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TO MEET AT CHICAGO. Republican National Committee De-

cide as to National Convention Washington, Dec. 14.-The Republi National Committee decided to i hold next year's national convention in Chicago on June 21. After referring the question of Porto Rican representation, the problem of socialism and the rights of negroes to sub-committees the committee adjourned, to meet in Chicago at the call of the Chairman. In the evening Senator Hanna enter-tained the committee at dinner. Entire harmony prevailed at the committee meeting and the numerous conferences which were held. It is not doubted that Senator Hanna will loyally support President Roosevelt, although it is thought probable that his health will not permit him to retain the Chairmanship.

IMITATED THE MASTERS.

French Painter Deceived Amateur Picture Buyer.

New York, Dec. 14.-The Herald Thas the following special from Paris .- M. Raynolt, a painter and pupil of M. Jean Paul Laurens, has pupil of M. Jean Paul Laurens, has been caught making clever initiations of Millet, Daubigny, Corot and Jaques, which were sold by the dealer to an amateur for five hundred and a thousand iranes (\$100 and \$200) apiece. The amateur discovered the fraud and has drought a criminal suth against the dealer and painter. The case will be heard in the Correctional Court next Thursday.

DOMINION TRAVELLERS.

Mr. J. S. N. Dougall Elected President—The Directors Chosen.

Montreal, Dec. 14.-Mr. J. S. N Dougall of McCaskell, Dougall & Co., was elected President of the Dominion Commercial Travellers' Association at the meeting Saturday. The other candidate was Mr. George Mann. The vote was 4.273 against 811. In addition to the election of President, the following directors were chosen: W. Beauchamp, T. S. Currie, W. J. Egan, W. B. Mathews and J. P. Dubreuil.

BAD FIRE AT OWEN SOUND. Montreal Clothing House Stock De stroyed.

Owen Sound, Dec. 14.-At 2 o'clock

Sunday fire broke out in a small brick annex at the rear of the Montreal Clothing House, owned by Vineberg & Co. The stock in the main loss through smoke and water. Just what the position of the firm will be in respect to insurance is difficult to say. Vincherg & Oo. owned a clothing store at the Soo, and at the time of the col-lapse the stock was moved to Owen Sound. They then cancelled the pollapse the stock was moved to Owen Sound. They then cancelled the policy, left the policy on the Owen Sound stock, and sent in a request for a transfer of the Soo policy to the local store. On Tuesday last the firm received their papers for the transferred policy, which is in the Queen's, Montreal. A wire received from Montreal this afternoon assures Mr. Vineberg that the receipts have been issued, and that the loss is covered by a \$0,000 policy. The building, which is owned by Robert Douglass, is damaged to the extent of about \$500, which is covered by insurance. During the progress of the fire Neil McDonald, a fireman, had a narrow escape from death. With two other firemen, he was standing on the roof of the annex, playing the hose down into the building, when the roof collapsed, and McDonald went down with the debris. Peter Hare and another fireman, who were standing at the top of the ladder, seized McDonald when he had fallen in to his shoulders, and saved him from the cauldron of fire, where death would have been instantaneous. The fire had its origin in a stove in the annex.

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NOW TO BE ENFORCED IN THE BROADEST SENSE.

United States Warships to Back it Up-Big Views Attributed to Washington Government.

New York, Dec. 14-The World has the following from Washington :- The Administration is preparing to post a "Hands Off" sign on South and Central America, which will be so big and plain that every nation on earth can read and understand it. The Monroe doctrine will be enforced both in letter and spirit in the broadest sense in which it can be interpreted, and no repetition of the Venezuelan incident (the bombardment of Venezuelan ports by British and German warships) nor anything closely approaching it will be permitted. It is explained that this does not mean that the little republics of Latin America will be allowed to take refuge behind the United States to evade payment of their debts. If necessary this country will exert friendly pressure to bring about the faithful discharge of their obligations, but, in any event, American warships, and plenty of them, will be on guard to see that their creditors do not apply any serious or humiliating amount of force. Just how European bondholders are to secure their money if the little republics refuse to pay up and this country will not allow the treatment that was given Venezuela to be repeated is a matter for other nations to worry about, according to the decision of the President and his advisers. sense in which it can be interpreted,

IMPROVING THE NAVY.

Admiralty Takes Steps to Eliminate Aged and Unfit Officers.

London, Dec. 14-The Admiralty has issued a circular giving the new regulations by the earlier retirement of naval officers when not employed in active service, increasing the rate of retired pay and naming other reforms, the object of which is to eliminate from active service the aged and otherwise unfit, so as to insure the speedier promotion of younger officers to the rank of Admiral. At the same time the number of Admirals is increased from eleven to twelve, the number of Vice-Admirals from twenty-one to twenty-two, and the number of Rear-Admirals to thirty-five.

UNIONIST WABBLERS.

Falling Back Upon the Fence of Retaliation.

New York, Dec. 14 .- Mr. Isaac N. Ford, in his cable to The Tribune, says: The fiscal debaters are still talking themselves out, but the country shows signs of apathy and is waiting for the results of the bye-elections. The Unonist candidates in Lewisham and Dulwich are represented for wobbling in starting out as whole-hearted followers of Mr. Chamberlain and falling back upon the retaliation fence in a state of panie. Their embarrassments in dealing with the uncompromising protectionist and obstinate free fooders warn the Unionist whips and members of Parliament that the general elections must be deferred as long as possible and Irish support secured at any price, even if the Roman Catholic university bill embitters the hostility of the Free Churchmen, and the Government is brought within easy distance of Mr. Gladstone's home rule scheme. Mr. Balfour, by halting half way on the road to preferential tariffs and protection of the home market, has made it impracticable for the Unionist candidates to meet their constituencies with dignity. He sacrificed consistency, logic, principles and everything for the sake of keeping the Duke of Devonshire in the Government, and then lost him. wich are repreached for wobbling in nen lost him.

TO BUY MORE WARSHIPS.

An Offer Made For Two Vessels Building For Argentina.

New York, Dec. 14.-The Herald has the following special from London:-An offer has been made to the Argentine Government by an English firm for the purchase of two cruisers now being built for Argentina at Genoa. These vessels are called the Moreno and the Rivadavia. They are each about 8,000 tons, and were contracted for dur-ing the crisis between Chili and Ar-gentina—about the same time the Chilian Government ordered the con-Chilian Government ordered the con-struction of the two battleships just purchased by Great Britain. In ac-cordance with the agreement between Chili and Argentina to restrict naval armaments, the latter power wants to sell the ships.

It is not known on behalt of what country the present offer has been made, but it is generally believed to be for the British Admiralty.

Wireless Telegraphy For Pelee. Windsor, Dec. 12.—If the present plans of Mr. M. K. Cowan, M.P. for South Essex, are carried out, the dif-ficulty of communication between Pelec Island and the mainland will be over Island and the mainland will be over-come by the use of wireless telegraphy. Pelee Island is seventeen miles off Kingsville. Although time and time again a telephone cable has been laid from the island to the mainland, the heavy ice in the winter, or vessels an choring in the natural harbor on the lee of the island, have broken the

any has decided to break off dipl

CANADIAN MILITIA

RESULTS OF SIR FREDERICK BORDEN'S MISSION.

Rosebery's Criticism-Attack on the Proposed Tax on Grain-Canadian Farmers Would Benefit at the Expense of the British.

London, Dec. 14-Sir Frederick Borden's consultation with the Imperial authorities, in addition to giving Canada authority to appoint a Canadian to the command of the militia and fixing the precedence between Canadian and Imperial officers of equal rank according to length of service, also secures the omission of all referalso secures the omission of all references to the position of the officer commanding at Haliax, according to section 79, sub-section 3, of the Militia Act. A further result is the increasing of facilities for educational purposes at the staff college, etc., for all branches of the Canadian militia, and exchange staff grpointment's between the two military forces. It is rumored in the London military clubs that the British Government is not indisposed to hand over the responsibility of the maintenance of the lottresses at Haliax and Esquimalt to the Canadian Government. Government. Sir Frederick Borden has been made

as member of the parmanent commit-tee on Imperial defence. This is the

tee on Imperial defence. This is the first time a colonial nimister has been honored in this way. He is greatly pleased with the result of his visit, He sails for home on Wednesday.

Lord Roscbery, speaking at Edinburgh on Saturday, argued that a two-shilling duty on corn would be no help to British agriculturists. Experts urged that only a duty of five shillings to twenty-five would be effective. Mr. Chamberlain's colonial preference would bring

only a duty of five shillings to twenty-five would be effective? Mr. Chamberlain's colonial preference would bring British farmers into direct competition with 350,000,000 acres of the finest wheat territory in Canada, and their last state would be worse than their first. They would be obliged to pay more for their feeding stuffs and machinery, while Canadian wheat-dumping would be specifically encouraged, and Canadian bounty-fed corn would depopulate the British rural districts. The United States would soon not have enough food for her population, then would come the time when Canada and Australia would become the great grain supplying source of the empire in war time. The surest policy was to make the whole world our granary. Hon, Mr. Sifton's statement that Canada does not require to be bribed into loyalty will, Lord Rosebery declared, be re-echoed in every part of the empire. The British Empire was a great defensive league of communities under the august leadership of the British Crown.

The Times this morning, referring to Lord Rosebery's speech, savs —He studiously endeavors to set the English agriculturist against the Canadian Lord Rosebery does not see that the Canadian wheat belt is the greatest productive asset within the empire. The Standard says' Lord Rosebery's speech sussadoot and was, as were the recent uttergness of Canadian statesmen, an attack on the new project on its Imperial side.

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CHEERED THE KAISER. Berlin Crowds Glad to See His Majesty Once More.

Berlin, Dec. 12.-Emperor William and the Empress arrived here from Potsdam, to visit the Royal from Potsdam, to visit the Royal Academy sof Arts. Their Majesties were warmly cheered by the crowds in the streets. It was the Emperor's first public appearance since the operation on his throat. He looked perfectly strong and healthy, his cheeks having a good color. The inhabitants of Berlin are not much given to cheering, and the outburst, therefore, was remarkable. remarkable.

WAITING AT TOKIO.

Contents of Russia's Reply to Japan's Proposals Kept Secret.

Tokio, Dec. 14.-The Russian reply to Japan's proposals of October 30 reached Tokio on Friday. The contents are kept secret, but it is generally believed there is a slight chance of a rapprochement between the two coun tries. There is conclusive evidence that the reply to the speech from the throne pased by the House of Representatives on December 10, was drafted solely by the President, without considerable of the president of the solely by the President, without consultation with the party leaders. It was adopted partly owing to bewilderment and partly owing to misconception regarding the negotiations. Both parties, while censuring the proceedure in regard to the reply speech, declare that they approve the sentiments. The general elections will be held on March t.

POTATO GROWERS SUFFER. Disaster Befalls Growers of the Tuber in Great Britain.

London, Dec. 14.-The Times, speaking of the disaster which has befall en the potato growers of Great Brit ain, says in November, 1901, the imports were only about 200,000 cwt., valued at about £33,000. In the same month of the next year, after a small amount of disease, the importation was doubled. In November of this year the imports rose to between one and two million cwt., valued at about £32,000.

Five Years For Highway Robbery. Owen Sound, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Alex. Thompson, alias Al. Ady, a negro with a Police Court record, was sentenced to five years in Kingston Penitentiary by Judge Hatton for knocking down a man named Graves and robbing him of \$40.

PLOT AGAINST ALFONSO?

TWO ROYAL GAMEKEEPERS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED.

Another Has Committed Suicide-Story of Plot on the King's Life is Revived.

London, Dec. 14.-A despatch from Madrid announces the arrest of two of the royal gamekeepers, in connection with the shooting of a shepher at Casa Campo on December 6, while at casa campo on December 0, white King Alfonso was hunting there, and the suicide of a third gamekeeper. The news has revived the rumors, denied at the time, that the affair really was a plot against the King's life.

CALLAGHAN CONVICTED.

Jury in Six Minutes Found Verdict of Theft.

Toronto, Dec. 14. - After day in the Court long General Sessions, hearing the evidence on the charge against William H. Cal

on the charge against William H. Cal-laghan of stealing \$180 from the Cross-sin Piano Company, the jury on retir-sing found itself unanimous as to his guilt. The verdict was returned to Judge Winchester at half past 9 o'clock-on Saturday night, and the jurors were just six minutes in deciding upon it. The case; to which a great deal of interest was attached because of pro-mised political revelations, simmered down to an ordinary trial of lar-ceny. Upon his own evidence Cal-laghan was shown to have had no claim on the Crossin Piano Company except the profit which he had hoped to make out of the disposal of one piano. The story of a claim for com-

to make out of the disposal of one piano. The story of a claim for commissions on the sale of stock carried no weight. Callaghan will receive his sentence on Wednesday.

Judge Winchester in the morning sentenced the prisoners convicted in the Sessions. Albert H. Whitesell, who was convicted upon two charges of the best of the sentence of morning sentences. who was convicted upon two charges of defrauding women of money on promising to marry them, was given three years in Kingston Penitentiary. David B. Kelly, the railway mail clerk, who stole letters from the mails, also was sentenced to three years at Kingston. This was the lightest sentence that could be imposed for the offence. Judge Winchester said that in view of Kelly's age and service of twenty-one years, he hoped the executive would show him some clemency.

SIX HORSES MET DEATH. Serious Fire in Knickerbocker Ice

Company's Stables.

Toronto, Dec. 14. - Six horses their death on Saturday night in a fire which occurred about 7 o'clock in the stables of the Knickerbocker Ice Company, 165 Rich-mond street west. Two more horses were badly purned, and it, is expected that they will have to be destroyed.

MISCHIEVOUS FRENCHMEN. Destroying Nets of Newfoundland Fishermen.

St. John's, ... fld., Dec. 14 .- A seriou fishery dispute has arisen here owing to the action of the French fishermen in refusing to leave the treaty shore of Newtoundland. Since the British warships stationed here have gone south the Frenchmen have destroyed the nets of the settlers, and defy t local authorities to take any steps the matter. The colonial Government has appealed to the Admiralty, and the gurboat Fantome may be ordered back to drive off the Frenchmen.

A CONVICT'S PLOT.

Revealed by Anderson, a Time-Expired Prisoner.

Kingston, Dec. 14. — George Anderson, Windsor, was liberated from Kingston Penitentiary on Saturday after serving five years, less good conduct deduction Anderson claims that two convicts tried to induce him to procure for them re to induce him to procure for them it volvers and captridges, leaving them at spot named on the farm where they cougain possession of them. They went far as to give Anderson \$10 to cover I purchase price. Anderson told the sto to the Warden, who took note of it, b refused, to reward the rebiring conviwho was given \$14 to pay his way Windson.

BUSY DESPERADOES. Crowded More in Two Hours Than is Usual in Years.

Camden, N.J., Dec. 14.-Camden's outskirts had a visit from a band o five masked desperadoes about midnight Saturday. Withing two hours they robbed two bridge tenders, blew open a safe in the railroad station at Pavonia, attempted to kill an operator Pavona, attempted to kill an operator by shooting at him through the tower window, held up a freight train crew that came to aid the operator, broke into another bridge tender's house and robbed him, and finally, after a fight with a score of policemen, made their escape. To end the night's work, they blew once the action the railroad starblew open the sale in the railroad station at Marlton, 25 miles distant, and

Provincial Appointments.

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Toronto, Dec. 14.— The Ontario Gazette contains the any nouncement of the following appointments:—Dr. John Marty of New Hamburg, to be an Associate Coroner for Waterloo county; Dr. W. G. Dow of Owen Sound, Associate Coroner for Grey; H. D. Graham of Bradford and C. F. W. Atkinson of Port Rowan, notaries public; Donald K. McGregor of Rainy River, Clerk of the Fifth Division Court of Rainy River; F. H. Warner of Fort Frances, Clerk of the Third Division Court of Rainy River, James McGregor of Schreiber, Bailiff of the First Division Court of Algoma, and George Sanderson of Colborne-Bailiff of the Seventh Division Court of Northumberland and Durham.

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