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WARSHIPS HAVE NOT YET SI LENCED GUNS OF SAN CARLOS.

Maracaibo, Jan. 24.-At 2 o'clock na the position of the bombarament of the position of the base man warships still going on. There has been no material change in the situation. The gumboat Panther was the only vessel to come inside the bar. Communication of the position of the position

Maracaibo has, by a decree published last night, called to arms all citizens from 16 to 60 years of age belonging to the militia, in order to resist the possible landing of German forces at Lake Maracaibo About 5 200 are immediately and About 5,200 men immediately an-

ceived here tending to confirm the re-port that the German warship Panther had entered Lake Maraeaibo, and that the Venezuelan cruiser Miranda had surrendered to her. The rumor is be-

Maracaibo, under date of January 21, as follows: -- "On the 17th instant while

ed the fort with the Vineta on the 21st instant and destroyed it."

In the Reichstag to-day, Foreign Secretary Von Richthofen made a speech on the Venezuelan dispute, in which he said: "It has been stated that we went into this affair 'dashingly, with drums and trumpets.' Dashingly, I admit, from the moment when we appealed to arms. But with 'drums and trumpets' I can by no means admit. On the contrary, we went to the extreme limit of patience and long-suffering. We made proposals to settle the controversy by arbitration as early as July, 1901, at a time when, by way if exception, no civil war prevailed in Venezuela, and when the President was fully able to satisfy our claims."

authority, like The Hague International Court of Arbitration, must be selected to settle the disputed cases." President

this, proposal.

Washington, Jan. 24.—The Venezuelan situation was discussed at lengthat the Cabinet meeting, but it can be said by authority that no change in the attitude of he United States is in contemplation at this time. This Government will continue its policy of "sitting tight." The bombardment by the German warships of Fort San Carlos is regretted sincerely by officials of the regretted sincerely by officials of the Administration, because of their apprehension that it may complicate seriously the pending negotiations. However, while the Administration regards the mbardment as unwarranted, the Unit-

bombardment as unwarranted, the United States has no intention of taking official cognizance of it.

"The fact that only German ships took part in the bombardment is obviously explained. Maracaibo Harbor lies in the western part of the coast line, which was blockaded by the German forces."

"No decision has yet been reached by the interested powers as to when the blockade of the Venezuelan coast shall be raised."

HIS SENTENCE PICTURED.

Deaf and Dumb Murderer Sentenced

chicago, Jan. 24.—Judge McEwen of the Criminal Court yesterday imposed a sentence of fourteen years imprisonment on Besett Rolooger, a negro, who is deaf and dumb, who cannot read or write, and who does not understand the sign language. A picture of the penitentiary was shown Rolooger, next a picture of a man behind the bars; then the figures 14 were held up before him, and, finally, by means of the 365 leaves of a calendar, an attempt was made to give him an inferential ides of the length of a year. Rolooger was found guilty of killing one man and shooting another.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

men were found.

LOSSES BY FIRE.

Caused by Gas Generator Exploding-Dwellings Burned at Owen

Montreal, Jan. 24 .- A fire broke out o'clock last evening, and, owing to the proprietor, H. H. Ayre, is unable to in the North British & Mercantile

the block and two stores. The loss will be \$20.000, insurance \$10,000. The losers are:—Jas. Huston, Postmaster and owner of block; Geo. Stevenson, jeweller; D. Gunn, hardware merchant; John Wooten, general merchant; G. H. Nicholl, owner of second block. The explosion was so great it shattered the walls of the Huston block.

ments were also partly destroyed. Loss on contents about \$1,000. Loss on building \$1,500. All covered by insurance.

HELD BY ARMED GUARD. Energetic Politics in the City

Denver, Col. Jan. 24 -- An armed guard under "Rough Rider" Bell, which is holding the hall of Representatives, and will resist any attempt of the supporters of Edward O. Wolcott, Republican candidate for Senator, or of the Democrats to take possession, has been increased from 30 to 50 men. The joint session of Democratic members which took a recess late last night reassem-bled at 10.30 to-day in the Senate cham-

COLLIDED WITH COAL TRAIN.

Engineer and Fireman of the Express Killed.

Wichita, Kan., Jan. 24.-A Missouri Pacific passenger train bound for Kan-sas City was wrecked at Yate's Centre. The engineer and fireman were killed. The train rollided with a coattrain, the rear end of which projected over the switch of a side track.

Senator Wood's Funeral, Schator Wood Funeral,

Hamilton, Jan. 22-The retinish of the first Hot. Andrew Traw. Weed, Senatur, one for Hamilton's Toremost cleaning and a leader in the mer traver. Weed, Senatur, one for Hamilton's Toremost cleaning, and a leader in the mercurity business and a leader in the mercury this afternoon. It was an unusually large funeral and all classes of citizene were expresented. Many prominent people from other cities and rowment tended to ply respect to the memory of the deceased, and the Dominion Government was represented by Hon. William Paterson. Rev. Dr. Lyle of Central Preshyses and Church, the late Mr. Wood's passage conducted the services. Following were the honorary pall-bearers. Messay. Win. Val. bull, Alex. Turner, Hon. Wan Glason, C. S. Wilcox, C. S. Doollittle, Marthey Hongstt, Geo. Butherford. The active pull-gegett, Geo. Butherford. The active pull-gegett, Geo. Butherford. The active pull-gegett were employees of Messay. Wood, Vallance, & Co., Messay. R. S. Wallace, John McCulough, W. H. Dez, William Aspel, Hebert M. Morton, Thomas Cook, S. H. Alexander, Harry Rooke, The floral tributes were magnificent.

RIDING MINUS TICKET

rested by Officer Dezelia last Thursday, appeared yesterday to answer to a charge of unlawfully riding in a G. T. R. coach. She was defended by O. L. Lewis and G. 'G. Martin. The warrant was secured and G. T. R. detectives Bradley and Day came to Chatham to look for the woman. P. C. Dezelia was given the warrant and located Mrs. Thomas.

The woman was the only win her own behalf. She denied

ST. THOMAS SMALLPOX CASES.

the present hospital being crowded to its utmost capacity, there being only three bedrooms for patients.

Mrs. Beland's Suit Against Galt Brothers Dismissed.

Ottawa, against Galt Brothers, fea pack-Plaintiff alleges that on September 30, 1899, her nephew bought a package of tea from an adjacent store. The following morning part of the contents were used to brew tea, of which plaintiff, her mother-in-law, her daughter and infant partook. All became very sick and suffered from Street dismissed the action with costs

Street dismissed the action with costs. Rev. Father Gouvreau, professor of chemistry at Ottawa University, testified to examining the package of tea which was alleged to have caused the poisoning, and finding in it enough arsenic to kill five persons. He examined two other complete packets, and found not the slightest trace of poisoning. Evidence was submitted for the defendants showing that, according to the method of packing, there was no possibility of poison getting into the tea put up by them. Judge Street regarded it as most improbable that the poison got into the package while it was in the possession either of Galt Bros. or the beal vender. The probabilities were rather that it was placed in the tea after the package came into plaintiff's possession. Comment of the commen

MIDLAND ELECTRIC PLANT.

Award of the Arbitrators Fixing Price For the Town.

Midland, Jan. 24.—The award of the arbitrators in the matter of the town taking over the Midland electric light plant has been made public. The company had offered to sell at \$18,000. The arbitrators have all three joined in a finding for \$9,629.97, costs of the arbitra-tors amounting to \$1,800, to be paid equally by the parties, and each party equally by the parties, and each partyto pay their own costs of suit. Judge
McCrimmon of Whitby was arbitrator
for the company; A. K. H. Creswick of
Barrie for the town, with Judge Ardagh
of Barrie as umpire. Messrs. Bennett
and Finlayson acted as counsel for the
town, and Messrs. Steers and Storey for
the Electric Light Company.

Punctuality is one of the character-

NO VOLUNTARY SCHOOLS.

HON. MR. HARCOURT REPLIES

sociation-What May be Done Under Present Regulations.

Toronto, Jan. 24.—The proposi-ion that voluntary schools be

ment of Colombia, which was signed Thursday by Secretary Hay and Dr. Herran, as the representatives of the two countries, was transmitted to the Senate and by the Senate refer-red to the Committee on Foreign Rela-tions. By the terms of the treaty the United States agrees to make a cash tions. By the terms of the treaty the United States agrees to make a cash payment of \$10,000,000 in gold to the Colombian Government, and, after the expiration of nine years, to pay a rental of \$250,000 per year. The lease of the strip of land to be used for the canal and for canal purposes is practically made perpetual, the provision on this point being that the first lease shall be for one hundred more years and renewable thereafter in terms of one hundred years at the pleasure of the United States. The strip is to be ten kilometres, or about six miles, in width, and over this territory the United States is given police and sanitary jurisdiction, although it is explicitly specified that Colombia does not surrender sovereignty over it. The United States is to have the privilege of free importation of vessels and material to be used in the construction of the canal. It is also given the right to improve, use and protect harbors at both the Atlantic and Pacific ethals of the canal. The grant is made exclusive to the United States, and no taxes or rentals are to be charged, in addition to the gross sums of \$10,000,000 cash and \$200,000 annually. The Committee on Foreign Relations will meet to-morrow to consider the treaty.

Madrid, Jan. 23.—Premier Silvela says the expression of the French Ambassa-dor, M. Cambon, yesterday, concerning the strong ties between France and Spain, has produced a strongly favor-able impression in Government circles.

MOUNT VS. BLAKE

This was an action under the Landord and Tenants Act. The question

AFRAID OF WINNIPEG

Manufacturers Believe No Hotel Ac-

OVER 500 STUDENTS.

Agricultural College Has Record At-

W. H. Anderson, formerly with the C. P. R. at Woodstock and later with the Lake Erie at Walkerville, has been offered and accepted a position with the Pere Marquette R. R. at Buffalo. Mr. Anderson is a son of James Anderson, superintendent of the Chatham Manufacturing Co.

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