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#### **NEGRO VOTERSFORMPARTY** SPOONER IS WILLING.

#### Will Ask Alabama Democrats to Please Let Them Register.

SALEM, Ala., Dec. 11.-Negroes from all portions of the state met today to form a colored Republican party. Resolutions were adopted indorsing the action of President Roosevelt in not recognizing the "Lily White" branch of the pauty. An address was issued to the negro voters advising them to appeal to the Democrats to allow them to register next week, when the reg-istration books will be opened for the last

Ready to Accept Re-Election to Senate From Wisconsin.

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CHICAGO, Dec. 11.-A special to the Record-Herald from Milwaukee, Wis., SAVS:

nator John C. Spooner, in answer to a formal letter of inquiry sent him by Sen ator Whitehead and the Assemblymen of Rock County, announces that he will ac-cept a re-election to the United States Senate if it be tendered him by the Leg-islature. He says he would consider an election a command from the party which he had no right to disobey.

militia. Any such persons refusing to enroll voluntarily, as patriotism demands, will be declared traitors and sent before the tribunals."

Yesterday after a long conference with President Castro, United States Minister Bowen obtained an order for the libera. tion of the remaining British and German subjects who were held prisoners, and an hour later all had been released. Minister Bowen and Secretary of Legation Russell went to the tall five times and assisted the poor colored British subjects and those who were ill. The order for the release of the prisoners has made a good impression, and is looked upon as a polltic act on the part of President

TO DEFEND LA GUAYRA. Great Preparations Being Made and

Castro.

Whole Population Takes Arms. LA GUAYRA, Dec. 12 .- The defense preparations at the strategic points on the heights back of the town are being vigorously pushed forward. The deposits of powder in the fortresses of La Vigia

and San Carlos have been removed. Great patriotic demonstrations are being made, and every one capable of bearing arms is offering his services. The embargo placed upon the harbor

corporation has been removed. Every one in Caracas believes the situation to be desperate and threatens war. unless Minister Bowen succeeds in having the matters in dispute submitted to

arbitration. It is said on the authority of an official near to President Castro that the President has allowed Minister Bowen to communicate with the Berlin and London governments through the State Department at Washington, this being the only hope of avoiding a serious conflict. It is reported that the plan of the British and German forces is to secure the ports of La Guayra and Puerto Ca-

#### ASKS BOWEN TO ARBITRATE. Castro Seeks Mediation of United

States With Allies. CARACAS, Dec. 12-It is stated on good authority that the Venezuelan government has asked United States Minister Bowen to act as arbitrator in the controversy with Great Britain and Germany.

The English telephone office here has been seized.

## MORE CONSULS CAPTURED.

Venezuelans Make Arrests and Fortify Puerto Cabello. LONDON, Dec. 12 -A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Willemstad, Island of Curacao, dated December 11, says:

"The Venezuelan authorities at Puerto Cabello are fortifying that town. They have seized and imprisoned the British and German Consuls there, as well as other Britons and Germans, and have

Puerto Cabello. This vessel was unable to escape owing to a breakdown in her

9 years must enroll themseives in the Gulf of Paris and taken to Port-of-Spain. Trinidad, this morning by the British | sloop-of-war Alert.

> RELIEF AT THE RELEASE. Dangerous Factor Removed and

United States Will Not Be Involved. WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.-Minister Bowen, at Caracas, in a cablegram to the State Department today, confirms the press reports that all the German and British prisoners have been released. This was the only dispatch that came to the State Department over night as to the situation in Venezuela, but it was welcome, as the officials felt that by releasing these civilians President Castro had diminished greatly the most serious factor in the problem. Had he insist-ed on restraining them, the allies must

have dispatched a force to the capital of Venezuela and war cutright would have ensued. As it is, the officials here prefer to regard the status as not one war, providing the ailies adhere to the of their original programme of a "peaceful blockade" perhaps followed by the temporary seizure of Venezuelan custom-houses, Details of the sinking of the Venezuelan navy by the ailled naval forces are awaited with interest here, and the of-ficials could but express their regret and surprise that it had been necessary to

voceed to such extremes. Nothing has yet occurred to induce the State Department to change the policy of noninterference which it has adopted. The President is showing particular interest in the situation, and this morning he called Secretary Hay away from his regular

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in, of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company; W. W. Douglass, State Controller, and ex-Mayor Phelan, headed by Senator Perkins, called upon the President to

day to discuss with him the pending proposition to place the Government transport service on the Pacific in private hands, with headquarters in Seattle, The delegation informed the President

that the people of San Francisco had erected a monument to commemorate Dewey's victory at Manila and the Navy in general, and invited the President to attend the dedication ceremonies while on his trip to the Coast next Spring. The

President accepted the invitation, and a date will be named to suit his conveni-

The delegation went from the executive offices to the War Department to discuss the matter with the Socretary of War. Mr. Schwerin was the principal speaker, and put forward the proposition that if the Government did not care to operate its own transport service, his company would conduct the transport business for the Government, using the Government vessels now employed under charter or for direct compensation.

Miss Clara Barton, of the National Red Cross Society, and Samuel W. Briggs, secretary of the society, also saw the Presi-

here for New York next Saturday. ALL UNDER SUSPICION. Timber Entries in Pacific Coast States Are Suspended.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 11 .- Secretary Hitchcock ordered suspension of all timber and stone entries in Oregon, Washington and California, pending investigations.

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lowadays.

"We have the backing of men with noney in Portland whenever we wish to put in new grounds. . Portland's position. in the league race last year was not particularly creditable to Mr. Marshall, and the baseball public did not take kindly to the slump of the team. Not only will it he easy for us to get backing in Portland, but Butte and Helena will come forward with the sinews of war, as well as Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane,

"It will cost the California League a pretty penny to experiment with a rival jeague up in our territory. It may cost this league some money, but the defense fund will come partly from the National Association, and I guess we have enough money to pay the rest.

"It is not difficult to predict what will be done in Seattle. Manager Dugdale, who gave Seattle the best article of baseball the town ever had, is forced to seek new grounds. The old grounds are to be cut up into town lots. Mr. Dugdale made money with his team, can see his way clear to make more money and will spend his cash uneparingly to down any invader. He will be backed in every way by the National Association and the clubs of the Pacific Northwest League. Since he has all his players in reserve for next year. and not a few signed, Dugdale is on 'easy-

street,' so far as his team is concerned. "I do not anticipate a great deal of crouble in more than holding our own in the Pacific Northwest, but I do see all kinds of trouble ahead for Harris and his associates if they put in clubs for this territory.'

Mr. Lucas has been working night and day to finish up the official averages of the players. He left tonight for Seattle and may go on to Portland. His Portland trip, however, depends on the outcome of affairs at Seattle.

Lucas to Direct the War.

SEATTLE, Dec. II.-President Lucan will arrive in Seattle tomorrow morning to take charge of the baseball fight. He wires that the war will be carried right to the California people, and intimates that he has a trump card to play in the Portland situation. He has been assured by President Sexton, of the Minor League Association, that the whole power of the body will be used to repel the invaders. President Lucas' principal work will be to put a team in Portland.

NEW LEAGUE A CERTAINTY.

### Henry Harris Says Portland Will Have a Team-Dugdale to Fight.

"It is an absolute certainty that Portland will play in a new baseball organ-ization next season. The new association will be known as the Pacific Coast Baseball League, and, besides Portland and Seattle, will embrace the cities which were represented in the California League last Summer. The entire circuit will in-clude Portland, Seattle, San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento and Los Angeles," This definite statement was made to The Oregonian yesterday by Henry Harris, the California baseball magnate, who has just returned from Seattle, where he made final arrangements to take Seattle "There will be no additions to this cir-

cuit." said Mr. Harris. "Spokane wants

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THE MOST REV. FREDERICK TEMPLE, D. D. LONDON, Dec. 11.-The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Frederick Temple, who was overcome while speaking in the House of Lords on the education bill, is now rapidly growing weaker.

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taken possession of their property. "The authorities also reized a British ship which was discharging a cargo of coal at

maintained, the facilities for caring for ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY ON HIS DEATHBED

dent to profest against the removal of the service from San Francisco to Seattle. They expressed the belief that the removal would be a mistake, because, they