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AFTER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF ERROR

Dec. 20.—To-day's bye celection is at an end, and has resulted in a substantial victory for the Liberal candidate, Mr. Snetsinger. The fight from the day of the issuing of the writ has been a very bitter one. No pains or hard work has been spared by eithor nard work has been spate or party to make their candidate a winner. Both organizations were complete, and almost every vote available was secured and cast. From the outset the Liberals were confident of a vic-tory, but took no chances. They tolled tory, but took no chances. They tolled is day and night in their efforts to convert the County of Stormont, which has been true to the Conservative aplatform for 18 years, and now to-night they have the satisfaction of knowing that their efforts have been successful. In the net result of the polling to-day is that a Conservative majority of 425 for Mr. Bergin in June is turned into one of 467 for Mr. Snetsinger, which will be increased 75 or 100-when the two remaining subdivisions are heard from. The majorities are:

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Cornwall town: Snetsinger's majority 22; Cornwall township, 202; Osnabruck township, 61; Roxboro township, 75; Finch township, 107; total, 467 majority for Snetsin, cr. Lodi and Bonneville, still to hear from, will increase the majority to over 500. MR. MULOCK IS EXULTANT.

nouncing the result of the Cornwall-Stormont election:

"To D. B. McLennan, Cornwall, Ont.:

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"Stormont and Cornwall, Unterphase of the Conservative party led by him, which, for the sake of attaining office, would, if necessary, destroy our country by arraigning the people against each other in a racial and religious war." The verdict will serve as a warning to all politicians who would divide our people on such lines for the attainment of selfish personal alms. All Canada owes a debt of gratitude to your noble riding for its patriotic work for stamping out the race of wretched pigmy politicians who think that the country's interest should be a football between contending parties and fail to recognize that party politics must on all occasions defer to the best interests of Canada. As a member of a Government which recognizes our supreme

Winnipeg, Dec. 30.-(Special.)-Twen increase his majority. However, they may not be hourd from for a week. Mr. Davis opponent was Mr. McPhail,

A VERY SAD CASE.

Fragedy in the Higher Classes of English Society Which Had Very Melan-choly Features. Mr. Ballard Smith, London, to a morn ing paper here, says: Never was there ing paper irre, says: Never was there a sadder tragedy in the higher classes of English society, nor one more typical of its recent moral degeneracy than the suicide this week of the beauthan the suicide this week of the lead-tiful Mrs. Le Champion. She was only 23 years old, was the daughter of a noted soldier of an old family and mar-ried two years ago Loftus Le Cham-pion, the son of another old soldier of equal birth. The two had been friends from childhood.

tions does not enter lato the matter at all.

I repeat that no greater calamity sould befall the United States than the independence of Cuba. At the close of the last Cuban war, American commerce with the land increased three-fold almost immediately. Spain sweet that the United States gains everything possible by legilimate commerce with the Should the American Cuba. Should the American commerce with Cuba. Should the American cuban the Should the American cuban the Should the American cuban spain would consider the negations. Spain would consider the negations of the spain would consider the negations of the spain would consider the negations. Spain would consider the negations of the spain would consider the negations of the spain would consider the negations. Spain would consider the negation of the spain would consider the negation of the spain would consider the negation of the spain would be spain. They declare that the fights of Spain. They declare that no Government would dare to base a settlement of the Cuban question on granting autonomy to the stand in view of the strong nonular Mean Internal War and Fifty

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They declare that no Government would dare to base a settlement of the Cuban question of granting autonomy to the island in view of the strong popular opposition to the granting of any reforms while the rebellion is in progress. They therefore contend that the Government will be compelled to maintain its position. They add that the Government is resolved to repress hostile agitation against the United States or its representatives in Spain. The imparcial accuses the Government of lack of foresight and declares that Spain. 4s determined to make every sacrifice, however great, to maintain her sovereignty in the West Indies but she will not tolerate acts calculated to bring her into disrepute. The Libertaf advises the Government to use expedition in recovering at Washington the time lost in Cuba, inasmuch as Spain's future is at stake. Prime Minister Canovas del Castillo had a long conference to-day with the Pulce of Terium, Minister of Foreign Affaire, and Admiral Boranger, Minister of Marine. The sublect of their deliberations has not been divulged officially, but it is rumored they concerned the reforms in Cuba and Puerto Sient would probably, result in a reconstruction of the Cabinet. Prime Minister Canovas del Castillo of Spain gave me a formal audience today at the request of the American Minister, and in the presence of his secretary, Viscount Irueste, made a solemn declaration of the policy of his Government toward Cubs.

It is a complete and emphatic answer to the threats of American intervention. The importance of this stacement to the American people by the actual head of the Spanish Government can hardly be exaggerated. Canovas is not only the Prime Minister, but is the supreme political and moral leader of his people. He is the lion of Spain. His voice is now the voice of the nation. It was he who seated the present Spanish dynasty on the throne, and his hand wrote the present constitution.

becauce the present Spanish dynasty on the throne, and his hand wrote the present constitution. He looked like an old lion to-day, as he sat in / his splendid office under Velasquez's immortal portraits of Philip V. and Louis XIV' as boys, his dark eyes flashing under his massive forehead, and shaggy brows of white hair. No one could have looked upon that strong, venerable face and have heard that hard, steel voice to-day without knowing that Spain is ready to meet her fate, whatever it may be. I told Minister Canovas in plain language what the situation was in American people would never consent to the destruction of the Cuban cause of the unconditional victory of the Spanish arms. At the close of the audience I submitted Canovas' words to him in writing, and he approved them. SECY, OLNEY DECLARES HIMSELF Washington, Dec. 19.-Secretary Ol-

PREMIER CANOVAS IS NOT ALARMED

Madrid, Dec. 19.—The formal answer of Prime Minister Canovas Del Cas-tillo to the threats of American in-tervention in Cuba was given to the correspondent of an American paper as follows: correspondent of an American paper as follows:

Although the official and complete text of President Cleveland's message to Congress has not reached me, the impression of the Government of Spain is that the general tone of the President's language is favorable and friendly to Spain. I desire to say in the strongest possible manner that Spain is ready to grant local self-government to the island of Cuba as soon as the Spanish arms have triumphed over the insurgents sufficiently to make it clear to the world that the monarchy is granting these reforms of its own free will and is not yielding either to domestic or foreign threats.

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This Government is ready to grant teven more liberal measures of home rule for Cuba than were contemplated in the scheme formulated by the Cortes, to which the word of the Queen regent and the honor of the Government are plighted, but Spain will not under any circumstances grant to Cuba autonomy after the fashion of Carsada.

All essential prerogatives of sovereignty and powers of government in that colony will continue to be 6227-clised here in Spain. This Government will not yield an inch to force or to threats of force. No concession of any treatment of the Government is made until the insurrection of the proposed resolution and effect of the proposed resolution, therefore, even if passed by both Houses and Congress by a two-thirds word. It may raise expectations in some quarters which can mer proposed. It may inflame populate the can mer possions both in this country in the lies where, may thus put in peril the lies where, may thus put in peril can be proposed and the lies of can be compared to the can mer possions both in this country in the lies of can are resident and trade in the can mer possions both in this country in the lies of can are resident and trade in the can mer possions both in this country in the lies where, may thus put in peril can be compared and the lies of can are resident to afford such other withing the control of this Government to afford such other than the control of the can mer of the proposed and unless the advice embedding abovernment to experience the can mer of the proposed and the lies of the can mer of the proposed resolution and effect of the proposed resolution and effect of the proposed by both Houses and Congress by a two-third in the can mer of the can mer of the proposed and constitutional functions.

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domestic policy of the United States, but I firmly believe that a majority of the Americans who are assisting this deplorable agitation are opposed to the independence of Cuba and are at heart in favor of annexation. The commercial relations between the island and the American mainland are of great importance, but Cuba as a Spanish colony is a much better and more acceptable neighbor than she could be were the impossible program of independence achieved.

Independent Cuba would be a republic dominated by negroes, not such negroes as are found in the United States, but African negroes, African in every sense. Independent Cuba would mean civil war between whites and blacks; it would mean by years of anarchy; it would mean destruction of the island and its commerce.

Such a republic would be a menace to the peace of the United States. It would be a menace to the peace of the United States have everything to lose and nothing to gain by the independence of Cuba.

Spain cannot undertake to be guided in her domestic affairs by any other Government, nor can she allow any foreign agitation to influence her in dealing with her rebellious colony. This Government seeks peace, but will not shrink from war in any matter touching her honor. If the United States forces war upon Spain we are ready to defend ourselves, but we are determined that Spain shall be the nation attacked and not herself the aggressor.

Important Events in Few Words

RAILROAD RUMBLINGS On Monday the trains of the Incolonial began running over the des Chaleurs Railway as far as Richmond.

THE FIRE RECORD.

Fire broke out in the Wellington stree warehouse of Hunter, Rose & Co., on Saturday evening, doing \$10,000 damage. Washington, Dec. 19.—Secretary Orney, being asked his opinion as to the nature and effect of the proposed resolution recognizing the independence of the republic of Cuba, said to a New College Associated Presses reporter to-

of the republic of Cuba, said to a United Associated Presses reporter to-day: "I have no objection to stating my own view respecting the independence of the so-called republic of Cuba, which it is reported is to be laid before the Senate on Monday. Indeed, as there are likely to be serious misapprehensions regarding such resolution, both in this country and abroad, and as such apprehensions have injurious results of a grave character, it is perhaps my duty to point out that the resolution, if passed by the Senate, can probably be regarded only as an expression of opinion by the eminent gentlemen who vote for it in the Senate, and if passed by the House of Representatives can only be regarded as another expression of pinion by the eminent gentlemen who vote for it in the Senate, and if passed by the state rests exclusively with the Executive regarding as an independent by the Senate or by the House, by both bodies or by one, whether constitutional functions. The operation and is important only as addressed to the Executive regarding the both bodies or by one, whether constitutional functions. The operation and is important only as addressed to the Executive regarding the both bodies or by one, whether constitutional functions. The operation and is important only as addressed by the House, and Congress by a two-thirds yole, are perfectly plain. It may raise the whole of the proposed resolution, therefore, even if passed by both both so dies or by the House, and Congress by a two-thirds yole, are perfectly plain. It may raise the popular passions both in this country and elsewhere, may thus put in perital the lives and property of American citizens who are resident and travellated the popular passions both in this country and elsewhere, may thus put in perital the lives and property of American citizens who are resident and travellated to the executive regarding the popular passions both in this country and elsewhere, may thus put in perital the lives and property of American citizens who are resident and travella

bodied in the resolution shall leal the Executive to revise conclusion: already reached and officially dec ined, the resolution will be without flect and will leave unaltered the attitude of this Government towards the two ontending parties in Cuba."

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POLITICS-FOREIGN. The French Chamber of Deputies has

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Secretary Olney's statement was received in the House of Representatives without any manifestations of surprise. A few members thought the Secretary's announcement raised a grave constitutional question, and one of the number, Mr. Pearson of North Carolina, commented on "its tone of infallibility," which, in his judgment, was not justified by the first article of the constitution.

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Mr. Livingstone of Georgia strongly dissented from the proposition and thought if he maintains it he may make himself liable to impeachment. Generally speaking, however, the Secretary's position was regarded as clearing the atmosphere and throwing a fresh obstacle in the path of Congress to interpose in the struggle between Spain and her colony. A careful canvass of the House develops the fact that a good many members have no clear conception of the relative powers of the present Congress and

The Winnipeg Board of Trade is pre-paring 1000 invitations to be sent out for a business men's convention, to be held on Feb. 4.

neighborhood of \$100,000.

In the United States the tendency of prices continues mostly downward. The commercial failures in the United States for the week ended Friday amo ted to 387, as compared with 377, or the corresponding week last year.

SUICIDES.

Fred Palmer, aged 35, of Winnipeg, attempted suicide in his room, while temporarily insane. He will recover. Mr. Alfred Baylis, a grocer, keeping store at the corner of Bay and Cannon streets, Hamilton, committed suicide by taking strychnine.

Mr. Ernest Butler of Winnipeg com-mitted suicide by drinking carbolic acid. Mr. Butler formerly resided in forente, and the body will be brought to that city for interment. Joseph Atkinson, a respected citzen of Inwood, Lambton County, shot his was in a fit of dementia brought on by worry over business matters.

It is reported that the Duke of York will be promoted to be rear-admiral on New Year's day.

home for Jewish consumptives.
While Lord Aberdeen was in Winnieg a sneak thief entered his private ar and stole his fur cap and other rticles. The thief was arrested.

stemach and gives strength and vigor.

The action for breach of promise brought by Miss Helen Grant, of Dundry against Mr. James M. White, ex-M.P., for Forfarshire, was called in the Edinburgh Court Sessions, but was postponed until next sessions.