Chilean Engineer Abandons Scheme of Securing Colombia's Consent.

UNITED STATES IS FEARED

Owing to Probability That Uncle Sam Would Object to Deal, South American Country Turns Down Deal.

FACATATIVA, Colombia, Nov. 17 .-Arture Undurrage, the Chilean engineer. has definitely determined to abandon his efforts to obtain from the Colombia government a concession for his canal project, owing to the fear entertained by Colombia of reprisals on the part of the United States. Undurraga's plan was to construct a rival to the Panama Canal. In furtherance of his plan for a canal, Undurraga sought to induce Congressmen and members of the Diplomatic Corps to inspect the route at his ex-pense, but all declined.

Time Is Inopportune.

A Colombian official has stated that A Colombian official has stated that it appeared inopportune to grant a concession to the Chileans before the adoption of the treaty defining the boundary between Panama and Colombia.

When this matter had been settled, he sadded, the government probably would grant the concessions. Letters exhibited here indicate the willingness of German and British capitalists to build a com-

and British capitalists to build a com-mercial and non-political canal that could mercial and non-political canal that connot be closed in event of war.

Unless the concession is granted it is
feared discontent formenting at Antioquia and Cauca will culminate in a revival of threats of secession.

Undurraga will sail on November 27
for England by way of New York.

Panama Separation Questioned.

The President and Congress have appointed a commission to investigate the separation of Panama from Colombia.
Francisco de Borda, recently appointed Minister to the United States, sailed for that country today.

SISTER, SPURNED, SUICIDE

Brother Refusing Her Asylum, Mrs. Burns Leaps Under Cars. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 17.-With the

SAN FRANCISCO. Nov. II.—With the words, "God bless my baby" on her lips, Mrs. Helen Burns, a spurned wife and sister, died last night as a result of injuries received when she threw herself in front of a speeding Guerrero street car. Mrs. Burns was 24 years old. She was married four years ago to Charles Burns, a manufacturer of New York, Burns was a divorced man, but shortly after a haby came to him and but shortly after a baby came to him and his new wife, he became reconciled to the first wife and secured a second divorce. Last night there was a dramatic sequel to this broken romance on the street in front of the Maher home. Mrs. Maher was willing to have her daughter live with her, but the brother, Walter Penders, refused, saying he could not

PRIMARY BALLOT DISGUSTS

a natural result, there was a flock of candidates. Many of them had no chance at all of election, but for the majority it was an open and apparently equal field. To the voter, however, it was such a nuisance that many left the polls without voting, because of the length of time it would take to sitt through the 140 powers the heliot and make their selecit would take to sift through the 140 names on the ballot and make their selections. Many—some reports have it as high as 25 per cent—of the ballots were thrown out because of mistakes due solely to the primary system; the most frequent mistake being too many candidates voted for. Many ballots were spoiled in folding the enormous sheet by reproduction of the ink marks opposite the names.

Horrible Example Wins.

But the worst blow of all to the "re-formers" was the vote polled by Barnard Healy, present Councilman from the Eighth Ward. Healy had been pointed out as a horrible example throughout the campaign. In the argument for the campaign. In the argument for the amendment of the charter advanced by the "Goo-Goos" that the non-partisan method would absolutely prevent Healy from election—that Healy could be elected only from the Eighth Ward—the smallest in the city and populated largely by foreign-born citizens—and that the primary method with Councilman canly by foreign-born citizens—and that the primary method, with Councilman candidates at large, would effectively eliminate Healy forever from local politics. To make sure of this, ex-Judge J. D. Works and W. J. Washburn, two prominent citizens who have held high office and have been able and high-principled. residents and officials for many years, were put on the "Goo-Goo" ticket.

The irony of fate is shown by the returns, which indicate that Healy leads

the entire list of candidates, 140 in all, in the total vote.

Reformers Best Beaten.

Even in the "long-hair" strongholds where it was hoped his elimination would be accomplished, he ran far ahead of his colleagues, and won a place on the ticke in every ward in the city. Even in Meyer Lissner's own precinct—Mr. Lissner, be-ing head of the Goo-Goo" organization— Healy beat all other candidates. Judge Works, honored by every citizen in Los Angeles, and whose record is conceded to be flawless, ran Healy a close second. and will doubtless be elected with Healy in December. Counting the ballots was another reve-

iation of the impracticability of the primary method. At best, the election board could count but 30 ballots an hour, and the word was tedious. In many precincts the progress was only 20 an hour, and where the vote ran into the hundreds a full count was impossible until the following day. lowing day.

The vote for Mayor Alexander, the "Goo-Goo" candidate, ran far ahead of all other candidates for Mayor.

Voters Become Disgusted.

This is accounted for by the fact that the "Goo-Goo" vote was polled to its full strength, while none of the other three leading candidates for Mayor was able to get a full vote of his supporters. It is estimated from the returns that 25,000 registered voters would not take the time required to go through the ballots and make their selections. This large number of qualified voters remaining away from the polls is almost unanimously conceded as positive evidence that the non-partisan primary system, with its overwhelming and bewildering list of candidates, many of them vouched for by no responsible political organizations, presented an ob-

stacle the electors, or many thousands of them, at least, preferred not to attack. Many voters when appealed to to leave their business and so to the polls said: "I haven't time to wade through that ballot, and I do not know what I am vot-

Half of Vote Cast.

The non-partisan primary system is blamed on all sides for the lightness of the vote in proportion to the registration. An approximate registration of 70,000 resulted in only about 50 per cent of this vote reaching the ballot box. This is almost a minimum in any kind of a municipal election, aithough it is perhaps \$000 greater than that cast at the recall election is no comparison at all, because at that time Alexander was running against Wheeler, a Socialist, who had no organization, and the great vote he received was a protest against the recall freak as was a protest against the recall freak as a part of municipal government. It is equally true that much of the vote for Alexander then was gained because of fear that a Socialist would be elected

Mayor. *
One of the popular' objections voiced just before and since the election is the greatly increased cost of the primary system to the taxpayers. The selection of municipal officers under the primary costs 130 per cent more than it would under the old system. der the old system

Election Cost Doubles.

In other words, it costs two and a fifth times as much to elect a Mayor and Councilmen by the direct primary, non-partisan method as it did under the old convention method. Wednesday's election cost approximately \$17,500, whereas the usual December election costs from \$15,000 to \$15,000 ordinarily. And now that the \$17,500 primary election has been held, the December election must be held and paid for as usual. Does it pay? is the question voiers and taxpayers are asking. The "Goo-Goos" are not answering the question aloud since Barnard Healy's sweeping victory; but those opposed to the "Goo-Goos" are answering it emphatically in the negative. No one, even in the "Goo-Goo" organization, has been able to point out any advantage the new system has over the old—since the election. There were plenty of arguments advanced before the election and without doubt these arguments influenced many voters to support the "Goo-Goo" ticket, but with the failure of the actual test to prove any of these arguments practicable the "Goo-Goo" support has noticeably In other words, it costs two and a fifth prove any of these arguments practicable the "Goo-Goo" support has noticeably

FOOTBALL REPLACES DEBATING IN COLLEGES.

Interstate Oratorical League of Oregon, Washington and Idaho

May Disband.

UNIVERSITY OF ORBGON, Eugene, Or., Nov. II.—(Special.)—The practical-minded college youth of the modern genminded college youth of the modern generation has just written "finis" to the oratory and flights of platform eloquence that stirred his fathers in a more emotional past. Because football, athletics and other more up-to-date forms of entertainment have interfered with oratorical contests until they have ceased to draw crowds and are no longer financially a success, first steps have been taken towards disbanding the Interstate Oratorical League which for several years has been maintained by the Universities of Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

ho. What is almost certain to mean the death of the league and the shandonment of oratory in the three institutions has just been brought about by the withdrawal of Idaho. In a formal withdrawal announcement received here yesterday by Manager Steele, of Oregon, the Idaho faculty declares that "the day of oratory has passed," and that almost total lack of interest and financial support from students has made their action necessary.

Oratory was once very popular at Oregon, but of late years the annual contests have hardly attracted enough people to pay for the lighting of the hall. It is therefore probable that Oregon will take

similar action. The same conditions are said to prevail at Washington. The State University here may even go so far as to withdraw from the annual state intercollegiate ntests in which nine colleges through out the state compete every April, and to limit all orations to those delivered each year at the commencement exer-

cach year at the commencement exercises.

Debating shares almost the same apathy among the students as oratory. Football, on the other hand, is drawing larger crowds at the local games than ever before. It is said that oratory has been dropped at Yale, Princeton, Harvard and other Eastern universities for the same general lack of interest.

MITCHELL WANTS LIBERTY

this statement not to tickle the ear of any man, but that I may publicly declare the

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conviction that is within me.
"It seems to me that the whole proceedings should prove a lasting lesson to
the workingmen of the United States and the workingmen of the United States and Canada. If all the workingmen had been true to themselves, there would not have been a nonunion product on the market. "I repeat that, so far as I am concerned, and let the consequences be what they may, I intend, while at liberty, to declare for the rights guaranteed to me

by the organic laws of my country. I am proud of being an American." Mr. Mitchell said he had grown up as an American with a stepmother so poor that she could not buy bread, and told how he had crept out of bed at night to get his father's soldier coat to keep him warm. "But I want to see the word American stand for all the sentiment that is sym-bolized by the flag of our country," he continued.

continued.

"I want real liberty. I don't believe in the liberty enunciated by some of our courts that men and women should have the right to work themselves to death.

"I don't believe in the liberty enunciated by Judge Tuthill, of Chicago, who declared ten hours unconstitutional for women, and by that aut compelled them to work is hours a day."

Mr. Mitchell said he believed the pregent proceedings would bring home to the people the necessity of working in concert.

"Is the time going to come on our con-

"Is the time going to come on our con-tinent when the badge of faithfulness to labor must be the brand of imprison-ment?" he said in conclusion. "Surely I hope not. I hope that the Government may be so conducted that no citisen may feel that he has not been given justice and an equal right with every other citizen."

revocation of the charter of the Onio State Federation by the executive council for admitting to its membership seceding locals of the electrical workers, was approved today by the Federation. The convention then adopted the report of its committee on laws, that the ap-plication of the Ohio body be dismissed. The committee on laws reported that the lowa Federation admitted a violation of the Federation law and recommended that

upon compliance with the law its charter be restored. This was ratified. In the cases of the central bodies of Cleveland, Toledo, Davenport and Cedar Rapids, whose charters were revoked as a result of the electrical workers' controversy, the committee recommended that both organizations at once comply with the regulations of the Federation, and "thereby retain peace and unity in their respective cities." respective cities.

Cunningham Interests Open Defense in Government Action at Seattle.

Ballinger's Assailant Last Heard From in Vancouver, Wash. Hearing in Sound City to Continue Probably Four Days.

SEATTLE, Nov. 17.—(Special.)—The inquiry instituted by the Interior Department into the validity of the 33 coal land entries in Alaska that are included in what is commonly known as the Cunningham case will begin to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock befor-Special Commissioner W. J. McGee in

Special Commissioner W. J. McGee in the United Staes Circuit courtroom.

J. M. Sheridan, of Denver, Colo., chief counsel for the Government, and W. B. Pugh, of Washington, D. C., assistant counsel and member of the board of land review in the General Land Office, have been engaged for several weeks preparing the case for the Government. They have given out no information as to what witnesses will be called.

Glavis Can't Be Found.

So far as is known, the late chief of the field division, L. R. Glavis, is not in Seattle. He was last heard from in Vancouver, Wash. John P. Gray, of Wallace, Idaho, who with E. C. Hughes, of Seattle, repre-sents the defendants, arrived in Seattle

tonight.
Mr. Sheridan, while not able to say certainly how many days will be required to present the case for the Government and to take the testimony of such witnesses as may be examined here, suggests that at least four days will be necessary for that purpose. At the conclusion of the taking of testi-mony in Seattle, Special Commissioner McGee will resume the inquiry at Spokane, probably, as in the vicinity of that city live a number of the witnesses and parties interested.

Property Worth \$50,000,000.

The aggregate acreage involved in the present inquiry is 5250, or eight and one-fourth square miles. An estimate of the value of the coal in these Cunningham claims is \$50,000,000. The coal field is between 40 and 50 miles on an air line from Katalla, and the Cunningham group forms a part of a definite aggregate of 68 4-10 square miles.

The charge of the Land Department is

The charge of the Land Department is that the entrymen did not make their locations for their own exclusive benefit, locations for their own exclusive benefit, but that previous to making the locations they entered into an agreement that, after obtaining a patent for the coal lands, they were to consolidate and hold the lands for their joint use and benefit; also that the coal lands have not been opened or any mine improved, as required by the act of Congress by the authority of which the entries were made.

JILTED BY LOVER, SHE MAKES GOOD HER THEAT TO KILL.

"I Expect to Hang for It," Are Girl's Words to Sheriff When Arrested

AUBURN, Cal., Nov. 17.—"I killed Joe because he threw me down. I gave him money and did everything for him and I money and did everything for him and I told him I would kill him if he gave me up. I killed him and I'm glad of it and I expect I'll hang for it."

Such was the confession of Alma Bell, declared by Sheriff McAuley on the witness stand today to have been made to him by the girl the day after the tragedy, when she was cowering in her hiding place among the poison oak bushes near High Rocks, a few hundred yards from the place where her lover's body

was found.

The Sheriff testified further that he had questioned the girl particularly as to her relations with Joe Armes for whose death she is now on trial.

Manuel Armes and Tony Grinke told Manuel Armes and Tony Grinke told again their stories of the events in the cabin the night of the shooting, and of the pistol shot they heard a few minutes after Alma Bell and Joe Armes left the place together.

The bullet that caused Armes' death was put in evidence through the testimony of the physicians who conducted the incuest but its introduction failed

the inquest but its introduction failed to awaken the girl to a repetition of the hysterical sobbing which over-powered her yesterday when the blood stained garments of Armes were ex-hibited before her.

SIOUX LEFT WOULD LAST

Indians, Disease-Swept, to Colonize in Nicaragua.

BOSTON, Nov. 17 .- To save the rem nant of Sioux Indians from extinction by disease, a colony of Indians will be established in Nicaragua.

Chief Little Bison, a full-blooded Sioux, sailed from Boston today on the steamer Esparta for Nicaragu, where he will receive the deeds to 15,000 acres of land covered for the establishment of the colors.

Mrs. Mary Givens Imitates Carrie granted for the establishment of the col-ony. The project is financed by wealthy New Yorkers.

RIVER BOAT GOES DOWN Steamer Strathcona Hits Snag in

Fraser River and Sinks. VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 17.—(Special.)— While proceeding to Fort Langley, upper

Framer River, under special charter to Premier McBride and Attorney-General Bowser, the steamer Strathcona, owned by Ironsides, Campbell & Rennie, struck a semi-submerged snag, filled and sank. No lives were endangered and the steamer

State After Ice Trust.

NEW YORK, Nov. II.—The end of the first presentation of the state's cases against the American Ice Company for alleged violation of the anti-monopoly law was announced today. The trial then adjourned until temorrow.

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patterns priced as follows: Regular \$24 value, \$18.00 \$32.50 value, on sale \$24.50 special, the set.... \$24.50

\$29.50 value, on sale \$22.00 \$42.50 value, on sale \$31.50 at, the set...... \$31.50

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\$48.50 SILK OR Dresses \$19.79

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The silks are in handsomely trimmed one-piece Princess models, and are made of superb quality black taffeta. Trimmed with tucks, lace, or braided. Values to \$48.50. Your choice of any dress today at

The Petticoats are of prime quality taffeta, made with extra drop ruffle to match. Come in black, blue, green, lavender, red white, pink, brown, dresden effects and plaids. The best sale of the Season. Values to \$15, special today (window) at \$6.98



Sun Dried Raisins---Introductory Prices

Mrs. Mowat's Raisins, on sale in our main aisle, are deliciously fresh and tempting. Come in one-pound packages, or larger, with the grower's name on, so you may be sure that this package always contains the finest fruit. This is an introductory sale only and these prices will be withdrawn in a few days.

NOTICE-SPECIAL PRICES TO DEALERS, in lots of five cases and up. On sale now at regular prices by the following wellknown grocers:

West Side-Gunther & Hickey and Mr. Mitchell.

East Side-J C. Mann and Washer Brothers.

Nation Except Her Point of Contact Is Men's Heads.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 17 .- Cracking LOS ANGELLES, Nov. 11.—Cranains every man she could on the head with a woman's shoe, Mrs. Mary Givens created a panic for several blocks on Broadway today and ended by being escorted to the police station by a patrolman, followed by a large number of her metimes.

Givens' first victim was George Darling, a piano dealer. He was walking north on Broadway when suddenly he felt a sharp blow on the head and looked around to see a thin little woman rope's dressed in black and carrying in her hand a woman's shoe. She looked him straight in the eye and said in an angry tone, "I will teach you to insuit me by standing with your feet crossed."

Darling fied. The woman continued on her way cracking numerous heads and oculists her way, cracking numerous heads and finally winding up by hitting Frank W. Morrison, a recent arrival from Indianapolis, such a sharp blow that a lump

sanity. Mule Frees Recreant Wife. PITTSBURG, Nov. 17.-Mrs. James ds, of Washington County, is al-

the size of a hen's egg was raised.

Mrs. Givens will be examined as to her

taking with her the household effects and five head of cattle, but leaving be-hind an old mule. Edmonds preferred charges of desertion against his wife, and larceny against a Pittsburg man.



SIGHT THOMPSON SIGHT SECOND FLOOR CORBETT BLDG.

Directors Elect J. P. Morgan. PORTLAND, Me., Nov. 17.-Charles S. Lucius Tuttle was re-elected presiden

ner, three new directors of the Boston & Maine Railroad, were elected to the directorate of the Maine Central Rallroad at a meeting of the directors today.

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