[illegible] $18-a-Ton [illegible] in Ozarks.

[illegible]ands Springs, Ind. Jan. 22.—There is a prospect that there is to be a real gold boom in the Ozarks. Scenes rivaling those of Leadville, Deadwood and Cripple Creek may be repeated especially if the gold discovery recently made two and one half miles north of this place by J. G. Mease on his homestead in his Three-Ply mine turns out to be the bonanza upon more thorough development than it appears to be now.

Real gold has been discovered. Gold that one can see in the rock with the naked eye. Gold ore that the Government assay office at Philadelphia says runs $18.60 per ton, with the assay certificate signed by the assayer with a statement from the director of the mint. Rich enough by far to be worked at an enormous profit, with apparently countless tons of rock in the ground where for thirteen years Mr. Mease, now seventy years old, has toiled in his tunnel in the ravine below his house as time and money would permit.

The mine lies between two high mountains, a quarter of a mile from the Mease residence. From the house the path has been worn smooth and deep by thirteen years of travel back and forth by this persistent old man, firm in his faith that some day he would go down the hill in the morning a poor man and come back up at night rich beyond his fondest dreams.

The gold is scattered through the rock in different places in very minute particles, being rarely discernible. Mr. Mease terms it flour gold, free milling. Several times he has pounded up pieces of the rock very fine, he says, and panned it, getting a recovery in the bottom of the pan of flour gold mixed with particles of heavy sand, of which the rock is partly composed. He further states that the gold is of a much higher grade than California gold.

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. In some instances gold has also been found associated with iron ore and iron pyrites in small quantities, but was not of commercial value because it could not be separated successfully because the per cent. to the ton was too small to pay.

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. There are legends, however, that have been handed down year after year from father to son that tell of gold in the hills, of Spaniards mining here in the early days and of mines known to the Indians. These have been regarded for the most part as mythical. It may be possible that the cave in which Mr. Mease started his tunnel was the working of some Spaniard and that by chance he discovered a location that had been worked for gold before.

Aid Non-Commissioned Officers From Islands.

Washington, Jan. 22.—Regulations which it is hoped will allay grievances of non-commissioned officers in the Phillippines 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 cimply be privates, are forthcoming from the War Department. According to the Secretary there has been considerable dissatisfaction among non-commissioned officers in the Philippine service because of the fact that when they recruited in another regiment in the United States they have to do so as privaes. They cease to be non-commissioned officers the instant they enter another regiment.

"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. "Those who have been non-commissioned officers in the Philippines will be brought over here and attached as non-commissioned officers and their places taken by others. This does not require legislation. We are going to exchange sergeants."

"As for the permanent stationing of regiments in the Philippines, Secretary Garrison says it is saving of money to the Government. "I don't think it is detrimental to the health of the men for their three years or to the officers" he declared. "It saves travel and the permanent stationing of those regiments in the Philippines is saving 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 at smallpox was only measles. A clerk in Master Mechanic J. C. Mengle's office became ill and skin eruptions on his body led the attending physician to pronounce his ailment smallpox.

Doors were locked and the one hundred or more men detained until their clothing could be fumigated and the suites disinfected. Some clerks were escorted to a doctor's office and vaccinated. Today it was found that the cause of the scare had only a bad case of measles.

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. That the tentative measures submitted may be altered or extended was emphasized today in both branches of Congress, and the President let it be known that he did not consider that the forms of the bills drafted were final.

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, defininitons of restratints of trade and specification of "cut throat" competition. Hearings on questions are to be held before the bills go to Congress. The Interstate Trade Commission bill introduced yesterday will be taken up by the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, which they may see fit to alter the provisions suggested by the Judiciary Sub-Committee and Senator Newlands, chairman of the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee.

The fifth of the proposed bills, that to authorize federal regulation of railroad securities, probably will not be drawn for several weeks. As a basis for this measure, however, a bill introduced some time ago by Representative Adamson, of Georgia, probably will be taken.

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. When the Democrats of the Senate Interstate Commerse Committee met today to discuss the subject the suggestion was made that hearings should be conducted jointly by the House and Senate Committees in order to expedite certain of the bills.

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. In this connection Senator Newlands pointed out that minority members would be given opportunity to participate in deliberations on the bill at hearings and through consultaton with the committees.

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 imports of the eleven months ending with November were 1,609 million, and should the December imports equal those of November, the total for the full year would be $1,756,000,000. The exports of the eleven months ended with November were 2,251 million, and should the December exports equal those of November, the total would be $2,497,000,000. This estimate would make the excess of exports over imports approximately 740 million dollars.

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 $2,399,217,933; 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. The excess of exports over imports in the eleven months ended with November was 642 million dollars, and for the single month of November 97 million, thus apparently justifying the estimate of 740 million excess of exports for the full year.

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 mported. While the quantity of sugar imported in the ten months ended with October exceeded that of the corresponding period of 1912 by 368 million pounds, the value of this larger quantity imported during the 1913 period was 22 million dollars less than that of the corresponding period of 1912.

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. Tea shows a fall in imports of one and one-half million dollars in value. Manufacturers' materials show, as a group, a decline of about five per cent. when compared with the corresponding period of last year, this being due, in part, to a reduction of prices and in some instances, a reduction in quantity. Imports of crude rubber, for example, show for the ten months ended with October a reduction of a little over one million pounds in quantity, but a reduction of 16 million dollars in value. Copper imports show an increase in quantity over the corresponding period of last year, both in ore and in the group, pigs, bars, old and igots. Raw silk shows a marked increase in the quantity imported in 1913.

Gamble fo ra 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.

The parties live in the Turtle mountain district.

[illegible] Climbed [illegible] Ship [illegible] With a [illegible] Margaret Wi[illegible] climbed up [illegible] side of the Whi[illegible] Star line's Majestic [illegible] Quarantine to [illegible] to greet her sister Jessie, wh[illegible] returned from [illegible] with her hu[illegible] Francis Bowes Sayre. Mis[illegible] Margaret went down the bay on th[illegible] revenue cutter, Manhattan with Duc[illegible] Field Malone, collector of th[illegible] port. The sea was slightly rough an[illegible] the rope was made fast about Mis[illegible] Wison's waist as a precaution.

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

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