

### Aching Joints

In the fingers, toes, arms, and other parts of the body, are joints that are inflamed and swollen by rheumatism—that acid condition of the blood which affects the muscles also.

Sufferers dread to move, especially after sitting or lying long, and their condition is commonly worse in wet weather.

"It has been a long time since we have been without Hood's Sarsaparilla. My father thinks he could not do without it. He has been troubled with rheumatism since he was a boy, and Hood's Sarsaparilla is the only medicine he can take that will enable him to take his place in the field. Miss Ada Doty, Sidney, Iowa."

### Hood's Sarsaparilla and Pills

Remove the cause of rheumatism—no outward application can. Take them.

### THE CRIPPLING OF CONVICTS

California's Legislative Committee Finds Various Forms of Torture Used.

Some Convicts Permanently Crippled Others Are Killed by the Terrible Ordeal.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 14.—The assembly committee on prisons has made a report on its investigation of cruel punishment in the San Quentin and Folsom state prisons. They find that the straight jacket and other methods of torture are in use at both institutions, though the results are more distressing at San Quentin than at San Quentin. The committee listened to many convicts and made the following report:

"At Folsom we found that one convict, Robert Smith, had been permanently crippled in his right arm and hand and had sustained other injuries. In the case of Morris Wain, another convict, a small tailor and worked at the same up to the time he was put in the straight jacket. We find he sustained such injuries to his hands and arms as a result of the punishment that in all probability he will never be able to work at his trade again."

"In the case of James Deane we learned that he was found dead in his cell within twenty-four hours after being released from the straight jacket."

"The final formalities occurred at the British embassy in Washington, Feb. 14.—Herbert W. Bowen, Venezuela's representative in the peace negotiations, last night signed the protocols providing for the immediate raising of the blockade and for the return of the blockade and the return of all her vessels, war and merchant, captured by the allied fleet."

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### BLOCKADE IS OFF

Instructions Are Sent to That Effect From London and Berlin To-day.

The Protocols Signed Last Night—Some Explanatory Documents Prepared.

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

EXPLAINING THE PROTOCOL. The Text of Memoranda Is Sent Out from Berlin To-day.

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

Memoranda Explaining Protocol. Two memoranda explaining the protocol having been accepted by Mr. Bowen, the text of the first is as follows:

"As the imperial German government holds that the claims originating from the Venezuelan civil wars of 1858 to 1860 are no more to be admitted to satisfaction the government of Venezuela has to acknowledge at once these claims amounting to 1,718,816 bolivars, approximately \$343,763.20, under the conditions of cash without delay or, should this be impossible, to guarantee the speedy payment of them by guarantees which are deemed sufficient by the imperial German government."

The second explanatory document reads: "The conditions of the German government having been accepted by Mr. Bowen, as representative of the Venezuelan government, will now have to provide for the payment of the 1,718,816 bolivars mentioned under No. 2 of the conditions or give an adequate guarantee for this amount. Should Mr. Bowen choose the latter way the guaranty is to be specified distinctly. For instance, in case of the amount of the revenues of the customs revenues, as suggested by Mr. Bowen, it would be necessary to state exactly in which way the payment is to take place out of these revenues. The guaranty will have to be given de facto and without delay."

In the event of the five drafts handed to Baron Speck von Sternburg last night being defaulted, it is stipulated that Belgian customs officials collect the revenues at one of the Venezuelan ports in behalf of Germany.

The secretary of Baron Richthofen sent a special message to Ambassador Tower here at 8 o'clock yesterday evening, informing him that the protocols would be signed and friendly relations pressing his pleasure at the happy result.

Chancellor von Bülow and Baron von Richthofen both express satisfaction and approval of the United States government's correct and friendly attitude throughout the episode. Baron Speck von Sternburg, by direction of his government, informed Secretary Hay in advance of the character of any imminent proposal made by Mr. Bowen. In at least two instances written memoranda of German policy were supplied to the United States government.

Forstalling Guesswork. Count Quadt, the secretary of the German embassy at Washington, will be granted leave of absence and the government has laid down the conditions of any possible adverse statements circulating in the United States and anticipating that his leave may be misinterpreted, informs the Associated Press that it is in no sense a disavowal of Count Quadt's action in the Venezuelan matter. His leave is granted in the ordinary course of service.

IT IS DONE. All the Protocols Are Signed by Mr. Bowen and the Allies.

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Governor Van Sant stands in the center with Commissioners J. M. Underwood and Conde Hamlin at his right and Commissioner Theodore Hays and Superintendent C. S. Mitchell at his left. The photograph was taken by the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

### Largest Domesticated Herd of Buffaloes on American Continent

EX-SENER "SCOTTY" PHILIP'S COLLECTION TO BE EXHIBITED AT ST. LOUIS IN 1904—WONDERFUL INSTINCT WHICH SAVES THE YOUNGER AND WEAKER ANIMALS IN TIMES OF STORM—PHENOMENAL PRICES PAID FOR THE HEADS OF THE BULLS IN NEW YORK CITY.

One of the exhibits at the St. Louis exposition which will attract universal interest will be the largest domesticated herd of buffaloes on the American continent, owned by James Philip of Pierre, S. D.

The American buffalo, like the deer that once roamed the wilderness, has moved before the civilization of the white man thirty years ago a million bush miles, and now he is found in the western plains, and like the red man, held it all their own. Even thirty years ago the buffaloes were so plentiful in the Dakotas, that a buffalo hide sold for fifty cents and a dollar; now they are cheap at as many dollars as cents formerly. Not over a thousand head exist on the American continent to-day, while a few years ago there were kept in domestic bondage. As Bryant says:

Beyond the remotest smoke of the camp Roams the majestic brute, in herds that shake the earth. In winter, when in these plains the blizzards last for days, it is wonderful to see those beasts protect their young calves and yearlings. When the storm begins to rage they form themselves into a triangle with the calves on the inside, the yearlings next, the cows on the outside of them, and the bulls surrounding all with the boss bull at the apex facing the storm, and thus protecting the other from it. They then crowd closely together, and there remain as long as the storm lasts, and thus they stand the blizzard that would surely mean death to the younger ones. The dogged stolidism of the bulls in keeping their places, protecting the cows and calves, is heroic, almost human.

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### The Legislature UNDER FULL STEAM

The Lawmakers Will Get Down to Serious Work Next Week.

Board of Control and Rate Measures Likely to Cause Early Tilts.

The day of small things is past for this legislature. Next week the solemnly will battle with several important propositions. The house has fixed Tuesday for a special order on the taxation amendment to the constitution, and Wednesday for the inheritance tax. Early in the week the committees that have been considering the various amendments to the board of control bill will agree on reports. There are many minds on this subject. Some favor leaving the law as it is. A greater number want a change. Some would remove the university and normal schools. Others would restore the schools for the deaf and blind to independence, and some would add the state public school to the university and normal schools. Monday afternoon is likely to witness a sharp tilt in the house between the railroad committee and the friends of Ward Stone's bill, which would amend the charter of the board of control.

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