

THE NAVY DEPARTMENT.

Annual Report Submitted by Secretary Tracy.

VESSELS CONSTRUCTED DURING THE PAST YEAR.

Cruisers Nos. 12 and 13 Have no Equal Among Large Cruisers in the World for Coal Endurance and High Speed--The Attack on the Baltimore Sailors--A Gun Factory Recommended for the Pacific Coast.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.--Secretary of the Navy Tracy, in his annual report, speaks of the new construction undertaken during the past year. Of this, by far the most important is, he says, the protected cruiser No. 13, of 7,500 tons displacement, and a sister ship to cruiser No. 12. The peculiar advantages of these two cruisers consist in their extraordinary coal endurance and their high speed, in both of which respects they have no equal among the large cruisers of the world.

Proposals for the construction of the torpedo cruisers of 7,500 tons, authorized by the Act of June 20, 1890, were invited, but no bids received. The department has not again advertised, it being clear that no one would offer to build the vessels demanded under the present limits. In view of the great merits of this class of vessels the Secretary recommends that the limit cost be increased from \$20,000 to \$25,000.

The Secretary also reviews at length other recent constructions, showing the work progressing satisfactorily.

On the armor question, the Secretary notes the growth of its manufacture here, etc., the trials, which have been fully reported before in these dispatches, etc. The tests, he says, were conducted as never applied at foreign trials, and the results in the highest degree satisfactory.

Each of the six plates manufactured in this country was superior to the English compound plate, while nickel Harvey plate and high carbon plate were superior to all foreign plates. They may, therefore be produced in this country at the best armor heretofore manufactured in Europe. The trials definitely established the fact that armor of excellent quality may be produced in this country by means of a hammer, the greatest source hitherto of expense in manufacture, is no longer an absolute necessity.

The final trial shows that high carbon, nickel Harvey plate is undoubtedly the best armor yet subjected to a ballistic test. The question of tempering or chilling experimental armor plate needs, however, further experimental development.

ORDNANCE.

Under the head of ordnance the report says 347 guns will be required to arm the vessels now in course of construction. Of this number 200 are of the 4-inch rapid-fire gun with successful results. The number of heavy guns was largely increased during the past year. The most important of these is the 13-inch gun, which is now being completed, and now at the proving ground. Three more are in course of construction. The 10-inch gun, which is now being completed, and now at the proving ground. The 12-inch gun, which is now being completed, and now at the proving ground.

SMOKELESS POWDER.

Brown powder for general service use in heavy guns continues to give excellent results. The most important advance during the year is the development of smokeless powder, invented by Professor Monroe of the naval torpedo station. The results of the experiment with it, and it is stated that the possibilities of these investigations point to extraordinary developments in the near future.

ARMOR PIERCING PROJECTILES.

A firm manufacturing armor piercing projectiles has made improvements and the difference in the effective force of a navy to-day, compared with that of a year ago, when it had not a single projectile that could pierce modern armor, is incalculable. The hopes held out in the last report of the establishment in the United States of a new process of manufacturing foreign forged steel shells have been realized, and a contract made with the United States Projectile Company of Brooklyn. A quantity of projectiles made by the electric welding process have also been ordered from the American Projectile Company of Boston, and efforts are being made to domesticate other processes in this country.

As to torpedoes, the strenuous efforts of the department has resulted in the establishment by the Bliss Company of Brooklyn of a plant for the manufacture of Whitehead torpedoes in this country, and a contract was entered into last May

for one hundred eighteen-inch torpedoes of the most recent type. The successful domestication in this country of the manufacture of the Whitehead torpedo is one of the most important advances in naval development of the year. It is expected that successful experiments with the Howell torpedo will be made soon, and the Whitehead torpedo is approaching completion. The Patent Office has granted orders three years ago have been delivered.

Important work has been done in the preparation of launching tubes and other details connected with the use of torpedoes, and the present state of the work is such as to justify the belief that torpedo outfits might be installed on our vessels within a short period, and that the torpedo equipments of our navy will soon equal, if not surpass those possessed by other nations.

GUN FACTORIES.

On the ordnance establishments the Secretary says: The development of gun factories during the past year has been one of the most important features of the year and many improvements made. The growing demands for naval defense on the coast, and the great expense entailed by the transportation of heavy ordnance freights across the continent, point to the absolute necessity of establishing gun factories in this country. A factory at some point in that neighborhood. Such establishment should be under general control of the war and navy departments, and be worked by both. There is no reason, says the Secretary, why such an establishment should not duplicate the success which has been achieved at Washington.

THE CHILE INCIDENT.

The past twelve months has given the vessels of the navy more active employment than they have seen for many years. The demands on the fleet has been numerous and constant, and the Secretary details the work of the various vessels now in commission. Commander Ingle's assault on the Chilean vessel in Valparaiso, the Secretary details the story as it has already been told in this country, and says the sailors were treated with the greatest consideration, and the fleet has been numerous and constant, and the Secretary details the work of the various vessels now in commission.

The Secretary then gives a copy of the letter of instructions sent on March 20th last to Admiral McCallen, and after referring to the Chilean navy, declaring its withdrawal, etc., this letter of instruction is given in full.

The insurgent vessels, although outlawed by the Chilean Government, are not pirates committing acts of piracy. They are in the territory of the United States, and their presence there is a violation of the laws of the United States.

The instructions continue at much length to define the course to be pursued by the United States in the territory of the United States, and to define the course to be pursued by the United States in the territory of the United States.

In closing the instructions say: "In all cases where it becomes necessary to take forcible measures, force will only be used as a last resort, and then only to the extent necessary to effect the object in view."

"These instructions," says the report, "which were prepared in the Navy Department, and approved by the Secretary of the Navy, and the President, show conclusively that the policy was directed to preserve an attitude of absolute fairness and impartiality. So long as the Chilean vessels were in the waters of the United States, they were to be treated as neutrals, and no effort was to be made to prevent any erroneous conclusions that might be drawn by the officers of the United States navy, or by the public, from the fact that the vessels were in the waters of the United States."

On the subject of the cable company the Secretary quotes a letter of Foreign Secretary Estrazariz, of the Chilean Junta, to Admiral Brown, on May 13th, five days after the Chilean vessel was captured, and the action of that vessel, and saying that she would be given up upon her arrival, with the cargo.

The Secretary touches briefly on the incident of the cutting and splicing of the American Company's cable, which was in no way an act of the United States Government, but of the cable company in the execution of its lawful right to protect and make available for use its own property.

Referring to the visit of Admiral Brown to Quintero Bay, about which

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FIFTY-SECOND CONGRESS.

First Session of the National Legislature to Convene To-day.

MEASURES OF IMPORTANCE WHICH MAY BE CONSIDERED.

The Speakership Fight Not Yet Decided--Crisp and Mills; Lead in the Democratic Caucus Ballots--Possibility of a Long Deadlock--Reed Indorsed by the Republican Caucus, as Were Also All Officers of the Last House.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.--To-morrow noon the Fifty-second Congress will assemble. With one branch of the National Legislature in possession of each of the two great political parties, and both striving to shape the course of legislation so as to effect in their interests the approaching Presidential campaign and to secure supremacy in control of the Government, it may fairly be assumed that the Fifty-second Congress will make a prominent place in the history of legislative assemblies. In view of the conflicting majorities in the branches, it is not possible that when it has concluded its labors it will have added to the statutes many measures of national importance, but beyond doubt many fierce battles will be waged upon the leading issues between the two great parties--the tariff and silver coinage--while the members of the Senate and House are expected to be counted on to lose no opportunity in debate for bringing their demands and principles before the country.

The usual details of the opening of the Senate to-morrow. An unusually large number of Senators will stand before the Vice-President at West Virginia as a compromise candidate.

SATURDAY'S DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS. WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.--In the Democratic caucus Saturday the first ballot was cast for the Speakership. Crisp, 23, McMillin 19, Hatch 14, Stevens 11, Second--Crisp 89, Mills 89, Springer 23, McMillin 18, Hatch 11, Third--Crisp 91, McMillin 18, Springer 24, Hatch 11, Fourth--Crisp 93, Mills 87, Springer 20, McMillin 18, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Fifth--Crisp 94, Mills 89, Springer 20, McMillin 18, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Sixth--Crisp 95, Mills 89, Springer 19, McMillin 18, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Seventh--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 18, McMillin 18, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Eighth--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 18, McMillin 18, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Ninth--Crisp 95, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Tenth--Crisp 95, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Eleventh--Crisp 95, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Twelfth--Crisp 95, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Thirteenth--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Fourteenth--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Fifteenth--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Sixteenth--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Seventeenth--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Eighteenth--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Nineteenth--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Twentieth--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Twenty-first--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Twenty-second--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Twenty-third--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Twenty-fourth--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Twenty-fifth--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Twenty-sixth--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Twenty-seventh--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Twenty-eighth--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Twenty-ninth--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Thirtieth--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Thirty-first--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Thirty-second--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Thirty-third--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Thirty-fourth--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Thirty-fifth--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Thirty-sixth--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Thirty-seventh--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Thirty-eighth--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Thirty-ninth--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Fortieth--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Forty-first--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Forty-second--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Forty-third--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Forty-fourth--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Forty-fifth--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Forty-sixth--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Forty-seventh--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Forty-eighth--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Forty-ninth--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11, Fiftieth--Crisp 94, Mills 91, Springer 16, McMillin 19, Hatch 5, Stevens 11.

Should the House fail to organize to-morrow the Senate will not be able to transact business until the morning of the 11th. In the event the committee of the House fails to receive his communications will operate to defer for a time the consideration of the message, as well as a large accumulation of recess appointments that must be sent to the Senate for confirmation.

Conflicting interests of Senators of the different parties early in the week to arrange the membership of the committees, as it is a task of more than ordinary importance, and the House will be organized in the morning of the 11th.

Unless there is a radical change in the Speakership situation to-night or early to-morrow, the House will not be organized until the morning of the 11th. The Speaker will not be elected for a week, and the House will not be organized until the morning of the 11th.

Very little business is transacted in the House during the week. The President's message will be received and read according to custom on Tuesday, if the House completes its organization to-morrow, and for the rest of the week brief sessions and adjournments over for a day or two at a time are probable. In the absence of an agreement for the perfection of the organization of the House the course of proceedings during the week will be a matter of pure speculation. In any event, the committees are not expected to be appointed before the Christmas holidays, with the exception of the Committee on Rules, Enrolled Bills, and Mileage, which are usually named within a few days after the Speaker is inducted into office.

It is understood that a party of California is to be named to the committee on Rivers and Harbors, and Cutting the Committee on Military. Cauniten has been named to the committee on War, and the Committee on Irrigation would suit him. It is believed that McKenna will retain his place on the Committee on Ways and Means. In the case of Thomas B. Reed will be the ranking Republican member, Burroughs of Michigan next and McKenna third.

THE FREIGHT QUESTION.

New York, Dec. 6.--A morning paper (Republican) states that on the responsibility of a Republican United States Senator it is able to announce that the bill for the free silver cannot pass the Fifty-second Congress over the veto of President Harrison. The paper affirms that it has made a poll of the entire membership of the Senate and House, and the result announced above is based on replies in writing from 280 members of the Senate and House. The result indicates that a strict neutrality has been had in the West and South, and Democrats and Republicans in the silver States are stated to be, with few exceptions, bent to the doctrine, but the majority of the Republican party in Congress is pledged to maintain a single gold standard at all hazards and limit the output of silver.

THE SPEAKERSHIP.

Saturday's Democratic Caucus Falls Through to Agree on Choices. WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.--The Speakership contest has lost none of its interest within the last twenty-four hours. Since the adjournment of the caucus last night more than one member has forgotten to sleep or rest in the tireless struggle to promote the success of a favorite candidate.

GREAT FALLS (N. Y.), Dec. 6.--The head of Hiram Sawtelle, has been found at a point indicated by Isaac, who killed him, and will be produced by the latter's attorney to court on the charge that the murder was committed in Maine.

FRIGHTFUL MINE DISASTER.

Terrific Explosion of Fire Damp in a Coal Pit in France.

SEVENTY-THREE MINERS REPORTED TO HAVE PERISHED.

No Official Recognition of Ex-Emperor Dom Pedro's Death Taken at the Brazilian Capital--Funeral Services to be Held at Paris on Thursday--Prince Albert Victor Betrothed to the Princess Victoria Mary, Daughter of the Duke of Teck.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

PARIS, Dec. 6.--A report of a terrible mining disaster comes from St. Etienne, in the Department of Loire. An explosion of a fire-damp occurred at noon to-day in one of the numerous coal pits in that region, and many workers were unable to escape from the mine. According to advices so far received eighty men perished in the pit.

LATER--It has been ascertained that seventy-three miners perished. The wives, children and relatives of the entombed miners surrounded the mouth of the pit, and the most heartrending scenes were witnessed as the bodies of the victims were brought to the surface.

If the accident had happened on an ordinary working day instead of a fete day, the loss of life would have been much greater. The rescuers were greatly harassed in their work by the collapsed galleries, which prevented access to the imprisoned men. The first miners taken out, eight in number, were resuscitated.

EX-EMPEROR DOM PEDRO.

No Official Recognition of His Death Taken in Brazil.

PARIS, Dec. 6.--Cable dispatches from Rio de Janeiro say that the news of the death of Dom Pedro was with no official recognition in the Brazilian Capital. A number of merchants and shopkeepers in Rio Janeiro closed their places of business for a day out of respect for the ex-Emperor, but otherwise the death of the former ruler was marked by no demonstration.

The King of Portugal, in a telegram of condolence, expressed the use of the vault of the Braganza family for the burial of the ex-Emperor. Dom Pedro was fully possessed of his mental faculties till the end. During his last hours the ex-Emperor repeatedly exhorted his heir, Princess Isabella, to pray with him for the peace and prosperity of Brazil.

His body has been embalmed, and other preparations made for the funeral, which is to be held on Thursday. The body of Dom Pedro, attired in the uniform of a Brazilian General, is lying in state in the room in which he died. The King of Portugal has ordered royal honors to be paid to the late Emperor. The Duke and Duchess of En insist that any political attitude is likely to offend the Government of Brazil.

GERMAN TOPICS.

The Young Crown Prince Will Probably Not Outlive the Winter. NEW YORK, Dec. 6.--A World's Berlin special says: The nine-year-old Crown Prince will probably not outlive the winter. He can hardly keep down any food, and his physicians have nearly given up hope of preserving his life. A consultation was held Saturday, at which it was decided that the patient's condition is critical, and that heroic remedies must be applied at once. The Emperor thus far has been able to keep his fact from his husband to a great extent, and as his husband is almost constantly absent, he has not perceived the danger which hangs over his child. Now, however, after the result of the medical conference, the Emperor will probably be acquainted with all the circumstances attending the illness.

The World's correspondent conversed to-day with a military man of high standing from the Russian frontier. The officer did not appear to take much stock in the general talk, but drew attention to a significant fact. "I know that Count Wladimir was the leading strategist of the coming year. Von Moltke cut him out for that post, and the Emperor once referred to him in my presence as the greatest general since Napoleon and his country. I understand that in case of war with Russia we will invade the Czar's Empire by sea from Constantinople, while the army will conduct the army against the frontier."

Professor Koch, the World's correspondent learned to-day, is still carrying on inoculation in the City Hospital, although the Government long ago refused to patronize the lymph in its own peculiar sphere, that is, in the army hospitals, and banished Dr. Pflueh, Koch's son-in-law, who twelve months ago succeeded in jumping into prominence, to a small Garrison town near the Russian frontier. Several American physicians studying in the university here have tried in vain to gain access to Koch's lymph patients. They were sent by him to the City Hospital, but on arrival there were told that the patients were in Berlin.

THE CHINESE OUTRAGE.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 6.--A fresh attempt is making to arrest six prominent leaders in the rioting and massacre of Catholics in Tatsi district last year. A price was set upon their heads a year ago, but the officers were said to be afraid to arrest them, fearing the attempt would stir up a local rebellion. It has now leaked out that a large number of soldiers were sent from the military academy to the city, and the estimation of the officials, for the apprehension of the malefactors. This new success of official energy is attributed in well-informed quarters to the French Minister at Peking, and this opinion is founded upon the receipt of telegraphic dispatches arriving daily.

MURDER OF BARONESS DELARD.

PARIS, Dec. 6.--Further investigation into the mysterious murder of Baroness Delard shows that no property whatever is missing, so that if the murderer's object was plunder, he was foiled. The crime was committed in the Baron's bedchamber, and the assassin first called at the War Office, and it is surmised that his object was to obtain important papers, and that he was caught by the Baron, and while searching the Baron's room.

Albert Victor Engaged to Marry.

LONDON, Dec. 6.--Prince Albert Victor, Duke of Clarence, eldest son of the Prince of Wales, on Friday became betrothed to Princess Victoria Mary, the only daughter of the Duke of Teck. The match pleased all members of both families, and it is said to be quite a love match. The marriage will probably be celebrated at an early date.

Training Ship Monocacy.

GIBRALTAR, Dec. 6.--The United States training ship Monocacy has sailed for the

PANAMA ADVICES.

Elections in the United States of Columbia for President.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.--A Herald's Panama cable says: Elections were held throughout the United States of Columbia to-day, attended by a number of exciting scenes. In this State several attempts at rioting were made, but quickly suppressed. It is impossible to say how the elections have gone. While agreed upon in October, the literary and civic wings of the Conservative party were united in support of Safael Nunez for President. Nunez is now completing his third term as Chief Magistrate. While agreed upon their choice for the Presidency the Conservative wings were divided as to the candidate for Vice-President. Nunez's health has been so poor for a long time that the Vice-President has really administered affairs.

The result of the convention differences was that the military and civic factions determined to put a Vice-Presidential candidate in the field. The military wing put forward General Marceliano Velaz, and the civic, Miguel A. Caro, a brother-in-law of acting President Holguin. Nunez was first neutral between the factions, but when the trouble broke out he began to show a decided preference for General Velez. Nunez repudiated the latter and came out for Caro. The military portion then withdrew support from Nunez and proclaimed Velez a candidate for President. President of the Senate Ortiz was put on the Velez ticket as Vice-President.

At the closing of the polls to-night the Liberals are claiming a big majority, in spite of their opponents to the union.

Prince George of Wales.

LONDON, Dec. 6.--Prince George of Wales was not feeling well to-day, but his condition does not cause any uneasiness.

Commercial Treaty Signed.

ROME, Dec. 6.--The new commercial treaty between Italy, Germany and Austria has been signed here.

Roumania's Cabinet Resigns.

BUCAREST, Dec. 6.--The Roumanian Cabinet has resigned.

RUTHLESSLY MURDERED.

A Mexican Military Officer Killed on Suspicion of Being a Revolutionist.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 6.--A Times-Despatch from Rio Grande special: News has just reached here from Guerrero, Mex., that Colonel Neaves Hernandez, arrested several days ago by order of General Garza, Commander of the Mexican troops in the northern zone, was killed about 100 miles north of Monterey. Hernandez was in charge of a military escort, and according to the reports received here to-day, was shot by a revolutionary band. The Government having become suspicious of him as to believe that he was secretly in sympathy with the revolution, he was shot. Hernandez has been for several years in command of the troops at Guerrero, and was one of the most popular officers in the army.

A TOTAL WRECK.

The New Steamer Nicaragua Goes Down on Her Maiden Voyage.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.--A dispatch was received by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company to-day stating that the new steamer Nicaragua, Captain Connors, had struck on a reef below Acapulco, on the coast of Salvador, on Friday night, and was a wreck. Arrangements were immediately made to send the tug to the scene of the disaster. The steamer was about to start, when a second dispatch was received stating that the Nicaragua was a total loss, and orders for the tug were countermanded. The steamer was on her maiden trip when the accident occurred. She was launched at Philadelphia on June 1, and sailed for Panama in August. She was designed for the Central American coffee trade, and was magnificently fitted up.

THE TROUBLE ENDED.

Settlement of Grievances Between the Southern Pacific and Employes.

Houston (Texas), Dec. 6.--The grievances between the Southern Pacific and conductors and brakemen have been amicably adjusted. Under the terms of the agreement the passenger conductors and brakemen do not receive an increase in salary, but are paid for extra running. Freight conductors and brakemen do not receive an increase in salary, but are paid for extra running. The running they can do, and not interfere with their rest. They are also assured that no more crews shall be put on duty, and that the employes shall handle the business expeditiously, and are granted pay for delays on the road.

ANACONDA MINE.

BUTTE (Mont.), Dec. 6.--The stockholders of the Anaconda mine held a meeting yesterday for the purpose of determining the question of an increase of capital stock. It was decided to increase the stock from \$2,000,000 to \$25,000,000, an increase of the number of shares from 1,000,000 of a par value of \$25 per share, to 1,000,000 at a similar value also to pay off the mortgage on the mine, and to purchase or authorized, aggregating \$7,500,000 par value.

Prize Fight Stopped by Police.

GALVESTON (Tex.), Dec. 6.--Tom Casey of Sioux Falls and Bob McDee of the city indulged in a fight this morning for \$500 and the gate receipts. Both are feather weights. Four rounds had been fought, and McDee was badly hurt, and when the police made a descent, arresting the principals and taking the names of the spectators, the fight was stopped. The principals were jailed, and all who had any connection with the fight will be arrested.

Chinese Leprosy.

PEORIA (Ill.), Dec. 6.--A sensation was caused to-day when it was learned that Lun Hang, who had been operating a laundry here until a few days ago, was a leper of pronounced type. He recently left the city, as it is believed his countrymen, and admit that he had been afflicted with leprosy, sent him to Chicago.

Chicago Catches the Craze.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.--Preparations are completed for the international tug-of-war, which begins to-morrow night. The prizes aggregate over \$2,000. The contest will be between the United States, Ireland, Scotland, Germany, France, Italy and Bohemia.

Death of an Ex-Supreme Justice.

CLEVELAND (Ohio), Dec. 6.--Judge Rufus P. Ranney died to-day in this city, aged 78 years. He was an ex-Supreme Justice, and President of the Bar Association, and in 1876 was President of the Ohio Board of Managers of the Centennial.

Jealousy the Cause.

LITTLE ROCK (Ark.), Dec. 6.--W. H. McCubbins, a prominent citizen of Maysville, has tonight shot his wife and himself. Jealousy was the cause.

Holiday Racing Meeting.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6.--Ninety entries have been received for the holiday race meeting of the Los Angeles Association. All the races are filled except the Owners' Handicap and the Grand Handicap. The closing of the entries for these two events was continued until Wednesday. The races begin on Christmas Day.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Mysterious Killing of a Confectioner at Fresno.

FOUND IN BED WITH A BULLET IN HIS TEMPLE. McLean Defeats Hanlan in a Sixty Yard Race in Oakland Creek--The Crowd Presumptive Claim that the Race was Faked--California's Champions Defeat the Portlands by a Score of 9 to 3, After an Exciting Contest.

Special to the RECORD-UNION.

FRESNO, Dec. 6.--J. W. Trumbo, one of the proprietors of a confectionary store known as the "Candy Kitchen," was found dead in bed about 1 p. m. to-day by his brother George, with a bullet in his temple. A revolver was under the cover at the foot of the bed, and a bullet hole was in the window. Two chambers of the pistol were empty.

There are two theories of the killing--one suicide and the other murder. Trumbo was seemingly in the best of spirits last evening. He and his brother have prospered in business, and so far as known both were well liked. They are quiet, orderly, and their habits were of the best.

The bullet hole in the window sustains the theory of murder, and the sunrise is that after the killing the murderer crept in through the window and placed the revolver in the bed.

BASEBALL AT THE BAY.

California's Champions Defeat the Northrons.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.--Seven thousand people packed the Portland-San Jose game this afternoon. The contest was the best played thus far of the series. Both teams played splendid ball in the field, but the work of the San Jose Club was really brilliant. Outside of a miff of an easy fly ball by Pitcher Lookabaugh, the Californians played an errorless game. Captain Elmer was sick, and Henry Reitz, formerly of the Sacramento team, filled the vacancy. His work was of a phenomenal character, he once running two-hundred yards across the diamond to block the hit, and fielding it nicely to first. Stallings made a grand catch in the seventh inning, by hitting off a home run hit by Motz. Elmer hit the ball down to the fence, and Stallings ran about sixty yards to make the put out. These two plays were the features of the game, which was the first of its kind that was decided upon merit alone.

Fanning was in the box for Portland, and he pitched a perfect game. He pitched his first inning three hits, and his second delivery. Lookabaugh pitched for San Jose, and was unsteady, sending ten wild pitches. Elmer pitched a perfect game, fielding by his team prevented a run from scoring. When Lookabaugh did put the ball over the plate, the northern men found it hard to hit their bats into safe territory. Score:

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