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them in matrimony. Then the girl
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her brother's bedroom took a revolver
from his trunk and shot herself in
the forehead. That was about

CUBANS MAY WAR AGAINST THE STATES

Situation Is Critical In Island, and
Great Naval Demonstration
Will Be Made.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Real
trouble is brewing in Cuba. The
crisis may come sooner than has
been expected. The situation that
confronts the government was out-
lined at some length in despatches
previously sent out of Washington,
but developments now have been
made known which give it an even
more serious aspect.

War is probably the only way
out of the difficulty. The words
quitted came from an exceedingly
high administration source, and they
were uttered with a distinct view to
warning the American public for
the extreme of what is likely to
happen.

The statement is warranted that
President Roosevelt and those in
closest touch with him respecting
the solution of the Cuban problem
have well high despaired of settling
the same amicably.

It is stated that night that grave
fears were entertained regarding
what might follow the coming elec-
tion in Cuba. Further investiga-
tion discloses the fact that trouble
is feared even prior to the balloting.
The trouble, it is announced,
may be postponed some months and
then again it may come in a few
weeks and possibly any day. No
telegraphic advices from Cuba have
been received since the outbreak of
war or the bureau of insular af-
fairs since Dec. 24, and the war de-
partment is very much concerned as
to late developments in the island.

Within a very few weeks one of
the largest fleets this government
ever has amassed will concentrate in
Cuban waters, ostensibly for prac-
tice in maneuvers at sea. Every
battleship in the navy will be there.
There will be twelve powerful battle-
ships in Admiral Evans' command,
the most significant thing is that
the fleet, aside from its physical
exterior prowess, will carry nearly
4,000 marines, who could be
landed at almost a moment's notice
to meet any emergency that arises.
Assessing it is said by administra-
tive leaders, is remote, but they
indicate that it may have to come
as the eventual solution of the Cu-
ban problem. There are likely to
be developments in the very near fu-
ture which will throw light on this
and other phases of the situation.

KING EDWARD TO VISIT CANADA SOON?

British Visitor Says His Majesty Is
Coming and Would Like to Visit
Roosevelt.

(Associated Press Despatch.)
NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—An exchange
of visits between King Edward of
England and President Roosevelt
seems in a fair way to be arranged.
The English king will visit Canada
shortly, and Captain Kincaid Smith,
member of Parliament and a captain
of the 9th Lancers of the British
Army, is authority for the statement
that King Edward would like to
visit the United States.
"Outside of the King," said Cap-
tain Smith, who was a passenger by
the steamer Caronia, which arrived
here today, "President Roosevelt is
the most popular man in England
today. When King Edward visits
Canada, as he will do shortly, he
would be delighted to come here."

Earl Grey Received.
(Special Despatch to The Leader.)
OTTAWA, Jan. 1.—Lord Grey had
the usual number of New Year's Day
callers at his office in the Eastern
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THE STATES WILL BACK UP ENGLAND

Will Morally Support Move to Have
Congo Atrocities Investigated
and Ended.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—A Washington
special to the Chicago Tribune says:
It is admitted at the state depart-
ment that semi-official intimation has
been conveyed to Great Britain
through the American embassy in
London that the United States will
be in sympathy with any action the
British government may take toward
an amelioration of conditions in the
Congo Free State.

The hearty and support of the
United States are not directly pledged
in so many words, because the Lodge
resolution is still pending in the sen-
ate and it is deemed to be wise
for the state department to take
positive action until that resolution
which is sweeping in its character,
has been passed.

This intimation on the part of the
United States that it will morally
support Great Britain in settling af-
fairs in the Congo is the one thing
for which English statesmen have
been striving for a long time.

It is stated that the moral support
with the moral support of the United
States they can trust the matter as
a disinterested international dispute
and in this way force King Leopold not
only to ameliorate the condition
of the people of the Congo, about
which Great Britain cares little, but
to do something in the way of a ces-
sation of territory, about which Great
Britain cares a great deal.

The United States has so little
trade with the Congo Free State that
so far as trade relations go, this
country has almost no reason to in-
terfere with the United States, and
so far as all, it would do so in a
sympathetic way on humanitarian
grounds only.

It may be that before the Lodge
resolution, now pending in the sen-
ate, is passed and the state depart-
ment is thereby authorized to come
to the relief of Great Britain the sit-
uation in the Congo may be adjusted
in a satisfactory manner.

AWKWARD POSITION.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Adminis-
tration leaders in the senate have
been placed in a very awkward posi-
tion by the announcement from the
state department that the govern-
ment has pledged Great Britain its
support in any steps taken for the
amelioration of conditions in the Con-
go Free State. The action taken by
the president was entirely without
advice or consent from the senate.

Lodge Makes Move.
Senator Lodge and other friends of
the administration, realizing the
president had taken a step without
consulting the senate, which might
lead to serious interference with the
domestic affairs of a nation at peace
with the United States, if not to
eventual war, recently made denunc-
iations of the action and stated that
the action had been taken to hasten
matters. So it was de-
cided to keep the president's action
quiet. The unexpected announce-
ment yesterday at the state depart-
ment has made the administration
senators nervous and there is grave
doubt as to whether the Lodge resolu-
tion can now be adopted.

TORONTO KNIGHT DEAD. Aged 96 Years.

Sir William Howland Passes Away.
(Special Despatch to The Leader.)
TORONTO, Jan. 1.—Sir William
Howland died here today, after an
illness extending some months, at
the age of 96. The funeral takes
place Thursday.

PRISONER RELEASED. Former Montreal Official Served One- Third of a Seven Years' Sentence.

(Special Despatch to The Leader.)
OTTAWA, Jan. 1.—The Govern-
ment today ordered the release of
a prisoner in Montreal, and who got
a seven years' sentence at St. Vin-
cent de Paul for forcing his way
callers at his office in the Eastern
Block.

(Special Despatch to The Leader.)
WINNIPEG, Jan. 1.—Sir John
Madden, Chief Justice and Lieu-
tenant Governor of the Province of
Manitoba, arrived in the city yester-
day morning. Sir John left Australia
on February 17th last and has spent
the time since in a tour of European
countries. He left for the west by
the evening train, and expects to sail
from Victoria on Jan. 4 and to com-
plete a practically a tour of the world
by February 7, or just a year from
the time he set sail. While in the
city, Sir John called on the Lieu-
tenant Governor.

Speaking to a reporter, Sir John
said he was greatly impressed by con-
ditions in Canada, and paid a high
tribute to the Dominion Government.

DOG RACES. The Honors of the Day Undoubtedly Belonged to "Dolly," Joseph Ridgway's dog, who secured no less than three first prizes for her master. One of the most exciting races of the day was the free-for-all, in which young McCusker's dog led right up to the last, when it suddenly took it into its head to retrace its footsteps, thus letting Ridgway's "Dolly" in first. W.G. Mulligan made an excel- lent starter, showing considerable patience under what some times proved somewhat trying circum- stances. Some of the dogs had most peculiar ideas as to the proper meth- od of racing, apparently considering it a fight in mid course as being quite in keeping with the sport. However, even despite such drawbacks, the races were most excellent sport and were thoroughly enjoyed by all who saw them.

Six races in all were run, a special
and a consolation being put in
place of the team and tandem races
for which there was only one entry.
The following is the list of prize
winners:

DASH—1st (writing desk) Joseph
Ridgway's "Dolly"; 2nd (hockey
puck) Albert McCusker's "Kid";
HEAVY WEIGHT—1st (sleigh),
Ridgway's "Dolly"; 2nd (hockey
puck) W. Mulligan.

LIGHT WEIGHT—1st (leg pads),
Albert McCusker; 2nd (knife) Willis
Moore; 3rd (leg pads) Albert
McCusker.

FREE-FOR-ALL—1st (dog har-
ness) Ridgway's "Dolly"; 2nd
(hockey stick) McCusker; 3rd
(hockey stick) Albert McCusker; 4th
2nd, Kilburn.

FIRM SAID TO HAVE LOST U.T.F. CONTRACT

Work of McDonald, McMillan & Com-
pany Alleged to Have Been
Unsatisfactory.

(Special Despatch to The Leader.)
WINNIPEG, Jan. 1.—A report is
being circulated in the city that
McDonald, McMillan & Co., railroad
contractors, have lost their big con-
tract of 25 miles on the Grand
Trunk Pacific from Portage la Prairie
to the Touchwood Hills. This con-
tract was granted in the summer of
1906 and was worked all last sum-
mer, but it is reported that the firm's
work was unsatisfactory, especially
that which concerned the bridges. It
is further stated that the time of
completing having expired, the con-
tract has, therefore, been forfeited
and has been given to Treat & John-
son, a big contracting firm with
headquarters in New York. Dues-
on the announcement from the
McDonald, McMillan & Co., stated that
the story was false, and that so far
as he knew his firm still held the
contract.

BONDING PRIVILEGES MAY TERMINATE

Agreement With U. S. Company,
Which Shipped Fish Through
Vancouver, Renewed For
Only Six Months.

(Special Despatch to The Leader.)
OTTAWA, Jan. 1.—The privilege
of entering Vancouver Harbor and
landing and shipping fish in bond
through to Boston, which the New
England Fish Company enjoyed for
a number of years, terminated today.
Strong representations were made to
the government both for and against
its continuance. Instructions were
sent last night to continue the exist-
ing arrangement for six months only.
It has always been renewed for one
year in the past. This shows that
the feeling for its discontinuance is
growing.

WINNIPEG BANK CLEARINGS. Show An Increase of \$125,717,735 For 1906, or Percentage of 38.9.

(Special Despatch to The Leader.)
WINNIPEG, Jan. 1.—Bank clear-
ings for the year which closes to-
day amounted to \$495,585,914 or
\$125,717,735 more than for 1905.
The per cent increase is 38.9 for
the year. The increase for the last
month of the year, December,
\$2,100,000, being the whole year, the
rate of increase has been steadily
maintained.

Premier's Brother Dead.

(Special Despatch to The Leader.)
OTTAWA, Jan. 1.—Sir Wilfrid
Laurier left tonight for St. Lin, Que.,
to attend the funeral of his brother,
Charles Laurier, M.P., tomor-
row.

found the fossils still away in the
lead. In the last half the game was
much closer, each team scoring four
goals. The supporters of the win-
ners are greatly pleased at the show-
ing made by the Strathcomas, as it
was considered before the game that
they had not the ghost of a show.
The teams and officials were:

Strathcomas Ottawa.
Gidday goal. Hagre
Chambers point
Flett c. point
Maore
Dunderdale rover Westwick
Nesbit centre H. Smith
Kent r. wing A. Smith
Field l. wing Sporr

BIG FIGHT OVER MINERAL LANDS

Dominion Government Will Be Asked
To Disallow Provincial Legisla-
tion Respecting Cobalt
Property.

(Special Despatch to The Leader.)
TORONTO, Jan. 1.—A petition has
been sent to the Dominion Govern-
ment, asking that the legislation
passed at the last session of the On-
tario Legislature respecting the
mining properties in Cobalt be disal-
lowed. It was filed today at Ottawa,
and means that one of the largest
legal fights over mineral propert-
ies in Canada may be commenced. Some
arrangement is made by the govern-
ment in respect to the claims ad-
vanced.

The above cut of the Wascana hotel fire is from a sketch
by Mr. Fleming, advertising manager of the Regina
Trading Co. It shows how the wired glass windows of the
Trading Co., resisted the constant sheet of flame which
poured against that building and which were the means of
saving that store and also a large portion of the business
section of Regina. Work on the rebuilding of the Wascana
hotel is now in progress.



JOE GANS KNOCKS OUT KID HERMAN

The Colored Pugilist Had the Best of
the Fight Through the Seven
Rounds.

(Associated Press Despatch.)
TONOPAH, Nev., Jan. 1.—There
was considerable excitement in town
over the fight between Joe Gans,
colored, and Kid Herman, for the
lightweight championship of the
world. Both men were up early, but
did not work. They were in perfect
form for the mill, and both appeared
to be confident of victory. Gans,
before the fight, advised his friends
to get in and bet a waal of money on
him, as he was sure that he was
going to win easily. Herman was
also confident of success. There was
little betting going on, however, but
what money was put up was at odds
of two to one on the colored boy,
Tex Richard before the fight, an-
nounced that he would give a purse
of \$15,000 to the winner of a fight
between Gans and Herman. The
fight then started. From the
very first, Gans took the aggressive,
and the first round was decidedly
his, although Herman appeared to
take little notice of the severe hand-
ing. Gans continued to crowd his
opponent all the way, and in the
seventh round landed a terrific punch
on Herman, which caused the Chi-
cago boy to go down and out. His
seconds threw the sponge into the
ring, and Gans was declared the
winner.

MUNICIPAL PLANTS PAY FORT WILLIAM

Profits of \$3,300 Realized From Tele-
phone System and \$1,000 From
Electric Light Plant.

(Special Despatch to The Leader.)
FORT WILLIAM, Jan. 1.—Al-
though the citizens of Fort William
pay only \$2 a month for business tele-
phones and \$12 a year for residence
telephones, the city during 1906 realized a profit
on its municipal telephone plant of
\$3,300, after providing for a sinking
fund and interest, and 10 per cent
of gross receipts for depreciation in
the value of the plant. The total
telephone receipts for the year were
\$12,223, as compared with \$9,420 in
1905.

COAL MINERS HAPPY. 6,000 Men Employed in Colorado Mines Get 10 Per Cent Increase.

(Associated Press Despatch.)
DENVER, Col., Jan. 1.—The wages
of the coal miners in Southern Col-
orado were advanced ten per cent
today. Over six thousand men are
employed in the industry. The in-
crease will amount to about six hun-
dred thousand dollars a year.

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in charge of the Old-Timers' Re-
union Banquet, the sincere thanks
of His Honour, for their courtesy in
sending him a complimentary ticket
for the event; and, at the same time,
his regret that, owing to the uncer-
tain state of his health, he will
not be able to give himself the pleas-
ure of being present.

His Honour hopes that the Re-
union will be an eminently enjoy-
able and successful one, and that
the Old-Timers