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German Demands

No Ultimatum Yet Delivered to Venezuela From the Kaiser.

But This Step Will Soon Be Taken If Satisfaction Not Made.

The Press Does Not Take at All Kindly to the Monroe Doctrine.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—The announcement that Germany has sent an ultimatum to Venezuela has been conspicuously printed in the press here. Those newspapers maintaining the closest relations with the government affirm that news is premature. While an ultimatum has not yet been delivered to Venezuela, they say, this step will soon be taken unless Venezuela yields to what are deemed here the reasonable demands of Germany.

The leading ultramontaine organ, the Cologne Volks Zeitung in an extensive article on Germany's attitude toward the Monroe doctrine, asserts that the assurances of Dr. Von Holleben, the German ambassador to the United States, with regard to the Venezuela matter indicate Germany's recognition of the Monroe doctrine in a more absolute manner than has heretofore been done. This paper says Germany alludes to the expression of the late Prince Bismarck that the Monroe doctrine was a "Piece of Impudence." This utterance of the German statesman which is doubtless authentic, has just been published for the first time by the Hamburg-Nachrichten, Bismarck's household organ.

Nevertheless the Cologne Volks Zeitung admits that "The impudence of the United States is succeeding brilliantly and that Europe is already accustoming itself to the idea of tutelage of the United States in South America. The Cologne Volks Zeitung concludes by saying:

"Must Germany really ask Washington's permission to collect three million marks from Venezuela? Must we pocket all sorts of warnings and concealed threats?"

FRENCH CARICATURES.

Those on Foreign Sovereigns Referred to in House of Deputies.

Paris, Dec. 24.—During the discussion of the budget of the minister of the interior in the chamber of deputies today, M. d'Estournelles de Constant, Republican, called attention to the publication of caricatures of foreign sovereigns, which the deputy strongly condemned, pointing out that it wounded the national sentiments of foreigners and kept them away from Paris, thus injuring business. The deputy's remarks were received with mingled applause and protests. M. Millevoyo, Nationalist, said foreigners should be considerate of Frenchmen's feelings and dwelt upon the manner in which the army had been referred to in the newspapers in England. The premier, M. Waldeck-Rousseau, replied. He said the government condemned the caricatures of foreign sovereigns, but would observe the law, which provides that prosecutions could only be undertaken at the request of interested parties.

MANITOBA LEGISLATURE.

Reason Why It Will Open Earlier Than Usual.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The Manitoba legislature has been summoned to meet on January 9. This is a good month earlier than usual, and it is said the reason is that the ministry does not care to take the responsibility of issuing a proclamation to bring the prohibitory liquor law into force. The opening caucus of the Conservative members will decide the fate of the law as far as the Roblin government is concerned. In the meantime the members of the cabinet are giving the question serious consideration.

City merchants report that the Christmas trade has been excellent.

Drs. Albert and Tremayne are appointed lieutenants in the field hospital company for South Africa. Requisitions for military clothing hereafter must be for entire regiments not companies that corps may present uniform appearance.

PHILIPPINE WAR.

U. S. Troops Devastating the Country in Laguana Province.

Manila, Dec. 24.—The Filipino General Samon and other insurgent chiefs on the island of Bohol have surrendered with 23 cannon and 45 guns. During an engagement in Batangas province between the insurgents and a detachment of the 21st infantry under Lieut. Conley one American private was badly wounded while a number of the enemy were killed. The military prison at Subig bay has been re-established. A large number of Filipinos captured in Laguana and Batangas province have been sent there. The column under Colonel Dougherty is making a clean sweep of Laguana province, burning all insurgent barracks found and a number of small native hamlets. Colonel Dougherty has taken many prisoners and the insurgents loss of life during his operations has been heavy.

ROYAL LEVEES.

They Will Hereafter Be Held in the Evening.

London, Dec. 24.—The Gazette this evening announces that the levees at St. James' Palace and the drawing rooms at Buckingham Palace will, hereafter, be held during evenings. The Victorian regulations are otherwise unchanged.

A LIFE SAVER.

Royal Albert Medal to Be Presented to Montreal Boatman.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—A cable from Lord Strathcona states that the Royal Albert medal is to be conferred on George St. Pierre, a boatman of this city, who has been instrumental in saving 20 lives.

C. P. R. TRAFFIC.

Returns for the Week Show Increase Over Last Year.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—(Special)—C. P. R. traffic receipts for the week ending December 21 amounted to $712,000, and for the same week last year, $605,000.

MR. BOYLE ANXIOUS.

Considerate Fears by United States Consul About Great Britain's Trade.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—"There is a large and ever-increasing number of thoughtful and well-informed people in Great Britain who express the serious belief that if radical changes do not come about in the near future, the United Kingdom will be relegated to the third position in the ranks of the world's trade and commerce." This statement is made by United States Consul Boyle at Liverpool in his annual report, extracts from which were made public today by the State department. "It is conceded," says Consul Boyle, "that in manufactures Great Britain, within the last few years, has failed to meet the competition of the United States and Germany."

Mr. Boyle says the optimistically inclined plead exceptional and marvelous natural advantages as far as the United States is concerned, while as to Germany's fierce competition, the unsatisfactory, financial and commercial situation now prevailing in that empire is cited as an instance of a country booming itself too rapidly. "The cry of something must be done," says the consul, "is going up from commercial bodies, political speakers, economic writers and from the newspapers.

"There are fears expressed," says Mr. Boyle, "that even in the carrying trade the supremacy of Great Britain is threatened. When the war in South Africa is over, there is certain to be a popular demand for legislative action and the indications are that the British government will be compelled to give more earnest consideration to matters relating to trade and commerce."

Fighting In Venezuela

Revolutionary Commander Reported Defeated In Battle By Government Troops.

Great Excitement in Caracas and Situation Regarded as Very Serious.

Port of France, Island of Martinique, via, Haytien cable, Dec. 24.—The Venezuelan gunboat Restarador, formerly George J. Gould's yacht Atlanta, left here during the night. Her destination is unknown. The British steamer Banrigh, said to be loaded with arms and ammunition, intended for the adherents of Senor Matos, the alleged leader of the revolt against President Castra of Venezuela, has arrived here from Antwerp, which port she left on November 29. Another alleged revolutionary vessel has been signalled to the eastward of this island. There was fighting yesterday in Venezuela, where the revolutionary movement is spreading. The engagement took place at Villa de Cura, about 50 miles from Caracas, and it is reported that the revolutionary commander, Gen. Lucano Medna, president-elect of the state of Carabobo, was defeated by the government troops.

Fighting has also occurred in the state of Carabobo, but definite news is difficult to obtain.

A dispute has arisen between the officials of the German railroad running from Caracas to Valencia, and the government. All traffic is suspended between these two points and railroad stations are occupied by troops.

Great excitement prevails everywhere in Venezuela, particularly at Caracas, the situation being very serious. Gen. Matos is at the Ivens hotel here. The German cruiser Falk is at Porto Belo, and the Dutch cruiser Utrecht is at Laguira.

A CHRISTMAS ILLUMINATION

A Good Child in Nanaimo Sets the House on Fire.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, Dec. 24.—Today a 3-year-old child of H. L. Good, of the customs department, set fire to the house by lighting a match and applying it to articles in the bath room. The room was badly scorched, but apart from the linen being charred and a hole burnt in the roof, little other damage was done. The child escaped unhurt. Another son between 5 and 6, saw the fire and gave the alarm. He rushed out and procured the garden hose, bringing it in to be used in putting out the fire. Mr. Good attached it to the kitchen water pipe and soon extinguished the flames.

Supt. Robins, of the New Vancouver Coal company, declines to allow the men to go on shifts earlier on days preceding Christmas and New Year. The request was made by the men to allow them to get off earlier. The state of business caused by competition with respect to oil is given as the cause of not granting the request.

The house of Mr. Atchue, who works at Extension, was entered yesterday while he was at work in the mines, and a watch and $20 were taken.

WONDERFUL ESCAPE.

Train Strikes Herd of Cattle, But is Not Wrecked.

Mattoon, Ills., Dec. 24.—The Southwestern limited, the fastest passenger train on the Big Four was miraculously saved from being wrecked near Kansas Edgar county. Engineer White was pulling eight coaches heavily laden with holiday passengers at the rate of 60 miles an hour. Coming down a grade the engineer saw a herd of 300 cattle being driven across the track. It was too late to stop. White pulled the throttle wide open and going at terrific speed the engine struck the herd in the middle, killing ten animals. The engine pilot and coach steps were torn off and the whole train splashed with blood. Only the train's great speed kept it on the track.

NEW INSURANCE BUILDING.

Guardian Company Purchases Fine Site in Montreal.

Montreal, Dec. 24.—The Guardian Assurance company today purchased from the Barron estate the vacant lot on St. James street, near the postoffice, paying $100,000. The size of the lot is 67½ by 80 feet, and the purchase price is in the neighborhood of $18 a foot. The company intends erecting an eight story office building on the site in the spring.

Volunteer Training

War Office Issues Important Order Owing to Changed Fighting Conditions.

Men Must Attend Instruction Camps and Field Manœuvres In Future.

Twenty Artillery Batteries Not Required in Africa to Be Sent Home.

London, Dec. 24.—An army order issued tonight states that in the future no volunteers will be accepted who are only able to devote to training purposes the time required for elementary barrack square drill. The Commander-in-Chief points out in this connection that modern warfare has so changed conditions that in order to be effective it is now imperative that volunteers attend the annual instruction camps and field manoeuvres. It is generally believed this will wipe out a large majority of the present volunteers.

The War office has decided to withdraw at once 20 batteries of artillery from South Africa. This action is taken on the ground that under the present conditions the guns are of little use and are rather a hindrance to mobility and decisive action.

SIXTEEN MONTHS.

Man With Several Aliases Sent Down For Long Term.

James Miller, alias Tobin, alias McNeill, arrested on Monday night by Constable Andrew Woods with a bolt of cloth stolen from a Chinese tailor in his possession, was yesterday sentenced to 16 months with hard labor. He was charged on three counts, stealing the cloth, resisting an officer and stealing an overcoat from Messrs. McCandless Brothers. When overtaken by Constable Woods, Miller resisted and bit the officer. At the station the overcoat he wore was identified as one stolen from Messrs. McCandless Brothers, earlier in the day. Miller was here in March, 1900, under the name of Tobin, and was run out of town for vagrancy. A year later he was arrested in Vancouver for theft, and got six months. He has just finished the term at Vancouver.

MARCONI GOES TO OTTAWA.

Inventor Leaves Newfoundland to Consult Canadian Government.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 24.—Mr. Marconi left here for Ottawa this afternoon. He expects to stay there but a short time and then returns to England. The inventor is gratified at the outcome of his controversy with the Anglo-American Telegraph company, as evidenced by a letter from the Anglo-American Telegraph company, printed today in the London Times. One of Marconi's assistants has accompanied the inventor to Ottawa. The other assistants have returned to England, taking with them part of the wireless telegraphic apparatus.

TWO CHARGES DISMISSED.

Hearing of the Charges Against Mr. Richard Hall Yesterday.

Two of the three charges laid by P. C. MacGregor against Richard Hall were dismissed by Magistrate Hall in the city police court yesterday. On the third charge, that of assault, the defendant was fined $7.50. Had the assault not taken place in the office of the complainant, the magistrate said he would have considered it too trivial to notice. As to the insulting language said to have been used, it was simply part and parcel of the assault. The evidence in support of the application to bind the defendant over to keep the peace was not sufficient. The complainant himself said he did not believe that Mr. Hall intended to attack him, and the evidence of the other witnesses went to show that the alleged threat was a conditional one, the defendant having said that if the complainant continued to spread stories about him he would "knock his head off." According to Mr. Frank Richards, who was present, and Mr. MacGregor himself, the assault consisted of a tap on the chest. Mr. Richards said it was not a blow, but a tap, such as he had frequently seen Mr. Hall use to emphasize an argument. The trouble was over reports which Mr. Hall had heard that Mr. MacGregor had spread about him.

If there ever was a specific for any one complaint, then Carter's Little Liver Pills are a specific for sick headache, and every woman should know this. Only one pill a dose. Try them.

THE MACDONALD SCHOOLS.

Special Course Provided for Manual Training Teachers.

From Montreal Gazette.

Reports from the Macdonald manual training schools in the different provinces indicate that they are effecting the object for which they were founded more quickly than anyone expected. One additional school is to be opened in Prince Edward Island after the new year.

In the province of Nova Scotia five towns have provided the equipment and have engaged teachers themselves to conduct classes.

In Ontario there is a demand for competent instructors for several school boards. Stratford, Brantford and Renfrew are among the places where a beginning is being made. Other boards will take the work up as soon as manual training instructors are available.

To meet the demand, Professor Robertson has authorized Mr. Leake to provide a special course for a limited number of teachers from January until June at Ottawa. The teachers' course will be more thorough than similar ones in Europe. School boards evidently will pay good salaries to well-trained men. This is one of the vocations in Ontario which is not over-crowded.

The course is free to teachers of approved standing and ability, and the first applicant will have the preference.

A GRAND DISPLAY.

The person who would find any difficulty in getting just what is wanted for most acceptable Christmas gifts in the stock of the Victoria Book & Stationery company must indeed be hard to please. Toilet cases, purses, card cases,

SUPPLIES EVERYTHING.

Imperial Government Pays for All Outfitting of Third Contingent.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 23.—Steamship Lake Ontario arrived today with equipment for the third contingent. The Imperial government is supplying everything for the new corps.

WOOLLEN DUTIES.

Opinion of Tailors to Be Taken on the Subject.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—At a meeting of the merchant tailors' section of the Retail Merchants' association the manufacturers' proposal for an increase of duty on imported woollens was discussed, and it was decided before taking any definite action against it to secure the opinion of merchants throughout the country.

MANITOBA LEGISLATURE.

It Will Meet for Business January 9.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—It is understood tonight that the Manitoba legislature will be called together on January 9 for the despatch of business.

PREDICTS ANNEXATION.

Trend of Feeling Among the Americans in Cuba.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 23.—"You will see an insurrection on the island of Cuba before a year has passed," said Dr. F.O. Young, who returned tonight from a visit to his brother, Lieut. Lucian Young, who has recently been relieved as captain of the Havana port, but has not yet resigned. Dr. Young says that the thinking class of Cubans desire annexation and that if the question were submitted to a vote it would be carried. As matters stand, he predicts that the Cubans will prove incapable of self-government, and that their unrestrained prejudices and the ignorance and discontent of a certain class will soon result in uprisings. He says that a number of officers to whom he talked shared this view, that annexation is the only hope of the island.

THE OSBORNE BAY SMELTER

Visit to Site of New Enterprise —Good Progress Being Made.

A party of gentlemen visited the site of the new smelter at Osborne Bay on Sunday, at the invitation of D. S. Fetheringham, one of the promotors of this important enterprise. The party included Messrs. Henry Croft, manager of the Lenora mine; Capt. Mackenzie, Thos. H. Parr, D. L. S., James Anderson, Burrows and Coote. The trip was made over the V. & S. railway to Sidney, thence by steamer Iroquois to Osborne Bay. All were much pleased with the splendid facilities afforded by the harbor, which will permit of the largest ships docking at the smelter wharf, which will reach out over 600 feet from the shore, giving a depth of 30 feet at high tide and at extreme low tide 20 feet. The Mount Sicker railway will run to the end of the dock, so that supplies for the mines may be taken direct from the vessels.

Good progress is being made in clearing the smelter site, which is heavily timbered, the lumber being cut into cord wood as quickly as it is felled. The boarding house and cook house for the employees are complete and work on the office building, 16x32, will be finished in a few days.

Back of the smelter site is a large area of cleared ground, which it is intended to sub-divide into building lots. The proposed townsite is beautifully situated, sloping gradually down to the shore, where the bank suddenly breaks at a height varying from 10 to 30 feet. This will afford exceptionally good facilities for drainage of the future town as well as affording unlimited room for dumping the slag and refuse from the smelter. An ample water supply has been secured by damming a creek which runs through the property, this reservoir giving a head of about 200 feet.

The visitors expressed their pleasure at all they saw and were enthusiastic as to the future of the smelter and the town.

FRIENDLY HELP.

Good Work Performed by the Society—List of Donations.

The Friendly Help society has distributed Christmas cheer to between 50 and 60 families, including parcels of meats, groceries, etc. Following is a list of the donators:

Mrs. D. Macrae, Mrs. Williscroft, Mrs. Strongreen, Mrs. McMicking, Mrs. Nolte, Mrs. W. H. Wood, Mrs. W. H. Saunders, Mrs. Dupont, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Gandin, Miss Skinner, Miss Angus, Miss Kathleen Taylor, Miss Anna Taylor, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. McKenzie, Miss Edith Millett, Miss Gladys Millett, Jim Watson, Mrs. H. D. Helmcken, Mrs. George Glover, Mrs. G. Powell, Mrs. Newby, A Friend, Mrs. Warden, F. Fell, Mrs. Fell, Miss Daisy Saimon, Mrs. R. A. Brown, Miss Ethel May Brown, Mrs. Mara, Mrs. William Wilson, Mrs. Stadthagen, Mrs. McKittrick, Mrs. G. Babbington, Mrs. Gould, Mrs. Browne, Miss Marion Kanes, Miss Eleanor, Kanes, Miss Beatrice Kanes, Mrs. Munn, Mrs. D. R. Kerr, Edward Greer, Mrs. A. A. Green, Mrs. Edwin Johnson, the Misses Harvey, Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. Templeman, Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. Rykert, Mrs. Erb, Mrs. Billinghurst, Mrs. Forman, Mrs. J. York, A Friend, Mrs. Gill, Miss Gill, Mrs. Broderick, Mrs. Solly, Mrs. Worlock, Mrs. Stevenson, Miss McDowell Mrs. Beaven, Mrs. Chas. Kent, Mrs. Berkley, Mrs. Morley, Central School, South Park School, Victoria West School, North Ward School, Hillside Avenue School, Spring Ridge School, Kingston Street School.

Cash donations will appear later.

Always avoid harsh purgative pills. They first make you sick and then leave you constipated. Carter's Little Liver Pills regulate the bowels and make you well. Dose, one pill.

MORE RECRUITS.

Men Enlisted in Vancouver for the Mounted Rifles.

Vancouver, Dec. 24.—(Special)—The additional 10 South African recruits apportioned to Vancouver were chosen today as follows: David Webb, Royal Mounted Infantry, Winnipeg; Arthur Huckerby, Ontario, cowboy; Joseph Johnson, 21st Battalion Essex; Mathew G. M. Daniel, British Columbia, rancher; A. J. Reid, British Columbia, rancher; G. F. Robinson, British Columbia, prospector; W. P. Williams, New South Wales Artillery; Howard Grestock, late Strathcona; John Grey, Western cowboy; George Thornivile, British Columbia, rancher. Webb takes command till Halifax is reached.

The Field Hospital

Establishment of a Company For South Africa Has Been Completed.

Recruiting For Addition to Mounted Rifles Has Commenced at Ottawa.

W. T. R. Preston Head of Immigration Department in Great Britain.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 23.—Major H. D. Johnston, of Charlottetown, gets a captaincy in the Field hospital for South Africa which is to be officially known as No. 10 Field Hospital company of the Canadian Army Medical Corps. Two lieutenantcies have been offered to Ontario men. Director-General Neilson today completed the establishment of the company into a ward staff and a compounding staff. There will be 11 conveyances in all with 28 horses, 17 drivers will also act as battmen.

The Militia department was advised today of the death near Bloemfontein, from fever, of Trooper S. H. Elliott, of the South African Constabulary. His father is J. H. Elliott, Porter's Hill, Ontario.

H. Rowate, of the department of the interior, has been appointed Dominion Land Recorder for the unorganized districts of Canada.

Recruiting for two additional companies for the Mounted Rifles commenced at Ottawa this morning. There were over 40 applications for 10 places.

On order-in-council has been passed appointing W. T. R. Preston inspector of agencies in Great Britain, to be at the head of the Immigration department under the general supervision of the High Commissioner. Mr. Preston and his staff will give their whole time and attention to immigration work. The change takes effect on the 1st of January.

CHRISTMAS AT GALIANO.

Successful Annual Christmas Tree and Concert.

Galiano Isle, Dec. 20.—The annual Christmas tree entertainment was held here at the Central school house, on the evening of the 19th inst., the school house being very prettily devorated for the occasion. John H. Rudd, acted as chairman. The programme eclipsed all previous ones, and was performed with a promptness and decision, seldom found in children so young, which only adds the greater credit "if any can be added," to their teacher, Mr. A. B. Wallace, for the perfect way he has of handling the little ones. Fully 100 persons were pleasantly entertained by the youthful performers and after the programme, Santa Claus put in his mysterious appearance, much to the delight of the little folk, and presented them with their Christmas toys. After the presents were distributed, the floor was cleared, for a dance, which lasted till nearly daylight.

The programme was as follows:

Singing by the school, "Christmas is coming"; recitation, "What the Church Sang About the New Bonnett," Mildred Page; recitation, "On Guard," Harry Wright; vocal solo, "Pardon Came Too Late," Carrie Cullison; recitation, "They Ask Me Why I Am So Bad," Charlie Groth; recitation, "Work With a Will," Oliver Cook; dialogue, "The Midshipman at Home"; singing by the school, "Johnny Cannuck's The Lad"; recitation, "The Temperance Boy," Vivian Gray; duett, organ and violin, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace; recitation, "Love Your Neighbor As Yourself," Carrie Cullison; recitation, "Mother Knows," Matilda Georgeson; song, "God Bless My Kind Old Mother; dialogue, "Boy's Right"; recitation, "Trifles," Ellen Georgeson; singing by the school, "Ask the Children"; tableau, "Two Hearts That Beat As One"; singing by the school, "Ring Merry Bells"; recitation, "When Father Shaves," Edward Georgeson; recitation, "The Married Man," Carrie Cullison; song, "Little Boy Blue"; recitation, "Bobby's Pocket," Mildred Page; recitation, "Sign of Rain," Lawrence Gray; dialogue, "The Seasons"; duett, violin and organ, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace; recitation, "The British Flag," Matilda Georgeson; recitation, "The Difference," Johnny Page; recitation, "True Happiness," Charlie Groth; song by four girls, "Away, Away, Away"; recitation, "Be Polite," Robbie Wright; dialogue, "The Yankee's Stratagem; singing by the school, "Hear the School Bell Ring"; tableau, "Evening Prayer"; "God Save the King."

THE ROSS RIFLE.

Company Has Been Organized in Canada to Manufacture the Arm.

The Montreal Star's Ottawa correspondent writes: A company which will erect a large arms factory somewhere in the Dominion has just been incorporated by Sir Charles Ross, the inventor of the famous Ross rifle. With Sir Charles are associated some leading financiers. The company has been capitalized at $3,000,000 and the plant which will be erected will cost fully this sum. The company has already a contract with the Australian government for the sale of 50,000 small arms for a sum aggregating $1,500,000. A contract with the Imperial government for 100,000 rifles is also expected, the price being about $30 each. The new company is also expecting a large order from the Dominion government. The Ross rifle was tested last summer by a commission of military experts, consisting of Colonel Hon. J. M. Gibson, Lieut.-Col. Anderson, Lieut.-Col. Cartwright, Lieut.-Col. Sam Hughes and Major Gaudet. The test was a thorough one and satisfactory. The inventor, it is stated, entertains some hopes of obtaining a contract from the Dominion government. The proposed factory, according to report is to be located at Quebec and will employ 500 or 600 hands. The government will probably select the location and the question of safety in time of national peril so that the manufacture of arms might not be interrupted when most necessary, will of course be considered in selecting a site for the factory. Mr. Wallace Nesbitt, of Toronto, is the legal representative or Sir Charles and has had a good deal to do with the organization of the company. Sir Charles Ross, it will be remembered, became largely interested in British Columbia mines some years ago and served in South Africa with a Battery equipped at his own charge. He is very wealthy and one of the greatest landowners of Scotland. Sir Charles has resided a considerable part of the time in recent years in Canada.

EXTENSION VOTE.

Result of the Poll Taken on Amalgamation.

Nanaimo, B. C., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The vote at Extension on amalgamation as given in 144 for and 59 against the scheme. This is said to be entirely independent of those who voted at the mass meeting in Nanaimo, those who voted at that meeting claiming they had no right to vote a second time.

EIGHT PATIENTS.

Number Laid up With Smallpox in Winnipeg Hospital.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Dr. Wooland in charge of the Winnipeg isolated hospital, is ill of scarlet fever. There are now eight patients in the smallpox hospital. All from outside points.

Hon. Robert Rogers, of the Provincial Cabinet, denies there is any trouble in the provincial government on the prohibition question.

M. G. Neiley, a former Winnipeg Socialist, is dead at Bangor, Maine, of typhoid.

GONE TO THE FRONT.

Lieutenant Kirkpatrick Ordered to South Africa—Mrs. Powell Not Found.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Lieut. Guy Kirkpatrick left for South Africa today having been ordered to the front.

In spite of rumors to the effect that Mayor Townley, who is land registrar, would not run for mayor owing to objections raised in the Attorney-General's office, Mr. Townley says he is in the field to stay.

The strange disappearance of Mrs. Powell, who left her home three days ago is still mystifying the police. Since Thursday 50 men have been searching the vicinity for the body, believing the woman murdered. The murder theory was first entertained by the police. Now they profess to have no theory.

Toronto Piano Factories Close

Five Hundred Men In the Large Establishments Out on Strike.

Recruiting In Montreal Is Lively —Colonel Montizambert Seriously Ill.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 23.—Nearly 500 men employed in piano factories in Toronto are out on strike today, or locked out. The Nordheimer factory closed down this morning, virtually locking the men out.

The directors of the new Toronto hotel today decided to add two stories to the building making eight in all. The addition will bring cost of building up to a million and a quarter.

Cornwall, Ont., Dec. 23—Andrew Carnegie has promised Cornwall $7,000 for a library building. The town agrees to furnish the site and pay $700 per year for maintenance.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—It is announced here that J. D. Flavelle, the famous Lindsay skip will visit the Winnipeg Curling Bonspiel in February with a crack rink. It is also hoped that several visitors will come from Toronto. Dunbar, the champion skip of St. Paul is expected here to meet Flavelle.

Oil Springs, Ont., Dec. 23.—Walter and Isaac Kersey and Eddie Mills have been arrested in connection with the alleged robbery of their store last Monday morning. It is claimed this store had been entered by burglars, the safe blown open and $1,250 in cash stolen. Of this $1,150 belonged to J. McTaggart and had been left with the brothers for safe keeping.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Recruiting opened today for the additional men for the Mounted Rifles. No difficulty was experienced in securing the desired number of men of a high standard.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 13—Colonel Montizambert, D. O. C., is seriously ill.

STILL FIGHTING IN COLOMBIA

Liberals Loot Nombre de Dios in Absence of Goverment Forces.

Colon, Dec. 23.—(Via Galveston.)—During the absence of the government soldiers, the Liberals returned to Nombre De Dios and looted the commissariat of the Maganese Mining company, a United States concern. They also threatened the life of the custodian of the stores who was forced to surrender his keys. The company is presenting a claim to the government for loss sustained. On the arrival at Nombre De Dios, of the United States gunboat Marietta and subsequently when the Colombian gunboat General Pinzon, with 50 soldiers on board, reached the same place, the Liberals again disappeared. The Pinzon, after landing the troops at Nombre De Dios proceeded to Savanila. Captain Foliaco, who was commander of the Pinzon and several of his officers returned to Colon yesterday on board the Marietta and have since sailed for San Juan de Porto Rico.

General Alban has received a cable despatch announcing the evacuation of Tuasco. Some of the revolutionists left Tumaco on board the Salvadorian steamer Ibis and others left by land, intending to attack Buena Ventura. A strong government force has left Buena Ventura to meet the revolutionists. General Alban says that if the Monroe doctrine could be made to provide compulsory arbitration in order to settle all disputes between South American republics and European nations, it would be accepted with enthusiasm by all those republics. General Alban also says President Relgado of San Salvador has not answered his cable message regarding the steamer Ibis having assisted the enemies of the Colombian government.

BOUNDARY MINES.

Granby Smelter Takes Option on a Group.

Grand Forks, B. C., Dec. 22.—(Special.)—The Granby company has taken an option for $100,000 of the Seattle group, Robert Clark's well kuwn North Fork claim. Development work will be started immediately. About $5,000 has probably been expended on the group, which consists of the following claims, Seattle, Virginia City, Butte, Bunker Hill and Florida.

Chili and Argentina

British Foreign Office Willing to Act If Asked to Arbitrate.

And United States Government Think This Would Be Satisfactory.

Both Countries However to Dispute Must Be Willing Before Action Is Taken.

London, Dec. 23.—The British government is watching with considerable anxiety the progress of the dispute between the Chilian and Argentine Republics. A representative of the Associated Press was informed today that neither side has yet approached the British Foreign office. If both Chili and Argentina request Great Britain to arbitrate the matters in dispute between them, Lord Lansdowne, the foreign secretary, would promptly acquiesce.

The statement, however, of Dr. Alcorta, the Argentina minister of foreign affairs, that Argentina has referred the matter to the arbitration of the British government under the agreement of 1898, appears to be inaccurate, for the Foreign office says the present contention is quite beyond the powers of that commission. As the Foreign office understands the case, it is not one of boundary between the two countries, but whether Chili has the right to build neutral roads in the disquieted territory. This commission of which Lord Macnaughten is president, has been sitting in London for nearly two years, and is now almost ready to go out and personally inspect the disputed boundary. For various reasons, however, the departure of this commission has been delayed and is likely to be delayed for some time to come. The appeal of Dr. Alcorta has not yet officially been communicated to the British Foreign office. When this appeal does reach Downing street, it will meet with the foregoing answer.

Although Lord Lansdowne, the secretary of foreign affairs holds the Macnaghten commission to be powerless, he will intimate the willingness of Great Britain to arbitrate the difficulty between the two countries if Chili agrees to that proposition.

Up to a late hour tonight neither country concerned had requested Great Britain to take this action. The opinion in Downing street is that while the cause of the dispute is petty, serious consequences may ensue unless prompt action is taken.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Both the Chilian and the Argentina representatives were at the State Department today in reference to the controversy. The United States government is watching the progress of the negotiations, and is standing ready to aid in a peaceful solution in any way agreeable to both the parties. The submission to Great Britain is entirely satisfactory to the authorities here, and they probably will assist in having both governments accede to this manner of solution.

Valparaiso De Chili, Dec. 23.—It is reported here that the governments of Argentina and Chili, have signed a protocol by which they agree to submit the questions pending between them to the arbitration of Great Britain.

During a conference between President Roca and Sir W. A. Barrington today, the President of Argentina explained to the British minister the circumstances which have led to the present difference between Argentina and Chili. He laid special stress upon the efforts made by Argentina to secure an amicable settlement of the trouble, as well as upon the craftiness he asserted Chili had employed in order to avoid arriving at such a settlement. The British minister will send a detailed report to the home government.

The newspapers here assure their readers that several powers stand ready to offer their good onices to mediate the difficulty, but that Argentina does not consider the moment has yet arrived either to accept or to refuse such offers.

The Tiempo says a casus belli would arise if Chili, desiring to render effective her jurisdiction over the territory known as Ultima Esperanza, attempted to drive the Argentina police from this territory. The patriotic league will demand that the exportation of horses and mules must be prohibited by President Roca.

The Chamber of Commerce of Buenos Ayres has publicly expressed its apprehension of the patriotic attitude manifested by Senor Alcort, the foreign minister.

GERMANY AND VENEZUELA.

Berlin Reticent as to What Action Will be Taken.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—The Foreign office while reticent as to Germany's specific plans with regard to Venezuela and the time of their execution, gives the impression that something will soon be done. The Foreign office is watching the uprising in Venezuela under the leadership of General Luciano Mendoza. If anything serious comes of this revolutionary movements, Germany will suspend action in the matter until it is seen with which party the de facto government rests.

RAILWAY WINS.

Northern Pacific Has the Right to Retire Preferred Stock.

New York, Dec. 23.—Justice Scott, in the Supreme court today, dissolved the injunction obtained by Wolff Bros. and others restraining the Northern Pacific railway from retiring the preferred stock of $75,000,000 on January 1. Justice Scott says the company had the positive right, at its option, to retire the preferred stock at par, and that its directors were authorized to exercise that option on behalf of the corporation.

MARCONI.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 20.—Marconi announced tonight that according to his present plans he will sail for England next Monday on the Allan liner Sardinian. The inventor has packed his entire wireless apparatus and will take with him that portion which cannot be used here. The remainder he will leave here in readiness for his return in a month or two.

CANADIAN IRON.

Glasgow, Dec. 21.—Messrs. Stewart, the cast iron pipe makers, have ordered 20,000 tons of Newfoundland iron from the Dominion Iron & Steel Co., at prices which is believed will enable them to compete with the American and German makers.