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DUTCH CRUISER SEIZES COASTGUARD SHIP

Country's Flag in His Pocket.

pture on Saturday last of the Veneuela coastguard ship Alix, by the Dutch cruiser Gelderland, was obtained this morning from an officer of the ruiser. At 6 o'clock on Saturday norning the Gelderland was steaming plowly a short distance off the Fort at Puerto Cabello. She noticed the Alix ion that prevented the passage of the maller boat she ordered her to stop and sent a boat to search the Vene-

uelan vessel. It was discovered that the captain of the Alix had hidden his Venezuelan ant in his pocket, and he pretend-

of the Gelderland could see her get-ting up steam. Smoke was pouring from her funnel. The Gelderland stayed outside Querto Cabello for sev-

Venezuela Protests. Caracas, Venezuela, via Port of pain, Trinidad, Dec. 14.-Foreign Min-Inter Paul to-day sent a note to the members of the Diplomatic Corps here protesting vigorously against the "re-peated violation of the territorial rights IN NORMAL H of Venezuela," by the three Dutch warships that have been cruising in

sion the foreign minister says: "Venezuela protests with energy against these aggressions upon the Ill the consequences." GERMANY TO MAKE

OVERTURES TO CANADA

Wants Improved Trade Relations-Modus Vivendi May

Be Found.

MURDER MYSTERY.

butcher knile. The case is shrouded in mystery, as the home bears no evidence of having been robbed, and the wound is of such a character, the knife having entered the throat and emerged at the back of the neck, that it is not thought it thild have been self-instituted

The woman was 68 years of age and re-sided by herself, her sole means of sup-

port being a government pension of \$12

ROCKAFELLER IN CLEVELAND.

Cleveland, Dec. 13.-Unexpected and un-tralded, John D. Rockefeller arrived in

MRS. EDDY'S HEALTH.

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as as signallers.

BALCONY COLLAPSES. Spectators at Moving Picture Show Buried in Debris-Audience in a Panic.

New York, Dec. 14 .- An audience of 500 persons was thrown into a panic on Saturday night, and a score were injured, several seriously, when the MYSTERY SURROUNDS HIS balcony in a moving picture show house on the Lower East side collapsed. Firemen and police reserves were rushed to the scene of the accident, and a dozen of the victims who had lapse in the gallery were dug out and attended to by surgeons. Thirty of those in the gallery were precipitated to the floor of the build-ing when the section just back of the Wilhelmstad, Island of Curacao, Dec. µ.-The following detailed story of the persons were slightly injured, persons were slightly injured,

IN DOMINION CABINET

Views of Mining Men Throughout Canada.

terests generally throughout Canada, that Mr. Templeman retain the port folio of Mines and Inland Revenue. The present difficulty of a seat for Mr. Templeman during the coming on Saturday by sending up to him a

of Wednesday.

those present. territorial sovereignty of the republic, and she holds Holland responsible for inclement weather and methods weather and responsible for Brighton to-morrow.

SCHOOLGIRL TRAGEDY.

Fourteen-Year-Old Leila Sigmund Chooses Death Rather Than Go to School. Seattle, Wash., Dec. 14.-Because she did not want to go to school, Leila Sig-mund, 14 years old, ended her life with carbolic acid at the home of her step-father, Fred. Teeple, 423 Twenty-third avenue, on Saturday night. The girl drank an ounce of the polson just as Teeple, who is foreman for George W. Albee, walked on the porch of his home. That she had intended to leave a note explaining her rash act, but was frustrat

rnment is awaiting the result of the lebate in the French senate in regard dicated by pen, ink and paper set out on a table in the front room. to the proposed Franco-Canadian comsercial treaty. Should the senate rat-My the treaty, then there is little doubt Germany will try and come to similar AEROPLANE TRIAL. Hammondsport, N. Y., Dec. 14 .- The It is believed that, supported by Sir aeroplane Silver Dart, the fourth ma

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 14.-Mrs. Esther Brandt, widow of a former prominent physician of Liewellyn, near here, was found on the kitchen floor of her home on Saturday stabbed to death with a butcher knife. The case is shrouded in musicry as the home here are no evidence TAFT TO SMOOTH OUT

PANAMA TANGLES

Repsevelt Approves Proposed Visit of President-elect to Isthmus.

Washington, Dec. 14. - William H. Taft, president-elect, contempaltes a visit to Panama before his inaugura-veniremen. Both state and defence will District Attorney Darrin announced

the night. There are many reasons, in Mr. Secured the evidence was presented, and the night. dent-elect to the isthmus would be of and more than 150 indictments have decided advantage to the advancement | been found charging verying degrees Christian Science Leader Reported to Be In Usual Trim. Of the canal project, and consequently of lawlessness, and present is the sec-ond term of the court, the first term, the legality of which was questioned, Boston, Mass., Dec. 14.-Reports that arising and accumulating many minor Boston, Mass., Dec. 14.—Reports that Mrs. Baker-Eddy, of the Christian Science church, was ill, were denied by Mrs. Eddy's attendants to-day, who said that their leader was in her usual health. Mrs. Eddy was said to be stranging to har

CASTRO KEEPS **MISSION SECRET**

PRESENCE IN EUROPE

enezuelan Captain Stuffs His been buried in the debris of the col- Leaves Paris for Berlin-No **Communication With French** Government.

Paris, Dec. 14 .- Following President Castro's criticism of France's attitude Misses Diamonds After Reachtowards the Venezuela government in his interview with a representative of the Temps here last night, the French government to-day issued a semi-official note explaining its position. The note states that Castro was informed when he disembarked at Pauillao last week that no opposition would be soming in, and after taking up a posi-tion that prevented the passage of the Sir Wilfrid Anxious to Meet week, that no opposition would be that prevented the passage of the Sir Wilfrid Anxious to Meet week, that no opposition would be made to his landing and also that if as M. McKillop, of Vancouver, B. C., wife plosion was distinctly felt here. Numerous reports are current as to reported from Port de France, Martinique, the distinguished visitor desired by his own personal intervention to re-establish diplomatic relations, the French government was willing, pro-Ottawa, Dec. 14.-British Columbia's vided he refrained from any declara-tion calculated to disturb public order. bennant in his pocket, and he pretend ad that his vessel was a merchant steamer. A passenger on board the Allx, however, declared to the Dutch officer that the Allx was a coastguard vessel. A search was then made. The first was found in the cantain's pocket.

Interviewed by Woman. Faris, Dec. 14.—A woman newspaper writer succeeded in getting an amus-

eral hours, waiting to see if the Res-taurador would come out, but she did mot venture forth. The Gelderland manned the Alix with an officer and several marines and towed her into Curacao, arriving yesterday. The Alix is now anchored in the inner bay. Venezuela Protests tion of the minister would be practi-cally certain. Mr. Smith leaves for home again on Wednesday. KING EDWARD AGAIN IN NORMAL HEALTH IN NORMAL HEALTH The lady pointed out that it was win-ter now, and said that it he would find the minister would be practi-but finding that she was not a Span-ish woman but a Parisienne, cheered up. He asked her, with a glance at the lady pointed out that it was win-ter now, and said that it he would find the would find the colder there. "Oneration it excloses the set of the would find the colder there." it much colder there. "Operation," ex-claimed President Castro, "I am no

tro, emphasizing his words with a He says "its the greatest sport ever." Upon the advice of his physicions the King has given up his visit to Lord Burton in Derbyshire, because of the clement weather, and returns to saying that it was the brightest hour of his stay in Paris.

Going to Berlin. Cologne, Dec. 14 .-- President Castro of Venezuela, arrived here yesterday evening from Paris and spent the night at a hotel. Early this morning he started with the members of his party for Berlin. The president looks very pale and seems to be a sick man.

AGAINST "NIGHT RIDERS"

Murder of Captain

Rankin.

prosecution of the members of the clan. to-day to attend the trial.

tion. This visit is approved by Presi-dent Roosevelt and Secretary Root. While it has not been finally detre-mined upon, Mr. Taft announced on heralded, John D. Rockefeller arrived in Cleveland on Saturday from New York. The oil magnate went to his town house, and then for the first time in years stroll-ed about the oil works at East Thirteenth street and the Nickle Plate tracks, where he first set up business as an oil refiner, rode in a street car to Forest Hill, his East Cleveland estate, tramped about the place for two hours with the caretaker. There are many reasons, in Mr. There are many reasons, in Mr. vened in spelal session, and as fast as Haines will be brught into court.

K. C. INSULTS JUDGE.

JAPS TO COMMENCE CCEAN RATE WAR London, Dec. 14 .- The Edinburgh Scotsman understands the Japanese are about to commence a rate cutting against the C. P. R. on the Pacific with the object of driving them off the ocean, as they have already driven the American lines.

VANCOUVER LADY LOSES \$15,000 NECKLACE

ing 'Frisco en Route to Los Angeles.

(Special to the Times.)

of a wealthy business man of that city en route to Los Angles for the city en route to Los Angles for the winter, has reported to the police the loss of a diamond necklace valued at \$15,000. The police, after rigid investi-gation, are inclined to believe the gems dynamite in this cutting was discharggation, are inclined to believe the gens were stolen er lost during Mrs. Mc-Killop's journey from Vancouver. The loss was not discovered until Killop's journey from Vancouver. Mrs. McKillop opened her trunks at the hotel here. Mrs. McKillop thinks the ed under the supervision of one of the supervision of the supervi within a search was then made. The fag was found in the captain's pocket, and six rifles and a small quantity of a sm

SKIDOO MAN SAYS 'TIS

GREATEST SPORT EVER

Appears in Airship and Scatters Largesse to Crowd of 2.000.

(Special to the Times.) Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 14.-E. Oscar Hart, of Skiddo, Cal,, a mining man, Hart, of Skiddo, Cal, a mining man, message from Chairman Goethals to yesterday afternoon scattered largesse Capt. Hogg, chief of the Washington warships that have been cruising in Venezuelan waters since December Ind. No blockade has been declared, he set forth and the continual inter-ference with the coastwise shipping is having a detrimental effect upon the commerce of neutral powers. In con-clusion the foreign minister says: from Roy Knabenshue's airship for office of the commission, gave no detwenty minutes to two thousand tails. YACHT CLUB MURDER

TRIAL OPENS TO-DAY

Thornton J. Haines Charged as Accessory in Slaying of William Annis.

Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 14.-The trial POSTHUMOUS TITLE of Thornton J. Haines, author and seafarer, charged with being accessory to the murder of Wm. E. Annis, an editor who was shot and killed at the Gang of Ten to Answer for the Bayside Yacht Club last summer by To Be Called "Filial and Admir-Capt. Peter C. Haines, jr., will commence this afternoon before Justice Crane, in the supreme court. The old town of Flushing has not had a murder trial of such major interest fo Wilfrid Laurier, the present Canadian which would be acceptable to the com-mercial interests of Germany. Action of this kind built by the Aero which would be acceptable to the com-mercial interests of Germany. Action of this kind built by the Aero Chine of the trait bere was quite a gather-ing of people in front of the town hall, will be placed on trial for their lives control of the aeroplane proved satis-Control of the the the disting of the trial there was quite a gather-ing of people in front of the town hall, will be placed on trial for their lives control of the the trial there was quite a gather-ing of people in front of the town hall, will be placed on trial for their lives the present filled to overflowing with 300 charged with putting to death Captain hotels are filled to overflowing with 300 posthumous title of "Filial and Admir-Quenten Rankin, a prominent attorney talesmen, from which a jury will be able Empress of the Heavens, equal of Trenton, Tenn., the culminating act selected. General Peter Haines, U. S. and bright and practicing holiness." of a series of outlawry so high-handed A., retired, father of the borthers now as to call for the mustering of the soldiery of the state to aid the civil authorities in the hunting down and Haines, came up from New York city When the court meets to-day Judge Justice Crane convened the court at Joseph E. Jones will preside at the trials, and will announce his decision in talesmen might be called. The 100 talesregard to the contention of the defence that the plan suggested by the state has been protested by the defence on for selecting the jury veniremen, not by the usual method at random from drawn, were sent to a room below the among those eligible for serving, but personally by Judge Jones, is irregular. Then while the roll of 190 Red Deer; Wetaskiwin court house, near-

"BLACK HAND" CRIMES. Attack on Two Men.

Johnstown, Pa., Dec. 14.-Following the receipt of a threatening "Black Hand" letter John Onelli and Atonia Rogers were attacked and terribly in-

ELEVEN DEAD; FIFTY INJURED

DYNAMITE CATASTROPHE **ON PANAMA CANAL WORK**

Bodies Buried Beneath Debris -Casualties May Exceed Present Estimate.

Colon, Dec. 14 .- A giant blast of dynamite, all ready prepared for firing, was prematurely exploded in the workings at Bas Obispo on Saturday. Eleven men were killed and fifty mjured. It POSTOFFICE ROBBERY may be that others have been killed for the debris is piled up in all directions.

Bas Obispo is about thirty miles San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 14 .- Mrs. A. from Colon, and the shock of the exthe cause of the accident, but the offi-

jured had been sent to the hospital. The officials on the train stated that eleven dead had been found, while many others in the gang of a hundred story from Paris that Germany is about and twenty who were employed on the to acquire the Berlinga Islands, off the ut were missing.

It was also reported by the train-men that the explosion was due to a assing steam shovel, which hooked the wire leading to the immense charge

Two Americans Dead. Washington, Dec. 14 .-- Official advices show that there were two Americans killed in the explosion at Bas Objepo, These are John J. Reidy, a foreman, from Indianapolis, Ind., and James H. Hummer, of Dunnellen, N. J. The brief

STREET CROSSING FATALITY.

Chicago, Dec. 12. One passengers ford, of Manchester (the latter and several other passengers ly of McGill University, Montreal), two escaped with slight injuries yesterday, ly of McGill University, Montreal), two of the Nobel prize winners. Covers MacFarland-Moran, 2,737 miles, 1

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 14.—Attorney-ister said he was a young explorer in General Charles J. Bonaparte on Sat-urday indicated that he would not be a member of President Taft's cabinet nor chemistry. In view of this fact, laps. when in response to an inquiry on the subject he said that after March 4th next he positively would retire from public life.

able Empress of the Heavens."

Pekin, Dec. 14 .- An edict was issued yesterday conferring upon the late CEYLON ENTERTAINS Dowager Empress Tszu Hzi An, the The edict orders that special cere-PUBLIC WORKS IN ALBERTA.

Calgary, Alta., Dec. 14 .- John Storks deputy minister of public works of Al-berta, reports that work in charge of his department is now in course of actual construction as follows: Bridge at Taber over Belly river; bridge at McLeod over

Work has been suspended on the Cal- peans, gary land titles office owing to shortage of supplies. The second floor of the par-liament building at Edmonton will be completed by the end of January. Mr. Stocks expects that these various works will be continued right through the

CALGARY'S NEW LIBRARY.

Calgary, Alta., Dec. 14 .- The Calgary the Connecticut with the usual saibrary board will take immediate lutes. steps to push forward the construction of the new library for Calagry. All tleships at Calamba-they arrived yesdecided advantage to the advancement been found charging verying degrees of the canal project, and consequently of lawlessness. The present is the sec-to the United States. President Roose-ond term of the court, the first term. Attack on Two Men. menced in a few days.

TRIBUTE TO BILL NVL. Greensboro, N. Y., Dec. 14 .- Dr. John M.

During the stay of the sixteen batentertained by General Lawrence. The first batch of sailors, consisting of 28 bluejackets and two officers from each ship, came ashore in the morning and Eddy said their leader was in her usual health. Mrs. Eddy was said to be attending to her writing and other engagements to-day as justic of stormy weather and was planning to do the same this afternoon. The function with little of the same this afternoon. The function with little of the same this afternoon. The function with little of the same this afternoon. The function with little of the same this afternoon. The function with little of the same this afternoon. The function with little of the same this afternoon. The function with little of the same this afternoon. The function with little of the same this afternoon. The function with little of the same this afternoon. The function with little of the same this afternoon. The function with little of the same this afternoon. The function with little of the same this afternoon. The function with little of the same this afternoon. The function with little of the same this afternoon. The function with little of the function with litt

of dynamite.

Chicago, Dec. 14.-One man was



MONTREAL SNOWBOUND. Montreal, Que., Dec. 14 .- Thirty hours' continuous snowfall in Montreal and throughout a large portion of Quebec provinces is giving the railroads and municipal authorities a severe battle to keep open the lines of transportation

BANQUET OF DEATH.

mpany

(Special to the Times.) meat served at the Prometheus ban-quet, is about to die.

BANKING ABSORPTION.

Uxbridge, Ont., Dec. 14. The private banking business of Isaac T. Gould & Brothers, of this town, has been taken over by the Sterling Bank of Canada.

AT SAULT STE. MARIE

Deputy Postmaster Sandbagged-Thieves Escape With \$2,500.

Sault Ste Marie, Mich., Dec. 14 .-Three unknown men entered the postoffice here last night while Deputy

Berlin, Dec. 14.—The Lisbon correspond-ent of the Cologne Gazette, says in a dis-patch that he is authorized to deny the coast of Portugal, with the idea of estab-lishing a fortified coaling station there. ADMIRAL CERVERA RETIRES.

Madrid, Dec. 14 .- Vice-Admiral Cervera,

ARE BANQUETTED

Stockholm, Dec. 14 .- Dr. Lefflo, the Lippman, of Paris, and Prof. Ruther- in 1899. prize. He (the chairman), drank the welfare of French and British scienc PRINCE CHUN'S SALARY.

tering Chinese Affairs

Pekin Dec. 14-Statutes fixing the offi cial status of Prince Chun, the r were published to-day. The Prin given an annual salary of 150,000 (about \$105.000), and is made commander -chief of both the land and sea forces of the Dowager's winter residence.

Admiral Sperry is Given Good **Reception in British De**pendency.

Colombo, Ceylon, Dec. 14.-Rear-Admiral Sperry landed to-day from the battleship Connecticut to pay his ing completion. Provincial telephone warehouse in this city, almost finished. guard of honor had been assembled and there was a big crowd on the water-front composed of natives and Euro-

> drove to the governor's residence. ed the call, and was received on board

LABOR'S AWFUL **DEATH ROLL**

No. 96

Montreal it is costing more than \$1,000 an hour to keep the streets open, without counting the expense to the street railway OVER THIRTY THOUSAND **DEAD; 2,000,000 INJURED**

Vallejo, Cal., Dec. 14.-Mrs. August tose, another victim of the poisoned U. S. Statistics for 1908 Reveal **Excessive List of** Casualties.

> Washington, D. C., Dec. 14 .- Between 30,000 and 35,000 deaths, and 2,000,0000 injured is the accident record in the United States during the past year among workingmen, according to a bulletin on accidents issued to-day by

> the bureau of labor. Of those employed in factories and vorkshops, it is stated that probably the most exposed class are the workers in iron and steel. Fatal accidents among electricians and electric linemen and coal miners are declared to be excessive, while railway trainmen were killed in the proportion of 7.46 deaths per 1,000 employees. The bulletin declares that much that could be done for the protection of the

workingmen is neglected, though many and far-reaching improvements have office here last night while Deputy Postmaster Frank Higgins was mak-during the last decade.

> MACFARLAND WINS SIX-DAY GRIND

Five Feet Separate Leaders After Desperate Finish-**Record Beaten.**

Madison Square Garden, New York. Dec. 14 .- Floyd MacFarland, the veteran bicycle racer of California, won the sixteenth international six-day race for the team of MacFarland and Moran at Madison Square Garden on Saturday night, and set a new distance record. who commanded the Spanish fleet in the battle of Santiago, was retired from the active list of the Spanish navy to-day at mara, of the Demara-Hill combination, mara, of the Demara-Hill combination, the "ormer of California, the latter of Boston, was third. The final sprint of the miles was between the repre-sentatives of these three teams, which were on equal terms as to distance covered, the others withdrawing to give them a clear track. The teams that took part in the final dash covered 2,737 miles, 1 lap, in 142 hours, well known mathematician, gave a which is three miles seven laps ahead luncheon on Saturday in honor of Prof. of the record set by Miller and Waller

Following is the standing of the

when a Michigan Central freight train ran into a street car at a crossing in Chicago Heights. U. S. ATTORNEY GENERAL U. S. ATTORNEY GENERAL U. S. ATTORNEY GENERAL

STEINHEIL TRAGEDY

FOR TSZU HZI AN WIII Receive \$105,000 Yearly for Adminis- Influential Parisians Said to Be Mixed Up in Murder Mystery.

Paris, Dec. 14.-Another startling the Empire. The edict provides also that a palace be built for him near the site of prevent the exposure of influential citipolitical crime is being covered up to

> This is the opinion of a majority of those who have followed the investiga-AMERICAN ARMADA tion of Madame Steinheil, who is sus-pected of being involved in the plot that esulted in the murder of her husband and mother on the night of May 31st.

The threatened collapse of the inves-tigation that Magistrate Andre has been conducting for two weeks, just at the time when it seemed that it would bear abundant fruit has cor vinced most Parisians that powerful influences have intervened to check the prosecution and that justice will be thwarted in the attempt to solve another of France's political murders. It is asserted by many of those who front composed of natives and Euro-heil, which at one time seemed would The admiral was cheered as he step- result in a complete breakdown of the

pleted by the end of saturary. ar, stocks expects that these various works will be continued right through the winter months. Regiment, which was drawn up on the pleter area to such importance, was not resorted to with Mme. Steinheil. The public is con-Later in the day the governor return- been re-enacted before Mme. Steinheil during her highly nervous state the whole truth of the crime would have come out.

KILLED BY DYNAMITE.

Cobalt, Ont., Dec. 14 .-- George Hinds while Rear-Admiral Schroeder will be of Creemore, was killed at the O'Brien mine by dynamite which exploded through the heat of his hands. He leaves a wife and family.

BULL-FIGHTING TRAGEDY.