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The condition existing in the coal mines of Pennsylvania as brought out in the testimony before the commission was such as to open the eyes of the public to the worse than slavery that exists there. The more that the commission probes into the matter the more the public is convinced of the justness of the miners' claims. Toe G. F. Baer contingent of "di line trustees" have proven derelict in discharging their duties as such.

The recommendation for a child labor law, incorporated into the report of Commissioner Varner to Governor Aycock is along the right track and will no doubt go a long way toward alleviating the deplurable conditions existing in the factory districts as regards the working of small children in the factories, but it seems to us that the minimum age should be twelve years anyhow.

The consolidation of the great tobacco companies have had the anticipated results on the price of the golden product and great trepidation is felt among totobacco people in all branches that the worst has not come yet. Some steps are to be taken by the growers and independent handlers of tobacco to protect themselves against a further decline in the price of the raw material. A meeting to called by Col. Joan S. Cunninghan, president of the North Carolina Tobacco Growers Association, to take place at Rocky Mount next Friday, the 19th of December to discuss plans for their protection and all those interested should astend if they can, as some good may come ofit.

Republican politicians in and out of the State have used the signatures of certain prominent citizens of Wilson, testifying to Yick's good character, as political cap tal, cleiming that it was a petition for Vick's re-appointment over a white man, and this fact has aroused these leading Democrate of Wilson, who disclaim any such intention, but that they were mereas a citizen only, which a Southern white man is always willing to do when they are justified by the circumstances. The white men of the South are ever willing to prove their frieadship for the worthy negro, and this instance is merely one more evidence that the Southern white man is the negro's best friend and carries no political significance at all.

## PINFEATHERS.

Feeding oats to bens will aid to build up the muscular systems and strengthen the power of reproduction.

The gizzard of the fowl masticates the food, but this can only be done with the sid of sharp, gritty material. Ground oyster shells or ground bone with meat scraps, chopped fine, placed within easy reach of the chickens is a

When selecting male birds, with view to propagating flesh and prolific laying, they should be moderately ort legged, unless the bens are very low in sinture.

liven whom to be hatched in an incu bator eggs should not be over two ggs are not so vigorous as those from fresh eggs.

## POWDER AND BALL.

Soldiers thrice found guilty of drunk ness in one year will be summarily discharged from the British army under the new rules to be promulgated

Every private soldier in the British army is henceforth to be provided with a hairbrush. It is not many months ace an official edict proclaimed that crushes were to be supplied.

Engineers and artificers for the French navy are to be trained on pard an old transport which has been turned into a naval schoolship at Borix. She will accommodate 400 cadets, who will go through a four years'

## ADVERTISING.

"Everything comes to him who adtiers" is the way the old adags

You will find that the storekeeper who is siways complaining that busi-tess is not what it used to be is the and who doesn't believe in advertising.

# New Yarns From Washington

[Special Correspondence.] Washington, Dec. 2.-With congress In session Washington is herself again It is pleasant to see the solons, many of whose faces are familiar through long public service, here in their places and to meet them again in the corridors and cloakrooms and listen to their stories and experiences, though some of these we have heard over and over for the past decade. However, this is to be expected, but the con gressional humorists and story tellers have enough new material on tap to relieve the stress and strain of legislative activity. The everyday experiences in the national capital when congress is in session furnish many pleasing incidents, which when recounted in the capitol cloakrooms and hotel cerridors with proper embellishments give zest and piquancy to Washington 1.fe.

The other day the venerable and dig nified senior senator from Massachusetts while showing some Bay State



HE WAS SHOWING VISITORS ABOUT TOWN visitors about town pointed out a mag nificent old residence built years ago by a famous and rather shady lawyer of his time.

"Why," asked one of the party, "was he able to build a house like that by his

'Yes," gravely replied Senator Hoar by his practice and his practices."

"Private"

John

Allen

Escaped

"Private" John Allen, former repre-

sentative from Mississippi and the recognized wit of several ongresses, chanced to be in Washington while President Roosevelt waon his recent bear bunt in the canebrakes of the former's state. "Private" Allen, who acquired that honorable

title by reason of his frequent declaration that he was proud to have been the only private in either army, was met by a friend on Pennsylvania avenue while here.

"Hello, Private," said the friend jocularly, "how does it happen that when President Roosevelt is shooting bears down in your state you are keeping so

far away?"
"Sh-h-h!" said Allen mysteriously. and taking his interrogator by the lapel of the coat he led him into a doorway. "Keep it quiet," he whispered darkly, "but the reason is I'm a bear."

In view of the fact that the president bagged no big game on his late hunting expedition, it is inferred that most of the other Mississippi bears exercised the same sagacity as "Private" Allen and got out of the state.

Few government reports issued this fall have attracted so much attention as that given to the re port and recomme

Wine.

tions of the adjutant general of the army. General Corbin discuss ed the canteen briefly. but pointedly, comment ed adversely upon the tendency of young officers to get married when

their pay was scarcely sufficient for one, and recommended the instruction of soldiers to vocal music and the ment of regimental airs and ditties. Every one in Washington has been talking about that report.

"It isn't every day," said an officer in speaking of it, "that you can get a 'wine, women and song' report like

terested visitors at the national capital were two small boys from East Orange, N. J.

Their excursion was wholly without the knowledge of their fond

father arrived on the next train the local Hawkshaws interceded for the young Jerseyltes. Paternal wrath melted into paternal pride, and with the detectives as guides the enterprising youths spent a never to be forgotten

day exploring the glories of the city. When the rum ways left Washington for their home, two more cont nted and self satisfied coungsters could not be found anywh we a d even the grat while angry f ther a emed to, have thoroughly enjoyed time trip.

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at tallet ; e del the transfer to the the of H. v. ii. who wild be seemed at the oming of the Fifty-sevcath congr. sa. Now, as everybody knows, he is a prince of the blood," Hawai an blood, but royal blood, just the same, such as it is, and

break into the American congress. Very likely most of his colleagues will fall into the habit of calling him just as he is called at home. "Prince

is really the first selen of royalty to

Those who want to avoid such familiarity may designate film as Prince Kunio, which is correct, though as the title of the representative of free and independent people it sounds somewhat incongruous.

Some may insist on Mr. Kalaulauole, but the name is so long and so intricate in vowels that few who are not accominted with the Kanaka language would care to try it.

The prince is a good fellow and has some idea about republican institutions, which cannot be said of all the prominent Hawaiians. He is handsome, but dark skinned, with very black hair and mustache.

Speaking of the president and his hanting experiences, here is a new story about his recent turkey hunt on the Bull

Sun and Stars

Run battleground. The president left the turkey blind and started through a great stretch of woodland. He was guided by one of the mighty hunters of the region and was accom-

panied by William Hayden, whose plantation adjoins that of Representative Rickey, on which the president had been hunting. The party walked several miles when

Mr. Hayden, looking quizzically at the guide, said. "Mr. —, you are lost."
"Not a bit of it." replied the guide. "What makes you think we are

lost?" asked the president. "Well," replied Mr. Hayden, "there is the sun to the south. We all know that the sun is in that part of the heavens. To reach our destination we should be going due west. We are go-

ing due east." "That is enough for me," cried the president. "I always follow a man who steers in the woods by the sun or the stars."

Mr. Hayden took the president home in a bee line.

Among the wealth of incidents and anecdotes regarding Wu Ting Fang. the former Chinese minister, now recalled by reason of his recent departure from Washington, is one told of a visit made by him to a famous and exclusive girls' college, where the daughter of a well known Washington general was a student. Mr. Wu has always been interested in the scholastic attainments of his young friend. The presi-



"THAT STRUCTURE COST \$1,000,000," dent of the college, duly impressed with the importance of a visit by the Chinese minister, at once took the distinnese minister, at once took the distinguished visitor in hand and preceded to march him round the college grounds, telling him the history and purpose of each building and incidentally expanding on the giory of the institution. For an hour Mr. Wu listened. At last they reached the finest of the college buildings. Here the president paused and said impressively:

and impressively:
"This structure cost \$1,000,000 and is
the firest building of its kind in the

## Saved From Death In a Cattle Stampede

Few young women's lives have recorded more widely differing experiences than Betty Lleter's, although hardly twenty years have clapsed from the day she first looked upon the world out of a satin lined crib in a luxurious home in Brooklyn until one day last month when she was saved from a horrible death

Miss Lieter became a schoolteacher in Wyoming when her father took hip his home in Sheridan, although much against her parents' will. Her home was three miles from the school on the

One afternoon in October she remained later than usual at the school house; then on her way home stopped



THE CATTLE CAME THUNDERING.

by a pile of huge bowlders to examine some curious inscriptions cut into the surface.

A low, rumbling sound startled her. She sprang to her feet. A large herd of cattle was coming toward her, their noses to the ground, their horns clankfing together and enveloped in a cloud of dust. At the same moment her pony became frightened, tossed his bead in the air and dashed away across the plains.

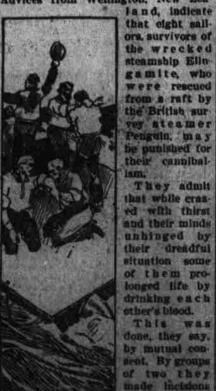
She uttered a scream and sank down Yells arose from the cowboys. They rode madly into the herd, trying to check the onward rush of the leaders by firing revolvers in their faces. Betty crouched for a moment on the rock pile directly in the path of the stampede: then, impelled to make an effort to save herself, she rose and darted off

The cattle came thundering after her. Faster, faster, she sped, her bright skirts flying back in the wind. Louder, nearer, came the frightened herd. The earth vibrated beneath her. She heard the angry roarings, almost felt their hot breath, and, weak from exhaustion blinded by the dust, she fell.

At that moment from out the clouds of dust dashed a snorting broncho, maddened by the gashing spurs of his rider. A few leaps, and he had reached the prostrate form, and, bending down from his saddle, his strong arm lifted her from the ground, hardly checking his speed, and the sturdy pony swung forward under the double weight. She was saved!

## Wrecked Sailors Live Like Vampires

The survivors of a ship wrecked in the Indian ocean are likely to suffer for their bloodsucking propensities. Advices from Wellington, New Zea-



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and their minds unhinged by their dreadful This was

# Defeated Grizzly

THILE sitting around a campfire in the footbills of the Colorado Rockies a short time ago old Bill Ellis, the famous Bocky mountain guide, relat.d. a rather amusing experience he once had with a big grizzly to a party of tourists who were out after big game and health under his tutelage. The incident he related took place in an Arizona canyon, and Bill didn't think it very

funny at the time.
"I was out lookin' after stock," said Mr. Ellis, "and had left my horse s



THE BEAR SNARLED SAVAGELY.

short distance away, with all my shootin' irons on the saddle, when I saw a grizzly comin' in my direction. I at once started for a tree. Just as I started to climb that tree there was a roar from behind. I glanced around just in time to see a big wall of water come foamin' down the canyon, with sticks and brush a-dancin' on the white top of it just like on a big wave at sea.

"Then I realized that the bear was was payin' little attention to me. We both starred to shin up together, the bear on the lower side, facin' the ad-

vancin' wall of water. "After ascendin' a few feet the grizzly in reachin' for a fresh bitch planted one of his claws on the leg of my trousers, thus pinnin' me to the tree. He seemed in no hurry to move on, waitin' patiently for the water to assist him on his upward course. The old sinner had doubtless been in cloud-

bursts before and knew also that he could not climb a tree without assistance. "But suppose he wouldn't climb fast enough when the water came? He could stick his nose a yard higher than I could and last longer on a single breath too. Just above us was a fork in the tree, and I boped to reach that. in another moment the water came a-roarin' on us and pasted me so fast to the tree that I couldn't climb if I

wanted to. At the same time it pulled the bear away on the other side so hard that he stock his claws deeper in the bark to get a firmer hold. "And then the water began to rise, and the bear began to feel like climbin' higher, as I did, and took his foot loose just in time to let me get my nose out of water. I got my leg out of the way before he could mag it again, and by pushin' back I managed to get away from the tree far enough to shove up a bit. With a desperate effort I made it, and then the water fort I made it, and then the water pasted me fast against the tree again, and I found my nose a-pokin' in one side of that crotch, while the black smoot of the bear was a-pokin' in the other way. And the worst of it was there was no use in tryin' to go any higher, for the crotch widened out, while the forks were so much thinner that if the bear kep' on climbin' the other side be'd have his claws pretty other side be'd have his claws pretty near the middle of my back.
"All this time driftwood of one kind

and another was pilln' up my back throat, and once in awhile an extra bi piece would come dancin' against my back and shove me forward so that, I almost touched noses with the bear. Then he would growt and show his

"Just then I happened to think of my knife. My hands were free, for the current was holdlin' me in place

Cloudburst In Canyon Forces Hunter and Bear To Climb the Same Tree 22 22 22 22 22

risin' a bit, and if it rose just a l'ttle more we would both have to shift up higher on that tree. How much nearer that would bring the bear wasn't a matter of guesswork, but of too plain

a certainty.

"Finally I made another attempt to stick him in the nose. I had to be very careful, for he was watchin' every move. By careful figurin' I got a fine thrust in one of the red nostrils of his black muzzle. The hear reared in anyer and struck at me with one of his huge claws, but the branches prevented him from reachin' me.

"Again I jabbed, and then he went wild. With a roar that drowned the noise of the ragin' waters he raised both paws to come at me, but his rage had caused him to forget the swiftly flowin' current, and the instant he released his hold of the tree he was torn away, and the last I saw of him be was disappearin' around the bend. buffeted by the furious waves and pounded against rocks, while he was bein' turned end over end among the trees and stumps that had been caught up by the sudden freshet. Whether he survived or not I never found out, but it is extremely doubtful.

"The water from the cloudburst subsided almost as rapidly as it came, and in about an hour I was able to descend and seek my horse, which I found quietly grazin' on the plateau above the canyon."

### Trainer Attacked By Eight Polar Bears

Professor John Dudak, the famous animal trainer, said recently in an interview that his most perilous fight with wild beasts took place in a cage of polar bears. Here is Professor Du-

dak's story of the encounter: "I have been with Hagenbeck for many years and have been more or less associated with wild beasts all my life, I like the profession of animal trainer very much. I handle seven polar bears each evening, and I must say that they are the hardest animals to train of any that I have ever attempted to subdue. "I am scratched and clawed all over, but I bear no animosity to my pets, be-cause I know it is their nature to be

"I receive a scratch or two every night from Muffle, my wrestling bear. This same bear almost killed my as sistant, William Carroll, in Indianapo-

"Polar bears are very stupid, and what little I have taught them has taken six years of patient work.

"Originally I had sixteen bears, bu seven of them died, and I had to kill

two to save my own life. "Two years ago during a rehearsal in



ined attack on me. They rushed as from all quarters and got me in

me from all quarters and got me in a corner, where I had to fight for my life.
"I grabbed a short pitchfork and began to stab them with it as hard as I could. They kept up the fight, and one of them ripped my shirt and trousers spen as though they had been ext with