 68%c per pound; at least 50 cents before the end of the posal to make the Venezuelan block- American & British ordnance companá temporarily throwing about 3000 men at a slightly higher figure.

POWERS WARNED

AMERICAN VESSELS MUST NOT BE IN-TERFERED WITH.

Secretary of State Hay Denies That Peace Blockade Has Ever Been Recognizedis Following Precedent Established in 1898-Must Declare War on Venezue-

la to Stop All Shipping.

Washington, Dec. 17. - Minister Bowen has confirmed the press reports to the effect that the guns of the allied forces which bombarded Puerto Cabello were directed entirenorth of there a light snowfall was ex- Venezuelan captains the following cians, and two trained nurses. Death statement relieves the affair of the first suspicion that it constituted a violation of international law, in the Julia Dent Grant was born January fact that 24 hours notice was not served of the bombardment. The requirements as to the notice applies to unfortified or fortified towns where the fire must be directed upon the inhabitants, and this was not the case The remains of Mrs. Grant will be at Puerto Cabello, so that, while the officials here regret that the firing took place, they have as yet no cause to protest.

But it is now probable that the United States will break its attitude of inactivity in the event that an attempt is made to enforce the "peaceful blockade" toward an American ship. While the allies were considering the Sheet Steel Company's Mills Burned at ways and means of bringing Venezuela to terms and a blockade of this haracter had been decided upon, the German government informed the was established it would turn back all shipping, though no effort would be made to seize the ships. The Unitsponse to this statement at the time (last year) not feeling called upon to do so, before presentation of an actu-Hay has informed the German govern-A strong wind was blowing over the ment that American ships should not except the inhibition applies to all shipping, and further, the note intimates a disapproval of stoppage at

In so doing the state department is following a precedent, for, during the effort of the powers to establish a "peaceful blockade" off Crete in 598, Secretary Sherman formally recorded a refusal to be bound by it. if happended that no American ship had occasion to enter a Cretan port during the brief period of time the blockade was in force, so the issue was not made then, but in the present case, with regular lines of Americar steamers entering Venezuelan ports at short intervals, a test case may soon follow. It is within the legal rights of the allies to close these ports, but probably this can be accomplished without a protest on our part only after a formal declaration The hope is growing here consular service of the United States. that such a deciaration can after all

question in dispute, and was not ac-companied by any conditions.

Of the latter, those who fail to pass are Britain and Germany have heretofore professed a desire to settle the issues peaceably, it is hoped that they will avail themselves of this opportunity. may prevent the acceptance of the scheme is believed to be Castro's unwillingness to bind himself in advance the recognition of the principal liability; he would leave the arbitrators to determine whether or not he

COLOMBIA MAKES READY.

Will Invade Nicaragua in Order to Hold Both Canal Routes.

Washington, Dec. 17.-Whatever doubt existed in Nicaragua as to the intention of Columbia to carry out her threat to attack her as soon as her own revolutionary movement had been checked has been removed by will contend, at the proper time, that and points out that an immediate ap-United States ships must be allowed propriation will prevent the raising of character here that the Colombian army officers at Panama and Colon are steadily but quietly making ready for an invasion of Nicaragua. It is stated further that there is a

their energies outside of Colombia.

The advices are to the effect that the officials in Managua are seriously disturbed at the outlook and are cast-

Want Patos Island.

Panama, Dec. 17 .- It is the general opinion on the isthmus that Patos Is land is at the bottom of the aggres many under the futile pretext of collecting unacknowledged debts and to punish President Castro for his firm determination not to allow England to quietly usurp Patos Island and

Shut Down for Lack of Coal.

Wilmington, Dec. 17.-The works of the Diamond State Steel Company and boys out of employment.