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Strange that no one has reported the effect of the coal strike upon Cape

Senator Dryden on Trusts.

ENATOR DRYDEN, of New Jersey is not greatly alarmed by the outery against trusts and thinks that Congress will consider the subject deliberately before taking action. He also thinks that the so-called monopolies of the present day are relatively harmless in comparison with some which existed in the republie's early days. On this topic he says:

"If we study the question historically from the time when our ancestors emerged from a state of feudalism, I think we will find that we have little to complain of in present conditions, No think for a moment of voting for charters granting exclusive and monopolistic privileges such as were formerly granted, not only by the English parliament, but by our own congress and by our state legislatures. The very men who founded the Constitution of the United States granted charters, such, for instance, as that of the United States bank, which absolutely excluded competition. The state of Virginia gave to a corporation the exclusive right to navigate the waters of that state, and New York granted a similar monopoly to Fulton and Livingston. In my own state of New Jersey, Alexander Hamilton drew a charter for a manufacturing corporation which granted such sweeping privileges that a member of the New Jersey legislature charged Hamilton with having drawn a charter which would give the company an absolute monopoly of manufacturing, not only in New Jersey, but in the United States. No such monopolies are granted now, The charter of the United States Steel corporation gives it no exclusive right. It has competitors and will continue to have them. Its stock is sold in open market, and any man with \$100 or \$500 or \$1,000 can buy it and become a partner in its profits. I do not know that it the canal the territorial integrity of eis, the men on whom the prosperity of the country has always rested and must continue to rest. We are now in a state of transition, and it is inevitable that the changes going on should hurt save her from herself, from that internacine strife which is the curse of the Latin republics.

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and wage-carners." will need to be considered carefully, who are radically excited on the suband conservative middle-class citizen who would prefer no action to ignorant or injurious legislation.

Jokes anent the special Christmus number of the Congressional Record are now in order.

Immigration Restriction.

HE commissioner general of immigration seems to have made up his mind rigidly to enforce the law which governs the admission of immigrants into this country. Out of two thousand immigrants who arrived on the European steamships at New York on a certain day last week five per cent. were detained at Ellis island by the board of inquiry for an examination into their antecedents, destination, prospects and financial resources. Of the number of immigrants who arrived within the last ten or twelve days, eighty have been deported, a very large proportion at this season of the year when the tide of Immigration is on the ebb. Nothing but commiseration can be felt for these poor people. Whether they have been duped by steamship agents or are the victims of their own delusions, the Immigrant is an agonizing experience of exceptional poignancy. The steamship companies, although they are bound to take the rejected immigrant from these shores, are relieved of further care and responsibility for them when they dump them at the port from which they embarked, to find their

way home as best they can. To be sure, intending immigrants incur these risks. But they have probably a very vague idea of the severely discriminating purport of our immigrathe steamship companies also take the it manifesting itself along the line of risk, but it bears a negligible propor- the canal or in any way facilitating tion to the average profits on the num- rascality in its construction. If a pegro, 1

In raising the standard of eligibility

for admission and in strictly enforcing that which the law demands, we the "sick man" of Central America, are actually doing a great service to the European poor. We have all the immigrants we want. The margin of existence for the intending immigrant necessary to reach it are more intenand familiar in Europe that it is resource of multitudes but little ved from simple pauperism. Men dinary characters usually deteriwhen severed from the ties of traditions, associations, and on, and they seldom feel any g attachment for a country which not that of their childhood. When population was relatively small to almost unlimited resources those psychological characteristics of the average immigrant did not matter much nor were they felt much. But it s very different now. We have a full ome and a shelter to the better class

The Porto Ricans who emigrated to Hawaii have discovered that the islands Primary Instruction. 3.021,313 afford very poor pickings for people who do not hold government positions.

practical pauper is as great an injury

to himself as it is to us.

The Panama Treaty.

HE RECALL of Minister Concha will lead probably in a short time to the ratification of the Panama canal treaty. It is believed at Washington that the final draft of the document will be completed immediately and that it can be presented to the senate in a few days. All is well that ends well. legislator of the present day would The Colombian government had possibly no intention of permitting defeat of the treaty. At the same time it was very natural for the people of this country to presume that Minister Concha renresented the sentiments of his government during the negotiations. Ministers engaged in such delicate and important duties usually do.

Concha appears to be a fussy, egotistical, cantankerous individual, who had no very friendly feeling toward the United States; one of those men who estimate their own importance by the magnitude and delicacy of the transaction in which they are unfortunately temporarily engaged. He seemed to take the presence of the American marines in the isthmus as a personal affront, and demanded from Secretary Hay gnarantees which it was as impossible for us to give as it would be disastrous for his own country to receive.

What we demand in reality and are about to receive is the irrevocable possession of the strip of land through which the canal is to be built, in addition to such a territorial margin as either side of the waterway as will make its efficient supervision, policing and maintenance of the cut as easy and untrammeled as possible. Nothing less and political conditions under which United States; one of those men who

is an'evi l if a great corporation is able can satisfy the engineering exigencies to manufacture so economically as to and political conditions under which he able to sell cheaply to our own peo- the canal is to be built and taken out. TAKE ELEVATOR AND SAVE MONEY beneficial to the entire country if our manufacturers are able to go into the markets of the world and bring the money of other nations herefor distribution among our wage-carners and farmers, the men on whom the prosperity.

We have demanded and require nothing and at the same time see exhibit Jet Black Diamond, Golden Brown Diamond, Canary Diamond, the Priceless (not blue, but) Heliotrope-colored Diamond. Uncut Diamonds, Sapphires, Opals, etc., as they come from mother careful the canal the territorial integrity of the men on whom the prosperity.

Now that the ratification of the Panama treaty is in sight, we shall probindividuals, but we should be careful ably hear little more of the mighty project until the work actually begins. Perhas not yet been clearly defined we may haps it is not impertment at the present frittre the industries of the country and moment to inquire why DeLesseps those dependent upon them as investors failed. The engineering of climatic difficulties which he encountered in Pan-There is much in this kind of argu- ama were incomparably greater than ment to appeal to thinking men, Cer- those that confronted him in the Isthtainly before action shall be taken it mus of Suez. But the difference in ob- 80 7, \$50.00 stacles that stood in his way in Europe from not only the point of view of those and Africa was not so great that it should have meant an unqualified sucject but also from that of the prudent cess in the one instance and an unmitigated failure in the other. Nor did it lie in the age of the great engineer when he began his Panama work. De Lesseps, it is true, was an old man, but | no one has charged that he was not as mentally vigorous as he was twenty years before. The truth is the failure of the Panama canal in the hands of DeLesseps was due almost entirely to moral causes and that these culminated in all their hideous infamy on the isthmus itself. The financial and moral mus itself. The financial and moral corruption of the Frenchmen who were associated with DeLesseps only serious- the best features of all other makes. ly began to corrode Parisian political and speculative life when it was realized that DeLesseps would not live to carry out the colossal task to which he had set his genius. The failure of the scheme began and ended on the isthmus of Panama itself. If we are to safeguard against a repetition of these

circumstances that led to that maelstrom of vice and iniquity. There can be no question that the & physical conditions of the isthmus are & very bad and can be very little improved physically until the canal is built. But when to these are added the moral mlasma which arises from the concentration of the dregs of West chagrin, the disappointment and the Indian and Latin-American humanity, Incidental suffering of the deported equally infamous with the dregs of the gambling dens and brothels on this continent and from Europe, the combination becomes, indeed, formidable. It is unfortunately a fact that white labor annot be engaged to any great extent in the actual work of excavating, but the negro is quite amenable to discipline, if he sees that discipline is meant to be enforced. We cannot, of course, prevent the authorities at Colon or Panama or on the banks of the Charges river from giving shelter to the representative scoundrelism of the globe ion laws, and they are easily misled. But we can do a great deal to prevent

conditions, we must begin by prevent-

ing the possibility of a recurrence of the

ber who are permitted to land. Even as so frequently happened before, mortif the immigrant was considered to be gaged his wages to one of these harineligible by the agent of the steam- ples, he should be instantly discharged ship company, it would never do to or otherwise punished. We give this admit as much, for fear of discouraging only as an instance, for upon such those who are capable of passing mus- small matters the expedition with which the canal will be constructed depends.

President Castro seems to represent

CUBA'S BUDGET FOR 1902-1903.

In view of the probable treaty of recipexistence for the intending immigrant is becoming narrower every year, and the physical and moral qualifications necessary to reach it are more intended in the physical and moral qualifications necessary to reach it are more intended in Palma's message to the Cuban constitution. sified. Emigration to this country during the past fifty years has become so Without reducing the sanitation Decrease in exports,

presidency and \$9.9,311 is allowed for the judiciary, \$11,781,000 for customs is the main item of revenue. The maintenance of the rural guard will cost \$1,783,582. A house, and while we still extend a wel- chemical bacteriological laboratory is provided for. The diplomatic corps costs \$167,100. The department of charities figof immigrants, our adoption of the tres as needing 8873.659. Public instruction is well cared for by the following al-Secretary's office,\$ 121.270

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only in form, but in existence as an inde-pendent government.

This is the smallest budget for Cuba since the middle of the last century. President Palma has exercised the most rigid economy possible and is evidently deter-mined to keep the finances of Cuba in such sound condition as will justify the support of the United States and other nations. Walter J. Ballard.

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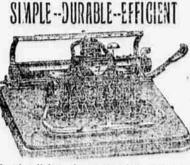


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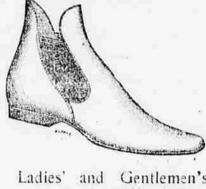
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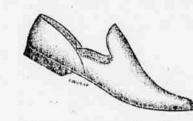


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