FLEET READY TO SAIL

Port Arthur Craft Can Reinforce Kamimura.

PREPARED TO GIVE BATTLE

Second Russian Pacific Squadron to Have a Formidable Aggregation of Fighting Vessels in Its Path.

LONDON, Dec. 24.-Telegraphing from Tokio, the correspondent of the Daily Express says that he learns, in the event of dmiral Kamimura, who is reported to have gone south with a squadron of powerful craisers, notifying it of the approach of the second Russian Pacific squadron, the whole Japanese fleet, which has been operating at Port Arthur, will be ready to proceed south on a day's notice to give

FLEET LEAVES PORT ARTHUR.

Only a Few Vessels Have Been Left on Guard.

TOKIO, Dec. 24. - Admiral Togo nounces the withdraway of the majority of the fleet from Port Arthur.

DIANA HAS COAL ABOARD.

Ready to Make Dash From Neutral Port of Saigon.

SPECIAL CABLE. LONDON, Dec. 24.-According to a report from Shangbai, a converted Japanese cruiser attached to Admiral Kamimura's squadron has put into Singapore with the evident intention of intercepting the colliens sent to meet the Russian Baltie

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Telegraph reports from Saigon, French Indo-China, that the Russian cruiser Diona is loading a full cargo of coal preparatory to making her escape from the port. The Diana escaped from Port Arthur on August 10, and was disarmed at Salgon on September I by order of the Russian Admiralty.

AMMUNITION HID IN BALES.

Consignment to Russians Is Seized by the Chinese. SPECIAL CABLE.

PEKIN, Dec. 24.—The Chinese yesterday scized 3,000,000 rounds of Russian rifle amof Pakin, The ammunition was consigned to a Russian firm at Tientsin, and was evidently destined for Port Arthur. The shipment was concealed among bales of wood-brought on the backs of camels from Kalgan, the caravan being charge of the agent of a German firm.

SPOILS FOR THE VICTORS.

Russians Find Confections With Note in Abandoned Trenches.

MUKDEN, Dec. 23.-Volunteers the night of December 21 occupied Japanese trenches opposite their positions. Three trenches were evacuated by the Japanese with scarcely a fight. The victors were surprised to find a box lying in plain view, which they opened carefully, fearing it might contain explosives, but they found in it wine, biscuits and sweets and a letter in Russian politely requesting its acceptance "from disturbing neighbors."

Cross to Lead to Victory.

ST. PETERSBURG. Dec. 10 .- (Corre spendence of the Associated Press.)-The daughter of Bishop Ornatsky, a very holy man of the Russian church Kuropatkin a rude wooden cross with a remarkable letter, praying the bless-ing of heaven on the Russian arms of course, only one o thousands of ikons and sacred symbols that have been showered on the army in the Far East. But the letter state has been in the Ornatsky family for

While the bishop was on his death bed, he had a remarkable dream, in which he thought himself serving a led the Russians to victory, He charged his daughter just before his death to send the cross to Kuropatkin with his blessing, believing firmly that would lend to ultimate victory.

Coal From German Vessels.

VICTORIA. B. C., Dec. 21.-Advices which arrived this afternoon from Aus that three Japanese officers arrived at Freemantie shortly before her departure, with the intention of proceeding to the South Seas to watch the move ments of 40 German steamers reported to be in the vicinity for the purpose of coaling the Baltic fleet.

M. S. Pylades and Cadmus, which were dispatched by Admiral Fanshawe commander of the Australian squadro to search for Russian warships, reported to be cruising in Torres Straits, have returned to Sydney without finding any trace of the Russian vessels.

Russian Attack Beaten Off.

GENERAL OKU'S HEADQUARTERS via Fushan, Thursday, Dec. 22.-The Rus-stans along the front of General Oku's army during the night of December 2 made a determined attack on Lamuting but were driven back with heavy losses The Japanese sustained no casuatties Dismounted Russian cavalry attacked the cavalry on the extreme left of the Japanese line on the night of December 10-21, but were repuised with heavy losses. Small detachments of Russians nightly attack the Japanese outposts and patrols,

Small Damage From Heavy Fire.

MUKDEN, Dec. 22.-The Russians succeeded today in advancing the po-sition of their siege guns four miles south along the wagon road. This was accomplished in the face of a heavy artillery fire from the Japanese, who fired upwards of 100 shells, which, owever, did little execution, only two men being wounded.

On acount of the difficulties of get-ting supplier here, many Chinese and refugees have been sent north by the

Prisoners' Legs Frostbitten.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 21-General Kuropatkin, reporting a small skirmish to Emperor Nicholas says he personally saw a couple of Japanese prisoners, who were taken December 21. They were in-sufficiently clad, their boots especially be-The General also says their

Need of National Legislation.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.-The need of new National legislation governing the opera-tion of railways will be considered by a special commission of the five members of the Chengo Shippers' Association, just appointed by President Bartlett, with

The committee will hold its first meeting next Tuesday. Resolutions passed by the board of directors rectic that "the transportation question is one of such great and far-reaching importance as to command our earnes; and immediate consideration and action. We indorse President Rooseveit's course in bringing the subject to the attention of Congress to bring about equitable relations between shipping and transportation interests with justice to both." ustice to both."

HOME FROM CHINA.

Consul-General Miller Will Report to President.

GRANT'S PASS, Or., Dec. 21.-(Special.) -H. B. Miller, United States Consul-Gen-eral at Niu Chang, China, arrived in Grant's Pass yesterday evening to visit his father, A. S. Miller, and friends, this being his former home. He left this eve-ning for his home at Eugene, where he will spend the holidays with his family. He will then go to Washington to report personally to the President and State De-

As to his promotion in the dipiomatic service, with his next station at Kobe, en, as reported in American papers, Miller has no official knowledge, and while having received favorable commendation from the Administration for his services in attending to American in-terests in Manchuria, be has no assurance that a promotion would be given him. He said he should make no special effort to secure one, as his extensive interests in Grant's Pass and Southern Oregon

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President Feels That His Part Has Been Accomplished.

Future Conduct of the Proposed Peace Conference at The Hague Is Left to Follow in Its Normal Channels.

WILL LEAD THEM ALL.

The World's Fair that will be opened in Portland on June 1 next will surpass all former Expositions held in the West, in the humber of its buildings, in the extent of its individual exhibits, in attractiveness of its grounds and in its architectural beauty. Portland's people will take pleasure in giving their Eastern friends the fullest information of the great Fair, and also of the beautiful city in which it will be held. The New Year's Oregonian for 1906 will be a special Exposition number. It will be published on Monday morning, January 2. The paper will be mailed to any address in the United States or Canada postage prepaid, for 10 cents a copy. Address The Oregonian, Portland, Or.

work brought acute stomach trouble upon him, forcing him to seek medical aid. He left Niu Chwang October 26, on a Japaness transport, by courtesy of the Japan-ess government. In passing Port Arthur, Togo's fleet and the Russian forts, he heard heavy firing, but the distance was so great he could see no details. Mr. Miller spent a month in Tokio, and while there, on invitation of the Emperor, at-tended the annual garden party held in the most beautiful park in the world. On being presented to the Emperor, Mr. Mil-ler was personally thanked for his efficient services in looking after the in-terests of the Japanese in Manchuria at the outbreak of the war, and who were placed under American protection by the Japanese government. Most of these re-turned to their native country, and the remainder he cared for in Niu Chwang. While in Tokio Mr. Miller also attended s review of \$5,000 soldiers by the Emperor Mr. Miller reports the infantry perfect, cavalry poorly mounted and artillery not the best. In April he attended a review at Niu Chwang of 15,000 Russians under Kuropatkin. The Russians made a good appearance. Cossacks are fine on parade, ut no match for the Japanese infantry, nd were defeated in every engagement. The Russian artillery is a failure, and the Japanese successes were due to the men behind the guns. The Russian officers, sword in hand, stand by the battery, but not in the best position to watch the movements of the enemy and to direct

ORDERED OUT OF FEZ.

the fire of the guns to get an accurate

range. Frequently officers are killed, and the men become demoralized.

to Their People.

PARIS, Dec. 24.-The correspondent at for calling at the French Mission the Ministers of the several powers ordered all

people of their nationalities to quit Fez. Moroccan Situation Is Grave.

PARIS, Dec. 2.-The Foreign Office considers the situation in Morocco exremely grave. The Sultan's dismissal of his French and other military advisers has been followed by a number of acts showing his intention to interrupt the execution of the French policy. Accordingly the French Minister at Tangler has been instructed to secure the imu diste withdrawal from the Moroccan capital of the French Consul, the comnunder and all the members of the milltary mission, and all French citizens, unfensive action and offers a suitable ex-planation. The French Minister has planation. The French Minister has been instructed to communicate to the Sultan at the same time he notifies the pare to depart. The officials here say that no definite military or naval steps have yet been taken, as these await the Sultan's response to the Minister's demand, but a demonstration in force will follow if a suitable explanation and reparation are not promptly given.

Bought Off for Small Sum TANGIER, Dec. 21.-The tribesmen who turrounded Alcazar demanding that the French Consul and an English resident be given up to them, have withdrawn for a consideration of \$300.

DISPATCHES OF THE FLEET. Russian Evidence Ready in the Dogger Bank Episode.

SPECIAL CABLE.
LONDON. Dec. 34.—The 'Standard's Paris correspondent states that Lieutenant Valrond, of the Russian transport Kamchatka, attached to the Baltic fleet, has arrived at the French capital with the entire recording bands of the wireless apparatuses of the squadron, including the records and messages sent just prior to the firing on the British trawlers at the Dogger Bank. The correspondent says that this shows the Russians realize the necessity of coming before the inquiry commission armed with better arsuments than they have advanced here-

with Captain Clado regarding the alleged interception of wireless messages sent by the Russians which may operate in Great Britain's favor The Captain expressed the opinion that such an event was not at all impossible

Pension for Rev. C. E. Cline. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 25.—Senator Pulton today secured allowance of a pension of \$14 a month for Rev. Cullom E. Cline, of Port-

B. B. RICH CIGAR-CASES.

8 R. Rich, seven clgar stores.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.-That the further interchange of views preparatory to the formulation of a programme for ap-other peace conference at The Hague be effected through the International Eureau under the control of the permanent ad-ministrative council of The Hague is the suggestion offered by Secretary Hay in circular note to the powers made pul lic at the State Department today, note was dispatched a week ago, b publication was withheld until it had reached the various American embassies and legal representatives abroad.

in Grant's Pais and Southern Oregon
make it almost imperative that he return to Gregon.
Niu Chwang being in the storm-center of the Russo-Japanese War. Mr. Miller has had a trying position, and the over-

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feels that he has gone as far as he appropriately can and that with the general acceptance of his invitation in principle "the future conduct of the affair may fitly follow its normal channels." Regarding the conditional acceptance of Russia, Secretary Hay says that while

the postponement which this reply neces-sitates is to be regretted, this Govern-ment recognizes the weight of the motive which induced it. The full text of the "Department of State, Washington, Dec. 16, 1904.—To the representatives of the United States accredited to the

governments signatory to the acts of The Hague conference, 1829: "Sir: By the circular instructions dated October Zi, 1904, the representatives of the United States accredited to the several governments which took part in the peace ference held at The Hague in 1839, and which joined in signing the act thereof, were instructed to bring to the notice of those governments certain resolution adopted by the Inter-Parliamentary Union at its annual conference, held at St. Louis in September last, advocating the assembly of a second peace conference to con-tinue the work of the first, and were directed to ascertain to what extent those matter.

"The replies so far received indicate that the proposition has been received with general favor. No dissent has found expression. The governments of Austro-Hungary, Denmark, France, found expression. The governments of Austro-Hungary, Denmark, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Luxemburg, Mexio, The Netherlands, Portu-gal, Roumania, Spain, Sweden and Norway and Switzerland exhibit sympathy with the purposes of the proposal, and Minister of the Powers Sent Word generally accept it in principle, with a reservation in most cases of future consideration of the date of the conference and the programme of subjects for discussion. The replies of Japan PARIS, Dec. 24.—The correspondent at for discussion. The replies of Japan Tangier of the Matin says that after and Russia conveyed in like terms a friendly recognition of the spirit and purposes of the invitation, but on the part of Russia the reply was accompanied by the statement that in the existing condition of things in the far East it would not be practicable for the imperial government, at this mo-ment, to take part in such a confer-While this reply, tending as it does to cause some postponement of the proposed second conference, is deeply regretted, the weight of the by this government, and probably by others. Japanese made the reservation only that no action should be taken by the conference relative to the present

vocation of an august assembly of representatives of the nations in the interest peace and harmony among them is deferred for the time being. It may be regarded as assured so soon as the interested powers are in a position to agree upon a date and place of meeting, and to join in the formulation of a general plan for discussion. The President is much gratified at the cordial reception of his overtures. He feels that in elicit-ing the common sentiment of the various governments in favor of the principle in-volved and of the objects sought to be attained a notable step has been taken oward eventual success.

Pending a definite agreement for meeting when circumstances shall permit, it seems desirable that a comparison of views should be had among the partici-pants as to the scope and matter of the subjects to be brought before the second conference. The invitation put forth by the Government of the United States did not attempt to do more than to indicate the general topics which the final act of the first conference of The Hague rele-gated, as unfinished matters, to consideration by a future conference-adverting, in connection with the important subject of the inviolability of private property in naval warfare, to the like views ex-pressed by the Congress of the United States in its resolution April 28, 1904, with the added suggestion that it may be de-sirable to consider and adopt a procedure by which the states nonsignatory to the criginal acts of The Hague confer-

ence may become adhering parties.
"In the present state of the project, this government is still indisposed to formulate a programme. In view of the virtual certainty that the President's suggestion of The Hague as the place of meeting of a second peace conference will be ac-cepted by all the interested powers, and in view also of the fact that an organized representative of the signatories of the acts of 1856 now exists at that capital, this Government feels that it should not assume the initiative in drawing up a programme nor preside over the delibera ons of the signatories in that regard It seems to the President the high task he undertook in seeking to bring about an agreement of the powers to meet in a second peace conference is virtually ac-complished, so far as it is appropriate for him to act, and that with the general acceptance of his invitation in principle, the future conduct of the affair may fitly follow its normal channels.

"To this end it is suggested that the further and necessary interchange of views between the signatory powers of the acts of 1839 be effected through the international bureau under the control of the permanent administrative council of meats are being made, it is said, to Hague. It is believed in this was but utilizing the central representative agency established and maintained by the it is said, with his wife, Cassie L. Chadwick, was yesterday indicted by the counpowers themselves, an orderly treat-ment of the preliminary consultations ty grand jury charged with forging and

may be insured, and the way left clear for the eventual action of the govern-ment of the Netherlands in calling a renewed conference to assemble at 'Hague, should that course be adopted. You will bring this communication to the knowledge of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and invite consideration of the

suggestions herein made. I am, sir, your obedient servant.

Sugar Duty Case May Be Reopened. NEW YORK, Dec. 23.-It is stated that he famous sugar duty rebate case re-NOTE SENT TO EMBASSIES the Supreme Court is to be reopened.

This was a test case and had been fought through all the courts, occupying fought through all the courts, occupying seven years in reaching a final ruling. The new plan is to attack the constitutionality of the Treasury Department's practice, which, the importers say, amounts to the assumption of a right to increase the duty at will. The case will go first to the Board of United States General Appraisers, then to the Circuit Court, and finally to the Supreme Court of the United States, Meanwhile 18,000 of the United States. Meanwhile 18,000 protests brought during the former con-troversy and now on the suspended files will be held up.

Minister Takahira Has Recovered. WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Mr. Taka-hira, the Japanese Minister, received a most cordial greeting at the State De-partment today. This was the first time he has seen Secretary Hay in many weeks, and he has just recovered from a severe illness. The Secretary gave the Minister a copy of his note to the powers, and heartily congratulated

DISGUISED AS AN AMERICAN. Russian Newspaper Correspondent Makes Tour Through Japan.

MOSCOW, Dec. 22.-V. F. Grazuesky, orrespondent of the Russky Slava, has just arrived at San Francisco after a long and hazardous trip through Japan, where he traveled as an American journalist un der the name of Percy Palmer. He under-took the journey to ascertain the real situation of affairs in the enemy's country, taking the risk of discovery and exeition as a spy.

Grazuesky had a complete American outfit and arranged to have letters forwarded from various cities in the United States. He has telegraphed to the Russky Slava from San Francisco that he visited Yokohama, Tokio, Sasebo, Osaka, Kioto Shimonoseki, Nagasaki and Matsuma photographed the Russian prison camp examined the ships, fortress and troops and met and entertained high Japanese. Grazuesky is bringing home a mass of interesting material which will make many interesting disclosures. He says his nost dangerous moment was when he faced the 3000 Russian prisoners. If he had been recognized by one of them he would have received short shift.

Too Friendly to the Jews.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 23.—Prince Urusoff, the Governor of Bessarabia, has been removed from his post and trans ferred to a similar position at Tever The Russian government considered his policy too friendly toward Beesarabian Jews. The Prince was appointed shortly after the Kishineff massacre, and intro-duced a regime so different that the Jews presented him with a copy of the Old restament, and an address of thanks for his humanity.

Prince Urusoff replied with scathing denunciation of the official support lent to Jew baiting, and referred to the Kishineff massacre as a bestial outbreak of savage cruelty which all honest Russians regarded with abhorrence. The Prince's criticism of the outrages, which were nooriously fostered by Russian government officials, has brought about his removal.

Russian Deserters Cross Frontier. VIENNA, Dec. 22.-Russian deserters are continually crossing the frontier into Austria, and during the last few days many of them have entered Vienna. Wednesday several deserters, destitute and poorly clad, appeared at the Japanese Consulate here, and desired to enter the Mikado's army and to fight against their fatherland. Naturally their request was refused, and they were informed that for-eigners were not allowed to join the Japanese army. The fact that subjects of a belligerent state should desire to enter the ranks of a hostile army may be regarded as a proof of the deep dissatisfac tion prevailing in the Czar's empire, of the unpopularity of the Far Eastern war among the Russian people

Says Russia Will Suffer Least.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 23.-The Nooe Vremya continues to recount instances of Japanese agitation in China, pointing out that Russia will suffer the least of the big powers from an uprising, and warning the latter to prepare to meet the coming storm.

De Sibert Comes to Washington. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 23.-M. 'De Si bert, second secretary of the Russian Legation at Brussels, has been appointed to succeed the late Andre Bobrog, second secretary of the Russian Embassy at Washington, who died at Riga, Russia,

Prayers for Return of Peace.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 23 .- The archbishop of Warsaw has sent to all the Catholic priests of his diocese a special prayer, imploring God to send peace, with instructions to read it during the celebration of mass.

Vladimir to Be President of Council. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 23.-It is reorted that Grand Duke Vladlmir appointed president of the Council of the Empire, being succeeded as Commander-in-Chief of the Imperial Guard by Grand Duke Nicholas Nicholevitch.

Rioters Are Sentenced.

KISHINEFF, Dec. 21.-Sentences were pronounced today upon the persons found guilty of participation in the anti-Jewish riots here in May 1903. Seventeen of them were sentenced to 170 days' imprisons two to 80 days, and 11 were acquitted.

CHADWICK TRUNK IS FOUND Receiver Loeser on Track of Much . Valuable Jewelry.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 21.-A trunk sufosed to belong to Mrs. Chadwick has een given into the keeping of Receiver The trunk is believed to be the one that disappeared in New York. It reached Cleveland today from New York and was addressed to Emil Hoover.

Mr. Loeser stated that he was obtaining trace of much valuable property of
Mrs. Chadwick's. There is jewelry, which was pledged in New York, which has beer been found in Cleveland, and which already ave been turned over to the re-

Mr. Loeser also stated that there were many valuable furs in the Euclid-avenue home of Mrs. Chadwick. There are many valuable articles in the Euclid-avenue house, among which are about 100 hats of all shapes and styles, many of them with fur trimmings.

Attorney Jay P. Dawley stated today that he had possession of the mysterious portmanteau which was found to be missing a few days ago. He said it contained nothing of value. Bail Sought for Dr. Chadwick. CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 21.-Arrange-

are to be requested.

County Prosecutor Keeler suid today that the bend probably would be \$10,000 or \$15,000. The requisition papers for Mrs. Chadwick were received from Columbus tonight.

uttering a \$5,000,000 note, signed Andrew

Chadwick is now on his way to New York from Paris, and extradition papers

Carnegie.

when he arrives here.

Requisition for Dr. Chadwick. COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 23 .- Requisition papers for the return of Dr. Leroy Chadwick to Ohio as soon as he lands in New York, next Wednesday, were today issued from the Govern-

MIRSKY USES PLAIN WORDS. Tells Czar He Will Fight the Reactionary Element in the Empire.

SPECIAL CABLE. LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the London Daily Leader cables that the Czar has had a stormy interview with Minister of the Interior Prince Sviatopolk-Mirsky, in the course of which the latter grew very plain spoken and informed the Czar that he onsidered it his duty as a loyal sian to exert every energy in the fight against the reactionary element. Prince Mirsky says that the inner situ

ation of Russia demanded the adoption of extensive reforms and great concession to the most enlightened Otherwise, the Minister assured his monarch a violent outbreak of popular feel-ing could not be avoided. He was fully aware of the power of the government to crush such an outbreak with armed force, but the result could only be ruinthe credit of Russia abroad and would, moreover, permanently embitter the masses at home

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WIND FANS FIRE.

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tional banks. The fire started in the basement of the store, but its origin is in doubt.

The man killed was a tenant in the Massachusetts block, who jumped from the fifth story. His name has not been

A large number of Christmas shoppers crowded the Pelletier and other stores. and it was with difficulty that all managed to escape from the burning building. The flames enveloped much of the building before the fire department arrived, and was quite beyond control. For three hours and a half, until they had got beyond range of the large buildings, the flames carried everything in their path. Both telegraph companies were put out of business by reason of their wires all being burned out, and the office of the Western Union was destroyed. Although a great number of telephone circuits were within the district, long-distance circuits were later established with outside points.

The fire was conquered at 11:30. Fire Spreads Westward.

From the Pelletier store the flames spread to the Massachusetts block, on the was much damaged. west, a large six-story building. The fire continued westward, driven by a brisk wind. In the course of their flight, the flames were communicated to a score of other husiness places located in the buildings west of the Toy block. Among these were the following, which were entirely destroyed:

The Massachusetts building, occupied by seven large stores, including the Gillette Hardware Company, the Pullman Hotel, Johnson & Aronson, clothing and furnishings; Orkin Bros., ladles' furnishings, George Conway, wholesale tobacco and cigars, and the American Express Company. Several families lived in the rear

of the buildings, but so far as known all the occupants escaped.

The next building destroyed was the Commercial block. In this structure were located the City National Bank, J. K. Brugh, Warfield-Pratt-Howell Company, wholesale grocers; Peavey & Nash, furniture; Dow Clothing Company, Harsted & Halsuth, shoes; Theodore Becker Tailoring Company Wald Hardware Company and the Western Union Telegraph Com-Dism's

Smaller Buildings in Flames. Leaping across the alley, the fire next

spread to the smaller buildings facing Fourth street. These included the Northwestern National Bank, Selzer Bros. wholesale liquors, and Wagner & Welsh's galoon. Other buildings burned include the Leader Hotel, at Third and Pierce streets;

the West Hotel, a new structure at Third and Nebraska streets; Higman & Skinner, wholesale boots and shoes, and a large number of small establishments. When the flames had reached a point near the Tribune building, facing Pierce street, the firemen concentrated their efforts and managed to prevent the de-

struction of that building, although it The outside departments did not arrive

in time to offer material aid. People who suffered from rheumatism have taken Hood's Sarsaparilla and found lasting relief.

The Denver & Rio Grande scenery is even more beautiful in Winter than Sum-mer. Travel East via that line and spend a day in Salt Lake City.

Breaks High Score Record.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 23.—The Tacoma r. M. C. A. basket-ball team tonight defeated the Everett Y. M. C. A. team by a score of 108 to 10. This is declared to be the record score of the United States for association teams