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Government at Ottawa Getting Ready for Opening of

Dominion Election Act May Be Amended Respecting Ballot Marking.

Training Ships for Education of Sellors and Naval Cadets.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Nov. 23.—Estimates for the next session are being prepared in the departments. The government expects the granting of supply will be the chert business of the session as there is no government legislation of any importance, except, perhaps, a few amendments to the Dominion Election Act, suggested by experience of the recent polling. It is not unlikely that to avoid a repetition of the error which cost the Liberal candidate in Wentworth his seat the initialing of the ballots by the deputy returning officer will be done away with. It is contended by some who have had long experience in the working of election laws that the stamping and numbering constitute a sufficient guarantee against the substitution of fraudulent ballots, especially as the official ballot is now printed upon specially marked paper under federal supervision.

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SERIOUS FOREST FIRES.

PLACED UNDER ARREST. Cleveland, O., Nov. 23.—Joseph F. Valentine, president of the Iron Moulders of North America, was placed under arrest today on a telegraphic request from the Cincinnati police. Valentine had waited at his hotel several hours for the expected officer.

Valentine's arrest is made in consection with alleged violence by members of the order of which he is the head in Cincinnati, where a strike is on. Valentine was detained in the detectives' room of the central police station. Valentine was permitted to address a letter to the iron moulders tonight and will leave for Cincinnati tomorrow.

said to have arowed himself an electrician while casualty explaining his identicated with example and burgery in Jollet the day after the tragedy.

A TRAIN WRECK
IN THE SOUTH

Passenger Special Collides With Freight With Disastrous Results.

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## STEAMER SEATTLE ASHORE

Seattle, Nov. 23 .-- The Steamer City of Seattle, bound from Juneau to Skagway, went ashore at Eagle River tonight, staving a big hole in her hull just beneath the boilers.

> No lives were lost and the vessel is reported resting easily. She is owned by the Pacific Coast Steamship company.

Wire Proposed

refused to turn over the money, and BRUTAL MURDER

COMMERCIAL CABLE CO.

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 23 .- The Con

attack times without number, we have yet to learn, authoritatively, of a torpedo from a torpedo vessel causing the loss of a single battleship. It cannot be claimed, therefore, that there has been so far set thing to discredit the battleship as a type, nor is any such outcome to be expected from this war, whatever may be the casualties among battleships. To wage war successfully with a naval force requires now, as it has required in all ages, a type of vessel which will combine, in the most effective manner, the qualities of offence, mobility, defence, endurance and self-maintenance. Such vessels are battleships and they constitute the main strength and reliance of a navy."

**Tokio Reports** Affairs In North

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The Rubicon Boston, Mass., Nov. 23.—The armored cruiser Pennsylvania in her official trial trip off the New England coast today made the highest speed with the smallest expenditure of fuel of any armored vessel so far built for the United States navy. Her contract called for 22 knots, and her average speed for the four hours' trial was 22.43 knots per hour, while her coal consumption was 2.2 pounds per horsepower per hour.

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Attended Great Zemstvos

A FATAL DREAM.

Meeting in Russia.

Chicago, Nov. 23.—As a result of a dream, Mrs. Lizzie Couet, 41 years of age, lost her life today and her husband and infant child were fatelly Reported That the Emperor Has Announced Disfavor to the Movement.

band and intant child were fatally burned in a fire which partly destroyed their home.

The woman dreamed that her savings had been stolen from a hiding place in the bottom of a sugar jar in the pantry. Startled by the reality of the dream, she took a lamp in one hand and her baby under her arm, and went to investigate. The lamp fell from the woman's hand and exploded.

Her ausband, aroused from sleep in an adjoining room, made a brave attempt to put out the flames and finally succeeded with the aid of a mattress, but only after he, as well as the wife and child, had been frightfully burned. Mrs. Couet died while being taken to a hospital. Rural Populations are Asked to Join in the Great Agitation-

"The Rubicon is crossed; no retreat is possible," is the unanimous sentiment. At last night's joint meeting of editors and literary men and the Zemstvos, the greatest enthusiasm prevailed and the fullest support was pledged to the programme adopted.

There is an intimation that the Emperor has already been advised of the action of the meeting and has expressed himself as unfavorable to it. According to a story which is told with much directions.

The young Empress, when asked for her views, is said to have replied briefly: "I do not wish to see my son blown up." Such stories, however, partake of the nature of common gossip in St. Petersburg, and although repeated in well-informed circles, may have little foundation.

Mr. D. D. Mann, vice president of the Canadian Northern Railway, accompanied by Manager James and Chief Engineer McLeod, left this afternoon to inspect construction operations on the Edmonton line. The party will go as far as Humboldt, a short distance east of the South Saskatchewan river.

The track layers have crossed the South Saskatcheman and by the end of next week the rails will be at the Elbow on the North Saskatchewan, a distance of 515 miles from the city, where a temporary bridge is being built in order to allow construction for such a meeting will be a the Elbow on the North Saskatchewan, a distance of 515 miles from the city, where a temporary bridge is being built in order to allow construction trails to accompany the construction of the North Saskatchewan is the construction of the Interior Sviatopolk-Mirsty has issued in the newspapers.

The Zemstvo memorial and resolutions were presented to Minister of the Interior Sviatopolk-Mirsty this afternoon.

MONTANA METEOR MAKES A FLIGHT

**Accident to Machinery Prevents** Demonstration of Machine's Dirigibility.

St. Louis, Nov. 23.-After remaining in the air for forty-five minutes, only for a brief period of which it was propelled by its own power, the Montana Meteor, the airship designed and constructed by Thomas Benbow, of Columbus, Mont., was brought safely to the ground in an open field three miles southeast of the world's fair aerodrome. southeast of the world's fair aerodrome.

The airship was navigated by the inventor, who stated to a representative of the Associated Press after the flight that he considered it very successful in the light of the accident that happened to his machinery. A leak in the gasoline tank allowed all the fluid to escape and rendered his motor useless shortly after he had started the flight. Benbow was also handicapped by having too much gas in his balloon and it was necessary for him to allow some of the hydrogen to escape during the flight.

For that reason he did not start the motor until he had drifted with the wind for nearly a mile

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During the brief time that the motor
was working, the airship made headway
against the wind and answered its rudder perfectly. Shortly after Benbow
started his motor he found that the gasoline had become exhausted and allowed
the Meteor to drift with the wind until
he found a landing place. According to
Benbow, he will make another flight tomorrow as the damage in the gasoline
tank can be repaired in a few minutes.