

# SLAVERY IN WEST AFRICA

Portuguese Legation Replies to And Denies Statements Made By Joubert Plenaar.

## NO TRADE IN HUMAN BEINGS.

Ex-Boer Officer Settled in Angola and Compelled to Set Up New Boer Republic in the Colony.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The Portuguese legation has replied to the statements recently made by Joubert Plenaar, a former officer in the Boer army, as to the existence of the slave trade in Portuguese West Africa. The statement is a denial of the allegations, and says in part:

"Joubert Plenaar was a refugee in Portugal during the closing stages of the Boer war. When peace was made he, in common with many other Boers, settled in the south of the Portuguese colony of Angola. It soon became apparent that these Boers, ousted from the Transvaal by the British, had a plan on foot to seize part of the Portuguese colony in West Africa and to set up there a new independent Boer republic. This was in accordance with the constant practice of trekking further afield in order to establish a new state each time conditions became unfavorable in their old haunts for their peculiar mode of existence.

"It was further ascertained that Plenaar was the prime mover in this conspiracy. For this reason, and for other, he was expelled from Portuguese territory.

"Plenaar's complaints as to the arbitrary confiscation of his property and cattle are merely the vapourings of his defeated ambitions.

"No information has been received at the legation as to the alleged mortality among a batch of 300 laborers sent to the island of Principe, of which only 12 survived at the end of 10 months, according to Plenaar's story. It is possible that some vessel taking natives to the island may have been wrecked on the coast and that only 12 managed to get ashore, or it may be that one of the epidemics which have sometimes wiped out whole villages in equatorial territory, broke among the men. To that extent the story may be true. But it is simply absurd on the face of it to say that any such loss of life could have occurred normally or through preventable causes. Even setting aside all considerations of humanity, no one would incur the heavy expense entailed in transporting laborers to the islands were they, as a rule, exposed to become unfit for work almost as soon as they arrived.

"That little is left undone for the island of St. Thomas to insure the health and comfort of the native laborers, is the opinion given to the world by nearly all distinguished for-

signers, who have lately visited the island and among others by such men as Michael Chevalier, Grayner, Schulte, Montet and by that distinguished English official and explorer, Sir Henry Johnston.

"The mortality among the natives, not only on the islands, but all through the length and breadth of equatorial Africa, where the laborers come from, is very high; it is even appalling, so when compared to that of more temperate zones. But whether this arises from the natural features of the country or from some peculiar disability of the races by which it is inhabited, it is evident that the improvement in the condition can only be gradually removed, even supposing an improvement is possible. The death rate among the native laborers on the much-abused island of St. Thomas is no higher than that of the natives working in the mines of the Transvaal, in a comparatively good and temperate climate. Even on the most unhealthy plantations of the island death does not exact so heavy a toll as it does on the central African natives employed in those mines."

## COURT QUASHES ALL INDICTMENTS

Denver, Dec. 26.—Judge R. E. Lewis, of the federal court today quashed all indictments and sustained all the demurrers in coal and fraud cases, thereby releasing about 30 prominent defendants from prosecution. Recently he quashed the indictments for alleged timber frauds, and today's action brings to naught the work of the special grand jury called last May.

Among the defendants who escaped prosecution of St. W. Kiesel and about 14 others of St. Louis, comprising the Tampa Coal company.

Robert Forrester, Salt Lake.

Chris. E. Hutz, Bend, P. Freeman and George C. Franklin, of Durango, Colo.

The government attorneys gave notice that they will take the case to the United States court of appeals.

## CRIME AND THE NEGRO.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—"There are a few negro criminals by instinct, but the overwhelming number are made criminals by society," said Prof. W. S. Scarborough of Wilburforce university, in an address last night in Bethel A. M. E. church on "Crime and the Negro."

"Our race is discriminated against and our people are forced out of the best industrial fields," he went on. "We are burned at the stake, lynched and humiliated and the negro would be more than an angel to withstand such treatment as that. Some of our enemies are in the pulpits and in high social and political life. They should be put in jail until they learn to keep the peace."

## IROQUOIS THEATER SITE.

Continued Use for Playhouse Denounced as a Public Scandal.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—Continued use of the site of the Iroquois theater denoted as a public scandal by speakers at the anniversary meeting of the Iroquois Memorial association yesterday.

It was announced that the permanent aim of the association will be the requirement of the theater and its site for the purpose of dedicating the premises to some other use, preferably that of an emergency hospital.

Another announcement was the forthcoming erection of a monument on the grave in Montrose cemetery of the woman who was the sole unidentified victim of the catastrophe.

The gathering which was attended by 350 persons, was the fourth annual observance of the day of the Iroquois tragedy which occurred four years ago this afternoon.

## TAD JONES REFUSES OFFER.

New York, Dec. 26.—"Tad" Jones, the great Yale quarterback and baseball catcher, has refused two offers to enter professional baseball. The first one came in the shape of an invitation to join LaSalle's Cleveland team and the second was an offer from Charles Murphy, of a place with the Chicago National league team. Jones will return to Yale next year and will be superintendent of the Y. M. C. A. of the Sheffield scientific school.

## PETTIBONE ILL.

So Grave as to Cause a Postponement Of Trial Until Tomorrow.

Noise, Idaho, Dec. 26.—The illness of George A. Pettibone caused a delay in his trial today and an adjournment was taken until tomorrow morning. When court convened a certificate was presented signed by the defendant's physician, stating that he was unable to appear in court. Last night he became violently ill and was taken to St. Alphonsus hospital. For a time his condition was extremely critical but today much improvement in his condition is reported. Pettibone has been a sick man all through the trial and has frequently been taken to the hospital at nights because of his suffering, but heretofore he has been able to appear in court each day. It is thought that his malady is incurable and it is regarded a question if the trial will ever be concluded. Judge O. N. Hilton of Denver was entered as an attorney for the defense today. He has been acting as attorney for the Western Federation of Miners in the Goldfield controversy.

## BLUE LAWS CONSTITUTIONAL.

Omaha, Dec. 26.—The Douglas county district court this morning upheld the Omaha "blue laws" as being entirely constitutional and in future the Sunday closing law will be enforced strictly.

The case came to the district court on appeal from the municipal court which imposed a fine on a barber as a test case. The case will be taken to the supreme court.

In the meantime, complaints have been filed against more than 50 individuals for working on Sunday. These warrants will be served at once and the cases brought in the municipal court.

## EXPERIMENTING ON THE INSANE.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—A dispatch to the Record-Herald from Massillon, Ohio, says:

The physicians at the state hospital for the insane yesterday tried the experiment of exhibiting to the patients a large painting of Christ illuminated by electric light. It is believed that by thus concentrating the attention of the insane upon this picture a beneficial therapeutic effect will be produced in their recovery.

Many of the patients, recognizing the subject of the painting, raised their hands in supplication toward it and some fell on their knees and wept.

# IRON WORKER FALLS TO DEATH

Carl A. Collins Instantly Killed by Terrible Drop of Over 112 Feet.

## WORKING IN BINGHAM CANYON

It is Thought Collins Lost Footing on Frozen Snow on Top of Tank—Body Brought Here.

Falling a distance of over 112 feet to the ground from the top of a tank on the Boston Consolidated Mining company's property at the Bingham canyon, Carl A. Collins met instant death this morning. Collins was a structural iron worker, and was employed in erecting the tank, which was used in connection with a mine railroad. The accident occurred shortly after work commenced this morning. Just how Collins lost his footing is not known, but it is thought to be due to the snowfall, which, freezing last night, made the metal very slippery and hard to hold a footing on.

## BODY BROUGHT HERE.

After the body was picked up a telephone message was sent to W. B. Willis, business agent of the Structural Iron Workers' union, informing him of the death. Act Collins had no relatives in this part of the country, the union took charge of the remains, and Willis went out to Bingham at once to bring in the body. It was turned over to the O'Donnell undertaking establishment, pending the receipt of word from relatives in Missouri, as to their desires for its disposition.

According to Mr. Willis, the deceased came to Utah a year and a half ago from Dawson, New Mexico. He was a structural iron worker by trade, and has worked in all parts of the west. Three months ago he returned to Salt Lake after an absence of some months, and since then has been steadily employed. He is not married, but has parents and relatives living at Mexico, Mo.

## CHARLIE SONG'S CASE.

Chinese Gambler Facing Trial for Murder Sees End of Hearing.

Both sides have practically completed the taking of evidence in the case of murder brought against Charlie Song, a Chinese gambler, charged with the death of Chung Chun Bo, a Korean who was hit over the head with an opium pipe or a baseball bat in Chin Quan Chan's gambling house in Plum alley on the night of Dec. 2. The state is endeavoring to fix the responsibility for the death of the Korean upon Song, while the defense seeks to show that it was Ye Yen, a Chinese waiter and gambler, who did the kill-

ing. The death of Bo came about as the termination of a dispute over 20 cents lost in a game of Fan Tan at the gambling house at No. 11 Plum alley, Chin Quan Chan's place.

Police Officer Doty will be called by the defense this afternoon and the state will examine him in rebuttal. Chin Quan Chan will also be on the stand.

This morning Ah Que was again on the stand. He related the incidents of the night of the killing and positively stated in his testimony that he saw Ye Yen raise the bat with which Bo was struck; that he saw some Korean drag Bo from the place and that since that time he has not seen Ye Yen. Formerly he was accustomed to see him almost every day. Que lives upstairs over No. 10 Plum alley and is a friend of Chin Quan Chan and of Charlie Song.

Kim, King, Lee and Song Bong Sur, all Koreans, testified to having helped Chung Chun Bo out of the gambling house after the assault and to having taken him to the Korean home, 115 east Third South street, the night of the trouble.

The case will probably be argued this afternoon, the state contending that it has proven its case against Song and the defense seeking to show that it was the crime at the hand of Ye Yen, who appears to be a fugitive.

## CONTESTS ESSLINGER WILL.

Albert LeRoy Riddle, one of the beneficiaries under the will of Carlo L. Esslinger, deceased, has filed an action in the Third district court in which he seeks to contest the will of the deceased. He declares that the will filed for probate is not the last will and testament of the deceased and that at the time of executing the said will, the deceased was not of sound mind and disposing memory, the result of a chronic illness. The total value of the estate is about \$20,000. John N. Esslinger, a former police sergeant of this city, is the surviving heir of the deceased and was appointed special administrator of the estate, filing a bond for \$5,000.

## W. H. MAYO ESTATE.

Mrs. Ella A. Mayo has filed a petition in the Third district court asking that Dr. H. N. Mayo be appointed administrator of William H. Mayo, who died in St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 3, leaving property worth about \$1,867.58 as the benefit of an insurance policy. No will was left by the deceased and so far as is known he left no real estate.

## RECEIVER FOR ST. JOE.

Judge Morse this morning entered an order authorizing the appointment of a receiver for the St. Joe Mining company. This action is one step toward the adjustment of matters concerning the administration of the company's affairs which have brought about many actions in the courts of the state.

## SUIT FOR DIVORCE.

Caroline K. Taylor filed suit for divorce this afternoon in the Third district court against Ernest W. Taylor in which she charges him with being out at late and unseemly hours, failing to provide for her, and also failing to control his temper, all of which causes her great mental distress. She says in her complaint, that although he gets through his work at 3:30 each evening he rarely gets home before 2 o'clock in the morning.

Today's Clearings.—Today's local Salt Lake bank clearings amounted to \$475,819.80 as against \$1,288,412.48 for the same day last year.

## FOR WIFE AND BABES.

Defendant in Police Court Tells Why He Stole Rubber Hose.

Arraigned upon the extraordinary charge of stealing a few lengths of garden hose, Louis Herman, a carpenter sick and out of work, told a pitiful tale to Judge Diehl in the police court this morning.

"Why did you steal the hose?" was asked the man, after he had pleaded guilty to the charge of petit larceny.

"To keep my wife and little ones from starving. I have been sick for three months, and I couldn't bear to see them suffer any longer. I sold the hose and bought bread for them."

The story was substantiated by the presence in the courtroom of Mrs. Herman and two children. Mr. Herman is suffering from tuberculosis of the bones, and since coming here three months ago, has subsisted, with his family, on what help they could get from the Salvation Army, and other charitable organizations. Sentence was suspended until tomorrow to further investigate. A collection, taken up in the courtroom, was turned over to the mother and babes. The hose was stolen from the residence of George W. Snow on east Second South.

## LATE LOCALS.

Pharmacy Exams.—The Utah board of pharmacy will meet Jan. 21, at the Joint building, to examine applicants desirous of practicing pharmacy in this state.

New Equipment.—Four more basket ball baskets have been added to the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, making six now as the equipment for that class of exercise.

Social to Be Repeated.—Last Thursday night's Christmas social and en-

tertainment of the First Baptist was so successful that it is to be repeated tonight, in the church.

On Company Business.—Associate Counsel G. H. Smith of the short line left yesterday on a two week trip to Chicago and other eastern points on company business.

Now on Fourth Story.—The construction men are pushing the erection of the fourth story steel columns on the Newhouses block, and the structure is up two stories for the rising construction there.

Smoke Causes Scare.—The fire alarm from station No. 1 was called out this morning by an unnecessary alarm from 42 1/2 Richards street, where smoke and flames from a dog house created an impression that the building was on fire. No damage was done.

New Judgment Rendered.—In the case of Harris & Company, a corporation, against James Chipman, the complainant's bill was dismissed with costs to the defendant in the Third district court after having been decided in favor of the plaintiff in 1905, and reversed in the circuit court of appeals this year. The corporate asked \$2,960.02 and \$608.25 costs.

Farwell Entertainment.—At the farwell entertainment to be given in Labor hall tomorrow evening in honor of Prof. John P. Meakin who in a few days leaves for Chicago, an interesting program will be rendered. Prof. J. H. Paul will be one of the speakers. The following poems will be read by Mr. Meakin: "Two Little Buried Shoes," "The Fool's Prayer," "The Tramp Musician," "I am," "I did Not Think," "The Meekest Man," and "The Underdog in the Fight."

## FUNERAL NOTICE.

The funeral of Grace Hardy Heberer of Bingham, Utah, will be held at the Evans undertaking parlors, Tuesday morning at 11:30 o'clock. All sisters are requested to attend.

# NEW YEARS' EVE PARTY

AT THE LOUVRE RATHSKELLER!

We will celebrate the occasion in true Bohemian style. Something new will be in store for our guests; not only will you be able to see the old year out and the new year in, in the same old way, but an actual demonstration of real life. The royal Hungarian Orchestra will render a specially arranged program, Miss E. Tibbett with her sweet voice will render some fine vocal selections. Reserve your seats, as we assure you a good Bohemian time.

Telephone, Bell 5168; Ind. 710

# THE BIG CLOTHING EVENT OF THE YEAR!

## The Command has been given: "CLEAR THE DECKS."

Our Winter Stock of Men's, Boys' and Children's Clothing and Furnishings, must be closed out regardless of cost or profit, to make room for our magnificent Spring Line now en route from the importers and manufacturers.

Our customers know what it means when Rowe & Kelly have a sale. We have built up our magnificent business, by doing business on the square. This Sale is the Great Bargain Offering of the Season. Consider the values we give at regular price—then take 1/4, 1/3 and 1/2 off—and the Winter Season only fairly commenced.



### PRINCETON SUITS AND OVERCOATS.

\$15.00 Values for.....	\$9.50	\$25.00 Values for.....	\$18.50
\$20.00 Values for.....	\$13.50	\$30.00 Values for.....	\$20.00
\$35.00 Values for.....	\$22.50		

### BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S SUITS AND OVERCOATS 1/2 OFF.

\$12.00 For .....	\$8.00	\$ 6.00 For .....	\$4.00
\$10.00 For .....	\$6.75	\$ 5.00 For .....	\$3.35
\$ 9.00 For .....	\$6.00	\$ 4.00 For .....	\$2.65
\$ 7.50 For .....	\$5.00	\$ 3.00 For .....	\$2.00

### BIG REDUCTION IN WOOL UNDERWEAR.

Regular Price.....		Regular Price.....	
\$6.00 Suit Sale.....	\$4.50	\$3.00 Suit Sale.....	\$2.25
\$5.00 Suit Sale.....	\$3.75	\$2.50 Suit Sale.....	\$1.90
\$4.00 Suit Sale.....	\$3.00	\$2.00 Suit Sale.....	\$1.50

UNION SUITS INCLUDED.



### Our celebrated FAULTLESS SHIRTS—Broken Lots—Half Price.

\$2 Values for \$1. \$1.50 Values for 75c. \$1 Values for 50c

All Holiday Suspenders, Silk Mufflers and Silk Handkerchiefs, 50% Off.

Men's Odd Pants One-Fourth Off.

Men's Fancy Vests One-Third Off.

Boys' and Men's Sweaters One-Third Off.

### MEN'S SOFT and STIFF HATS.

\$3.50 values for .....	\$2.50
\$3.00 values .....	\$2.00
\$2.50 values .....	\$1.75



COME IN FOR A LOOK. NO OFFENCE IF YOU DON'T BUY. REMEMBER, IF YOU'RE DISAPPOINTED WITH ANY BARGAIN HERE, OUR PURSE STRING HANGS OUT, WITH MONEY BACK IF YOU WANT IT.

# ROWE & KELLY CO.,

132 and 134 South Main Street.