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Sept. 17-4f.

after the employees took up a collection for him, then he was given \$50 after being on the injured list for two years. The company took out of the collection the rent he owed.

In answer to other questions he said that he was one of the 13 evicted by the Markle company. Then followed the most pathetic story yet told the commission. The old miner, decrepit from many injuries, told under the examination of how the eviction was carried on. The wife was sick and her one hundred year old mother was blind and unable to walk. The day on which they were "thrown out" was rainy. He took them the best he could to Hazleton, seven miles away, and placed them in a cold, damp, empty house.

"We were greatly worried because of our having been turned out of our house, and one night," the witness said, between sobs, "she died."

"She died?" exclaimed Judge Gray, who was pacing to and fro across the room as he quickly turned when he heard the man's last words.

"Yes, sir, she died, and I buried her yesterday."

No one cared to cross-examine him, and Judge Gray said: "That is all, Mr. McColl, and that enough."

Mrs. Kate Burns, of Jeddo, told a story of how she and her two boys worked years to pay off an accumulated house rent and coal bill, due to the Markle company, the narration of which deeply interested the commissioners. She was examined by Lawyer Darrow, and in answer to his questions she said her husband was an engineer inside the Markle mines. The husband was killed under ground, leaving her with four children, the eldest of which was a boy of eight years. The company never offered her a penny, but the employees gave her about \$180 to defray the funeral expenses. After her husband had been killed, she moved from her four-room house into one containing only two, one room above the other, and for the next six years she struggled as best she could to get along. She took in washing, scrubbed for the neighbors, and once in a while she was given work cleaning the office of the Markle company. When the eldest child was 14 years old she sent him to the mines. At the end of the first month the lad brought home his wage statement, showing that the mother owed \$396 for back rent. The boy's wages for the

month had been taken off the bill and he came home empty handed. In the course of time her next boy was old enough to earn a living and, he, too, was sent to the colliery. Like the older brother, the second boy received no pay, his earnings being deducted for rent. The mother on the witness stand, was by this time welling up, and when she added that the money she had earned for cleaning the Markle office was never paid her but kept by the company for rent, the commissioners looked at one another in surprise. She said it took the three of them 13 years to make out the debt.

Cures Cancer and Blood Poison.

If you have blood poison producing eruptions, pimples, ulcers, swollen glands, bumps and risings, burning, itching skin, copper-colored spots or rash on the skin, mucous patches in mouth or throat, falling hair, bone pains, old rheumatism or foul catarrh, take Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.). It kills the poison in the blood; soon all sores, eruptions heal, hard swellings subside, aches and pains stop and a perfect cure is made of the worst cases of Blood Poison.

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The Delineator For January.

Among the noticeable features of The Delineator for January is its fine cover—the first of a series that will continue throughout the year. The scope of the magazine has been generally widened, and new and valuable material has been introduced into all the departments.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box 25c.

All the Venezuelan Ports Are Closely Guarded—Text of the Proclamation.

London, Dec 20—The official proclamation of the blockade of Venezuela ports was gazetted this morning and becomes effective today.

The text of the proclamation is as follows:

Foreign Office, Dec. 20, 1902

"It is hereby notified that as the United States of Venezuela have failed to comply with the demands of his majesty's government a blockade by his majesty's naval forces of La Guayra Carenero, Guanta, Cumana and Carupano, and the mouths of Orinoco is declared and such blockade will be effectively maintained from and after the 20 December, subject to the allowance of the following days of grace: For sailing vessels sailing before the date of this notification from West Indian ports and ports on the east coast of the continent of America—ten days for steamers and twenty days for sailing vessels.

"From all other ports—twenty days for steamers and forty days for sailing vessels.

"For vessels lying in the ports now declared to be blockaded—fifteen days.

"Vessels which attempt to violate the blockade will render themselves liable to all measures authorized by the law of nations and by the respective treaties between his majesty and the different neutral powers.

The foreign office says the blockade of the Venezuelan coast will not be relaxed until the powers enforcing their claims agree on a method for the arbitration of their respective cases and Venezuela shows a disposition to act sincerely. Stress is laid on the difficulty, in view of the diversity of the claims in deciding on a method of presentation and on the proximity prolixity of the negotiations which will be involved a settlement is in sight. It is not definitely decided whether separate cases can be embodied in one document, should the projected arbitration take definite shape.

A glass or two of water taken half an hour before breakfast will usually keep the bowels regular. Harsh cathartics should be avoided. When a purgative is needed, take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They are mild and gentle in their action. For sale by J. E. Kaufmann.

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Christmas Holiday Rates.

The Seaboard Air Line offers cheap rates on account of Christmas holidays and will sell tickets from all points in South Carolina to east of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio and Potomac rivers, including Washington, D. C., and St. Louis, Mo., at the rate of one and one-third first class fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold December 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 1902, and January 1, 1903, with final limit January 3, 1903.

For rates and information call on any agent of the Seaboard, or to C. W. Small, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, J. J. Poller, Traveling Passenger Agent, 1500 Main street, Columbia, S. C.

The Sick Chief Justice.

The Columbia State says that it was reported in the city last week that Chief Justice Henry McIVER was desperately ill at his home in Cheraw. His friends fear that the distinguished South Carolinian may not live until the beginning of another year. It will also be sorrowful information for the people of the State to know that Judge McIVER is a great sufferer and that the gloom of death overshadows his home.

The meat trust having "busted," the price of meats of all class has come down off its stilts, and this necessary article of food will soon be within the reach of the poor man again.

Mrs. U. S. Grant, the wife of ex-president, U. S. Grant, died in Washington on Saturday, the 13th inst.

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