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MAY ABANDON TRANSPORTS

A Boston Company Makes the transport service and the railroads are Passed Through Boca Grand With No Foundation Accord-Lowest Bid

TRANSPORTING OF TROOPS

And Military Supplies May Be Shipped to Philippines this Route

COMPANY OPERATES STEAMSHIP LINE BETWEEN SEATTLE AND NORTHERN CAUSING RATE WAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.-Secretary Root had a conference today with Quartermaster General Ludington and Colonel Patton, in charge of the Army transport service, with regard to the bids recently received for the transportation of troops and military supplies between the Pacific Coast and the Philippines,

The lowest bid received was that of a Boston company running steamships between Scattle and Manila. It was at rates much below the regular commission rates. The main question to be determined is whether the rates offered by the Boston Company will Justify the Government in the abandonment of the Army transport service across the Pacific.

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ing the Omaha gateway to the Pacific Coast are much exorcised over what is said to be an effort to divert all the Government business for the Philippines by way of the St. Paul gateway and over the Great Northern to Seat-

Should the Government abandon its tion to the haul by the railroads using the Omaha route, the Union and Central Pacific lines promise to make a strong bid for their share of the Philippine husiness, which will result DESTINATION IS UNCERTAIN THE STRIKE COMMISSION in a further reduction of the rates and consequent advantages to the Govern-

THOMPSON'S LONG TERM

FORT STEVENS INCENDIARY WILL PROBABLY BE SEN-TENCED TO 20 YEARS.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 4 .- The court-MANILA - RAILWAY TRAFFIC martial, which was called to try the WILL BE DIVERTED TO GREAT case against Private Ernest Thompson, the Fort Stevens incendiary, has concluded its work, but its findings have not been made public. Thompson was indicted on eleven counts, seven of which were for starting fires, three for sending threatening letters, and one for desertion. He is supposed to have started all the fires which occurred at the post, and is believed also to have been the author of the letter signed "The Twelve Dynamiters." The desertion charge could be proven without effort, of course.

The findings of the court will be forwarded to the reviewing officers at Washington City, and until they pass upon the verdict, the fate of the prisoner will not be officially known. It is understood, however, that he has been provisions and ammunition from a supfound guilty on nearly all the counts, i ply ship. The "enemy" is prepared to ment. and that his sentence will be fully 20 years at hard labor, probably in the military prison at Alcatraz Island, Cal.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 4.—Rallronds us- debtiff

PROCESSION OF WARSHIPS

Gorge Yesterday

Believed to Be Porto Rico or Still Hearing Testimony on Culebra to Seize

WARSHIPS LADEN WITH COAL COMMISSIONER GENERAL SAR-AND AMMUNITION AND PREPAR-ED FOR WAR-CASTRO'S REPLY NOT SATISFACTORY TO GER-MANS-EXPECT ULTIMATUM.

Base

PORT OF SPAIN, Island of Trinidad, Dec. 4.—The United States Consul has been informed this morning of the enemy's squadron." Its destination is Rico or Culebra.

The ships passed through Boca Grande Gorge slowly. All the warships had a low free-board, which is evidence that they are filled with coal and ammunition. A collier carrying 2,500 tons the various vessels, which received have heard the rumors, but say they make a dash to seize a base and hold it, and confidence as to the final success of the movement prevailed board the ships.

War Almost Certain.

Berlin, Dec. 4 .- The reply of President Castro, of Venezuela, presented to the German Minister at Caracas a week ago, is not satisfactory to the German Government. It is deemed inadequate and as being probably designed to gain further time. Its partial acceptance of the German demands was coupled with conditions that are unacceptable. An exchange of views with the British foreign office has resulted in the decision to proceed with the joint action. The ultimatum will almost certainly be presented in a few days.

Warships Are Arriving. Indefatigable arrived today at La

Guayra. Three more British warships

are expected. POISON IN HIS BEER WEALTHY MAN OF NEW YORK

VATE STOCK. NEW YORK, Dec. 4 .- An investigation by the coroner into the sudden death on Tuesday of George F. Leyh, a wealthy truss manufacturer in Brooklyn, has developed considerable of a mystery. The investigation is pro-

DRANK SOME OF HIS PRI-

Leyh was over 80 years of age, and s said to have possessed an estate of more than \$30,000. It was his custom to eat luncheon at the rear of his place of business. With his daughters, he made : his home in apartments above. On Tuesday the luncheon was brought as usual, and Leyh went into the cellar for a bottle of beer. He took it from a case containing twenty bottles. On taking off the top, he found the beer flat, but drank part of the glass. It tasted badly, and he called to the office boy, whom he asked to taste the beverage, which, he said, was bitter. The boy put the glass to his lips and said the same. Leyh arose and started across the room. Suddenly he fell, and died in twenty minutes.

The doctors found that his death was probably caused by a strong poison. At first it was believed that the stuff had been placed in the bottle for safe keep ing, and that Leyh had taken the fatal draught by mistake; but a study of the whole affair is said to have convinced the coroner that the top of the bottle had been taken off and that a large quantity of poison was poured into the beer and the bottle put back into the case, where, as Leyh drank one bottle daily, it was only a question of time when he would take it.

The beer that remained in the bottle and the glass showed a quantity of sediment. An autopsy will be performed, and the contents of the bottle analyzed to learn the nature of the pols-

STALLED IN SNOW

BAKER CITY EAGLES' EXCURSION TRAIN TO SUMPTER COMES TO GRIEF.

BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 4 .- A snow storm has been raging in this section for twenty-six hours, and the ground is covered to a depth of one foot. All traffic is at a standstill. This is the heaviest snowfall recorder for this sea-

An excursion of Engles left here last night for Sumpter. The train is stalled and snowbound at McEwan, this side of Sumpter. Relief trains were dispatched this morning, and it is expected that the train will get through by night. The entire mining district is covered by snow to depths ranging from one to five feet.

DISASTROUS SNOW SLIDE.

BAKER CITY, Or., Dec. 4 .- A meagre report has just reached this city of an immense snow slide at Cornucopia last night. No details are obtainable

SETTLEMENT

ing to Lawyers

Conditions in the Middle Coal Fields

GENT FILES REPORT ENDORS-ING UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD SCHOOL-BRIDGER BANK ROB-BERS HAVE BEEN CAPTURED

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 4,-At today's sessions of the Anthracite Strike Commission, representatives of the Mine Workers' Union continued to call wituncertain, but it is believed to be Porto nesses, mostly practical mine workers, who told the story of the conditions as they exist in Hazelton or the middle coal fields.

The rumors of the possible negotiations looking to the settlement outside of the Commission continued to be of coal discharged its entire cargo into heard. The lawyers admit that they know nothing about a possible settle-

Endorses the School.

Washington, Dec. 4.-Commissioner General Sargent, of the Immigration Bureau, has filed with Secretary Shaw report on the question of admitting to the United States the eleven Cuban children being detained at New York, pending a settlement of the question of the financial responsibility and character of the theosophist institution known as the "Universal Brotherhood School," at Point Loma, California. The report is an unqualified endorsement of the school, both as to its financial standing and general character.

The Robbers Captured. Butte, Mont., Dec. 4 .- A special to

the Miner from Billings says the news was received this evening that Sheriff Potter, of Carbon county, had captured the men today who robbed the bank at Bridger, Monday. The report says the robbers were overtaken at Fishtail creek, a tributary of Rosebud river, near the Wyoming line. They were in the cable of a rancher, Pat Murphy, and Murphy was arrested also. men were brought to Red Lodge this evening and lodged in jail.

DEMANDED AN INSPECTION

MERCHANTS EXCHANGE EXPERI-ENCES LIVELY MEETING BORDERING ON A RIOT.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 4.-The liveliest session the - Merchants' Exchange has held for some time occurred today. For a time a riot seemed imminent, but was avoided by the prompt action of the grain committee which agreed to send Chief Grain Inspector Bunker to Port Costa to examine into the condition of the 9,000 centals of wheat delivered there since December 1st by the "Big Four" as De2 cember wheat.

This action was made necessary be cause of a complaint made by those who purchased the wheat that it was not a first class article and therefore not the grain that had been ordered delivered to them. They demanded an investigation, and the grain committee, to avoid trouble, promptly sent Inspector Bunker to Port Costa to examine the grain.

CURED IN 10 MINUTES

Dr. Darrin Concludes to Remain in Woodburn until December 21, Contrary to the Notices Heretofore Given of His Departure Dec. 1.

(Ashland Tidings.)

C. Carey, who gives the testimonial which follows, is widely known in Gold Hill and vicinity and has many acquaintances in Ashland. His cure is remarkable and will be read with interest by hundreds of people in Jackson county. Mr. Carey relates his experience in the following grateful words:

Mr. Editor: I cannot leave town without expressing my thanks to Dr. Darrin for the almost inestimable benefit he has rendered me. For time I have been partially deaf from catarrh. The last few weeks it was with great difficulty I could hear. I am a poor man and walked from near Gold Hill, Jackson county, to Ashland, to put myself under Dr. Darrin's electric and medical treatment. The Doctor examined me and told me he could cure me in ten minutes. He did cure me s can hear a whisper. I was cured in the presence of R. P. Neil, mayor of Ashland. The Doctor cured me free Refer anyone to me at Gold Hill post office. George Hammersly of the Gold Hill News sent me to Dr. Darrin.

C. CAREY.

HANDKERCHIEF BAZAAR AND CHICKEN PIE SUPPER AT THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH THIS EVENING. Admission free. For chicken ple supper, 25c; children, 15c. Everybody welcome. From 5 till 8.

THE FIRST CONCERT-

the street corners last night and dis coursed several selections of choic music for the benefit and entertainment of the great throng of people which quickly assembled. W. H. Dowman, the former director, has resigned and has been succeeded by Oscar Steel-hammer, under whose able tutorship the band shows marked improvement. The boys intend coming out as often as the weather will permit.

SUGAR TO ADVANCE

FORTY CENTS PER ONE HUNDRED POUNDS RAISE TO TAKE EFFECT.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 4 .-The Western Sugar Refining Company today sent out circulars to all wholesale grocery houses in California, Ore gon, Nevada and Washington, notifying them that until further notice the price of all grades of refined sugar would stand advanced 40 cents per 106

THE DISPOSAL OF LAND

BY THE GOVERNMENT REALIZES A GREAT SUM OF MONEY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4-A statement prepared by Assistant Commissioner Monts are practically at a standatill Richards, of the General Land Office, shows that 6,109,029 acres of land we're disposed of by the Government during the first quarter of the current fiscal year, the receipts therefrom aggregating \$2,615,089.

SAVED BY AN EFFORT

NEW AMERICA'S CUP CHALLENG-ER HAS NARROW ESCAPE FROM BURNING.

LONDON, Dec. 4.-Shamrock III, Sir Thomas Lipton's new challenger for the America's cup, had a narrow escape from being burned tonight in a fire which did great damage to Denny's shipbuilding yards at Dymbarton. Only strenuous efforts saved the challenger.

RED RIVER OVERFLOWS

WILL BE ABOVE DANGER LINE AT SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, TODAY.

SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 4 .- The Red river continues to rise at Shreveport and points above. It will go above the danger line here tonight. The bottom lands, inhabited principally by negroes, are rapidly filling with water.

RALPH IS RECOVERING.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 4.—Julian Ralph, the newspaper correspondent and author, who suffered severe hemorrhages Tuesday night, is reported to be progressing toward recovery.

M'CARTHY KNOCKED OUT. BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 4 .- Mose La Fontise, the champion welterweight of Montana, knocked out Jerry McCarthy tonight in the fifth round.

HEAVY RAIN, HIGH WATER-The rainfall of Wednesday broke the record for the season. The amount of water falling between %o'clock Wednes day morning and the same hour Thursday morning was 1.45 inches. The river is rapidly rising and last night stood at sixteen feet above low water mark. the highest since last winter. There was some fear at the dock that the water might come up high enough to do damage to articles stored in the warehouse, and parties having goods there were notified to remove them before too late.

A DARING ROBBERY

THREE MEN HOLD UP POCATEL-LA CLUB ROOM AND GET . AWAY:

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 4.-A special to the Miner from Pocatello, Idaho, says about the boldest and most daring hold-up in the history of Idaho was committed tonight when three men entered the Engle Club rooms and rob bed the house of about \$1,000. Two of the men advanced into the room, in which there were not less than thirtyfive men and covered them, each man holding two guns. The third man marched around to the games and gathered up the money. It is believed the robbers will soon be captured.

NEW ORIENTAL SHIP LINE

BRITISH COMBIATION TO PUT ON SERVICE RUNNING FROM NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.-Five English shipping firms are combining to form new line of steamers to ply between New York and the Far East, says a London dispatch to the Tribune. The service will be known as the American and Oriental Transport Line. Although the combine will be English in regard to the tonnage employed, the business will be with American mercantile establishments.

JOHNSTONE STILL LIVES. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 3.-Barry

Johnstone, the actor, formerly connect-

ed with Richard Mansfield, who on Monday night shot and killed Kate Hassett, the leading woman of Kelth's Stock Company, in this city, and who afterwards attempted suicide by shooting himself in the breast, is still allve, but the hospital physicians say he is likely to die at any moment. Several members of Johnstone's family came here yesterday and spent considerable time with the wounded man. Everett Beckwith, the husband, and Michael Hassett, the father of the murdered actress, are expected to reach here this afternoon from Illinois, when arrangesave that two miners were killed and For the first time in the season the ments for the funeral of Mrs. Hassett an immense amount of damage done. Salem Milifary Band came out upon will be completed.

NEGOTIATIONS

At Standstill etween General Bliss and Cubans

HOUSE COMMITTEE BILL

Providing for Drafting of Bill of Limitations Being Awaited

CUBAN GOVERNMENT DESIRE SHE WILL BE PERMITTED TO MAKE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES SENATE'S SECRET SESSION.

HAVANA, Cuba, Dec. 4.-The reclprocity negotiations between General Bliss and Cuban Secretaries Zaldo and owing to the latter desiring to await the outcome of the bill introduced in the House of Representatives providing for the appointment of a committee to draw up a bill defining the limits of the concessions which the Cuban Govcomment caff offer to foreign countries in aegotiating reciprocity treatles.

Brief Bession of Senate.

Washington, Dec. 4 .- The Senate was in session today an hour and five minutes, most of which time was spent behind closed doors.

After the reception of a number of bills and petitions, and the adoption of a conservative resolution calling on the President for the papers in the Pius Fund case, recently arbitrated before The Hague tribunal, Senator Beyeridge had read a resolution adopted by the delegates to the Oklahoma nonpartisan convention, favoring the admission of Oklahoma and Indian Territory as one state and opposing the House Omnfbus Statehood Bill. The Senate at 1:50 adjourned until Mon-

Under Advisement.

Washington, Dec. 4 .- The decision of the District Court, of Appeals yesterday, in the second-class mail reform cases, will be studied carefully by the Postoffice Department officials before a definite conclusion will be reached as to the future policy in reference to the re-classification reforms. Postmaster General Payne today expressed the opinion that each case of exclusion or proposed exclusion of a publication from the second-class provisions would have to be determined by itself.

FIRST SNOW IN YEARS

KANSAS CITY IS EXPERIENCING A GREAT VARIETY OF WEATHER.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 4 .- General al rain, sleet and snow prevalled throughout the state today. This is the carliest snow known here in years. Business is practically at a standstill.

CONDITION IS CRITICAL

EX-SPEAKER REED HAD A SINK-ING SPELL AND IS VERY LOW.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4 .- The condition of ex-Speaker Reed is worse tonight. Uraemia has developed and a specialist from Philadelphia has been sent for. The doctors have held several consultations during the evening. At 3 o'clock it was stated that he was resting easier, but the change in his condition was slight.

SUFFERED A HEMORRHAGE

JULIAN RALPH, NEWSPAPER MAN AND WAR CORRESPONDENT IS CRITICALLY ILL.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 2.-Julian Raiph, the well known newspaper man war correspondent and author, is critically ill at the Southern Hotel from the effects of a sudden and violent hemorrhage. His physicians state that a repetition of the attack would probably prove fatal. The attack occurred last night and Mr. Ralph is resting easier tonight.

MASONS OF TEXAS

WILL NOT RECOGNIZE WASHING-TON GRAND LODGE ON AC-COUNT OF NEGROES.

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 2.-The Maopic Grand Lodge of Texas has declined to restore international relations with the Grand Lodge of the State of Washington until that grand body shall abandon its position recognizing ne-groes and others regarded by the Grand Lodge of Texas as "claudestine."

WAINWRIGHT'S SON ILL. NEW YORK, Dec. 1 -- Midshipman Richard Wainwright, Jr., son of Com-mander Wainwright, U. S. N., has been taken to San Juan Hospital, says a Herald dispatch from San Juan. He is suffering from a fever supposed to be typhoid. Wainwright had been in charge of a working party from the battleship Indiana, engaged in digging a small canal at Culebra Island.

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