#### TALK OF THE COMMISSION

Bowen May Be Asked to Represent the South American Republic in Bealing With the Europeans. Blockade to Continue.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.-The Venezuelan government now is in possession of the complete notes of Great Britain and Germany containing the various reservations made by these governments before the decision was reached that the issues between Venezuela and the European governments having claims against her should be referred to The Hague tribunal for arbitration. The United States has acted as intermediary in the steps leading up to the acceptance of arbitration, and now turns over to the Venezuelan government the formal work of completing the basis for full hearing before The Hague. The notes were transmitted to the Venezuelan government through Minister Bowen at Caracas.

There were no new features to the sit-

uation here today. Officials are hopeful that the governments interested will work harmoniously and conscientiously to reach an early and final solution of the trouble. The Administration is anxious that there soon may be amelioration of the blockade. It is certain this Government will use every effort to have the blockade called off pending consideration of the questions at issue by The Hague tribunal, for the double reason that its continuance is always a menace to peace and order and because of the harmful effects on American shipping to Venezuelan ports. Just what the allied governments have determined upon in that regard it is difficult to say, as Secretary Hay has uniformly refused to make public their reservations and domands as a preliminary to arbitration, feeling that such information should come from the govern-

#### FORMATION OF THE COMMISSION. Suggestions as to Its Membership-Castro Has Not Accepted.

CARACAS, Dec. 28.-United States Min ister Bowen and Lopez Baratt. Venezu-elan Minister of Foreign Affairs, heid a long conference last night. Mr. Bowen, obeying instructions from Washington, conveyed to Senor Baratt President Roosevelt's refusal to act as arbitrator in the Venezuelan difficulty. He recommend-ed that the matter be taken to the international peace court at The Hague, which had been expressly organized to consider questions in which the honor of a coun-try or the disposition of territory were concerned. He suggested the organ-ion of a commission to sit in Washington, the allied powers to be represented on this commission by their Ambas-sadors to the United States, and Venezuela by a delegate. The commission is to gn a document setting forth the matters be decided at The Hague court. Mr. Bowen said also that Germany would not press for an immediate payment, and that she had agreed to accept a guarantee based on a percentage of the custom re-

result of this conference, Senor Barait telegraphed President Castro to return from La Victoria. The President will reach here tomorrow and Venezuela's gate to the commission, the Venezuelan government will ask that the blockade be lifted at once. Senor Baralt has ex-pressed the desire that Minister Bowen represent Venezuela on the commission. If Mr. Bowen cannot accept the post, it is suggested in official circles that it be given to W. W. Russell, secretary of the Senor Baralt has prepared the following

statement for the Associated Press: "Venezueia agrees to pay all her debts, the payments to be guaranteed by a cer-tain percentage of the customs receipts by the flotation of a special loan, also be guaranteed. I believe the proposal to submit the issue to The Hague will be acceptable to President Castro. I am sorry that President Roosevelt was unable to act as arbitrator."

or Baralt has suggested to President Castro the promotion to higher rank of Senor Pulldo, Charge d'Affaires of the Venezuelan government in Washington, and the appointment of Isaac Caprotes, son-in-law of the late President Crespo,

#### Venezuelan Revolutionists Active. WILLEMSTAD, Curacao, Dec. 28.-The

Venezuelan revolutionists have resumed active heatilities against President Castro There occurred yesterday morning a lively engagement between 1200 revolutionists under General Riera and government forces at Cauyarao, in the vicinity of Details of the engagement arlacking, but it is known here that the revolutionists had artillery. The gov-ernment forces were commanded by General Renefero Castillo. General Riera re-tained his position. The armistice be-tween the government and the revolutionists has just expired.

#### Strategic Stroke Against Castro.

WILLEMSTAD, Island of Curacao, Dec. thoritative source in Caracas that Vicente Gomez, First Vice-President of Republic, intends to carry out a bold strategic stroke against President Castro. General Ziolio Vedal and five other leading supporters of General Matos, who had sought refuge here, left the Island of Curacao early this morning in a saliboat, which took them in the direction of Cum-Venezuelan arebo, near Coro, on the coast. The departure of these men is taken as proof that the revolt against President Castro is again active.

Steamer Lands at La Guavra steamer Maracaibo arrived here this af ternoon at 2 o'clock and entered the port, landed her passengers and mails and received passengers and mails for La Guayra. Afterward she left for Willem-

The British cruiser Charybdis passed this port yesterday, going in a westerly direction. She communicated with the British cruiser Tribune. The Charybdis returned from the West this afternoon and continued in the direction of Trini-

# Blockade WIN Continue.

LONDON, Dec. 28.-A dispatch to the Central News from Rome says it has been semi-officially announced that under spe clal agreements the blockade of the Vene guelan coast by the allies will continu during the arbitration of the issues.

Mexican Plague Abating. MAZATLAN, Mexico, Dec. 28.-There is a better feeling, now that the plague has somewhat abated in virulence. The energetic measures taken by the authorities have had excellent results. The prople

leaving town have in some cases end tered sanifary cordons on approaching neighboring villages, and has returned Foreign ships touching here refuse to take passengers or freight. The deaths are diminishing notably, only four being re-ported on Thursday last, and during the subsequent days but few.

# PASSIONIST FATHERS.

Celebration of Golden Jubilee in Progress in Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 28.—The golden jubilee of the Passionist Fathers in the United States is being celebrated in the monastery of St. Paul of the Cross. The first session was opened this morning at 10:30 with a solemn blessing of a marble Calvary group ever, the allegants a solemn vary group over the altar and a solemn pontifical mass. The blessing of the Cal-vary group was conducted with much re-ligious pomp by Cardinai Gibbons. In the sanctuary were: Right Rev. Bishop Phelan, ranking next to the cardinal; Phelan, ranking next to the cardinal; Most Rev. Archbishop Ryan; of Phila-delphia; Most Rev. Archbishop Eder, Right Rev. John W. Shanahan, Right Rev. P. J. Donahue, Right Rev. Leo Hald, O. S. B., and a number of prelates, dignitaries and priests, of this and other

Following the blessing of the crucifixion came solemn pontifical mass, with Most Rev. P. J. Ryan as celebrant.

The afternoon service commenced at 3:30 o'clock with solemn pontifical vespers and benediction. Archbishop P. J. Donahue, of Wheeling, acted as celebrant at vespers, with the Passionist fathers

as chanters in copes.

Mass will be offered tomorrow morning at 10:30 for the deceared, Archbishop Burke, of Albany, being the celebrant. Cardinal Gibbons will be present at the mass, but will leave at 1 o'clock in a special car over the Baltimore & Ohio for Wheeling, W. Va., where he will be given a reception by Bishop P. J. Dona-

The great crowds attending the jubilee celebration taxed the capacity of the street-cars to and from the monastery, but only one accident of consequence rebut only one accident of consequence re-sulted. Nine passengers in a runaway Southern Traction car were badly hurt, but none seriously. Two men, J. M. Eagan, of the Times, and J. B. Johnson, of the Post, suffered the severest in-juries. Eagan got two ribs broken and was cut and bruised; Johnson's head, hands and legs were cut and torn. The accident occurred immediately after

The accident occurred immediately after the afternoon services. The car was crowded and when the long hill was reached, the brakes were ineffective be-cause the rails had been covered with snow by boys who were coasting. The car began a slide and gained a wonder-ful speed when one wheel broke, throw-ing it against an electric light pole. The car was completely wrecked and the pas-sengers jammed into a confused mass. To add to the passengers' distress the fire in the stove communicated to the wreckage Fortunately other cars came slong at this moment, and it was only a short time before the are had been extinguished and the passengers relieved. It was found that the car had coasted 5000 feet before the wheel broke.

#### BOXERS UNSUCCESSFUL. Several Citizens Behended Because

in League With Rebels.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 28 .- According to advices received by the steamer Tartar, the Boxer rising in Sze Chuan continue and another attack was made on Chengtu in November. While some of the rebels battered the gates another body surprised the outer fortress, but the soldiers fought desperately and ultimate-ly defeated the Boxers, killing many and capturing some. Had the fort been capred by the Boxers the city would have en at the mercy of the invaders. The captives were tortured and from informstion given under this pressure several citizens were arrested, charged with being in league with the rebels, and all were beheaded. Before the execution a messenger arrived from the Boxers demanding the release of the prisoners. The messenger was hanged in a cage. Hunan copies of the Shanghai papers

send particulars regarding the execution of Major Liu, the Chen Chou military official, who refused to protect the muranswer to the foregoing proposal will be given then. It is understood that Venezuela will make any concession, even abandoning her demand that her navy be returned. Through the Venezuelan delection of Major Liu, the Chen Chou military official, who refused to protect the murdered missionaries, Bruce and Lewis, from abandoning her demand that her navy be returned. Through the Venezuelan delections of Major Liu, the Chen Chou military official, who refused to protect the murdered missionaries, Bruce and Lewis, from a manded by the British government and China forced to accede after a navail China forced to accede after a navai nstration at Hankow, The condemned man was taken from the yamun in a chair, after being taken before the Governor and British representative, to a place outside the city walls, where he was beheaded. He was clad in his official robes. The execution was witnessed by a large number of foreigners from the tower over the city gate. After the cution the remains were wrapped in a red wrapper by the Magistrates, and all day a continual line of people sacrificed and wept bitterly before the coffin.

Before leaving Pekin en route to Washington, Su Liang Cheng, who will replace Wu Ting Fang as Chinese Minister to the United States, was given 1000 taels and a large bouquet by the Empress Dowager, with whom he was in audi-

ence for some hours. News was received from Bangkok of a lision in the mouth of the Menam River between the North German Lloyd er Phra Chom Klao and the East edian Company's steamer Kelantan, the latter sinking in a few minutes. No lives were lost. The bark Aberystwick Castle, which was dismasted 250 miles off Yokohama on a voyage from the Celebes to Eureka as before reported, has been sold to Japan at Yokohama and the crew sent

### SICK AND THE DEAD.

Death of Benevalent Catholic. MISHAWAKA, Ind., Dec. 28.—Very Rev. August B. Oechtering, rector of the Catholic Church for 49 years, and dean of the fifth Indiana district, died peacefully this afternoon, after an illness of two months. He was educated at Cin-cinnati, and ordained there. Dean Occh-tering was one of the best-known Catholic clergymen in the Central West. His age was & years. He inherited wealth from his parents' estate in Germany, but devoted all to the parish here.

Sudden Death of Michigan Historian. DETROIT, Dec. 28.-Silas Farmer, au-thor and publisher of a two-volume history of Michigan, and a recognized au-thority on history of the Northwest, died suddenly today at his residence in this city. Death was due to acute indigestion. Mr. Farmer, who was 63 years old, was a Fellow of the American Geographical Society, and was a well known as a lec-

#### Nate Salsbury's Funeral.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 .- Funeral services for the late Nate Salsbury were held today, under the auspices of the Masonic Fraternity. Rev. Dr. Burriil, of Free-port III, a life-long friend of the dead showman, preached the sermon. prominent theatrical people were in at-

# Catholic Priest Dead.

TIFFIN, O., Dec. 28.-Rev. John P. Puetz, aged 70, rector of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, in this city, died in Las Vegas, N. M., last night, where he was pending the Winter for his health.

Cornelius Vanderbilt Improving. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.-Cornellus Van-derbilt continues to improve. His temperature is slowly dropping toward nor-mal. The attending physicians are well satisfied with his progress.

Bishop of St. Albans Dead. LONDON, Dec. 28.-Right Rev. John Festing, bishop of St. Albans, is

# HERMANN IS COMING

Will Have a Finger in Oregon Senatorial Pie.

WILL HE FIRST RESIGN?

Civil Service Regulations May Prevent His Campaign Here While He Holds Commissionership of the General Land Office.

OREGONIAN NEWS EUREAU, Washington, Dec. 24.—People in Washington are taking a lively interest in the various Senatorial elections that are to take place, and especial interest is manifested in Oregon. It being a foregons conclusion Oregon. It being a foregone concretes that Simon will not return, Oregon people are frequently asked concerning his successor. Some additional interest is successor. Some additional interest is manifested because it is well known here that Commissioner Hermann, of the Gen-eral Land Office, has Senatorial aspirations, and it is expected that he will be on the ground when the Legislature meets, looking after his fences.

Hermann's position has evoked considerable interest because it is a well-known crable interest because it is a well-known fact that he had made arrangements to resign as Commissioner of the General Land Office soon after the Oregon elections last June. Why this resignation has not taken place cannot be fully explained. The arrangement was made with the late President McKinley, and grew out of the friction that occurred between Secretary Hitchcock and the Commission. Secretary Hitchcock and the Commission er. Western men who do not approve of Hitchcock's administration stood by Hermann quite firmly, but the matter got to a point where President McKinley would have to dispense with his Secretary of the Interior or with his Commissioner of Land Affairs. Then came the awful tragedy at Buffalo, and while this did not absolve Hermann from the arrangement that he should retire, the new President did not feel like enforcing it after the Oregon election, especially as many Oregon men were anxious that Hermann should continue in his place. Some hope was ex-pressed that the difficulties between the Secretary and the Commissioner might be fixed up, but they are still strained, and on this account those who were aspirants for Commissioner Hermann's place are wondering why he has been retained so long. The impression is that his resig-nation any time during the last few months might have injured whatever Sen-

atorial chances he had.

As Mr. Hermann has been long enough in Washington, and has for nearly six years been Commissioner of the General years been Commissioner of the General Land Office, he and his family have be-come well known both officially and so-cially in the National Capital, and, consequently, the possibility of his resigna-tion or the possibility of his election to the Senate attract considerable attention ng people who are discussing Oregon

As to Precedent. It seems to be understood on every hand that Commissioner Hermann will soon leave for Oregon, where he will take personal charge of his Senatorial campaign. There is, consequently, much wonderment as to whether or not he will first tender his resignation as Commissioner of the Land Office. In several instances in the past, where Government bureau chiefs have left Washington to run for the Sen-nte, they have first resigned their offices. The last case of the kind was that of Controller of the Currency Dawes, who resigned to make the race against Billy Mason, in Hilnois. Several persons who are in more or less close touch with the President state that he regards it as the duty of any Government official who de-sires to run for the Senate to sever all connection with the Government service before he actively enters the field. If this be true, it is reasonable to suppose that interesting developments will soon come to the surface around Commissioner Herssioner believe his chances are bright for securing the Senatorial plum by grace of the Oregon Legislature this Winter. He feels that had he been on the ground two years ago, he might have been elected instead of Mitchell. He, therefore, concludes that he will be able to accomplish more by personally conducting his campaign, then by leaving it in the hands of his friends.

In Other States. is also a good deal of interest in the Senatorial election in Washington and Idaho. None of the aspirants are at all well known, save John L. Wilson, whose 10 years here gave him a certain kind of notoriety, if not fame. A great many old Senators in Washington will be very glad to see George L. Shoup come to the Senate from Idaho. Shoup never took Senate from Idaho. Shoup come to the Senate from Idaho. Shoup never took any prominent part in the lengthy debates in the Senate, but he was one of the hardheaded men whose advice was frequently sought and taken on great public ques-tions. A great many Republicans think that he is entitled to consideration, because he did not follow Teller, Dubols, Cannon, Pettigrew and others out of the Republican party at the Chicago convention in 1896, but remained true to the party, even if it was almost sure to cause him defeat in the Senatorial elections.

Currency Legislation. Currency legislation is demanded at every session of Congress. Men who are concerned in finance and who have made a study of the needs of the Government and business in the matter of currency have urged some action toward bringing about a better system for the United States. Efforts are being made to erad-icate the sentimental feature, such as retention of greenbacks, because they were issued during the Civil War, and it is also the idea of a great many financiers that something should be done with the unwieldy amount of silver which has been stacked up in the Treasury, and which is now more than two-thirds flat. All this currency rests upon the fact that it is practically redeemable in gold, although provision has not been made for redeem-ing silver dollars and silver certificates in the standard money. At the same time, there is no trouble in getting gold for silver money, but it is still optional with the Government to make the ex-change. Members of the House of Rep-resentatives are willing to go ahead and egislate. Probably the Republican majority would be willing to take up the Fowler bill or some other financial measure and evolve what is best for the Government and put it in law. It is rather curious to note the way suggestions o currency reform are received by leading Senators. Members of the finance com-mittee listen to what eminent bankers and financiers have to say, but they are very reticent as to committing themselves or their committee to any positive action Of course, if one should talk seriously with them, they would say: "You know it is useless to attempt to legislate on such an important subject during the short session of Congress." And yet it is well known that they made no such at-

tempt during the last session.

Army Legislation. Secretary Root has made signal progress in his efforts to have a general staff bill passed. Had the common sense of Con-gress been awakened to the importance of reformation in this particular a year ago.

ceived strong support from General Alger, which was somewhat unexpected. Alger, which was somewhat unexpected. Alger, who administered the War Department during the Spanish War, gave his views to the committee in discussing the subject with Secretary Root, and the two men who had more practical knowledge of what was needed than any other men on the committee, agreed that a general staff was necessary, and that our present system was decidedly obsolete in handling armies and supplying them. Something might be done to let the bill pass the Senage, but the prospects are that there are enough men who do not want to see any legislation to keep it from ever coming

legislation to keep it from ever coming to a vote. Nationalizing the Militia. Speaking of the staff bill recalls the fact that another measure of Secretary Root's which he is very anxious about is his militia bill. Curiously enough, the militia bill passed the House last session with scarcely any opposition. Even the Southern men did not discover anything had shout it and were perfectly willing.

bad about it, and were perfectly willing to see it go through. But in the Senate some of the old states' rights Southerners have found what they regard as a fatal defect in that the state militia becomes nationalized, and is subject to Federal control, and they fear that this may mean that the states will not have a militia of their own. At first, they did not see any-thing particularly objectionable in the bill, but gradually they worked themselves up to the belief that the proposed militia bill was another step in the direction of Na-tionalizing the National Guard and making them Federal soldiers. This, to a cer-tain extent, is what the Secretary of War desires. He wants the militia of the states made a reserve of the United States Army. He wants the militia trained as United States soldiers are trained. He wants men to belong to the militia not so much as a social organization, as at present, but who are ready to take the field if needed by the Government. Secretary Root and those who favor the bill believe that the militla of the country, although under state organization and control, should become a National organization, and to a great extent, especially as large appropriations are made each year by the general Government for the support of the militia. The prospects are that this bill in some amended form will get through before the end of the long session, as the opposition to it is not year proposition. to it is not very pronounced, and is con-fined to a few of the Southern Senators who generally find something to split halrs over. The most unfortunate feature of it is that it started up a general states' rights discussion, and this could be made the pretext of occupying the time of the Senate indefinitely.

#### SHERMAN STRUCK CORK. Damaged, but Proceeded to Manile Under Own Steam.

MANILA, Dec. 28.-The United States Army transport Sherman struck a rock near San Bernardino Light, south of Lu-zon, Friday night. The transport sustained a heavy shock, and some of her plates were damaged. After the accident 22 inches of water was found in her forward bilges, but was controlled by steady pumping. The steamer proceeded for Ma-nila under her own steam, and arrived here today.

When the Sherman struck the passen-gers on board were terrified, but there was no disorder. They promptly took their stations, with life-preservers on, in the email boats. The officers of the Sherman handled the situation splendidly. Her cargo was not damaged. It probably will be necessary for her to dock at Hong Kong. Kong.

#### Suppressing Ladronism.

MANILA, Dec. 28.-Governor Taft's en ergetic expeditions looking to the suppres-sion of ladronism have produced unusual activity in this direction. Numerous Municipal Presidents in the provinces of Ca-vite and Rizal are assisting the native Conetabulary is running down the handits.

Pope Against Philippine Church. ROME, Dec. 28.-The Tribuna says the pope has ordered the archbishop of Manila to excommunicate all persons who en-deavor to promote the creation of a national church in the Philippines.

#### POISONED BY WINE. Fatal Peace Offering After a Serious

'CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Poisoned, it is charged, by means of a bottle of wine, given as a Christmas present, Richard

Cummings, 50 years of age, died today at the home of Mrs. Lizzie Shanahan, 4228 Ashland avenue, where he was boarding. William Monlak, his wife, Mrs. Theresa Monlak, and their 14-year-old daughter. Mary of 4228 Ashland avenue, were arrested today on suspicion of having poi-soned Cummings.

A bitter quarrel is said to have taken place between Cummings and Mrs. Shana-nan, on the one side, and the Moniaks on the other. The wine, according to the story told the police, was given to Mrs. Shanahan by Mary Moniak on behalf of her parents, as a peace offering. Mrs. Shanahan drank some of it and said she suffered from severe pains afterward. She offered some of the wine to her niece, who complained that it tasted bitter. Cumings drank the remainder, and died

"I have been poisoned by that bottle of wine, and I went the people who gave it to me arrested," were his last words to Mrs. Shanahan, Dr. William T. Kirby. who attended him, received a simila

An examination of Cummings' stomach will be made tomorrow. Mr. Moniak and his wife deny that they had any knowledge of poison being in the wine.

#### "DOLLIE EARL" IDENTIFIED Rochester Girl Wife of New York Saloonkeeper.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28 .- Dollie Earl, he actress, who last night committed suicide in her dressing-room at a burlesque theater here, was today identified as Doi-ile Ailen, daughter of Mrs. T. J. Ailen, of Rochester, N. Y. The identification was made by Mrs. Meyers, of this city, who said she had known the actress since childhood. Mrs. Meyers stated also that Miss Allen was married to Frank A. Bauersmith, proprietor of a saloon in New York. Her grandfather was John T. Allinger, who; according to Mrs. Meyers, was a wealthy merchant of Rocheste and who, at his death, left his business to T. J. Allen, the girl's father. Dollie Earl, as she was known on the stage, for-merly sang with some of the leading comic opera companies, but about eight years ago her voice failed, and she apica. The Coroner has not yet heard from any of her relatives

Mascagni to Lead Thomas' Orchestra CHICAGO, Dcc. 28.-Pietro Mascagni, the Italian composer, will appear in Chicago as temporary director of the Thomas Orchestra. It also was determined today that he will resume his tour of the United States, and he is now looking for a manager with sufficient capital to insure a successful journey. So many Chicagoans requested the composer to give another performance that it was impossible for him to refuse. Requests came from men and women in every walk of life. The concert will be held at the Auditorium

reformation in this particular a year ago, like it is new, there might have been the formation. But the awakening comes too late. The House may pass a measure which will put it on a footing to be considered in the next Congress, but Secretary Root will not realize his hopes in this session unless a miracle happens in the United States Senate, and that no one looks for. The Secretary of War re-How to Avoid the Dangers of a Cold.

## **HUMBERTS GO TO PARIS**

SPANISH AUTHORITIES TURN THEM

hey Are Objects of Much Carloxity Along the Way-Mrs. Humbert Is Indignant.

ARIS, Dec. 28.-The train bringing to Paris the members of the Humbert family, who were arrested in Madrid, was due to arrive at 4.52 o'clock tomorrow morning, but owing to an accident to a brake it was two hours late at the Spanish frontier, thereby missing connections with the Paris express at Bordeaux

with the Paris express at Bordeaux. In their anxiety to avoid the assembling of crowds and demonstrations upon the arrival of the Humberts, the authorities here refuse to say at what station the prisoners will leave the train. The predelay in arriving, as it now seems probable that the train will reach Paris in broad daylight, instead of, as intended, in the darkness of early morning. It is possible that the prisoners will be taken from the train at some station outside the city and thence conveyed secretly to prison. Cells at the Conciergerie have been prepared for their reception. At Hendaye, on the Spanish frontier,

the car containing the prisoners was de-tached from the Madrid train outside the station on the Spanish side of the fron tier, and the Humberts were hurried into a French car held in readiness, and handed over to the French officials. After tired. The change of cars was accomtired. The change of cars was accom-plished so rapidly that the waiting crowd barely caught a glimpe of the party, but it greeted the prisoners with ironical cheers and hootings. This greatly enraged Mme Humbert

After the car had been attached to the French train the journey was continued. Large crowds gathered at all the stations along the line, and waited for hours in the hope of sceing the Humberts. They were disappointed, however, as the blinds of the car were kept closely drawn.

tached to the fast train, which is scheduled to arrive here at 7:30 tomorrow

#### FRENCH OFFICERS QUARREL. Allegation and Denial of a Personal

Encounter. PARIS, Dec. 29.—The Figare this morning says that Admiral Gervals recently had a personal encounter at the Ministry of Marine with M. Tissier, who is Chief of Cabinet under M. Pelletan, the Minister of Marine. M. Tissier struck the Ad-miral with his fist, and was afterward or-dered out of the office. The Figare adds that the matter will come up at the Coun-

cil of Ministers tomorrow.

Admiral Gervais, until he was retired the other day, owing to having reached the age limit, was the Admiral designated to the supreme command of the French navy in case of war.

The Matin this morning publishes an interview with Minister Pelletan, who de-nies that there has been any personal en-counter between Admiral Gervais and M. Tissier. M. Pelletan says the last time the Admiral appeared at the Ministry of Marine was when he called to take leave on his retirement. His interview on this occasion with M. Pelletan was most courteous, M. Pelletan says the Admiral has never complained of M. Tissier.

Japanese Elections in February. TOKIO, Japan, Dec. 28.—The Imperial Diet reassembled today. The House of Representatives was immediately dissolved by imperial order; the House of Peers was prorogued. The elections have been fixed for February.

The dissolution of the Diet is due to the opposition of the party leaders to the government's plan to raise the money for the naval programme by increasing the

the naval programme by increasing the land tax. The leaders refused the government's offer to compromise by reducing this tax. The opposition desired that the land tax be abolished, and that the funds for the naval increase be provided from other sources.

#### Archduke Objects to Extle.

VIENNA, Dec. 28 -- According to an interview published here, Archduke Leo-poid has refused to sign a renunciation of his rights as an Austrian subject. Em-Francis Joseph insists that the resign everything and return to Austria. The Archduke claims the payment of his appanage, and de-clares that he will take every legal step to fight against exile. He says he will never abandon his rights as an Austrian

#### The Saxon Princess Scandal.

GENEVA, Dec. 28.—Newspapers here allege that the Swiss government has re-fused the request of the German Legation to expel the Crown Princess of Saxony from Switzerland.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 29.—The Petit Bleu has published M. Giron's own story of his relation with the Crown Princess of Saxony, in which he admits the paternity of her sixth child.

#### Russian Y. M. C. Meeting.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 28.-The third annual meeting of the Russian Young Men's Christian Association under the patronage of Prince Oldenburg was held here tonight. Among those present were Prince Plato Obelensky, Senator Tagant zy, E. L. Nobel and Franklin Gaylord The Russian branch of the association is now nearly self-sustaining, and its membership in the last year has largely in

#### Russian Earthquakes. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 28.—An earth-quake shock, which lasted 22 seconds,

was felt today at Bigsk, in the govern-ment at Temsk.

The Governor-General of Turkestan, in

a report to the Czar on the Andidjan dis-aster, says he hopes that within a month it will be possible to find temporary acommodations for the troops and authori-Dined With Downger Empress.

PEKIN, Dec. 28.—The ladies of the American Legation and Lieutenant-Generai Miles and his party were entertained at luncheon today by the Dowager Em-press and Emperor. United States Minister Conger also gave a diplomatic din-ner in honor of the General. Tomorrow the Minister will entertain at dinner number of Chinese officials to meet Gen

SHANGHAI, Dec. 28 .- Yuan Shal Kal. vicercy of Chi Li Province, has drawn up plans for the formation of a department of communications on the Japanese model. His plans have received general sanc-tion. The new department is to be en-trusted entirely to the control and man-agement of the Chinese postal service.

Chinese Pos.al Service.

### Earthquake in Stelly. ROME, Dec. 28.—A severe earthquake shock was experienced at Syracuse, Sicily, this evening. It was preceded by subterranean sumblings,

Japanese Tribute to Dead Minister. VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 28.-The Japa-nese papers received by the steamer Tartar, both foreign and vernacular, refer in sympathetic terms to the career in Japan of the dead American Minister, Colonel Buck. The Advertiser, Mail, Gazette and Heraid, of Yokohama, and Japan Times,

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#### The Bryuns in Mexico. CITY OF MEXICO, Dec. 28.-W. J.

Bryan's visit here has been varied by sightseeing and official calls. He has been received in audience by President Diaz and Minister of Finance Limantour. Mrs. Bryan and the children yesterday visited the shrine of the Virgin of Guad loupe.
Last evening the Bryan party took a

train for Cordova, whence they will travel over the Vera Crus & Pacific road to Al-fred Bishop Mason's haclenda, Yale Then the party will return here Tuesday

morning.
The government people have not sought Mr. Bryan for information on silver, as his views are well known here. Ponce Decorated for Admiral Dewey.

PONCE, Porto Rico, Dec. 28.-Admiral Dewey arrived here yesterday evening overland from San Juan, and received an ovation. He was warmly greeted by a committee of native officials and citizens and was escorted by them from Juana Diaz to Ponce. The city was decorated in honor of the Admiral's arrival, which was followed by a procession with bands of music through the streets. Later Admiral boarded the United States Later the Mayflower, which was waiting for him, and sailed for Culebra.

Help for Confederate Home. MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 28.-Colone J. M. Flackner has received a letter from W. H. Council, of the Colored Normal School at Norman, Ala., offering assistance to the Home for Confederate Veterans, to be established at Mountain

Creek, Ala. Professor Council offers the

services free of carpenters, blacksmiths and others from the school.

Secretary of Mexican Embassy. LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 28 .- A Mexico City

special says: Frederico Gamboa will leave in a few days to occupy the post of Secretary of the Mexican Embassy, at Washington, to which position he has been appointed by the President. He succeeds Secretary Godoy, who has been named as Secretary to the American Republics.

Dow Academy Burned.

LITTLETON, N. H., Dec. 28.-Dow Academy, at Franconi, named for the late Moses A. Dow, of Charlestown, Mass., has been burned. Mr. Dow presented the academy to the town 75 years ago, and at his death in 1876 he left it \$50,000.

Surgeons to Meet in St. Joseph. ST, JOSEPH. Mo., Dec. 28.—One hundred of the most eminent surgeons in the Unit-

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ished in English by Japanese, says that, ed States will be in St. Joseph tomorrow These noted men come the 12th annual meeting of the Western Surgical and Gynecological Association. They will be here from Salt Lake City on the West, Cincinnati on the East, and Duluth on the North. Among the speak-ers are Dr. Nichelas Senn and Dr. John B, Murphy, beth of Chicago,

Archbishop Chapelle in San Juan. SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, Dec. 28.-Arch-Chapelle, apostolic Cuba and Porto Rico, arrived here this afternoon, and the people of the city turned out in large numbers to receive Yale hours before the archbishop disembarked. A large procession escorted the prelate to the cathedral, where services were held.

Two Children Drowned.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28.—While coasting down the levce on to the ice formed along the river shore opposite Olive street tonight, Mary Galleano, aged 15, and Ange Cafferata, aged 17, broke through the lee and were drowned. Theresa Rasimo, aged 14, also plunged into the river, but was ned. The body of Mary Galleano has not been recovered.

Father of Earnest Seton-Thompson. TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 28.—Joseph L., Thompson, father of Ernest Seton-Thompson, the writer of animal stories, died to-

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