

TELLS MADRIZ ALL ABOUT IT

Knox Replies to Nicaraguan's Note of Protest.

EXPLAINS COUNTRY'S ATTITUDE

Declares That United States Has No Objection to Blockade of Ports So Long as American Commerce Is Not Molested—Refused to Permit Army of Zelaya's Successor to Bombard Bluefields in Interest of American Citizens and Property.

Washington, June 20. — The state department has forwarded to Jose De Olivares, American consul at Managua, a reply to the telegram sent by Senor Madriz, president of the de facto government at Managua, protesting against the actions of Commander W. W. Gilmer, commanding the gunboat Paducah, and senior naval officer in Central American waters.

In reply Secretary Knox sent the following dispatch to Mr. Olivares: "Madriz having addressed a telegram to the president, you are instructed to hand him the following statement, which you may also make public. This statement has also been communicated to the Estrada faction at Bluefields."

Policy Remains Unchanged. "The policy of the United States remains as set forth by the secretary of state's letter December, 1909, to Mr. Rodriguez, then charge d'affaires, whereby relations with the Zelaya government were broken off. This letter and statements of the consistent application of the same policy to conditions as they arose were duly published.

"As to the statements made in the telegram of Dr. Madriz to the president of the government of the United States took only the customary step of prohibiting bombardment or fighting by either faction within the unfortified and ungarriioned commercial city of Bluefields, thus protecting the preponderating American and other foreign interests, just as the British commander had done at Greytown, where there are large British interests.

"The government of the United States has acknowledged the right of each faction to maintain blockade, but has refused to permit vessels illegally and clandestinely fitted out in American waters to interfere with American commerce.

"The government of the United States simply insists that each faction shall collect duties only for territory under its de facto control and refuses to permit the collection of double duties. "If any violation of neutrality has occurred it was in connection with the sailing of the Venus from New Orleans as an expedition of the Madriz faction."

Mrs. Morse to Sell Furniture. New York, June 20. — The entire contents of the Charles W. Morse residence are to be sold at auction on Thursday and Friday of this week. The fittings of the house are Mrs. Morse's personal property, and she is going to sell it to obtain money with which to fight her husband's case.

LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN

CHICAGO—Cattle: Heavy, \$5 45@5 70; Texas steers, \$5 15@5 15; western, \$5 40@5 40; stockers and feeders, \$3 90@5 40; cows and heifers, \$2 75@5 90. Calves—\$5 00@5 00. Sheep and Lambs—Native sheep, \$3 40@5 35; western, \$3 50@5 40; native lambs, \$5 00@5 15; western, \$6 00@5 25; yearlings, \$6 00@5 25. Hogs—Light, \$9 25@9 50; mixed, \$9 25@9 50; heavy, \$9 15@9 50; rough, \$9 15@9 25; pigs, \$9 00@9 25. Wheat, No. 2 red, \$1 92@1 94. Corn—No. 2, \$1 15@1 16. Oats—No. 2 white, \$1 00@1 00.

A BULL CHAMPION

The hero of the Spanish bull ring has not always been the torador—there was once a bull who earned the plaudits of the arena on more than one occasion by repeatedly clearing it of his antagonists. "Curiously enough, however, he neither killed nor dangerously wounded any man, but he did put to flight every torador, picador, chulo or banderillero who dared to enter the arena with him, and though the crowds came to see him slain, his conduct proved so valiant that the people demanded that his life should be spared.

This bull's name was Lechuzo. He made his first appearance in the arena at San Lucar, in Andalusia, some years ago and so suddenly cleared the ring of his enemies that the people rose in admiration and demanded his reprieve, for in spite of his bravery he would have been treacherously approached and put to death for the satisfaction of the multitude had not the people intervened. Again, at Cordova, after the wounds had been healed which the picadors inflicted upon him at San Lucar, Lechuzo drove all his enemies before him and again his life was spared at the demand of the spectators.

So Lechuzo came to be regarded as invincible and finally ended his days in peace at the age of 10 years. Some admirers were desirous of testifying to his prowess by erecting in his honor a monument at San Lucar, the scene of his first triumph, but nothing came of the proposal.

SHORT LOCALS

Eggs 20c; butter 22c. Mr. Harry Weber of South Vernon spent Sunday in Akron, the guest of friends. Hot plates and gas ovens, lowest prices at Woolson's Store. Mr. Fred Harnell of Chicago was in the city this morning on his way to Gambler to attend commencement. Mr. Mark McCormick of Springfield, Ohio, is spending two weeks with friends and relatives in Mt. Vernon. Mr. Edward Wing of Cleveland spent Sunday in the city the guest of his wife and other relatives. Mrs. F. R. Anderson of Columbus is spending several days with relatives in Mt. Vernon. Mr. Mac Stephens went to Mansfield Monday morning to attend to some matters of business. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Overly went to Newark Monday noon to make a short visit with relatives. Judge J. B. Waigt of East High street went to Newark Monday noon to attend to some matters of business. Mr. Garfield Snow went to Loudonville Monday morning where he was called by some business matters. Mr. John Broeze of North McKenzle street spent Sunday at Cedar Point. Mr. William Kennedy of Akron spent Sunday with friends in Mt. Vernon. Mrs. Charles McKay of Danville spent Sunday in Mt. Vernon the guest of relatives and friends. Mr. Robert Lybarger of Akron spent Sunday in the city the guest of his family who is visiting here. Mr. John R. Doifia went to Columbus Monday noon to attend to some business matters. Rev. F. L. Johnson of Mt. Vernon preached at the Epworth M. E. church at Gambler on Sunday. Mrs. D. S. Springer returned to her home in Columbus Monday after a several days' visit with Dr. and Mrs. G. R. Baker of East High street. Mr. John J. Taugher has returned to his home in Mt. Vernon after a several days' business trip to Youngstown. Mrs. Eleanor Critchfield and sister, Mrs. Charles Hayes, of Columbus, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sigler of Grandview. Mrs. Harry Baughman of Akron is spending several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hogle of North McKenzle street. Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Culbertson and three sons enjoyed an automobile trip to Wooster, Ashland and Lodi on Sunday. Mr. Frank Sweet returned to Chicago Saturday evening after attending the funeral of his sister, Mrs. H. K. Cotton. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sweet have returned to Cincinnati, being called there on account of the death of Mr. Sweet's sister, Mrs. H. K. Cotton. Misses Mary and Ida Williams went to Mt. Vernon Saturday to spend Sunday with Miss Amy Ogg.—Coshocton Age. Mr. John Hoagwood of East High street went to Akron Monday morning to attend to some matters of business. Mr. Walter Crider went to New Castle, Ohio, Monday morning to spend several days with friends and relatives.

Mr. George Carter of Akron spent Sunday with relatives in the city. Adjustable window screens 15c and up. Woolson's Dep't Store. Mrs. C. E. Rees, of Toledo is in the city, the guest of relatives. Screen doors, 90c to \$1.50. Woolson's. Mr. Paul T. Baker spent Sunday in Dresden, Ohio, the guest of friends. Miss Lula Riley of Danville spent Saturday with friends in Howard. Screen wire, black and rust proof. All widths. Woolson's. Dr. H. S. Bucher of Killbuck spent some matters of business. Lawn mowers, \$2.98. Woolson's. Mr. Samuel H. Peterman and Mr. Philip Walters of Mt. Vernon spent Sunday with friends in Gambler. Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Mitchell and Mr. and Mrs. William Tissot of Mt. Vernon spent Sunday in Gambler. Miss Bessie Laughlin of Warsaw is spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Cuenot of Danville. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Snow of North Gay street spent Sunday in Danville, the guest of relatives. Miss Madge Humbert of West Chestnut street spent Sunday in Danville with relatives. Mrs. Ruth Riley of Warsaw is spending several days with her daughter, Mrs. Willard Baker, of Danville. Mr. William Wagner of Danville spent Sunday with friends in Mt. Vernon. Mrs. D. W. Workman and children of East Pleasant street will leave on Wednesday for Grafton, West Virginia, and Bristol, Tennessee, where they will spend the summer. Among the Mt. Vernon people who spent Sunday in Gambler were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Willard Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Brereton, Miss Lena Mitchell, Miss Alice Welker and Mr. George Berry. "You can see him but he cannot see you" through a VIDOR porch shade, full assortment of sizes in green and brown at Woolson's store. Exclusive agents. Mr. A. M. Woolson left for his home in Toledo Sunday evening after a several days' visit with his brother, Mr. W. A. Woolson and family of East Vine street. Mrs. William Hogle and sister, Mrs. Fidelia Pike of Mt. Vernon were called to Galena Sunday by the serious illness of their aunt, Mrs. Rebecca Carpenter. Mr. Edward Wuchner, the well known tailor of this place, has purchased a clothing store in Middletown, Ohio, and will leave Wednesday to take possession. Mr. and Mrs. Lanfon and Mr. and Mrs. Longwell of Sanbury spent Sunday in Mt. Vernon, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Church of East Hamtramck street. Mr. and Mrs. John Sellers Braddock of Little Rock, Ark., were visitors in Mt. Vernon Sunday, being en route to Gambler to attend the commencement exercises. Mr. Braddock was formerly of Mt. Vernon. Mr. John D. Worley, who was critically ill with stragulated hernia on Sunday evening at his home on East Oak street, was greatly improved Monday morning and was able to walk about the yard. The second advance car of the Buffalo Bill's Wild West and Pawnee Bill's Far East circus arrived in Mt. Vernon on Monday morning and the men are busily engaged in posting bills and notices throughout the country. Judge Frank O. Levering and Messrs. Frank Harper, Charles C. Jams, Lewis B. Houck and Budd Bakes of the Ohio State Sanatorium, left Monday morning for Dayton in Judge Levering's touring car to attend the Democratic convention. Children's Day exercises were held at the Hopewell church in Pleasant township on Sunday. The program was exceedingly interesting and was entitled "Summer Gladness." A drill by the young ladies was especially interesting. The collection was quite large. Mrs. Sidney Congdon went to Chicago Monday morning, where she will remain for several days the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Bunn. Word has been received in Mt. Vernon that Carl Scribner, brother of Mr. William Scribner of this city, has reached Merino, Colorado, and is preparing to settle on his farm there. Hammocks, 98c. Woolson's. Mr. George Berry spent Sunday in Gambler the guest of friends. Mr. Orville Hill and Miss Julia Berry spent Sunday in Fredericktown with relatives. Among the automobile parties from Mt. Vernon, visiting at Buckeye Lake, near Newark on Sunday were the following: Messrs. Harry May, Russell J. Ash, John Doifia and Judge George Coyner; Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Clough, Miss Berger; Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Ilger, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Ilger; Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Jams, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Tucker and three children.

Miss Luella Trimble returned to her home in Danville Saturday after a short visit with relatives. Miss Olive Liggett of Avilla, Pa., is spending several days in Danville, the guest of relatives. Miss Luella Trimble and Miss Helenu Nazor of Danville spent Sunday in Howard with friends. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Birch of Danville spent Sunday with friends and relatives in Millersburg. Mr. Stanton Remington of Mt. Vernon spent Sunday in Danville the guest of friends. Mrs. Eugene Carr of Martinsburg spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. Roy Morey of Brandon. Mrs. W. L. Roberts of Centerburg spent Saturday with relatives near Mt. Vernon. Miss Grace Barker has returned to evening after a several days' visit with friends in Centerburg. The children exercises were held at the Chesterville Presbyterian church at eleven o'clock Sunday morning and at the M. E. church in the evening. Mrs. Harry Dixon and Mrs. Elva Daugherty of Marengo spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Jones of near Brandon. Messrs. Roy and Walter Christopher of Homer are spending several days with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Senst of Danville. Rev. Harry Hackaway of Norris-town, Pa., is in Gambler to attend the commencement exercises on Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. David Melick and children of Utica spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Conard just north of Brandon. Mrs. Lyon was taken to her home in Gambler Monday morning after a several weeks' treatment at the Mt. Vernon Medical and Surgical Sanitarium. The memorial services of Sycamore lodge I. O. O. F. of Brandon was held on Sunday afternoon. The services were largely attended. The address was given by Rev. Miller of Cincinnati. Miss Ona Wander, Mr. Chester McMillen, Miss Alice Durbin, Miss Pauline Durbin, Miss Nona Greer and Miss Sylvia Greer of Danville went to Wooster, Ohio, Monday morning to enter summer school. Manager Samuel Hantman of the Cooper theatre will go to Zanesville to see the National Stock company which is booked for an engagement at the Cooper theatre. If the company is not up to the standard it will be cancelled. Mr. Edward Wilson of Mt. Gilead spent Sunday with friends in Sparta. Mrs. C. L. Ayers and daughter, Elsie, of Cleveland are the guests of Mrs. Frank Wilson, East High street. Mr. Thomas Clark was in Akron Saturday on business. Judge John Jay Adams, Kenyon 75, Zanesville, was in the city today enroute to Gambler where he will attend the events of commencement week and act as toastmaster at the Alumni Luncheon on Wednesday at noon. Messrs. Ira Bently and Tony Cordillo, both of Columbus, are members of the graduating class at Kenyon this year. They are the first two Columbus men who have graduated from Kenyon in the last twenty years and both excelled in basket ball, baseball and foot ball while in college. PAINTING THE WORLD. Indian Legend of the Way Spring Came into Existence. Once, long before there were men in the world, all the earth was covered with snow and ice. White and frozen by the rivers and the seas; white and frozen by the plains. The mountains stood tall and dead, like ghosts in white gowns. There was no color except white in all the world except in the sky, and it was almost black. At night the stars looked through it like angry eyes. Then God sent the Spring down into the world—the Spring with red lips and curling yellow hair. In his arms he bore sprays of apple blossoms and the first flowers—crocus, anemones and violets, red, pink, blue, purple, violet and yellow. The first animal to greet the Spring was the white rabbit. The Spring dropped a red crocus on his head, and ever since then all white rabbits have had red eyes. Then the Spring dropped a blue violet on a white bird, the first bird to greet the Spring, and that is the way the bluebird was made. Ever since then it is the first bird to arrive when the Spring comes down from heaven. So the Spring went through the world. Wherever he tossed the leaves from his fragrant burden the earth became green. He tossed the blossoms on the frozen seas, and the ice melted and the fish became painted with all the tint of his flowers. That is the way the trout and the minnows and the salmon became gaudy. Only the high mountains would not bow to the Spring. So their summits remain white and dead, for they would let the Spring paint only the sides. The snow owls and the white geese and the polar bears fled from the Spring, so they, too, remain white to this day.

FIGURE PROBLEMS

Gems That Are to Be Found in the Old Arithmetics.

ALL OF THEM "PRACTICAL"

That Was What the Inquisitive Boy's Father Told Him, and the Lad Started Out to Verify the Statement—The "Practical" Examples He Dug Up. Was education more practical a generation ago, or did John's father study his books more thoroughly than John does? John is a seventh grade student in the public schools. He asked his father to help him solve the following problem:

"A. asked how much money he has in the bank, replied, 'If I had \$10 more I would have \$1,000 more than half what I now have.' How much money had A.?"

"Such a fool problem," said the father. "Tell that teacher to ask the cashier. You have been pestering me with problems like that for a week. Suppose your teacher asked you how old you are. Would you tell her 'If I were ten times as old as I am, diminished by forty-two, I would be thirty years older than dad, and if dad were one-fourth as old as he now is he would be my age?' What would your teacher do if you answered in such a manner? In my day we had practical problems in our arithmetic."

In order to investigate his father's statement John went to the public library and asked for an old arithmetic. The librarian gave him Richard's Natural Arithmetic. He turned to the page marked "Practical Exercises" and read:

"A. puts his whole flock of sheep into three pastures. Half go into one pasture, one-third into another and thirty-two into a third. How many in the flock?"

"That's queer," said John. "Practical exercises too. Here is a man who wants to find how many sheep he has. He counts them so he will know when he has half of them. This half he puts into a pasture. Then he counts out a third and puts it in another pen. Next he counts what's left and finds he has thirty-two. After a little figuring he finds how many in the whole flock. Very practical. I guess dad didn't study that book."

The next book he examined was Milne's Inductive Arithmetic, edition of 1870. In miscellaneous examples he found the following:

"Two ladders will together just reach the top of a building seventy-five feet high. If the shorter ladder is two-thirds the length of the other, what is the length of each?"

"Why didn't he measure each ladder separately?" John asked himself. "That problem is not practical. I guess dad is older than I thought. I want an older book."

The text written in 1808 was handed to him. The book was evidently influenced by the civil war, for it was filled with problems dealing with battering down fortifications and the sustenance of soldiers. One problem was:

"If twelve pieces of cannon (eighteen pounders) can batter down a fortress in three hours, how long will it take for nineteen twenty-four-pounders to batter down the same fortress?"

"That's fine for a general," John reflected, "but dad says that I am going to be a captain of industry."

Another arithmetic of the same date had the famous fish problem with which John's teacher had troubled him for six weeks before he himself finally explained it to the class. The fish problem is:

"The head of a fish is ten inches long. Its tail is as long as its head and one-half the body. The body is as long as the head and tail both. How long is the fish?"

Very handy problem for a butcher. John turned to the Common School Arithmetic, edition of 1833. "Here I'm sure to find something good," he reflected and read:

"A hare starts up twelve rods before a hound, but she is not perceived by him till she has been up one and one-fourth minutes. She runs at the rate of thirty-six rods a minute, and the hound runs at the rate of forty rods a minute. How long will the race last, and what will be the distance the hound runs?"

"What difference does it make how far the hound runs?" John asked as he turned to the Scholar's Arithmetic, edition of 1807. The present high cost of living made the first problem impractical for present day purposes, John concluded. The problem was as follows:

"If I give eighty bushels of potatoes at 21 cents a bushel and 240 pounds of fax at 15 cents a pound for sixty-four bushels of salt, what is the salt worth a bushel?"

Another problem was: "A good man driving his guest to market was met by another, who said, 'Good morning, master, with your 100 geese.' Says he in reply, 'I have not 100 geese, but if I had half as many as I now have and two and one-half geese besides the number I now have already I should have 100.' How many geese had the man?"

How long would you permit a man to live if he made such an answer to you? "Pshaw!" John sighed as he wiped his forehead and handed the book back to the librarian. "Dad must have skipped these practical problems."—Kansas City Star.

We are never so ridiculous by the qualities we have as by those we affect to have.—Rochefoucauld.

UNCLAIMED MAIL

The following letters remain unclaimed in the Mt. Vernon postoffice: Advertised in the Daily Banner. To avoid delay in delivery, have your mail addressed to street and number, P. O. box or general delivery.

- Advertised June 20, 1910: Beal, Frank L. Bell, E. A. Cary, Mrs. Wm. H. (2) Conn, Miss Rena Daley, Bird D. Arcy, W. R. Duer, Josephine Foulk, C. M. Frost, Miss Magie Hagaman, Mrs. Emma Kinmann, Mrs. J. E. King, Mrs. R. D. Moorh, Mrs. Bessie Myers, D. E. Olmstead, Dr. D. S. Ridgeway, Miss Gail Stackhouse, L. Ward, Mrs. Emily Wulf, Miss Phoebe T. Sheridan G. Dowds, P. M.

OBITUARY

WARNER T. SHARPE

Warner T. Sharpe, one of Mt. Vernon's well known merchants, died at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon at Mt. Carmel hospital, Columbus, where he was operated upon for appendicitis Saturday morning. Mr. Sharpe's illness was only of a short duration. Thee operation was quite severe as the case was a most aggravated one. He recovered nicely from the operation, but the shock to the system was such that death came Sunday afternoon. Mr. Sharpe was conscious almost up to the very last. The deceased was 42 years of age and was born in College township. A greater portion of his life was spent in Mt. Vernon. Several years ago he engaged in the grocery business with his brother, George, of Ashland. Later this partnership was dissolved and since then Mr. Sharpe has operated the Market House on South Main street and a similar store on North Sandusky street. Mr. Sharpe was united in marriage to Miss Eva Sanderson, daughter of the late Samuel Sanderson of this city. No children were born to them. In addition to his wife the deceased is survived by one sister, Mrs. Ida Larabee of Mt. Vernon and the following brothers—E. T. Sharpe of Ashland, George E. of Grandda, Kansas, and Charles of this city.

The deceased was a member of Mt. Vernon lodge, No. 140, B. O. P. Elks, Quindaro lodge No. 216, I. O. O. F., Timon lodge No. 45, Knights of Pythias and of the Uniform Rank. The remains were brought to Mt. Vernon Monday afternoon at 1:34 over the C. & C. railroad, accompanied by the relatives, and taken to the late home on South Gay street. The funeral at the home, South Gay street, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The funeral will be private-interment in Mount View cemetery.

The body will lie in state at the late residence Tuesday morning from 10 until 12 o'clock. The groceries of the city will be closed during the funeral hour, as a mark of respect for the deceased.

Myrtle E. Brooks Mrs. Myrtle E. Brooks, wife of George A. Brooks, died at her home on the Martinsburg road, south of the city, at noon Monday. The deceased was born in 1873 and is survived by her husband and two daughters, Alice B. Brooks and Myrtle May Brooks. The funeral will be held on Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. at Creighton Ridge, Monroe county. The remains will be shipped to that place Wednesday morning at 5:50 over the B. & O. railroad.

SANSKRIT MSS. AT OXFORD In their annual report to Oxford Conservation the curators of the Bodleian library state that the number of printed and manuscript items received during the year is the highest total on record. The large increase is due to the munificent gift of 6330 Sanskrit MSS. from the prime minister of Nepal, one of the greatest donations of manuscripts ever received by the Bodleian, which thus becomes by far the largest depository of Sanskrit manuscripts outside India. The collection represents every department of Sanskrit literature, and many works contained in it are not to be found in published catalogues. It will be kept separate from the general body of Sanskrit manuscripts; and will be known by the name of its generous donor.—Pall Mall Gazette.

MONROE Township Schools To Hold Commencement

The Monroe township commencement will be held at Ebenezer church, north of town, on Wednesday evening, June 22. Music by the quartet. The following is the program: Invocation. Music. Oration—"Natur's Study is Nature's Love"—Carlton Scott. Oration, "True Patriotism is Unselfish"—Helen Dowds. Music. Oration, "Making Success"—Harry Simpson. Music. Recitation, "The Collier's Dying Child"—Florence Vincent. Oration, "Habit is Power"—Rodney Drake. Music. Oration—Florence Parker. Oration, "We Build the Ladder by Which We Rise"—Irene Parish. Music. Class Address—Rev. L. O. New-comer. Music. Presentation of Certificates. Music. Benediction.

IN JAIL

Is Seifert Charged With Jumping Board Bill

Harry Seifert was arrested on Saturday afternoon by Constable Brown McCune on a warrant sworn out before Squire H. C. Wood by Mrs. J. F. Smith, of East Front street, charged with jumping a board bill. Seifert was placed in jail. Mrs. Smith alleges that Seifert owes her \$8.80 for board and has not paid her.

Society News

Entertained With Luncheon Miss Ruth Ralston, East Gambler street, delightfully entertained with a luncheon Saturday afternoon in honor of Miss Jane Waigt who leaves Tuesday for Montreal where she sails on Saturday for an extended trip abroad. Covers were laid for twelve.

GERMAN AMBASSADOR THE SPEAKER

Milwaukee, Wis., June 20—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador at Washington, addressed the graduates of the German-English Academy at the annual commencement exercises in Plymouth Church this afternoon. On Wednesday the ambassador will go to Madison to speak at the University of Wisconsin commencement exercises.

JOE THOMAS vs. FRANK MANTELL

Sacramento, Cal., June 20—A lively bout is expected tonight when Joe Thomas, the California middleweight, and Frank Mantell, of Pawtucket, R. I., come together for a twenty-round contest. Both fighters have finished their training and appear to be in excellent shape for the battle.

TAYLOR'S BEST FLOUR

It's Good Very Good We sell all kinds Feed —Sole Agents— Purina Poultry Feeds The best known feed for chicks or chickens The Northwestern Elevator & Mill Co.