the German cruiser Vineta told a Ger

man family at La Guayra yesterday that

blockade of the coasts of Venezuel

buked Sir Horace Humbold.

downs administered a severe re-buke to Sir Horace Humbold, the

former Ambassador to Austria, yester

Review, in which he made public his

conversation on official matters with the

downe stated that as a result of the ex-

Ambassador's indiscretion the Govern-

ations on their experiences in the countries in which they had been employed

MINERS' STRONG CASE.

EVIDENCE AGAINST THE MAR-

KLE COMPANY PILING UP.

Firm Not Represented by Its Law-

yers-Attorney Rebuked For Re-

ference to "Teddy Roosevelt."

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 9.-Almost the en-

tire time of yesterday's session of the

coal strike commission was taken up by

the mine workers in presenting their

side of the controversy with G. B.

Markle & Co. The miners placed wit-

nesses on the stand whose testimony

went to show that the company refused

to employ them because they belonged

to the union, and had evicted them from

their homes for the same cause; that

the docking system was intolerable;

10 per cent. increase in wages, granted

as a result of the 1900 strike, is much in

doubt; that the price of powder enters

into the computation of the increase,

and that the size of the mine cars has

increased but the wages have not. Two

Hungarian women told how the Markle

Company deducted house rent from the

last wages of their husbands, who were

killed in the mines, and how the com

pany attempted to get them to sign a paper which would absolve the Markles from damages for the death of the

to work without pay until the debt owed by the dead fathers was paid off.

The Markle Company were not repre-

sented by their own lawyers before the

commission, although they had ample

notice that the testimony affecting their

There was a flurry at the afternoon

session because Lawyer Ira H. Burns of

Scranton, for the independent companies, referred to the President of the United

States as "Teddy Roosevelt." The re-

mark brought out an emphatic objec-

tion from Brig.-Gen. Wilson, and the

General was sustained by Chairman

SOUTH OXFORD ELECTION.

Donald Sutherland is Confirmed in

His Seat.

Toronto, Dec. 9 .- Donald Suth-

erland will hold his seat in

South Oxford, at any rate pending the

decision of the Court of Appeal, before

which will be argued charges of bribery

upon which the Judges of the trial court,

Justices Street and Britton, were un-

able to agree. The latter rendered sep-

arate judgments yesterday, confirming

The particulars in this protest con-tained 114 distinct charges of corrupt

practices, of which some 24 were tried

during the trial, which occupied seven days, and the others were abandoned.

The Judges were unable to agree as to

two of the charges, one of which was

of \$1; and the other of which was the

horses and conveyances from two livery

stable keepers in Ingersoll, for the pur

the polls on election day.

Mr. Justice Street then read the cer-

tificate which the court proposes to grant as the result of the trial. It re-

cited the number of charges that had

been dismissed, that on two counts the

extent that the result cannot be rea-

sonably supposed to have been affected by such corrupt practices; and, there-fore, that they do not affect the elec-

It was also stated by Mr. Justice Street that Mr. John W. Patterson

would be reported for corrupt prac-tices. The certificate will not be sent

in till the usual eight days have elapsed, so as to permit of an appeal.

oose of conveying voters to and from

Sutherland in his seat.

collieries would be presented.

The women also confirmed the story by the breater hoy, that the children

that the question of the men getting th

# December Sale Prices on Ladies' Cloth Jackets

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42 inch. long, made of heavy Black Zibiline Cloth, lined with fine mercerized satin, strapped seams, stitched yoke \$13.00 and skirt, regular price \$18,00, reduced to -

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TO THE LADIES ....

# MINISTERS LEAVE.

THE ULTIMATUM PRESENTED TO VENEZUELA.

PREMIER BALFOUR SAYS WILL BE ENFORCED

UNLESS A SATISFACTORY RE-PLY IS RECEIVED.

London, Dec. 9 .- Premier Balfour announced in the House of Commons that an ultimatum (presented at Caracas on Sunday) had been sent to Venezuela, and that, in the event of a satisfactory reply not being received. the British and German Governments will take measures to enforce their claims against that country.

To a question by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the Liberal leader, Premier Balfour replied :- "For the past two years we have had grave cause for complaint on various occasions of unjustifiable interference by the Venezuelan Government with the liberty and property of British subjects. No efforts have been spared by the British Government to obtain an amicable settlement of these cases, but in none of them have satisfactory explanations been forthcom ing. Latterly the representations of the British Minister have been practically unnoticed. There also are cases in which British subjects and companies have large claims. We have been acting in conjunction with the German Govern ment, which also has large claims against Venezuela. A final communication has been made to the Venezuelan Government by the British Minister and the German Charge d'Affaires. If no satisfactory reply is received the Governments have decided to take such measures as may he recessary to enforce their

Replying to a supplementary question, Mr. Balfour said he understood the communication to Venezuela was neither

Berlin, Dec. 9 .- The German-British ultimatum to Venezuela was presented at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon at Caracas. The ultimatums are identical in spirit but not in form. Each embodies e respective claims of the two course statement will be made to-morrow in the Reichstag. The Bundesrath already has been informed that the Foreign Office is unwilling to disclose the text of Ger-many's ultimatum, as such a step would be against all precedents, and because it also would be discourteous to Venezuela to publish the text before giving that country an opportunity to reply. Neither is an intimation given as to what fore-ible action will follow, on the ground that this would be disclosing military

The Navigation Office confirms the reports that the German flagship Vineta arrived at La Guayra Nov. 30, that the Falke reached there Dec. 1, and that the azelle and Panther anchored off that ort at the end of last week. Each of ese warships is equipped with landing

material and field guns.
Caracas, Dec. 9.—The British Minister, W. H. D. Haggard, and the German Charge d'Affaires, Von Pilgrim-Baltazzi, left Caracas at 3 yesterday afternoon for La Guaira, where Minister Haggard went on board the British cruiser Retribution, and Herr Von Pil-grim-Baltazzi boarded the German cruiser Vineta. Both the British and the

German Legations have been closed. The Venezuelan press publishes an open letter from President Castro on the imbroglio with Great Britain and Germany. In this communication President Castro says:—"Foreign cablegrams relate that certain foreign nations, among them Great Britain and Germany, have allied themselves to-gether to carry out acts of violence and aggression against Venezuela, and their manner of obtaining the resumption of the payment of interest on the public debt was to be suspected as a consequence of the revolution that I lately craished. Notwithstanding the official character of this news, I refuse to believe it, because it is inconceivable that nations which entertain cordial and friendly relations with Venezuela should prefer to resort to force rather than follow the diplomatic path, especially when the supposed difference comes fully within the jurisdiction of our laws, which are based on the principle of justice, which, together with the other at-tributes of authority, I have just re-deemed. Had Venezuela refused to fulfill her fiscal engagements, and had justice and diplomacy exhausted their re-sources against such an attempt, only then could such extreme acts be expected, but this will never happen."

The actual situation is incomprehen-

### sible here. Up to yesterday no one appeared to know anything about the Anglo-German projected demonstration. The Foreign Minister said that he con-THREE MORE KILLED

sidered a menace on the part of Ger-many to be inadmissible, and that any threat would be only a "balloon d'Es-ANOTHER CROSSING FATALITY sai" (a feeler), "while as for Britain," said the Minister, "she has no grounds for aggression." The correspondent learns that one of the chief officers of AT GRIMSBY.

> YOUNG PEOPLE WALKING HOME FROM CHURCH.

WAY BLOCKED BY A FREIGHT, AND EXPRESS CAUGHT THEM.

day. The Foreign Secretary's attention had been called in the House of Lords to Sie Horace's article in The National Grimsby, Dec. 9 .- Miss Maud Hughes aged 23 years; Miss Gertrude Hainer, Emperor of Austria and commented adversely on the policy of Germany in relation to British interests. Lord Lansabout 19, and Harry Brady, about 20, all belonging to Grimsby, were killed on the crossing at Grimsby Station yesterday by the Toronto express, which ment proposed to issue new regulations, which would render it impossible for members of the diplomatic service, even after their retirement, to publish observpassed at 8.35. The three young people were in company, on their way walk-ing home from church, and on reaching the track were atopped by a freight train running east, the end of which just passed as the express came along. Failing to notice the approaching train, they were struck and instantly killed. The bodies were carried some distance.

SUFFERING IN DENMARK.

Industrial Stagnation Intensified by the Severity of the Weather.

Copenhagen, Denmark, Dec. 9 .- The widespread suffering here resulting from industrial stagnation and commercial depression has been intensified by the unusual severity of the winter, which set in a month earlier than usual. Building operations were largely abandoned, in creasing the number of persons unem-ployed, and seriously taxing the resources of the charity organizations.

NO PLOT AGAINST THE CZAR.

Story of Scheme to Assassinate Rus sia's Ruler Denied.

Washington, Dec. 9 .- The Russian Ambassador, Count Cassini, authorizes an absolute denial of the report circulated covered to assassinate the Czar at Li-

THEY MAY NOT FIGHT. French Deputies Likely to Settle Dis-

pute by Arbitration. Paris, Dec. 9. Saturday's riotous scene in the Chamber continues to occupy the attention of the public and press here. The incident is criticized as a lamentable reflection on the Parliamentary institution of the republic, which is certain to discredit and which may possibly overthrow the present Parliamentary system. The seconds of De-puty Syveton and M. Valle favor an arbitration, but have not agreed on the number of arbitrators. A challenge was issued by the former as the result of words with M. Valle during Saturday's

JOHN MODE'S DEATH.

A Vankleek Hill Man Lost in the Yukon-Remains Found.

Dawson, Y.T., Dec. 9.-The mystery which surrounded the disappearance of John Mode on German Creek, near Dawson, has ended with a gruesome sequel. The bones of Mode were found in the wilds of German Creek last week by an Indian, and have been brought here and fully identified by the Northwest Mounted Police. Mode was 55 years of age, and hailed from Vankleek Hill, Ont. The police are satisfied by the position in which they found the bones of Mode that he wandered off the trail and be

Patrick Murphy Testimonial. Quebec, Dec. 8.—The public testimon-ial inaugurated by The Chronicle to re-ward the bravery of Patrick Murphy of this city for his heroic services in saving twenty-four men, women and children on as many separate occasions from watery graves was presented to a personal charge against the respon-dent of having corruptly paid to one Lloyd, the hostler at a hotel, the sum Mr. Murphy this afternoon at The Chronicle office. The testimonial consists of an eight-day bronze clock, appropriately engraved, and a check for \$519, together with an illuminated adcharge of bribery by an agent. The only charge they held to have been proven was charge No. 6, to the effect that John W. Patterson, whose agency was established to their satisfaction, had hired horses and conveyances from the livery

Experimental Union at Guelph. Guelph, Dec. 8.—The first of the invasion for the week's great agricultural events has reached Guelph, and the zero weather, when people are supposed to remain indoors, is marked by the activity on the streets of summer months.

The Experimental Union began its large and interested attendance. The afternoon meeting was held in the new afternoon meeting was held in the new riculture last sent instructions to Dr. court had disagreed, and that two cor-rupt practices had been proved. These corrupt practices, however, had been proved to have been committed without a building just completed, which greatly enhances the fire group of structures out there. To-nigut's meeting was held in the knowledge or consent of the respon-dents; "and we certify that the said corrupt practices were of such a trifling there. To-night's meeting was held in the gymnasium, which was crowded to the doors. The opening sessions have been very successful. To-morrow the union will hold two more sessions. In mals, finds that there is not an mouth disease epidemic in New England, to destroy all animals infected.

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 9.—Gen. H. O. Averill, Commissioner of Domestic Animals, finds that there is not an mouth disease epidemic in New England, to destroy all animals infected. the meantime the Winter Fair is being made perfect, and in the evening the made perfect, and in the evening the first meeting will be held. The week promises to be a memorable one in crowds and attractive features in the Smithueld of Canada.

ON THE CORINTHIAN. the Boer War Return to Canada.

Halifax, Dec. 9 .- Among the Corinthian's passengers from Liverpool were Wilkinson and Shelton, two 2nd C.M.R. men, who made a name for themselves in South Africa. Wilkinson, cornered with a party, used his rifle until his ammunition was all gone, and then broke his rife so that it would be no good to the Boers. Shelton also saw hot service and was wounded in th leg. Wilktn-son lost an eye and had one of his arms disabled.

### C.P.R. AGENT FINED.

DISCRIMINATION IN DISTRIBU-TION OF CARS.

The Territorial Grain-growers' Ass ciation Take Up the Case, Which is Tried at Sintaluta-Appeal to Supreme Court.

Sintaluta, Assa., Dec. 9.-C. P. R Agent Benoît was convicted of violation of the car distribution provisions of the Manitoba grain act, and a fine of \$50 and costs was imposed, with the option of imprisonment for one month. The agent procured two bondsmen and was allowed leave to appeal to the Supreme Court. The accused was represented by Mr. J. A. M. Aikins, C.P.R. solicitor of Winnipeg. Mr. I. G. Methers of Winnipeg, representing the Department of Justice, appeared for the prosecution. Warehouse Commission er Castle, who laid the complaint, was present, as well as President Motherwell and Mr. Peter Dayman of the Territorial Grain Growers

Association, and Hon. G. H. V. Bulyea, commissioner of Agriculture. The complainant is a local farmer, Mr. Armis, and the charges are that the accused refused to supply a car to Armis while he gave cars to others whose orders in the order book were subsequent to Armis' order ; that he refused, when there | Gautemala City; Wm. A. Rublee, at Hawere cars available, to permit the farmer to load a car on the siding, there being a loading platform here, and refused could be placed at the platform; that he treated the loading platform as being equivalent to an elevator, so far as conerns orders for cars; that he refused to allow the farmer who had grain in a special bin in an elevator to load a car at such elevator, and refused likewise to allow him, when he had graded wheat stored in an elevator, to load cars at such elevator, claiming that only elevator manager had a right to order cars for loading at the elevator; that the accused had failed to distribute cars in the order of application, and that when fresh batches of cars arrived accused day by day commenced distributing them singly from the beginning of the list of orders instead of to appli-

cants who had not received any cars. The judgment gives general satisfac-Territorial Grain Growers' Association in bringing a specific case looking to an authoritative decision of the disputed provisions of the Manitoba grain act is highly commended, as well as the prompt attitude of Warehouse Commissioner Castle, who took steps for prose-cuting the case immediately specific in-stances of violation of the grain act

were brought formally to his notice. Mr. Aikins states that the C.P.R. Company is desirous of procuring a judicial interpretation of the act, and that he is prepared to facilitate the bringing of the appeal case before the Supreme Court.

### THE CATTLE DISEASE.

CANADIAN COMPLAINTS SUR-PRISE BRITISH OFFICIALS.

Guided by Actions of Dominion and U.S. Authorities-Washington's Stringent Instructions.

London, Dec. 9.—The plaints from Montreal and Ottawa of the unfair action of the Department of Agriculture in prohibiting the passage of Canadian cattle across northern Maine to St. John are not understood here. The officials of that department have been guided entirely by the precautions adopted by the United States and Canadian authorities against the spread of the foot and mouth disease, and have not discriminated in any respect against Canada. Their own experience puts them on guard against railway lines of communication with infected territory. A few years ago a couple of cattlemen carried the disease from London to Edinburgh in twenty-24th annual meeting to-day, with a very four hours, and caused an outbreak of large and interested attendance. The the infection there.

Salmon of the Bureau of Animal Industry, who is personally superintending the work of fighting the foot and mouth

mals, finds that there is not a case of foot and mouth disease among cattle in ticut into any other State.

THE KAISER PARTY

NEW ORGANIZATION TO SUP-PORT WILLIAM'S POLICY.

Meeting to Discuss Formation to be Held on December 16-Invitations

Berlin, Dec.9. Baron Von Eckardstein, late First Secretary of the German Embassy in London, has issued invitations to various distinguished gentlemen in Hesse, Baden, Wurtemburg, Bavaria, Prussia and Nassau to meet at Frankfort-on-the-Main on Dec. 16 to consider the formation of a new national party to uphold Emperor William's policy, hence it will be called the Kaiser party. The efforts of the new party will be directed against Socialism and Agrarian-

ACCIDENT TO PRINCE OSCAR.

Emperor William's Fifth Son Hurt by a Fall.

Ploen. Prussia, Dec. 9 .- Prince Oscar, Emperor William's fifth son, has sustained a slight fracture of the collar bone through falling from a horizontal bar. The injury will not interfere with

TO REPRESENT UNITED STATES Appointment of Ministers-Consuls For Canadian Points.

Washington, Dec. 9 .- Among the conirmations by the Senate were : -Ministers of the United States-Arthur S. Hardy, to Spain; Charles P. Bryan, to Switzerland: Leslie Combs. to Gautemala and Honduras; John B. Jackson, to Greece, Roumania and Servia; William B. Sorsby, to Bolivia; David E. Thompson, to Brazil. Ambassadors-Charlemagne Tower, to Germany; Robert S. McCormick, to Russia; Bellamy Storer, to Austria-Hungary. Consuls-General-Edward S. Bragg, at Hong Kong; Alfred A. Winslow, at vana. Consuls—E. S. Hotchkiss, at Brockville, Ont.; F. D. Hale, at Coati-

Manila to Shanghai.

Albany, N.Y., Dec. 8 .- The Commer cial Pacific Cable Company to-day filed with the Secretary of State an amended certificate of incorporation, covering extension of its lines from Manila to

FLOUR RATES TO ADVANCE.

The Increase Will be on Freight For Export Only.

Toronto, Dec. 9.-Canadian railoads will shortly make an advance in freight rates on flour for export from points in Ontario to the seaboard. The advance will average about 21-2 cents per 100 pounds, and is made because of the advance put into force by the roads from Chicago to New York. The ports affected by this advance will be Halifax, St. John, Boston, Portland, Philadelphia, Baltimore and New York. There will be no advance in local rates on flour, which were reduced last month.

The original intention was to have the advance in export rates go into effect yesterday, but a proposal was made to extend the time till the 17th. This will be considered at a meeting of the Canadian Freight Agents' Associa-tion, to be held in Hamilton to-day, and will probably be carried out. It is said that revisions in some other lines of freight may be made at the meeting to-

The Grand Trunk freight department officials here to the effect that an order has been issued by the Canadian Government prohibiting the importation into Canada of hides, skins, hoofs or horns coming from the State of Rhode Island,



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