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... Jan. 22.—There is a prospect that there is to be a real gold boom in the Ozarks.

Real gold has been discovered. Gold that one can see in the rock with the naked eye.

The mine lies between two high mountains, a quarter of a mile from the Mease residence.

The gold is scattered through the rock in different places in very minute particles, being rarely discernible.

The character of the ore leads to the belief that it can be profitably treated with a simple stamp-mill.

This is not the first discovery of gold in Marion and Baxter counties, in Arkansas, but the assays showed such small returns that commercially the ore had no value.

Except a few wild-catters, no one has ever looked for the richer minerals in the hills, the miners and prospectors devoting all their time and research of the prospecting for and mining of lead and zinc.

Aid Non-Commissioned Officers From Islands.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Regulations which it is hoped will allay grievances of non-commissioned officers in the Philippines who reached that rank in their own regiments, but who if they should re-enlist in another regiment in the United States after their enlistment has expired in the Philippines would simply be privates, are forthcoming from the War Department.

"We are going to correct this by regulations so as to continue the non-commissioned officers in regiments in this country," Secretary Garrison has informed Representative Anthony, of Kansas.

... non-commissioned officers in the Philippines will be brought over here and attached as non-commissioned officers and their places taken by others.

"As for the permanent stationing of regiments in the Philippines, Secretary Garrison says it is saving of money to the Government.

Smallpox Scare Leads to Clerk's Vaccination.

Altoona, Pa., Jan. 22.—Officials and clerks in the Pennsylvania Laboratory Building here were much relieved today when they found that what had at first been diagnosed as smallpox was only measles.

Doors were locked and the one hundred or more men detained until their clothing could be fumigated and the suites disinfected.

President Does Not Consider Draft of Bills Was Final.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The anti-trust legislative program as outlined in bills made public yesterday is not the last word in proposed remedial legislation to regulate big business.

Pursuant to the purpose of administration leaders to exhaust the subject it was determined by the House Judiciary and Senate Interstate Commerce Committees not to introduce at this time the measures relating to prohibition of interlocking directorates, definitions of restraints of trade and specification of "cut throat" competition.

The fifth of the proposed bills, that to authorize federal regulation of railroad securities, probably will not be drawn for several weeks.

Plans for the hearing now are engaging attention. Representative Clayton has called a meeting of the Judiciary Committee tomorrow to fix a course of procedure.

Late today Representatives Clayton, Carlin and Floyd of the Judiciary subcommittee conferred with Senator Newlands and other Democrats of the Interstate Commerce Committee, including Senators Smith of South Carolina; Pomerene, Thomas, Myers Robinson, Saulsbury and Thompson.

"We are exchanging views," said Representative Carlin later; "going over the bills studiously with a view to determining where they may be improved and to insure harmonious action upon any changes that may be suggested."

Members of both committees, after discussing the question of making the bills party measures through caucus action, expressed the hope that it would not be necessary to handle them in this way.

Senator Newlands pointed out that minority members would be given opportunity to participate in deliberations on the bill at hearings and through consultation with the committee.

Another joint conference of the House and Senate Committees will be held tomorrow.

Exports of United States Show Increase.

Washington, Jan. 22.—The foreign commerce of the United States in the calendar year 1913 approximated one and three-quarter billion dollars of imports and two and one-half billion of exports.

The figures of exports and of excess of exports over imports will exceed those of any earlier year. The largest export in any preceding calendar year was that of 1912, which showed a total of \$2,399,217,983; and as the eleven months ended with November are 102 million in excess of the corresponding period of the preceding year, the estimate of approximately two and one-half billion for 1913 seems to be justified.

In imports, the total for 1913 will be less than that of 1912, but larger than that of any year preceding 1912. This decline in imports in 1913 is due in part in reductions in prices of certain articles imported.

Coffee imports are much below the 1912 figures for the ten months ended with October 1913, being 635 million pounds against 752 million in the same period of last year and the value but 80 million dollars, against 104 million dollars in the corresponding period of last year.

Gamble for a Girl and Loser Skips With the Stakes.

Rolette, N. D., Jan. 24.—James and George Belnap, brothers and suitors for the same girl, played poker to determine which should have a "clear way" to the girl's affections.

James won and told the girl, Miss Jessie Peltier, their method of selection. They arranged to be married. When James returned home, George was absent, but he thought nothing of it until morning when investigation was made resulting in the discovery that George, the poker game loser, had eloped with the girl and that they had gone to Canada.

Miss Margaret Wilson Climbed up Ship's Side.

New York, Jan. 22.—With a rope about her waist Miss Margaret Wilson climbed up the side of the White Star liner Majestic at Quarantine today to greet her sister, Jessie, who returned from abroad with her husband, Francis Bowes Sayre.

During the rough weather that the Majestic experienced Mrs. Sayre was thrown against the door of her stateroom, wrenching her wrist. It was necessary to carry it in a sling for a day or two, but when the ship docked today she was experiencing no ill effects from the injury.

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