

case was circumstantial, and the testi-mony of Doctors O'Hanlon, Riggins and Phelps indicated suicide rather than murder.

murder. The prosecution replied that it had the fact of their crime, that the case should go to the jury on the character of the wound; that it could not have been self-inflicted; had proven Smith was in Pawnbroker Stern's shop the day the revolver was bought, and that the prosecution had not expected the pawnbroker to make identifications. Several Speakers Keep up the Discussion in the

Smith Pawned Property.

Mrs. Morgan Smith identified a ring and bracelet as her property, pawned by her husband in Pawnbroker Stern's

Interviewed Have Not Given Up Plan Have Not Given Up Plan Though they were beaten in this effort by the Grand Trunk there is reason to believe that the New York Central and Mackenzie & Mann have not given up their plans for a direct connection be-tween the Canadian West and New York. The New York Central has ac-quired the old Ottawa and New York road, which connects with the Ruthand to New York giving them a direct line between New York and Ottawa. Mac-kenzie & Mann are building the James Bay railway from Toronto to Parry Sound, and they have before parliament

partiy, within two days Conditions in New Laredo, across the Bio Grande, are similar to those exist-ing on this side.• It is not definitely known how many dead or injured are in New Laredo, but a city officer to-night said there were five dead that night said there were five dead, add-The rendezvous will be at Brest, where over 20 warships of the British channel and reserve ficets will be pres-ent. French naval forces will include the northern and Mediterranean squadin New Laredo, but a city officer to-night said there were five dead that he knew of. The five known dead, add-ed to the list of dead on this side of the river, would bring the number of killed in both cities up to twenty-one persons. The storm lasted about one hour. Physicians are busy attending to the wounded, and it is thought that all the injured will recover. Dr. H. J. Hamilton, of the United States Marine hospital, has placed 150 tents. with rons, thus presenting another great inter-national gathering of warships in **Bran**-waters. The combined naval manoeu-vres and festivities will last from July 10 to July 17, thus allowing the British The river, would bring the number of killed in both cities up to twenty-one hour. Physicians are busy attending to the wounded, and its houses, soon thereafter, and with practically on warning, rain began falling in torrents, accompanied intermittently by heavy hall. The wind began blowing at a hurricane velocity, creating havoc with hours of the reating is angreed in force, the most sub- for back ontinually for an hour, when the storm subsided as quickly as it had made its appearance. Every telephone and telegraph between San Antonio and points in Mexico were prostrated. The Mexican National ralities schedule on trains on account of lack of telegraph wires over which to arrange meeting points.
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spectacle of French-British-Spanish nav-al strength. M. Loubet will proceed to Cherbourg to greet King Alfonso and the two rul-ers will review the combined squadroms consisting of about 50 large warships. The stay of the Spanish King in Paris will be again marked by evidences of the Franco-Spanish co-operation including in exchange of toasts during a gala din-ner at the Elysee Palace and a review of 30,000 troops.

Of 30,000 troops. Closely following the departure of King Alfonse will come the official visit of a British squadron to the French wa-ters. This will be entirely distinct from Great Britain's participation in the visit of the King of Spain to France and de-signed to bring about the fraternizing of British and French officers and sallors.

Impressive Naval Display

wrought at the Laredo seminary is ex-tensive. Not one of the group of build-ings which go to make up that insti-tution escaped damage. The escape from death of the teachers at the in-stitution was narrow, as the walls of some of the buildings which they occu-pied were demolished. The roof of the Mexican National hospital building was lifted from the edifice.

Clearing Away Wreckage

A trip through the town fails to show one block undamaged. The city au-thorities are at work clearing away the wreckage. Linemen are at work en-deavoring to straighten out the tangle of wires. It is hoped to re-establish telegraphic communication, at least partly, within two days. partly, within two days.

to promote concord an ent races in Canada.

The Governor-General and suite re-turn tomorrow from Toronto, where they have enjoyed a round of festivi-ties lasting a week. The culmination of the entertainment provided for the vice-regal party was a visit yesterday to the power house of the Electrical Development Company, Niagara Falls This company has undertaken the sigantic task of harnessing the Canad-lan Niagara Falls, the idea being to develop a quarter of a million horse-power, which will exceed any other power works in the world. The Am-ericans are somewhat alarmed over the company's operations, as the greater body of water at Niagara flows over the Canadian fails and Americans fear that their power houses may be in-jured by the Toronto, Hamilton, London, Brantford and other principal cittae The Governor-General and suite re-

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Freight paid. . John. MLOOPS Bay railway from Toronto to Parry Sound, and they have before parliament an application for a charter to build from a point on their James Bay road to Ottawa. If they get this charter they will have a slightly less direct line be-tween Parry Sound and New York than that which they contemplated by the purchase of the Canada Atlantic. The present intention is to make New York an important outlet for the grain of the Canadian West and an active competitor of the Grand Trunk Pacific's Portland outlet.

GRAPHIC STANDS TO ITS GUNS.

Contends That Admiralty Statement Is

London, April 29.—The Daily Graphic this morning contends that the admiral-ty's statement regarding the impairment of the armament of British warships is mainly remarkable for its omissions, but it is an admission of the general accur-acy of the Daily Graphic's allegations, as showing that guns whose life should be 150 to 160 rounds, broke down at 66 to 75 rounds.

to ib rounds. The Daily Graphic says: "The official statement should be welcomed as a pre-lude to rearmament, not of the Atlantic fleet alone, but of all the vessels equip-ped with this weapon."

ARE BRITISH GUNS UNFIT ?

Admiralty Issues Statement Answering Charges.

Patrolling Outside Singapore Watching for Russians.

London, April 28.—Three British brisers, according to the Telegraph's "orrespondent at Singapore, are pa-rolling outside the harbor, as thick,

m the Japan Sea. Morning Post's Shanghai corre-ent reports that Vice Admiral vensky's squadron was on lay off Leongsol Bay in Hainin. ther news has reached London ing the movements of the Rus-

orks, has been attacked by coolles

From Mukden

Expresses Regret too Much Harm Was Done Before He Took Charge.

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when the retreat was ordered. With his eyes gleaming with an in-domitable energy and emphasizing his words with a blow on the camp table, he exclaimed: "I would certainly not have retreated. I realize that it is easy now to pass judgment upon accomplished facts, but nevertheless I would not have retreated. I persuaded Kuropatkin to stand at Tie Pass and we halted there for a time. We could have remained, but on account of certain administrative factors he considered it mexpedient and the retirement was continued.

Imirally Issues Statement Answer-ing Charges. London, April 29.—The admiralty to ity issued an official statement regard-graphic that 15 British battleships were nift for action, owing to the discovery hat a number of the 12 inch guns were acapable of firing 50 full charges. The damiralty says that one 12 inch guns were acapable of firing 50 full charges and could not do so as their four that unfortunate retirement itself, any observer can convince himself that its insignificance, and especially its in-triously and greatly exaggerated by the Japanese and foreign press. The re-trat was in no sense in the nature of a the fact that in less than a month after the retirement size of which is evident in the fact that in less than a month after the retreat the two armies which were thrown into confusion by the Jap The statement continues: "One 12 inch statement continues: "One 12

Admits Heavy Losses Gen. Linevitch attributes the greater success of the first army during the re-treat to the relatively more advantageous position in which it was located. He admitted that there were heavy losses in armies, it is impossible to effect the re-treat, especially to the wagon trains. Touching the breaking through of the Japanese at the Hun river on March 9, Gen. Linevitch says he did not attach any real significance beyond the fact that this force was not greater than two companies of scouts or small bodies of cavalry, and he helieves that the report that Japanese artillery was in action on the Japan Sea. Moming Post's Shanphai corre-

was based on miscalculations. Gen. Linevitch discussed the Grippen-burg incident, taking the part of Gen. Kuropatkin as against his former subor-dinate, and finished with an expression of goodwill towards the Czar in the pres-

ent war. Commander's Sad Inheritance

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Japan, of the Daily Telegraph, Japan, of the Daily Telegraph, Jadenberg, an engineer from Vivania, employed at the Osaka riks, has been attacked by coolies riously wounded.

INCREASE NAVY THREE FOLD.

Philadelphia, April 29.—Rear Ad-miral Melville, in an address before the Geological Society of Philadelphia to-night, advocated a threefold increase of the navy, at a cost of \$600.000.000.

Another Account

St. Louis, April 29.—A special to the Post-Despatch from Austin, Texas, says: "Additional particulars received here of the Laredo tornado are to the here of the Laredo tornado are to the effect that more than 100 persons were killed and several hundred more or less injured. Thirty-five guests in one hotel were killed outright. Fifty railroad coaches belonging to the International and Great Northern and Mexican Na-tional roads were blown away. It is estimated that more than 150 houses were blown down by the storm, includ-ing the two hotels of the town. The governor is enguiring into the matter have been ordered to reduce the rates now charged on grain to the same basis as charged on milled products. governor is enquiring into the matter with a view of sending relief to the storm sufferers."

PADEREWSKI STRAINS NECK.

Western Union Operator Charged With Great Planist Compelled to Cancel Novel Crookedness. Present Tour. Present Tour.

New York, April 29.—Richard H. Carey, manager of the Harlem office of the Western Union Telegraph Com-pany, was arrested by postal inspectors today and indicted on a charge of con-spiring, in a new and novel fashion, to use the United States mails in a counterfeit money fraud. It is alleged that Carey was concerned, with others, in the sending out of counterfeit money thre carey is alleged to have received the delivery of the message so the scheme, and it prevented any record of the delivery of the message to the sender of the circulars. The postal im-spectors alleged that the victim was notified by mail how to meet the con-duct of the control to the delivery of the message to the sender of the circulars. The postal im-spectors alleged that the victim was notified by mail how to meet the control of t that city.

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AIDING GREEN GOODS MEN.

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sender of the circulars. The postal in-spectors alleged that the victim was notified by mail how to meet the con-spirators and get the alleged counter-feit money.

Earl Grey's speech at Toronto, in which alluded to the fact that Canada Two Millions in Supplementar les for Halltex and

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From Our Own Correspondent.

TTAWA, April 28.—The Domin-ion forestry convention will be held in Quebec at the call of the The speakers in the autonomy debate today were Martin, Elson, Black, Adam-son and Sinclair. The latter declared Toronto was the hotbed of bigotry and intolerance in Canada.

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Intolerance in Canada. It is the understanding tonight that the autonomy debate will terminate on Tuesday, possibly Wednesday at the latest. On questions like this where party lines are not strictly observed, the party whips are unable to exercise their usual control, but they keep close tab on what is going on. Calvert and Tay-lor feel confident the debate cannot ex-tend beyond Wednesday.

tend beyond Wednesday. The supplementary estimates will con-tain an item of two million dollars for the garrisons at Halifax and Esquimalt. Arrangements for replacing the British garrisons by Canadians are progressing slowly. Within a few days Major Wad-more will leave Fredericton with two companies of infantry for Halifax. This will be the beginning of the infantry garrison, which will be enlisted to a strength of 600 at both Halifax and Es-quimalt. The militia department an-ticipate being able to enlist a number of time expired non-commissioned officers and men of the Royal Artillery. Major Panet, now in India, is mentioned as the probable commandant of engineers. matter of the complaint of the Farmers' Association of Canada against the Grand Trunk, Canadian Pacific and other railway companies in Ontario and Quebec. The farmers alleged dis-crimination existed between the rates charged for transportation of grain products, higher rates being imposed on grain than on flour, oatmeal, etc., both of which were formerly carried on the same basis. Counsel was heard both for the farmers and the railway companies, and, upon the report and recommendation of the chief traffic offi-per of the board, the railway companies have been ordered to reduce the rates

THE ISTHMIAN COMMISSION.

French Engineer Appointed to Represent France.

basis as charged on milled products. An order just issued by the depart-ment of agriculture requires all stock cars intended for the conveyance of animals from any point in Canada to the United States to be thoroughly cleansed and disinfected before the animals are loaded. The cars must be thoroughly cleansed and disinfected again immediately after being un-loaded. Washington, April 28.—Ambassador Jusserand today informed Secretary Taft that the French government had designated M. Guerard as the French member of the board of consulting en-gineers attached to the Isthmian canal commission. M. Guerard is one of the French government engineers, being in-spector general of bridges and roads. He was formerly engineer in chief of Mar-seilles harbor.

A. H. Marrion, Vancouver, has been appointed probationary excise officer at

SIXTEEN MINERS KILLED. A. H. Taylor, customs appraiser, one of Ottawa's best known citizens, and father of Dr. Taylor, of Golden, B. C., died this morning after a brief illness. Smallness of Shift Limited Number of Casualties.

day Will See an End to Subject.

store. Mr. Rand's effort to make her admit that they were pawned June 3 failed. Mr. Rand tried to bring out that she and her husband were in New York June 8 last, when the prosecution was searching for them, but the wit was searching for them, but the wit-ness declined to answer on the grounds that it might incriminate or degrade her. Replying to the note sent by the witness to Young that unless he saw Nan she could not answer for the con-sequences, the witness said that Miss Patterson's emotions at that time were caused by Coggin's misrepresenting marriage intentions to her. She said Nan refused to believe the story told by Coggins and was disensioned at the

by Cogins and was disappointed at the postponement of the marriage of Young. The witness said, however, that her sister had said nothing of her fu-ture intentions, nor what she would do, and was not responsible for the much-ounded latter quoted letter.

The witness said the letter represent-ed her own state of mind, but did not answer where it represented the de-

RACE MEETING CALLED OFF.

Chicago Club Decides to Abandon Present Season.

Chicago, April 28 .- The Worth Jockey Club today definitely abandoned the club's race meeting, which was to begin tomorrow, opening the racing season in Chicago. The stockholders decided that there was nothing else for them to do but yield to the ultimatum of the state's attorney, who declared that the laws of Illinois concerning gambling must be observed.

RUSSIA'S FINANCIAL STRAITS.

Appeals to German Bankers for An-other Loan.

Berlin, April 29.—Russia is again in financial straits and has appealed to German bankers for another loan in order to finance continued war operations

The recent internal issue of bonds was not taken up by the Russians to the degree that was expected and the financial result of this internal loan is characterized as only moderately successful.

cessful. In asking the German financiers to buy treasury bonds at 5 per cent. at nine months, the Russian government places upon itself more stringent con-ditions than those that accompanied the first negotiations with the German bankers. It is understood that the firm of Mendelsohn is negotiating the loan, which is said to be for 100,000,000 roubles. roubles.

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