

CASH WANT ADS. GET Green Trading Stamps AT THE GLOBE OFFICE.

MINNESOTA IRON LEASE

Northern Securities Company and Steel Corporation Negotiating

LANDS ON ROYALTY BASIS

Three Hundred Million Tons of Iron Ore in the Territory Under Consideration

TERMS OF LEASE SAID TO HAVE BEEN AGREED UPON

Under It the Northern Securities Company Will Derive a Large Income in Royalties and Freight for Many Years to Come—What Minnesota Could Do If It Had Coal Deposits.

REQUISITION GETS THE MONEY Machinery of State Is Used to Collect Debt in Washington State.

It is seldom that requisitions issued by the governor of the state of Minnesota are used by officials to collect claims or effect a settlement of criminal cases, but the attention of Gov. Van Sant was called to an instance of this kind yesterday and a searching investigation will be made.

On this showing a requisition was issued by Gov. Van Sant on the governor of Washington for the arrest and return of the Spauldings. Before the requisition was issued the complainant, Macbeth, was required to sign an affidavit to the effect that the requisition was issued for the purpose of prosecution and not to enforce the settlement of a claim.

COWARDS AND RULES OF EVIDENCE

JUDGE GRAY, OF THE ANTHRACITE STRIKE COMMISSION, INDULGES IN FREE SPEECH.

PARTIES TO BOYCOTTS DESCRIBED AS COWARDS

He Who Enforces Boycott and He Who in Fear Discharges Employees—Day's Evidence Devoted to an Attempt to Prove That a Reign of Terror Existed in the Coal Region During the Strike.

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 18.—The coal strike commission listened today to further testimony tending to show that a reign of terror existed in the anthracite coal fields during the five and a half months of the mine workers' strike. About a score of witnesses were called by the attorneys for the non-union men. They told of serious boycotts, brutal attacks by crowds of men, women and boys and an attempt to burn the house of a non-union man. In most instances the witnesses testified that the alleged offenders were members of the Miners' union. The lawyer for the miners objected frequently to the admission of hearsay testimony and some times objected because of irrelevancy of certain other statements.

Chairman Gray said the commission was not bound by any strict rules of evidence, but asked counsel to confine themselves in examining witnesses as far as possible to direct evidence. He said it was too difficult, in trying to prove that boycotts exist, to get information on the subject. The commission, he said, would know whether a reign of terror existed in the anthracite region and it could not get that information if the strict rules of evidence were applied.

Cowardice and Obscurity. "The coward who will go to the storekeepers," he said, "and tell them not to sell the necessities of life to the coalward who discharged her is coward enough to refuse to testify."

He recognized, he said, why some merchants will not come forward and tell who forced them to refuse to sell necessities of life to certain boycotted persons, but if he (Chairman Gray) were a storekeeper, he thought he would risk his all in order to assist in breaking up the cowardly business.

EIGHT-HOUR BILL GOING TO THE SENATE

Favorable Report Agreed Upon by the Senate Committee and the Bill Materially Amended.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—The senate committee on education and labor today agreed upon a favorable report of the house eight-hour bill. Many amendments have been made. The principal changes relate to transportation, contract work and the purchase in the open market of goods wanted by the government. The bill makes it specific that all purchases shall be exempt. The language relating to the transportation of goods is made more plain and definite than in the house bill. Another amendment provides that the act shall not prohibit a workman from engaging in other work for an additional two hours after working on government work for eight hours.

HE EXPLORED CASH DRAWERS

Novel Charge on Which a Man Is Arrested in the Beckeys State.

CANTON, Ohio, Dec. 18.—Edmund Hauser has been arrested by United States officials and court he given a hearing at Warren tomorrow. The charge is that he represented himself as a government employee to examine and withdraw from certain government accounts. Accordingly, he is alleged, visited stores in this city, showed a badge which seemed to prove his identity, and was allowed to examine money in the cash drawers. In several instances he is said to have taken money and placed it in his pocket on the ground that it was counterfeit and would have to be confiscated. The sum of money obtained was not large.

Postmaster General Indisposed. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—While on his way to the White house today to see the president, Postmaster General Payne suffered an attack of acute indigestion. He was driven to his hotel and two physicians summoned. The patient is relieved of his ailment and hopes to be at his office tomorrow.

REBELS AND ALLIES CONNECT Venezuelan Revolutionists Said to Co-operate With British and German Operations.

CARACAS, Dec. 18.—Documents and letters which have been seized by the Venezuelan authorities are said to prove the connection of the Matos revolutionists with the recent demonstration of allies against Venezuela. It is stated the captured Venezuelan feet's munitions of war have been openly shipped from Willemstad, Curacao, to points on the Venezuelan coast, and steamers are said to have sailed from Port of Spain, Trinidad, with the

knowledge of the British authorities there, bearing arms and ammunition to the Venezuelan revolutionists at Ciudad Bolivar, on the Orinoco river. It is declared that these statements are true it proves Venezuela's claim that Great Britain is responsible for the Matos revolutionary movement. The revolutionists are said to be marching on this city, but the government has taken steps to crush the new movement.

CURRENCY FOR PHILIPPINES

Bill to Put Islands on Gold Basis and Do Other Things.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—The senate committee on the Philippines today agreed upon a bill for the establishing of a currency for the Philippines, which is the joint production of Senators Lodge and Allison. The bill makes the gold peso of 12 9-10 grains the unit of value in the islands and makes the gold coins of the United States legal tender for all debts.

The Philippine government is permitted to have coined 75,000,000 silver pesos for 416 grains each and these pesos are to be legal tender for all debts in the islands unless otherwise specified by contract or by law. Subsidiary silver coins also are allowed in excess of the present volume. The Philippine government is authorized to issue certificates of indebtedness in order to maintain the parity between gold and silver pesos. Provision is made for the redemption of the present silver currency of the islands. Authority is given for the coining of the silver pesos at Manila or at any of the mints of the United States.

ASSOCIATION OF OPERATIVE POTTERS REORGANIZED

Agreement as to Prices Is Made by 150 Potters.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 18.—After a two-day conference the associated pottery manufacturers, including 150 firms, today succeeded in reorganizing the National Association of Operative Potters, giving to its executive committee full administrative powers. The association will handle all sales of its members. W. E. Wells, of East Liverpool, Ohio, was elected president. The agreement provides that no extra discount, rebate or gratuity shall be allowed to any customer that would make the goods sold to him cost less than the minimum list price. It is proposed to market semi-porcelain, white granite and "C. C." wares at fixed prices to all customers, and the rates of discount from the list are established as follows: Semi-porcelain and white granite wares, 25 per cent; thirds, 25-3 per cent; cream-colored wares, kiln run, 44 per cent; thirds, 60 and 5 per cent. The rates of discount on the present signed the agreement and assented to it last before leaving, and it is the general opinion that it will be adhered to.

STILLWATER MAY HAVE TO SHIVER

Dealers Have No Coal and Customers Are Uneasy as to Their Immediate Future.

The anthracite coal situation doesn't improve as fast as dealers and consumers would like. Dealers have no coal, neither can they tell when they will receive commitments, and in the meantime consumers are worrying about their supplies. Many will be compelled to resort to wood stoves unless relief is received here before the Christmas holidays.

It was stated the first part of the week the machinery sent to Milwaukee for repairs by the street railway company had been returned, but it has not yet arrived here, and interurbans have all been running down town until next Sunday or later.

NEW RURAL ROUTES.

Mr. McCleary Secures a Large Number for His District.

From Globe Washington Bureau. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—Representative McCleary has been at work securing rural free delivery routes for his district. He has arranged with the department that after Feb. 1 there shall be the following new routes: Dawson, 2; Boyd, 1; Louisville, 1; Madison, 1; Mallett, 1; Tyler, 1; Lake Benton, 1; Noland, 1; Madelia, 1; Morgan, 1; Redwood Falls, 1; and after March 1 he will have new routes as follows: Madison Lake, 2; St. Peter, 2; Nissle, 2; Garvin, 2; Amberg, 2; and

DECLARING A WAR BLOCKADE

Six Venezuelan Ports to Be Put Under the Ban Tomorrow

HARDLY LOOKS PEACEFUL

Germans Seize and Disable Another Vessel, Greatly Enraging Venezuelans

UNITED STATES MINISTER GIVEN FULL AUTHORITY

He Is Chosen by President Castro as Venezuela's Sole Representative in the Negotiations for Settlement—Meeting to Discuss Terms Will Probably Be Held in Washington.

CARACAS, Dec. 18.—It has been learned from an official source that the allies today will notify the Venezuelan authorities at La Guaira of the blockade, to become effective Saturday, Dec. 20, at 3 p. m. of the ports of La Guaira, Puerto Cabello, Coro, Maracaibo, Carupano and Barcelona.

Full Authority for Bowen. Lopez Baralt, Venezuelan minister of foreign affairs, has transmitted to United States Minister Bowen a document signed by President Castro as constitutional president of the republic and countersigned by himself as minister of foreign affairs in which Mr. Bowen is recognized as the only representative of Venezuela in the matter of effecting a settlement of the present difficulty.

According to the terms of this document Mr. Bowen may act without restriction, and he is to use all means possible to protect the interests of Venezuela. The state department at Washington has been notified of the transmission of this instrument to Mr. Bowen.

It All Depends. Events here are dependent upon the receipt of the answers of the governments of Great Britain, Germany and Italy to the proposal of arbitration advanced by Venezuela. These answers are expected tomorrow. Should they be favorable the Venezuelan government strongly desires that a conference of the ambassadors of Great Britain, Germany and Italy to the United States then be held at Washington and that Mr. Bowen leave La Guaira Dec. 23 for the United States on board the steamer Caracas, which is due to reach New York Dec. 25.

Another Vessel Captured. The German cruiser Albatross, which has been anchored for the past two days at the entrance of Lake Maracaibo, today captured the Venezuelan schooner Victoria. After cutting down her mast, thus disabling her, the Germans abandoned the vessel.

This incident has caused much indignation among the Venezuelans, who are protesting the streets uttering cries against Great Britain and Germany.

IT IS A WAR BLOCKADE.

No Indication That Mr. Bowen's Efforts Have Failed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—As understood here the blockade to be declared by the allies against Venezuela on Saturday is to be a "war blockade," as contrasted with the "peace blockade," which has been in operation since the trouble with Venezuela assumed its acute stage. Ordinarily a legal blockade is preceded by a declaration of war, but at times this formality is dispensed with and a blockade maintained just as though war had been formally declared. To all intents and purposes war has existed and such condition has been recognized by the governments of the allies. A formal declaration that a blockade has been established will be sent to all the powers, and it will be recognized by the United States government.

Following in such cases, this government will maintain an attitude of neutrality toward the belligerent, which they practically become by the establishment of the blockade, although whether a presidential proclamation announcing our neutrality to the world will be issued has not yet been decided upon. The matter will come up for definite determination very soon. Our government is fully informed of the intention of the allies in the movements they are making in the operations against Venezuela.

The notice about the issue of the formal blockade of Venezuelan ports is not understood here to mean that Minister Bowen's efforts to adjust the Venezuelan difficulties have failed. It was conceived that the naval operations of the powers were acting under explicit instructions, which included the capture of a blockade, and it was not expected that these instructions would be suspended until the negotiations through diplomatic channels had assumed a phase indicative of a final and satisfactory adjustment. As Minister Bowen has only today been appealed to to endeavor to effect such an adjustment, he has had as yet no opportunity of moving forward in his negotiations to a point where he might reasonably expect the allied powers to cancel completely the remainder of their punitive program.

Therefore it is to be expected that the threatened blockade will be duly published next Saturday unless in the meantime Minister Bowen is able to offer sufficient assurances that the Venezuelan government is ready to meet the terms of their ultimatums. It can be stated positively that these

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Special to The Globe.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Negotiations have been in progress for some time between the Northern Securities company and the United States Steel corporation for the acquisition on a royalty basis by the latter of the extremely valuable iron ore lands owned by the Northern Securities company in Minnesota. These lands are known to contain more than 300,000,000 tons of iron ore, much of which is very fine.

PROGRAMME FOR MRS. GRANT'S FUNERAL

Services in Washington Tomorrow and Committal to the Riverside Tomb Sunday.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—Arrangements were completed here today for the funeral of Mrs. Julia Dent Grant. There will be services at the Metropolitan Methodist church in this city at 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning, Rev. Frank M. Bristol officiating. Immediately after the services at the church the funeral party will proceed to the railroad station and take the 11 o'clock train for New York city.

The honorary pallbearers in this city will be Speaker Hendrick, Secretaries Root and Wilson, Maj. Gen. Grenville M. Dodge, Senators Cullom, Keam, Fairbanks, Allison, Foraker and Platt, of New York; John R. McLean, of Ohio, and Hon. J. L. Bancroft, of Washington. It is not expected that the honorary pallbearers will accompany the remains to New York city, though Secretary Root and some of the others may do so. There will be no service at the home of the late Mrs. Grant in this city.

REDUCING DUTIES ON PHILIPPINE PRODUCTS

House Passes Bill Making the Tariff 25 Per Cent of the Present Rates.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—The house today passed the bill to reduce the duties on the products of the Philippine islands coming into the United States from 15 per cent of the duty rates (the present duties) to 25 per cent of those rates. The discussion was accompanied by considerable maneuvering on the Democratic side to secure test votes on various amendments designed to lower the tariff barrier still further, and a record vote was forced on a motion to recommit with instructions to report a bill providing for absolute free trade with the islands. The division on this proposition was on party lines, with the exception of Mr. Call (Rep., Mass.), who voted with the Democrats.

The discussion of the pure food bill, which has been made a continuing order until disposed of was begun. Mr. Tompkins (Ohio) and Mr. Adamson (Ga.) opened the debate, respectively for and against the bill. Mr. Gardner (Mass.) opposed.

DAY'S NEWS SUMMARIZED.

Weather for St. Paul and vicinity: Fair today and probably Saturday.

VENEZUELA.—War blockade will become effective tomorrow afternoon. German capture and disable Venezuelan schooner. Venezuelan revolutionists are said to be co-operating with allies.

DOMESTIC.—Chairman Gray, of anthracite strike commission, denounces cowards that take advantage of laws of evidence. Embroidering postmaster of Middleton, Iowa, is arrested in Illinois. Coal companies cannot hold out hope for relief in fuel stringency.

WASHINGTON.—Senate committee agrees on bill for establishing a currency in the Philippines. House eight-hour bill is amended by senate committee and will be reported favorably.

House passes bill reducing duties on Philippine products to 25 per cent of Dingley rates.

POLITICAL.—Leaders frown on dark horse speaker-ship candidate proposition. Country members desert speaker-ship camp for Christmas cheer at home.

LOCAL.—Charge is made that a registration was obtained in the case of the Spauldings of Mankato, in order to forestall settlement of debt. Charles D. Gillilan, well known St. Paul man, is dead. City council awards contract for gas

and gasoline lighting to the Cleveland Vapor Lighting company and for electric lighting to St. Paul Gas company.

State Sanitary association elects officers and discusses tuberculosis. Farmers of recently incorporated village of Yucan ask the supreme court to declare the corporation void. Prizes are awarded to owners of tables at the cat show.

MINNEAPOLIS.—Mrs. Christina Hofar kidnaps her five children from her divorced husband's home in Robbinsdale and reaches Minneapolis before she is caught.

Mayor Ames writes a friend in Minneapolis that he will return if not subjected to any indignities.

State canvassing board makes returns on governorship vote.

RAILROADS.—J. W. Midgely carries on crusade against private car system. Santa Fe to build new wline in New Mexico.

BUSINESS.—All grain prices are lower and trading very light. Prospects of early settlement of Venezuelan trouble cause rise in stocks and strong market all day.

United States Steel corporation is on point of leasing Minnesota iron ore lands from Northern Securities company.

SPORTING.—P. T. Powers, of National Association of Ball leagues, favors a national agreement. Jockey Reiff to ask the French Jockey club to restore his license. John L. Sullivan has busy time in Detroit before the police round him up.

YOUNG WOMAN WITH "DIVINE POWERS" SUING FOR DIVORCE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 18.—Santa Teresa, the young woman believed by the Yaqui Indians and many Mexicans to possess divine powers, has sued her Indian husband, G. N. Rodriguez, in the local courts for divorce. It is alleged that the marriage was forced upon the young woman at the point of a revolver by her impetuous admirer at Clifton, Ariz., June 22, 1900.

NEBRASKA CATTLEMEN PROTEST AGAINST MOSBY'S ACTS

They See the President About Encroachment Upon Public Lands. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—Senators Dietrich and Millard, of Nebraska, called upon the president today, accompanied by a delegation of prominent cattle raisers of their state, to discuss the alleged encroachment upon government lands by the big-cattle interests of Nebraska and other Western states. They entered a vigorous protest against the action and words of Col. John S. Mosby, who has been investigating the matter as an agent of the interior department.

DR. LORENZ REFASHIONS LITTLE GIRL'S CLUB FOOT

He Makes the Crippled Member as Pliable as Putty.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Dr. Lorenz has for the first time since his arrival in New York operated on a club foot. The patient was a four-year-old girl. Dr. Lorenz kneaded and twisted the crippled foot until it was as soft and pliable as a piece of putty. Then he deftly molded it into its proper form, and announced that the operation was completed, and a plaster cast was fitted on the foot. The doctor said that the child should be allowed to use her foot as much as she could after four or five days, and that it would be necessary to keep the cast on for six or seven months, after which she could walk.

MAN THAT CARRIED \$350,000 LIFE INSURANCE FOUND DEAD

Polices Aggregating \$220,000 Contestable in Case of Suicide. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 18.—It developed today that R. C. Whayne, Louisville business man, who was found dead last night with gunshot wounds in his breast, carried \$350,000 life insurance. Four of Mr. Whayne's policies, aggregating \$220,000, are contestable in case of suicide. All of the other policies were one exception contained a suicide clause, but the limit in every case had expired.

Winston Churchill Ill. ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 18.—Winston Churchill, the novelist, recently elected to the New Hampshire legislature, is ill at the residence of his uncle, J. G. Gazam. It is thought his illness is the result of exposure to inclement weather during his recent campaign.

BANKING DISCUSSED BY FINANCIERS AND EDUCATORS

Comptroller Ridgley and Woodrow Wilson the Chief Speakers. NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—William Ridgley, comptroller of the currency; President Woodrow Wilson, of Princeton university; Rev. Dr. Robert S. MacArthur, Maj. Gen. Adna R. Chaffee and John S. Wise were the principal speakers at the annual banquet of the New York State Bankers' association, given at the Waldorf Astoria tonight. Five hundred members and guests of the association were present.

Comptroller Ridgley spoke on "Elasticity in the Currency—The Relation of the University to Business"; Dr. MacArthur spoke on "Bankers, the Frontiers and Conservators of Civilization"; Gen. Chaffee on "Experience With Banks and Bankers," and Mr. Wise on "Something Which Bankers Don't Know."

STEAMER IN COLLISION WITH FRENCH CRUISER

Former Left in a Dangerous Position on the Rocks.

TOULON, France, Dec. 18.—The steamer Medoc, belonging to the Messageries Maritimes, collided with the French cruiser La Touche Triville as she was leaving port this evening. She was grounded on the rocks at Mourin Arsenal and now lies in a dangerous position. The vessel collided in a storm. On board the Medoc are the mails, 223 passengers for the East Indies and sailors intended for the French warships on the China station.