

## ANY DISCRIMINATION AGAINST U. S. VESSELS

### Will Not be Tolerated Should Peaceful Blockade of Venezuela be Established.

## DEPENDING ON THE UNITED STATES

### Government Circles in Caracas Lean Entirely Upon the Counsel of the American Minister—Castro May be Impeached and Ramon Ayala Take the Chair.

Paris, Dec. 15.—The Temps today, at the conclusion of a lengthy review of the Venezuelan situation, says: "The time has arrived when the United States should -ir its legitimate moral influence in the western hemisphere by offering mediation, which Venezuela will accept gladly, and Germany and Great Britain could not with good grace refuse."

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—Minister Bowen has confirmed the press reports, to the effect that the guns of the allied forces, which bombarded Puerto Cabella Saturday, were

directed entirely at the fortifications when the blockade was established it as it was, this statement relieves the affair of the suspicion that it constituted a violation of international law, in the fact that 24 hours' notice was to be served of the bombardment. The requirement as to notice applies to unfortified or fortified towns, where the fire must be directed upon the inhabitants and this was not the case at Puerto Cabella, so that while the officials here regret that firing took place, they have as yet no cause to protest. But it is now probable that the United States will break its attitude of inactivity in the event that an attempt is made to enforce the 'peaceful blockade.' toward an American ship. While the allies were considering ways and means of bringing Venezuela to time, and a blockade of the character had been decided upon, the German government informed the United States that when the blockade was established it would be in set back of all shipping, though no effort would be made to seize the ships. The United States government made no response to this statement at the time last year not feeling called upon to do so before presentation of an actual cause, but now that the blockade is sought to be established, Secretary Hay has informed the German government that American ships shall not be interfered with in their trading, except as the prohibition applies to all shipping, and further, the note intimates a disapproval of the stoppage at all.

London, Dec. 15.—The under foreign secretary, Lord Cranborne, denied in the house of commons today that the British commander was responsible for the sinking of the Venezuelan ships. He said that his majesty's government had been informed that the German commodore would find it necessary to sink two ships, but Great Britain was irresponsible for this.

Caracas, Dec. 15.—Inaction remains in government circles here. The officials do not know what to do and are depending entirely upon the United States to assist them. A movement is on foot here, headed by prominent doctors and lawyers, to request President Castro to resign and to ask Vice President Ramon Ayala to assume the presidency and form a cabinet without party tendencies. They also proposed to summon congress to appoint a temporary president, and arrange the question in dispute in a manner satisfactorily to all concerned.

### BONDS TO BE SOLD.

High School Bonds Will Be Advertised at Once.

At the meeting of the trustees of the county high school held Saturday, it was decided to offer the \$20,000 bonds for sale, and they will be advertised at once. The date of sale has not yet been decided upon but the bonds will be dated from January 1, 1903. The new building will be constructed on the present site, and it is the intention to have the work commence early in the spring so the building will be completed in time for the fall term.

The trustees also allowed the regular Christmas holiday of two weeks, commencing Friday, December 19.

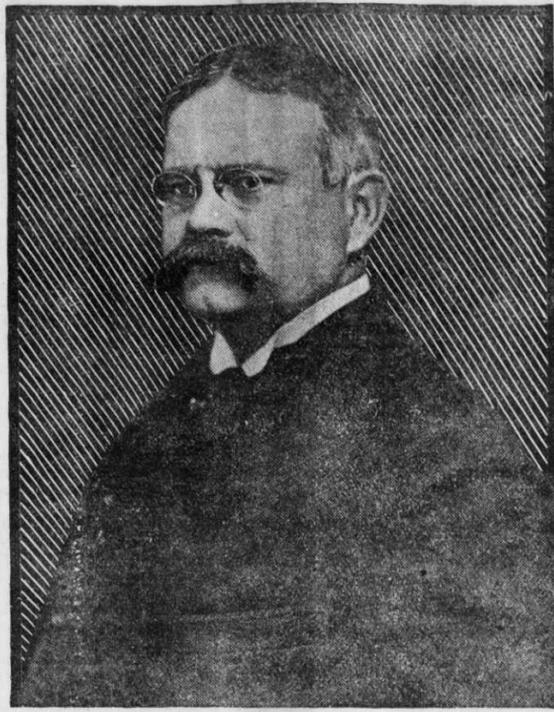
### ANTI-JAP LEGISLATION DEAD.

British Columbia's Efforts Killed by the Dominion Government.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 13.—The British Columbia government was advised this morning that the Dominion government has disallowed the recent British Columbia anti-Japanese legislation, including the coal mines regulation act, which is aimed at the employment of Japanese in mines, and the British Columbia immigration act, similar to the Natal act, which makes only those Japanese who can pass an educational test in English eligible for admission to the province.

### House Warming.

Friends in large numbers gathered at the home of B. F. Weed, south of town. Saturday night and were entertained by him and Mrs. Weed at an old fashioned house warming. The visitors, headed by the Weed drum corps first serenaded the venerable host and hostess, and then went on the inside to enjoy the feast of good things prepared for the edification of the inner man. The evening was pleasantly spent in merriment of various kinds, and at a late hour the guests departed to their homes.



MR. JOHN MARKLE.

Mr. John Markle is president of one of the leading independent coal mining companies of Pennsylvania. The independent operators since the closing of the strike have been having their own troubles. They do not sell coal direct to the consumers, but to the coal carrying railroads. They claim that they will be injured by the terms of the settlement.

## MADAME RUTH SAYS NAY, NAY

Tells Judge McClernan She Did Not Kill Dr. Cayley.

### CURIOUS FEMALES IN COURT

Anxious to See the Woman Who Presumably caused the trouble—Was Disappointed to Find Her Very Ordinary—Will Not Be Tried at This Term of Court.

Butte, Dec. 15.—The woman known in Butte as Madame Ruth LaBonte, or Eva Hart, who is awaiting trial on a charge of having participated in the murder of Dr. Henry Cayley in this city on October 12, told Judge McClernan yesterday that she was not guilty. The plea was made in the regular course of procedure in the case. For the first time since the madame began making her appearance in the court room there was something of a crowd present to see her. Among the gathering were half a dozen women who kept their eyes trained on her during her short stay. To her attorney the defendant had some comment in regard to the crowd, expressing the hope that those who were staring at her would all look until they were satisfied. Some of the women present seemed disappointed. They expected to see a beautiful, dashing young woman dressed in the latest fashion, her cheeks the pink of perfection and her manner as pleasing as the tricks of a wizard, but instead they saw an ordinary looking woman, fairly well dressed, wearing an air of trouble, a pair of low cut shoes, and an icy stare. Neither the woman nor Kelley will be tried during this term of court, but their cases may be called at the next term, which will begin in February.

### SOMERS CAMP, NO. 10,585.

Of the Modern Woodmen Elects Officers.

At the meeting of the Somers lodge of Modern Woodmen, held Saturday night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: W. F. Doe, V. C.; J. A. Dockstader, W. A.; J. M. Peterson, E. B.; A. N. McIntyre, clerk; H. E. Rathbun, escort; J. A. Hagen, watchman; Fred Peterson, sentry; E. G. Graham, A. Peterson and J. J. Downey, managers; Drs. S. B. Stone and Morrow, camp physicians.

The officers elect will be installed at the first regular meeting in January, which will be an open installation and will wind up with a royal good time.

## CITY MARSHAL FOUND DEAD

At His Own Door in the City of Red Lodge.

### SUICIDE WAS ESTABLISHED

As the Cause of Death—Paddy Fleming Was a Derservedly Popular Man and Red Lodge Sincerely Mourns His Loss—His Woman Drove Good Natured Irishman Crazy.

Red Lodge, Mont., Dec. 15.—The funeral of Patrick Fleming, city marshal of Red Lodge, who died Friday night by his own hand, was the largest in the history of this city. The cortege was a mile in length. The funeral was conducted in the Catholic church by Rev. Father Stak, who pronounced an eloquent and impressive eulogy. The fire department attended in a body.

### FRUIT GROWERS TO MEET.

Northwest Association Comes to Spokane in February.

The Northwest Fruit Growers' Association will hold its annual session in Spokane on February 3, 4 and 5. In the absence of Secretary Herbert Bolster the call for the meeting has been issued by Ben Burgunder of Colfax, who is acting as secretary. Dr. N. G. Blalock of Walla Walla, president of the association, joins in the call.

The Northwest Fruit Growers' association is separate and distinct from the Inland Empire Horticultural and Floricultural Association, of which Gen. T. R. Tannatt of Spokane is the president. The Northwest Association embraces in its membership fruit growers from Washington, Oregon, Montana, Idaho and British Columbia. It held its meeting last time in Walla Walla.

Mr. Burgunder says that the program will include papers by the following horticultural experts: Professor R. C. Cooley of the Montana Agricultural college at Bozeman; Professor D. Brodie, of the state experiment station at Puyallup, Wash.; Professor R. A. Cordeley of the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis; Professors Aldrich and Henderson of the university of Idaho, at Moscow; President Bryan and Professor Piper and Professor Booth, of the Washington Agricultural college at Pullman; Professor J. A. Balmer, florist, of Cleelum; E. L. Smith of Hood River, Ore.; president of the Oregon State Horticultural Society; Rev. F. Walden of Seattle; C. A. Tonneson, of Tacoma; Professor Robert Milligan, of the Idaho Horticultural association; Henry E. Dosch, of Portland, Ore., director general of the Lewis and Clark centennial, and R. A. Jones of Spokane.

## KLONDIKE INDIANS ARE ON THE WAR PATH

### Frostbitten Savages of the Frozen North Are Raiding in White Horse River.

## LOOTED A STORE, KILLED OWNER

### And Another Man Who Was With Him in that Locality. Little Salmon Indians Fleeing from the Wrath of Come—Mounted Police Are Mobilizing.

Seattle, Dec. 15.—A special to the Times from Dawson, dated today, say, "Keen excitement and apprehension prevail at White Horse and various points along the line of the new government trail over the report that a party of Hiawako Indians has taken the war path in the region between the Little Salmon and Pelly rivers. A store is reported to have been looted and burned, the store keeper killed and another man fatally wounded. The Little Salmon Indians are said to be panic stricken over the outbreak of the hostile tribe and are

sending their squaws and children to the police at Tantalus, near Yukon. Major Cuthbert has been fully apprised of the reports by wire. He issued an order mobilizing the men at his command, and in case a confirmation of the news of the outbreak is received he will leave here for Selkirk immediately with 50 men. It is stated that from 200 to 250 Indians are in the hostile party, headed by two well known chiefs. At last accounts they were holding a war dance and working themselves into a murderous frenzy.

In addition to the foregoing Mr. Burgunder states that an expert apple picker will be present at the meeting, as will several men connected with the refrigerating departments of the various railroads.

### GRADING PROGRESSING

Lewistown Extension Will Be Completed on Time Next Year.

Work is progressing rapidly upon the grade of the Lewistown extension of the Montana railroad. Vice President R. A. Harlow of the road stated that there was no reason to suppose that the extension would not be completed at the time specified in the contract with the Utah Construction company, which is doing the grading. "Unless something unforeseen should happen," said Mr. Harlow, "our trains will be running to Lewistown by July 1. The work is progressing quite as well as expected and I see nothing now that may delay us."

Sixty teams are employed on the grade of the extension. Two miles of the heavy work out of Harlowton have been completed, but the graders are employed at the present time on the lighter grading. The weather has been freezing, but has not retarded operations. The ground is plowed in the afternoon and the following morning the part plowed the afternoon before is removed with scrapers. The ground underneath the plowed ground remains unfrozen and in turn is plowed and removed the next day. In that way the contractors are able to keep ahead of the frost. In extremely severe weather the graders will be employed on the heavier work and take up the lighter work in the spring.

Mr. Harlow said today that the steel for the track would begin to arrive about May 1.

"We have received advices," he said, "that the Carnegie company, which has the contract for our steel, amounting to 6,000 tons, will ship early in the spring. The steel will arrive at Duluth at the opening of navigation on the great lakes, which will be about April 15 or May 1. It will then be shipped without delay as required.—Helena Herald.

### TAKEN TO NORTH DAKOTA.

Alleged Post Office Thieves Arrested Here Must Face Music.

Judge Hiram Knowles of the United States district court at Helena Saturday issued a warrant of removal directing United States Marshal Lloyd to deliver to the authorities of North Dakota James Burke and Louis Peterson, who are alleged to have robbed the post office at Galesburg, in that state, October 9, securing \$160 in stamps and \$16 in money.

Burke and Peterson tried to dispose of a quantity of stamps in this city and were arrested on suspicion of being implicated in the Galesburg robbery. They escaped from jail but were captured later. United States Commissioner W. T. McKeown fixed their bonds at \$2,500 and sent them to Helena. They have been in the Lewis and Clarke county jail for some time awaiting the action of the court.

Some wonderful carpets, embroidered with diamonds and pearls, have been sent from Hyderabad for exhibition at the Delhi durbar.

## LONESOME JOE AND OTHER PAL

Behind the Bars at Red Lodge for the Bridger Bank Holdup.

### ONE ROBBER FURNISHES BAIL

To the Amount of \$1,000, But Lonesome Joe and Billy Countrymen Must Remain in Jail Until the Session of District Court—Will Be Convicted.

Red Lodge, Dec. 15.—The men accused of robbing the Bridger bank will plead in the district court tomorrow. Judge Henry fixed the bail for Jesse Lindsay, "Lonesome" Joe and Wm. Countryman at \$2,500 each, which they could not produce. Pat Murray is out on \$1,000 bail.

### NORD AND ARMY WALKED IN

Port Au Prince, Hayti, Dec. 14.—General Alexis Nord, who was war minister under the provisional government, entered the capital of Hayti today at the head of his army. He was accorded a sympathetic reception by the people. General Nord's intentions are not known. It is generally believed that in case he announces himself a candidate for the presidency his election to that office is assured, by reason of the numerous forces at his command.

### RUSHING COAL TO MARKET.

Reading, Pa., Dec. 14.—The Philadelphia & Reading Railway company had over 50 locomotives in service transporting coal to market yesterday and today. The company claims that 75,000 tons were started last night and today and are now on the road. Most of it is destined for the large eastern cities. The motive power of the company has never before been taxed as at present.

### TRIBE WILL SOON VANISH.

Guthrie, O. T., Dec. 14.—Dr. Wyman, government physician at the Sac and Fox Indian agency in Oklahoma, announces that a large majority of the tribe are afflicted with tuberculosis, scrofula and other incurable diseases and adds that the tribe will be practically annihilated within a few years. The latest reports say that there are but 497 members of this once powerful tribe left.

### IN BUCKET OF BOILING WATER

Salt Lake, Dec. 14.—While in act of waving farewell to his father, who was starting to work at Bingham yesterday, Clifford, the two-year-old son of E. K. Hinkley, a miner, stumbled and fell into a bucket of hot water. The child was immediately rescued, but so frightfully scalded that death ensued within two hours. The father was a witness to the accident.

Within a month the new cone formed recently in the center of Mont Pelee, Martinique, has increased about 32 feet in height.

Hongkong is to be presented with the first statue raised in honor of the prince of Wales.