

## TO WITHDRAW WARSHIPS

### Fleets of Powers Off the Coast of Venezuela to Weigh Anchors.

## PEACE IS IN SIGHT

### Venezuela Will Set Aside Revenues to Settle All Claims.

## ALL CLEAR MONDAY

### Vessels of Powers Will Set Sail at Once and Raise the Blockade.

London, Feb. 14.—The Associated Press is informed that instructions have been telegraphed to the commanders of the blockading squadrons off Venezuela to withdraw their ships, owing to the arrangements completed at Washington. The blockade, therefore, will be immediately raised.

## ALLIES AND BOWEN EXPLAIN PROTOCOL

Washington, Feb. 14.—In further explanation of the articles of the protocols signed last night by Mr. Bowen and the representatives of the allies here, the following addendum was prepared and duly signed by all of the negotiators this morning:

"Our interpretation of the protocols was and is that the 30 per cent of the total income of the customs receipts of La Guayra and Puerto Cabello shall begin to be set apart on the first day of March, 1903, and continue to be set apart through the said month, and that the first payment will be due on the first of March but the first of April, 1903. (Signed) "HERBERT W. BOWEN. "MICHAEL H. HERBERT. "E. MAYOR DES PLANCHES. "H. STERNBERG."

## MUST RAISE THE BLOCKADE AT ONCE

Berlin, Feb. 14.—The government is telegraphing instructions today for raising the blockade of the Venezuelan coast immediately. These instructions may not reach all the blockading vessels today, but it is expected that the blockade will be fully raised by tomorrow or Monday, especially since Commodore Scheder had been expecting such instructions and had arranged for their prompt transmission.

## IN M'MILLAN SUIT

### Harney's Ruling in Litigation Brought Against J. A. Murray Et Al.

In denying a motion for judgment upon the pleadings in the case of D. McMillan against James A. Murray and others, Judge Harney held that during the development of a mine under a lease there are certain classes of work that must be done that could hardly be chargeable as extra expenses.

The court made a ruling in this effect today in denying the motion of the plaintiff for the judgment asked. It appears that the plaintiff had a lease and contract with Mr. Murray upon the Tycoon mine, in which it was agreed that Mr. Murray would pay for certain work, such as sinking and timbering. The plaintiff sued for the amount claimed for extra work. The defendants filed an answer, denying many of the allegations of the complaint, and after hearing arguments upon a motion for judgment upon the pleadings the court overruled the motion.

Judge Harney today sustained the motion to strike out parts of the amended answer in the case of P. J. Brophy against H. Kalonsick and others and allowed the defense ten days in which to prepare a bill of exceptions. The action is one on account.

## THIRTY RECRUITS SECURED

### Lieutenant Miller Will Move Up to Great Falls Now.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN. Helena, Feb. 14.—Lieut. C. R. Miller, who has been in this city since last Monday recruiting for the navy, will leave here tonight for Great Falls, where he will open a recruiting office.

## CATTLE ARE IN GOOD SHAPE

### Weather Is Fourteen Below Zero, but Stock Is All Right.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN. Livingston, Feb. 14.—The weather here is cold and the 14 degrees below zero mark has prevailed for the past 24 hours. Cattle are in good condition, but the cold weather makes it necessary to feed oftener than usual.

### Given or Took Poison.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. Kansas City, Feb. 14.—A second examination of the stomach of J. P. Seiger, the Kansas traveling man who was found dead in a rooming house here on Thursday, has disclosed a teaspoonful of powdered glass.

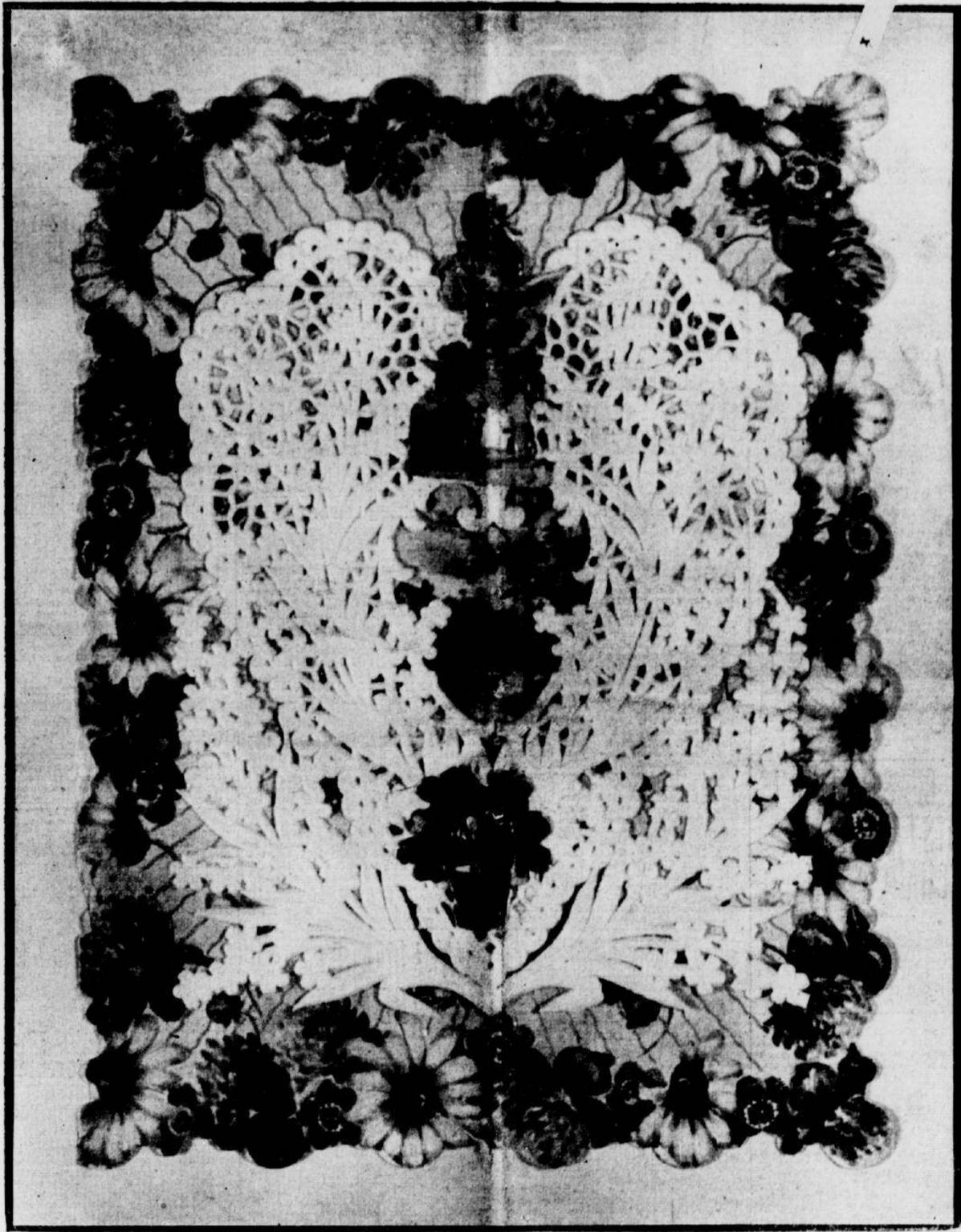
# THIS IS THE DAY WHEN YOU SEND THIS DEAREST GIRL A VALENTINE

This is St. Valentine's day, and there is a notice hanging in the postoffice that all sealed valentines must bear two cents postage. It is 2,500 years or more since the Greeks instituted the custom which in a modified form still obtains on St. Valentine's day. Nevertheless, the postoffice people expect to do a large and heavy business in handling the printed and painted beflowered and bepictured effusions of sentiment which were mailed by the swains and sweethearts today.

St. Valentine had nothing to do with the early Greeks and Romans. Any Grecian or Roman who lived a couple of thousand years ago or more can tell you what it was called, probably. It was merely a feature, though one of the most important, of the feast of Lupercalia, which fell on the 14th of February and was in honor of the god of nature, called Pan.

In the dead and gone days of that good old summer time, or rather spring time, it was the custom to put the names of the Greek maidens, written on wax tablets, in a box, from which they were drawn by the Greek youths, the maiden falling to each youth being allotted to him as his sweetheart for that day. Sometimes he hung onto her even longer, to his sorrow.

After the early Christian church became dominant, the authorities in power tried to kill the custom of having the names of the young women on the tablets by substituting the names of saints. The scheme naturally failed. Christmas and gurgling sentiment were added to it, and the custom of sending it out to the girls with a gift sprang up there. This is probably where the drawing custom fell through and that of sending the valentine, which so rejoices the employees of the American postoffice, got its start.



MAIL HER A COPY OF THIS TOKEN OF AFFECTION.

St. Valentine's day, except to give it his name and take it over as his property at the fiat of the dignitaries of the early Christian church who canonized him and decreed that his memory should be honored on that day. The valentine antedated St. Valentine many hundred years, and contributed to the joy of nations and the happiness of many a youth and maiden long ere the Christian era began.

Even as you and I." English to Blame. As stated, the wax tablet, which was the father to the valentine, was called something else, and it is a far cry from it to the modern \$7 worth of fuss and

stianity displaced paganism, but the young women had no difficulty in holding their own against the whole calendar of saints. The day was given to St. Valentine and his name was tacked onto it in order to nail the thing down, but the wax tablet which the boys and girls thought so much of did business at the old stand the same as ever.

long after that till the modern valentine was evolved. The comic valentine is merely a distortion into a burlesque form of the original. The Butte postoffice probably handled 400,000 valentines today and while the hearts of the lads and lassies were going pit-a-pat in their breasts as they received the painted evidences of regard from their beaux and sweethearts, there were plenty of valentines for all the clerks, who were thus kept out of mischief.

## TO ENFORCE CURFEW

### Livingston Boys on Streets Too Late—Marshal to Get Busy.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN. Livingston, Feb. 14.—The numerous complaints which have of late been made about the presence of boys on the street at late hours of the night have caused Marshal Nelson to make a special effort to enforce the provisions of the curfew ordinance. He has been making the rounds of the town every evening after 8 o'clock and has warned numerous young boys that if they are found on the streets after 8 o'clock in the future they will be taken to jail. The bowling alleys are favorite resorts for street-loving children and the proprietors of the places are cooperating with the police in an endeavor to keep the youngsters at home nights,

## CONDITION IS BETTER

### Very Cold at Billings, but Cattle Not So Badly Off as Before.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN. Billings, Feb. 14.—Zero weather has been on tap here yesterday and today. A slight fall of snow covers the ground, but cattlemen report that cattle are now in better shape than they were two weeks ago.

## WILL ENFORCE LAW

### County Attorney Says He Will Keep Gambling Closed at Billings.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN. Billings, Feb. 14.—It has been whispered about the city that gambling would soon be opened and that it would be arranged by permitting the gamblers to pay a small fine. When the county attorney was asked about the matter, he said: "I do not care what is done about the gambling proposition. I know what the law is and I am under no obligations to the gamblers for my election. I have said that I would close gambling, and I have taken a stand in that direction, and I do not care to go back on that stand after I have taken it. While I am county attorney I shall enforce the laws that are on the statute books and there will be no compromise."

## JOHNSON MAY DIE

### Then It Will Be a Question as to Who Killed Livingston Man.

Livingston, Feb. 14.—The report that "Snakes" Johnson, the man who was stabbed by Kid Jones in this city about a month ago, was suffering from an abscess which is the result of the wound received by him at the time of the fight, is untrue. Dr. Cogswell, the physician who is attending Johnson, says that Johnson has developed what is known as phlebitis—an obstruction in one of the veins of his leg. If Johnson should die, the point taken by Dr. Cogswell would immediately become of great importance to the young man now under arrest, charged with the assault. It would become a matter of proof, depending upon medical testimony, as to whether Johnson's death was the result of septic poisoning from the knife wound, or whether he died from other causes.

## MAY LICENSE GAMBLING

### Stapleton Introduces a Bill For Farmer to Charge For Privileges.

## WILL COME VERY HIGH

### Must Play Upstairs and Pay Neat Sums For the Right to Do It.

## MAY PAY THE PIPER

### Miller Wants Silver Bow Contestants to Foot Contest Bills.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN. Helena, Feb. 14.—Representative Stapleton, for Representative Farmer, who is absent on the junketing expedition, gave notice in the house today of the Farmer high-license gambling bill. The bill provides for the licensing of places where faro, roulette, poker and craps shall be played as follows: In cities of 10,000 population and more, \$100 a month; in cities of less than 10,000 and in places where there is no town or village government, \$50 a month.

In addition, there shall be charged in towns of the first named classification \$50 a month for each game, and half of this in towns of the second classification. In places containing a population of more than 3,000 no game shall be conducted at an elevation less than 15 feet from the ground floor, and in towns of less than that population no game shall be conducted less than 20 feet from the front door of the establishment.

## HIGH LICENSES FOR HIGH BALL IS CHARGED

Still higher than these provisions are the license for the high percentage games, namely: Hazard, keno, twenty-one, high-ball, blue jay, high suit, chuckaluck and short fare. One hundred and fifty dollars a month is the fee for each of these games in addition to the regular house license provided for in the foregoing.

Money slot machines are to be licensed at \$25 a month and merchandise machines at \$10 a month. The operation of a sure-thing game, such as two-card box faro, bicycle roulette, three-card monte, strap, lock, thimble-race, patent sale, marked cards and the like is made a penal offense. Permitting a minor to play is a misdemeanor. Heavy penalties are provided for conducting a game without a license.

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## WITH GOOD WHISKY

### Old Offenders Landed in Person of Two Flathead Big Chiefs.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN. Missoula, Feb. 14.—Eneme and Antule, two Flathead Indians, who have figured in a number of cases in the United States courts, were arrested last night at the Flathead reservation on a charge of taking whisky onto the reservation. The Indians were noticed acting in a suspicious manner by Officer White of Missoula and were followed to the depot, but they evaded him there. They were afterwards caught on the reservation with six quart bottles of whisky in their possession. They will be brought to this city tonight and given a preliminary hearing on Monday before United States Commissioner Smith.

## SUCCUMBS TO SMALLPOX

### Mrs. Jean Pesella is Dead in "Little Holland" District in Bozeman.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN. Bozeman, Feb. 14.—Mrs. Jean Pesella, a resident of the "Little Holland" settlement near this city, died last night of smallpox. This is the first case of smallpox that has resulted fatally in this valley for a long time. Other members of the Pesella family are suffering with the disease.

## TO BE ARRAIGNED VERY SOON

### Alleged Bridger Bank Robbers Are to Be Tried at Red Lodge.

SPECIAL TO THE INTER MOUNTAIN. Livingston, Feb. 14.—Judge Henry leaves here this afternoon for Red Lodge, where he will open court on Monday next. It is likely that the trial of the alleged Bridger bank robbers will come up at the present term of that court.

## MRS. HAWLEY LOWE DEAD

### Has Suffered Long From Consumption—Lived at Bozeman.

Bozeman, Feb. 14.—Mrs. Hawley Lowe who has been suffering with consumption, died this morning. No arrangements have been made for the funeral.

## Mother to Spain's Queen.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS. Vienna, Feb. 14.—The archduchess Elizabeth, mother of the former queen regent Maria Christina of Spain, passed through Paris yesterday on her way to her mother's bedside.

## Hector McKilligan Dead.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 14.—Hector McKilligan was found dead in the Stevens hotel yesterday. It is believed he committed suicide. He was worth between \$50,000 and \$100,000.