

TY NEWS

SPORTS
Ago the rink management statement that they would a night of sports, but owing games, the bonspiel and the affair has been called after the carnival.

MAIN FRIENDS
Mrs. Richard Arthur entered number of friends Saturday at their home on East 1st. The card games of the progressive the evening pass swiftly. Upper was served the guests Arthur.

ENGINE
Industry Falls smelter has placed for a small locomotive, which in hauling hot slag from the dumps. The engine work of a number of men more than under present con-

DOORS
International music hall will at performance on the night of inst. The institution has been continually since Feb- last under the management Holland, but has not proved success for some weeks.

RETURNS
It is made that the delay returns eagerly awaited in from the Trail smelter is be- cruser at the smelter has of kilder for a few days, pre- prompt sampling of ore that point.

WIN
Afternoon a special cur- was arranged between the Carruthers and a Rossland J. S. C. Fraser. The game that the contestants will not and was won by the visi- a spirited contest. R. W. med around and played with.

IDENT
Pringle, who has been work- time in the compressor the Columbia-Kootenay mine, Sunday night while work- the machinery. Pringle was the piston, one of his fingers and others badly crushed. to the city, where his wound- s damaged.

IN ARM
of Silica is in town after s close confinement arising oken arm. The accident oc- he Silica reduction works, and a very complicated frac- one had to be broken again and this time it was satis- by Dr. Coulthard. Mr. remain in town for a few e returning to Silica. He is t the Kootenay.

GLE MEETING
ual meeting of the War solidated Mining & Develop- takes place on February 1. Edmund B. Kirby, gen- er, will be in attendance submit lengthy reports of the operations during its past ch closed on December 31. It that further announcements dard regarding the inaugura- onstrating in connection company's property and that ntre Star mine.

MMANDER
dership of the local branch of Army, left vacant by ture of Adjutant and Mrs. few days ago, has been filled pointment of Captain Hurst, ho has had charge of Salva- y work all over the western She is a worker in the inter- Army who has made a ditable record wherever sta- She was met on her arrival members of the local branch ted to the barracks.

AL VISITORS
ssland Midwinter carnival will draw quite a flood of visitors towns and cities of the pro- ith cheap excursion rates large s may be expected to come elstoke, Greenwood, Phoenix rks, Kain, Midway, Moyle, and the Slocan region. The visiting culers will be bak e carnival. They expect many from their towns and declare ything possible to boom the will be done.

ELEGATION
ech from Montreal quotes John ck, spokesman of the delega- ing-head producers to Otta- that the delegation un- igher duties would be granted. e seen Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Retallack, "and nearly all the e of the cabinet. They admit- was unique and that something be done to grant it bet- eation. Of course they could nce what they would be at- the government, but we under- at a higher duty would be

ER EXHIBITION
of the fire brigade have ex- their willingness to give a ex- mpler ladder exhibitions dur- winter carnival at the Bank of or any other block that may ed. The pompiers, as is gener- ally, are light ladders of one man small projections on each side holds, the whole ending in a look that is thrust through a and grips the casing. Two men th the ladders, following each the side of a building with a and agility that is remarkable e men are in practice. The tecting and has the spice of necessary to make it attractive who look for thrilling spec- expert Spokane fireman was Victoria recently while partici- pompiers drill.

CONVICTED OF HIGH TREASON

Colonel Lynch Was Found Guilty and Sentenced to Death.

At Outbreak of South African War Took Sides Against Britain.

LONDON, Jan. 23.—Colonel Lynch was found guilty and sentenced to death. He is not at all discom- posed and refused to discuss the sentence.

LOOK FOR COMMUTATION.
After the prisoner had been removed Lynch and his counsel had a conference regarding the course to be adopted in the future. Later it was announced that no action will be taken at present. Commutation of the sentence to a short term in prison, in which case it is probable that the prisoner will accept the situation.

Lynch's conviction creates a vacancy in Galway.

WHAT THE PAPERS SAY.
LONDON, Jan. 24.—The newspapers this morning take it for granted that the sentence passed upon Colonel Lynch will be commuted. They urge that a punishment should be inflicted, exemplary enough to act as a deterrent on others, but not sufficiently severe to make Lynch a martyr.

(The circumstances leading up to the arrest of Colonel Lynch are familiar to most readers. His conviction on the charge of high treason, which means punishment by death, will cause renewed and widespread interest in the case. At the outbreak of the South African war Colonel Lynch, a British subject, took sides with the Boer cause. It was then that he displayed the dastardly treachery and inhumanity that has finally resulted in his conviction after a fair and impartial investigation of his conduct. Before peace terms were signed he went to France, fearing to come home, as it was generally understood he would be arrested charged with treason if he did so. It was while he was temporarily sojourning in Paris that he was elected to the British house of commons to represent an Irish constituency, soon after which he went to England, where he was at once arrested and placed on trial charged with high treason. The result of the trial is given in the dispatch from London printed above.)

THE CANAL TREATY.
Senator Morgan Raises a Technical Ob- jection.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—Senator Morgan in the senate today offered a resolution questioning the credentials of Thomas Herran, who as charge d'affaires of Colombia, signed with Secretary Hay the isthmian canal treaty. An executive session was at once held, and there Mr. Morgan, who is chairman of the inter-oceanic canal committee, contended that the Colombian government is practically in the hands of a dictator. He said that the Colombian congress had not been in session for three or four years, and insisted that this was vital for the reason that under the construction of Colombia no power was vested in any authority except the congress of the country to enter into a contract affecting the treasury, as the canal cession does. The resolution was referred to the foreign relations committee.

The senate committee on inter-oceanic canals today authorized a favorable report on the bill prohibiting the granting of contracts in relation to the proposed Panama canal to any but American citizens.

TROUBLED MACEDONIA.
The Situation Declared to be More Threatening Than Usual.

VIENNA, Jan. 28.—G. Bakmetieff, the Russian diplomatic agent at Sofia, Bulgaria, has been hurriedly summoned to St. Petersburg to consult with Foreign Minister Lamsdorff on the Macedonian situation. Bakmetieff expresses the gravest concern at the outlook in Macedonia, which he describes as being infinitely more threatening than at any time during the past five years.

Bakmetieff's wife, who is an American, the daughter of General Peale, is busy distributing the czar's gifts to the Macedonian fugitives.

JAMAICA PLEASED.
KINGSTON, Jamaica, Jan. 26.—The Jamaican papers express delight at the signing of the treaty between the United States and Colombia providing for the completion of the Panama canal. They look upon it as opening a much needed field for Jamaican laborers and artisans.

DESTROYED BY FIRE.
WELLSVILLE, Ohio, Jan. 26.—The Smith business block was destroyed by fire today with a loss of \$1,000,000, partially insured.

KLING'S ENGAGEMENT.
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 26.—John Kling denied the statement sent out from Tacoma, Washington, today that he had been signed to play the coming season with Tacoma in the Pacific Northwest League. Kling said that he will play with the Chicago National League club again next season.

GRAVE'S NEW SCHEME VENEZUELA'S PROPOSAL

HAS PROPOSITION TO DEVELOP ELECTRICITY ON THE CO- LUMBIA.

WILL SELL POWER TO MINES AND INDUSTRIES IN THE DISTRICT.

SPOKANE, Jan. 23.—Jay P. Graves is applying to congress for a bill empow- ering him to construct a dam on the Columbia river at Kettle Falls, Wash., near Marcus. The dam is to develop electrical power to be used for industrial purposes. Mr. Graves is vice-president of the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Company, operating on a large scale in the Boundary district of British Columbia, but his new proposition is entirely independent of the Canadian company.

Discussing the matter now before congress Mr. Graves says: "What are our plans? Well, we intend to construct a dam in the Colum- bia river at Kettle Falls for the generation of electricity, which we propose to sell to persons and companies engaged in the mining and lumbering industries of that section. The region is a very rich one, and with cheap power will develop into a wonderfully productive territory. "There is enough water power at these falls to provide electricity to meet the needs of all the industries in the state, if it could be brought within their reach. The Columbia contains an immense volume of water, many times as much as the Spokane river. We shall not need more than a fraction of the stream for many years, if ever. It is our plan to construct a small dam on one side of the river, between the west bank and an island. This will give us water for a canal leading to the proposed power plant. "The cost of electricity at this point will be very low. Of course, if we intended to dam the entire river and develop all the power to be derived from the stream the cost would be greater. We have power than to generate a comparatively small amount of power. The fall in the stream is 37 1-2 feet, which will enable us to generate at least 25,000 horse power by such a simple plan as I have described, without damming the whole stream or adding anything to the fall. The bill introduced at Washington, however, does not limit the uses to be made of the stream."

ANOTHER FUSS.
Brazil and Bolivia Have a Dispute Over Territory.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—The Brazilian legation in London announces that the Bolivian minister at Rio Janeiro has officially notified the Brazilian foreign office that President Pando has given him full power to enter into a formal agreement with Brazil regarding the Acre dispute. Pending these negotiations, which are expected to lead to a peaceful settlement, the Brazilian government has ordered a naval and military mobilization to meet the eventualities of the situation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The Brazilian minister and the Bolivian charge called separately on Secretary Hay today to acquaint him with the disposition of the respective governments in the dispute over the possession of Acre. It seems that the situation was really critical, but both diplomats assured Secretary Hay that under no condition would American interests in Acre suffer beyond the happenings absolutely incident to warfare.

LAPAZ, Bolivia, Jan. 26.—The second contingent of the Bolivian expedition to Acre left Lapaz this morning under command of President Pando. It will join the first contingent at Rurembaque on the Beni river.

MURDER AND LYNCHING.
A Sheriff Killed and His Slayer Caught by the Mob.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 26.—John Thomas shot and killed Sheriff Benjamin Ory of St. Charles parish, early today, and was lynched in the afternoon. Although wounded in the arm, he escaped and hid in the drainage ditch of the Ashdown plantation, a mile away. He was discovered by his pursuers, riddled with bullets, placed in his cabin home, and there cremated with all his effects. Thomas was the bully of the section, and had assaulted a negro with a pistol. Sheriff Ory went to serve the warrant, and Thomas killed him with a shot gun. The sheriff succeeded in reaching him with one bullet as he fell.

CONNOLLY WON.
LONDON, Jan. 26.—A fifteen round boxing contest between Eddie Connolly of St. John, N. B., and Tom Wiedley of London, for a purse of \$1000, was brought off tonight at the National Sporting Club. Connolly was the victor on points.

PLAQUE IN DURBAN.
A Panic Caused Among the Natives in the Natal Town.

DURBAN, Natal, Jan. 26.—The bubonic plague is spreading so rapidly that the natives are panic stricken. Servants and laborers are leaving town in large numbers. It is anticipated that the Zululand drifts will be closed so as to prevent the spread of the plague to that territory.

LYNCH'S CASE.
A Commutation of the Death Sentence Generally Expected.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—It is now generally conceded that, as called to the Associated Press today, he was con- demned to death, the sentence passed upon Colonel Arthur Lynch, who was found guilty of high treason on Friday last, will be commuted to penal servitude for life, subject to further con- sideration after a term of years.

Customs Receipts Offered as Guarantee of Pay- ment.

Offer Accepted and Block- ade Likely to Be Raised.

BERLIN, Jan. 26.—Written declara- tions regarding the raising of the block- ade of the Venezuelan ports have been exchanged between Minister Bowen and the representatives of Great Britain, Germany and Italy. In their declara- tions, the representatives of the Euro- pean powers promised to consent to the immediate raising of the blockade as soon as an agreement is concluded be- tween them and Mr. Bowen embodying the conditions laid down by the powers. These conditions relate chiefly to the guarantees to be furnished by Venezuela, which has offered a portion of the cus- toms revenue of La Guaira and Porto Cabello.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The Asso- ciated Press has been informed that Minister Bowen, acting for Venezuela in return for the raising of the blockade pledges 30 per cent of the receipts of the ports of Porto Cabello and La Guaira, the same to be collected by a joint com- mission made up of one representative from each power having claims against Venezuela.

BERLIN, Jan. 26.—The report that Germany and Great Britain had provisionally accepted the guarantee sub- mitted by Mr. Bowen for the payment of claims reserved for arbitration is con- firmed here. The guarantee offered is a portion of the customs receipts of La Guaira and perhaps several other ports. The proposal was first made to Great Britain, who provisionally accepted it, and then to Germany, who accepted it in principle on Saturday. The allies are now engaged in examining the value of the guarantee offered and are nego- tiating details, like the form of payment.

A question which is being considered is whether the allies shall establish an international commission for receiving the customs, or whether some neutral agent shall be appointed receiver. If the latter course is decided upon it is believed that some American authority will be chosen perhaps Mr. Bowen. The proposal contemplated dividing the al- lies' claims into three grades, and that each be treated separately and in pro- portion to their validity. It is still be- lieved here that all the matters in dis- pute will be satisfactorily arranged at Washington, without resorting to The Hague arbitration court. Only a portion of the Venezuelan revenue will be avail- able for the payment of the claims be- cause of the large part already hypothec- ated as security for foreign loans.

The German foreign office is very hope- ful of an early settlement and the rais- ing of the blockade without much further delay. A lively exchange of telegrams occurred between Germany and Great Britain on Saturday before the accept- ance of Mr. Bowen's proposition was en- hanced from Washington. It is ex- plained that Great Britain's acceptance was forwarded to Washington first be- cause Mr. Bowen submitted his proposal to Ambassador Herbert before seeing Count Quadt, the German charge d'aff- aires. Italy's attitude is to accept any arrangement acceptable to Great Brit- ain and Germany, so soon as the guar- antees for the payment of the first grade claims are disposed of, the negotiations for the settlement of the remainder will proceed with each power independently.

The alliance between Great Britain and Germany may be considered to have been definitely ended so soon as the guar- antee is signed and the consequent rais- ing of the blockade occurs. The German cruisers Vineta and Falke left Curacao on Friday, and therefore the navy de- partment is not in communication with Commodore Scheder, but it is understood the German naval agent at Curacao will be kept advised of the progress of the peace negotiations.

CARACAS, Jan. 26.—The Associated Press correspondent has just received a communication from the British naval officer at La Guaira informing him that the blockade will be raised next Wed- nesday.

ROME, Jan. 26.—The Italian govern- ment has accepted the proposition of United States Minister Bowen to hold a certain percentage of the cus- toms receipts of La Guaira and Porto Cabello as a guarantee for the pay- ment of foreign claims. The Italian government considers that the guar- antee offered by the Venezuelan govern- ment through Minister Bowen are sufficient to warrant the raising of the blockade, which it is understood will cease as soon as Germany agrees to the proposals. The foreign warships, however, will remain in Venezuelan waters. It is learned however that the powers are still negotiating regarding the percentage of the customs receipts of Venezuela to give a guarantee; one government insisting upon fifty per cent instead of thirty per cent.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—There is no information in Washington to jus- tify the positive statement contained in the Caracas dispatch that the Venezuelan blockade will be raised Wednesday. United States Minister Bowen continues hopeful that such a happy consummation will result from the pending negotia- tions, as the latest proposition he has made to the allied governments is re- garded by him as an eminently fair one. He is still awaiting formal replies to that proposition from Great Britain and Germany. On these will depend the question whether the blockade is to be raised. As indicated in the Rome dis- patch received by the Associated Press tonight, the question now to be deter- mined is the amount of the customs re- cepts which are to be given as a guar- antee. Great Britain is believed to be

favorable to accepting the 30 per cent offered by Mr. Bowen, while Germany is supposed to be insisting in 50 per cent. Mr. Bowen declines to discuss the question in any of its phases, nor will he disclose what is the actual amount of guaranty he has offered. With the promptitude which has characterized all its actions in the present emergency, the Italian government has cabled to its fleet commander in Venezuelan waters to withdraw from the blockade as soon as the other powers do. Informa- tion to this effect was received by the Italian ambassador here today.

SHARES WENT HIGH

SENSATIONAL ADVANCE OF A SOUTH AFRICAN MINING STOCK.

AT SEVERAL WELSH MINES.

(Cabled to The Miner.)

LONDON, Jan. 26.—The feature of the mining market here has been the activity in the shares of the Coronation Syndicate on the South African market. The shares are nominally £100 each, but the market price has reached and passed £700. At some sessions the shares have been bid up into four figures, but at such prices trading is naturally restricted, and it is possible that the dealers get no actual bids.

The West Australian market has not recovered from the serious blow dealt it by the swindle perpetrated in Great Britain shares through the forging of certificates by A. S. Rowe, the secre- tary. A quarter of a million dollars was fraudulently raised in this way, but it is thought that none of the forged certificates got into the hands of shareholders. The worst of the whole matter is that Mr. Rowe is a partner in the firm of Bewick, Moore & Co., the managers of the mine and com- pany, and he has obviously placed the firm in an extremely unpleasant position. It is only a few months ago that the firm took over the management of several West Australian properties, and were making every endeavor to rescue the market's bad reputation, into which it had fallen on account of the wilful mismanagement of preceding controllers. Mr. Rowe had been in the employ of the firm for many years as an accountant, and was recently ad- mitted a partner along with a fellow ac- countant and secretary.

An American company, said to be controlled by the copper trust, has ob- tained control of the Utah Consolidated Gold Mines, and will transfer the cor- poration offices to the United States. The mine is a valuable copper propo- sition, and the English shareholders have made money out of it.

The British Ore Concentration Syn- dicate, which owns the English patents of the Elmore process for concentrating with oil, has issued its first report. From this it appears that the syndicate has granted licenses and supplied plant to the St. Davids mines in Wales, and the Tywarthaf Mine in Cornwall. The chief direct work has, however, been devoted to the development of the process at the Sygyn Mine in Carnar- von, where Edward Skewes has charge of affairs. The mine has been exten- sively developed, and preparations are being made for the immediate treat- ment of 100 tons per 24 hours. A 20- stamp battery has been erected, with four sets of oil plant. At the present time only one shift of eight hours is being worked, but continuous work will start shortly. The subject is being very thoroughly investigated at this mine, and the results can be ac- cepted as a practical demonstration of the value of the process.

WABBLING DOBLIN.
Retraction of Statements Made Before the Committee.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Philip Doblin, who testified before the house committee on naval affairs Saturday night, had approached Representative Lester of New York with an offer of money to influence his vote on the sub- marine boat bill, and who made the further statement that he had been told there might be \$1000 in it for him, made the astounding statement today before the committee that Saturday night he had approached Representative Lester of New York with an offer of money to influence his vote on the sub- marine boat bill, and who made the further statement that he had been told there might be \$1000 in it for him, made the astounding statement today before the committee that Saturday night he had approached Representative Lester of New York with an offer of money to influence his vote on the sub- marine boat bill, and who made the further statement that he had been told there might be \$1000 in it for him, made the astounding statement today before the committee that Saturday night 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