FINANCIERS' PLOT DESTROYED MAINE

American Ex-Spy for Cuba Gives Detailed Story of Explosion.

SPANIARD TOUCHED BUTTON

Seavaldo Connected Wires to Deadly Torpedo, Then Fainted and Spaniard Finished Work - Plotters Heard Confessing.

ABERDEEN, Wash, Dec. 4-(Special.) -That neither Cuba nor the Spanish gov-senment itself was to blame for the blowing up of the battleship Maine or the re-sulting war with Spain, but that the ex-plosion was prompted by powerful inter-ests to which Spain was in debt, is the statement of J. C. Crowley, an American ex-spy for the Cuban government, now

ex-spy for the Cuban government, now fiving in this city.

In a signed statement to The Oregonian correspondent here, which is directed to the "American public," Crowley says:

"I note in the press an article purporting to be the words of Colonel J. E. Brady, which places the blame for the destruction of the United States battle-ship Mains upon the Cubans, which is wrong and which I wish to correct, because the theory was sprung and exploited by the very men responsible for that crime.

"I notice another statement from Sena-Spanish army, some say pavy, but to the best information of our spies he was of the signal corps of the army. Seavaido had much to do with consecting the mines in the harbor of Hawana, which the Americans, assisted by the native Cubans in Hawana, succeeded in cutting thus feiling the first attempt to blow up the Matrie.

Spanlard Touched Button.

"Seavaldo did prepare and connect the wire to the torpedo which destroyed the Maine, but he did not touch the button that set it off. That was actually done by a high Spanish officer, Don Pedro, bassador to America at that tin America at that time, in a ferryboat which was rowed out of the harbor just a little before the explosion. It was the intention to explode the torpedo under the powder magnains and, if the Maine is raised, it will show with

the Maine is raised, it will show with how much success.

"The ferry had only two men in it, the efficer and the farryman. Seavalde, after connecting the wires, fainted (whether in pretense or not, I do not know) and was taken to the hospital, forcing the officer to do the work. The ferryboat was gone a couple of hours. I cannot say exactly, for we were too busy saving our own lives in the excitament following the explosion.

American Causes Evcitement.

The excitement was caused by an American who, being a first class Spaniard by scan who, being a nist class Spaniard by mature and tongue, was acting as a spy and was employed as a waiter in the Spanish Officers' Club. He had a tray in his hand containing bottles and glasses when the sound of the explosion reached the cith. At the instant of the sound the officer whom he was about to serve, one Doctor Quisseds—if my mind is clear as to the name of the battleship Viscaya. sprung to his feet exclaiming:

"There goes that Ma'ne."

Will rest with the "De Amotione Parocht," which consists of six priests, with the archhishop.

Reasons for the removal of a pastor have been decided on by the consistorial congregation at Rome, as follows:

"Perpetual insanity; such unfitness

sprang to his feet exclaiming:

"There goes that — Maine."

The shock was too much for the American, who let his tray fall to the floor, speaking, it was afterward said, in finglish. The crash and the English words made an officer spring at him and the ery of "spy" was set up. The district was soon awarming and we did not know what was happening until two of us landed in the water and tide mud.

back with his boat, but without the officer. As it was learned the next day, the first ferryboat after setting off the torpedo, met a second ferry watching for it and the officer was transported to the second, the first returning with the lone man. The officer was picked up next morning by the lighthouse tender and landed at Key West and proceeded to Washington, received his manuports and was ton, received his passperts and was escoried to Canada, where I believe it is well known that an American gave him a good thrashing, resulting in considerable trouble to quiet the scan-

"As to who notified President Mc-Kinley of all these facts, I do not know. I only know that part I played and where I met other Americans and that it was an American torpedo that destroyed the Maine, it being made at the arsenal at Frankfort, as was brought out before the Sleard board, and that the conspiracy was consum-mated in a private conference between American financiers and the officers from the battleship Viscaya cannot be disputed, it being overheard by two

epies.

"The Spanish government itself was not responsible for the destruction of the Maine, but it was wholly the work of financial conspirators.

Seavaldo 19 Executed.

This man Jose Senvaldo was executed for insubordination to his supecuted for insubordination to his superior officers. He was like Americans, being loyal to his own country, and when Spain asked for permission to assist the United States in ferreting out the cause of the destruction of the Maine, he was one of the witnesses that volunteered to tell the whole se-eret, which he could have done. I have not the least doubt that the Hon. Colonel Brady and the Hou. Senator Atwater, and many others can youch for the truth of this statement and, like the Colonel, I know that this knowledge was given to proper offi-cials, but never published in full."

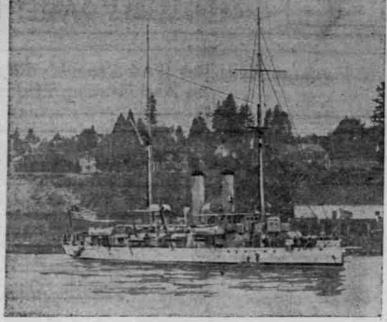
CHRISTMAS APPLES START

Carload From Hood River to Re Distributed From Chicago.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 6 .- (Special.) —A Christmas carload of apples will be shipped tomorrow to Chicago, where the different consignments will be reshipped to various cities in the East. In this car are Christmas presents of fancy apples in boxes from people in Hood River and Portland to their triends.

President Taft, George B. Cortelyou and C. N. Hilas will be among the recipients, and there are many more.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Dec. 6 .- (Spe neilus, reports that the new church of the Advent Christian denomination at Hillishoro, was dedicated Sunday prac-tically free from debt. The lot and building are worth about \$1790. OREGON NAVAL RESERVE GETS VESSEL WHICH FIRED FIRST GUN AT BATTLE OF MANILA



OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 6.—The protected cruiser Boston and the gunboat Concord, now lying at Puget Sound Navy-Yard, which were recently ordered sold, under orders issued to-day by the Secretary of the Navy, will be turned over to the Naval Militia of Oregon and Washington, respectively. The Boston will be stationed at Portland, and the Concord at Seattle.

The ships will be converted into armories, and at the same time will be used as training-ships. The Boston was built in 1887 at a cost of \$100,000. Since that time, \$350,000 has been spent on her for repairs. The Concord was built in 1891, at a cost of \$566,000 and \$551,000 has since been expended in repairs.

The cruiser Boston fired the first shot in the Battle of Manila Bay. It was chiefly because of this fact, and that the battleship Oregon played such a prominent part in the warfare with Spain, that the Oregon Naval Reserve has been anxious to get the ship. She is a ship of 4000 tons. The Washington Naval Reserve, through Governor Hay, also tried to secure the ship. George S. Shepherd secured the ship for Oregon.

the ship for Oregon.

She can be completely repaired at a cost of \$17,500, the Navy Department giving Captain Shepherd the assurance that this would be done preparatory to her being turned over to the Oregon Naval Reserve. The Oregon Naval Reserve has been organized for only a few months and has six companies formed. The Concord is a ship of 1700 tons.

PRIESTS TO HAVE SAY REPORE PASTOR IS OUSTED.

New Laws Approved by Pope Announced-First Communion May Be Given Children Aged 7.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6 .- Changes in the scelesiastical law of the Roman Cathoecciosansucat law of the Roman Catho-lie Church as promulgated by Pope Plus were announced to the clergy of the archdiocese of New York to-day at the triennial synod at St. Pat-rick's Cathedral. More than 600 priests

The most important decree to the "Mamima cura," decided upon by the consistorial congregation at Rome, which takes from the bishop or archbishop of a diocese or archdiocese, respectively, the power to remove a pas-tor. Hereafter the power of removal will rest with the "De Amotione Paro-cht," which consists of six priests, with

congregation at Rome, as follows:
"Perpetual insanity; such unfitness
or ignorance as renders him incapable
of performing his duties; permanent
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work useless and is likely to continue
loss of reputation; a hidden crime;
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How Murderer Escaped.

"After a while the ferryman came back with his boat, but without the officer. As it was learned the

countries not to administer the sacra-ment until a child is between 19 and 12 years old.

The decree issued makes it impera-tive for the priests, the world over, to prepare children that they may receive the first sacrament upon at taining the age of reason, at 7 years and in some cases 6 years.

Astoria Asks Equal Rates.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 6 .- (Special)-At

WOMAN, FOR 58 YEARS RESI-DENT OF LINN COUNTY, DIES AT LEBANON.



LEBANON, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.) — Mary Ann Wilson, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joseph Elkins, was ter, Mrs. Joseph Elkins, was born near Pittsburg, Pa., in 1826, and at the time of her death was past 84 years old. She was mar-ried to George W. Wisson in lows in 1844. The young couple started for Oregon in 1852, and in the Fall of that year settled on a farm near Lebanon, and for 18 years she had been a resident of Linn County, all of that time either in Lebanon or near this city.

city.

She had been a member of the Methodist Church half a century. She was the mother of 12 children, nine of whom are living. These are Mrs. Mary B. Eiklins and Alpheus M. Wilson, Lebanon: Francis J. Claypool, Vale; Susan C. Claypool, Westfall; William F. Wilson, Sinters; Nettle L. Reed, Albany; Rose M. Heuston, Joseph G. Wilson, Sisters, and John O. Wilson, Waterloo.

a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce tonight the question of securing a re-duction in the lumber rates out of As toria to points in Montana and Idahe on an equality with points on the Sound and Portland was considered. The sec-retary was instructed to communicate with the traffic department of the Hill railroad system and urge the equaliza-tion of the rates. At the present a dif-ferential of 5 cents 100 pounds to those points is charged to Astoria mills.

OLYMPIA WILL REMAIN WET For Third Time Capital City Elects Michael Harris Mayor.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 6 .- (Special.) For the third time Michael Harris, Republican, with 527 votes was elected Mayor of Olympia today, winning by a majority of 34 votes over Marshall, the reform candidate on the Citizens reform candidate on the Citizens ticket, who got 492 votes. Boone, the Socialist candidate, poiled 47 votes, while George, the Democrat, got only 27. With Harris was elected the entire Republican ticket, as follows:
City Attorney, C. E. Claypool; Clerk, I. N. Hoimes, Councilman-at-large, R. H. Lucake, Councilman, Second Ward.

I. N. Holmes, Councilman-at-large, R. H. Luepke; Councilmen, Second Ward, Otto Breager; Fourth Ward, George H. Funk; Sixth Ward, E. McReynolds. Two women appeared at the Second

Ward, the down-town ward, and wanted to vote. They were asked if they had registered, replied in the negative, and then left the place without making a formal demand for a ballot. They were only ones who showed up at any of the polling places. The election means that Olympia stays wet, for if the Citizens ticket had won the Mayor and Council would have been dry and

the primaries and James Dever, Demo-crat, was defeated for clerk after be-ing elected six times in succession.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Dec. 6.—Maximum temperaturs, 48 degrees; minimum, 44 degrees, River reading at 8 A. M., 10.2 feet; change in last 24 hours, none. Total rainfail (5 P. M. to 5 P. M.), 6.11 inch; total rainfail (5 P. M. to 5 P. M.), 6.11 inch; total rainfail since September 1, 12.42 inches; normal rainfail since September 1, 12.42 inches; excess of rainfail since September 2, 1000, 0.72 inch Total sunshine December 6, none; possible sunshine, 8 hours, 48 minutes, Baroneter (reduced to sea-level), at 5 P. M., 28.94 inches. WEATHER CONDITIONS.

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A low pressure area, apparently of no great energy, is approaching the North Pacific Coast. It has caused light to mederately heavy rain on the Pacific Slope as far south as Sacramento. The Eastern storm is central this evening near Cape Hatterss, and general precipitation has occurred in the Atlantic States. New England, the Onio Valer and portions of the Lake Region. It is much colder in the Guif and South Atlantic States and generally warmer along the East Slope of the Socky Mountains, Elizowhere no marked changes have taken place in temperature.

The conditions are favorable for rain Wednesdey in Oregon, Washington and in Idaho except the southeast portion.

THE WEATHER

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Ш	Denver	24	0.00		NW	Clouds
и	Des Moines	8	至	10	SW	Cloudy
94	Eureka	62	T.		SW	Clouds
П	Galveston.	48	0.00		NW	Clear
я	Helena	26	0,00	17	W	Clear
ш	Jacksonville		0.00	18		Cloudy
н	Kansas City	30			SW	Clear
я	Montreal		0.00			Cloudy
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FORECASTS.

Oregon and Washington-Rain, southerly Idahe-Rain, except fair southeast portion. EDWARD A. BEALS, District Forecaster.

Traveler Returns From East.

HCOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 6.—(Special.)

—J. H. Fredericy, agent of the O. R. & N., has just returned from an extended trip to New York and other Eastern cities, where he visited friends and relatives.

MAKES SMALL GAIN

Voting Pendulum in Britain Swings Slightly in Favor of Government.

JOHN BURNS IS RETURNED

Labor Leader's Plurality Increased in Battersen Division-Unionists Sorely Disappointed by Liberals' Showing.

LONDON, Dec. 6 .- At the close of today's polling, the complexion of the House of Commons stood: Government coalition-Liberals, 108; Laborites, 20; Nationalists, 26; total,

Opposition-Unionists, 147. A situation has developed almost phenomenal in the closeness of the race between the government coalition parties and the Unionists. The pendparties and the Unionists. The pendulum swung slightly toward the government today, and the result of three days' voting. In which 289 seats have been filled, gives the coalition one more member than in the last Parliament from the same constituencies.

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Up to last night the Unionists had a gain of five. The returns tonight showed the Unionists had regained St. Helens from the Laborites. This borough, with the exception of last election, had been Unionist since 1996.

The Liberals gained Southward (west) Burnley and Coventry, and the Laborites gained Woolwich and Whitehaven all from the Unionists, while this morning's returns from Sunderland showed

ing's returns from Sunderland showed that Liberal and Laborite candidates had replaced the two Unionists there. The turning of the tide toward Liberalism is a surprise and a great dis

eralism is a surprise and a great dis-appointment for the Unionists. The greatest surprise was in Coventry, be-cause that is the seat of motor manu-facturing and the protectionists had put great stress on their plea that tar-iff reform would prevent the growing competition from American machines.

The Liberals hardly expected to win Burnley, because the Socialist Hyndman was in the field and hoped to take part of the Labor vote. The Southwark contest was one of the most interesting, the Liberal candidates winning by 13 votes. The battle in Woolwich was one of the hardest. Will Crooks, a workingman, who was turned out in the last election, recaptured his seat

Unionists concentrated their heavy fire on Battersea, but John Burns, president of the local govern-ment board, again surprised them. He was pitted against Colonel Sir John Harrington. His majority in the Battersea district över Colonel Sir John Har-rington, Unionist, was 1292, and over Shaw, Socialist, 7349. Mr. Burns' ma-jority over the Unionist candidate last election was 555.

A prominent feature in the returns was the capture of Sunderland by the coalition parties. T. Hamar Green-wood, the Canadian Liberal, who rewood, the Canadian Liberal, who returns to the House of Commons after an absence of less than a year, and Frank Goldstone, the Laborite, turned out the two Unionist members, S. H. Storey, independent tariff reformer, and J. Knott, who were elected last January by majorities of 741 and 1312, respectively. The turnover is attributed in part, at least, to the bitterness of the bollermakers in the Sunderland of the bollermakers in the Sunderland district, who were locked out some months ago.

Among the unopposed candidates re-turned was John Dillon, Nationalist member for the East Division of Mayo. means that Olympia stays wer, for if
the Citizens' ticket had won the Mayor
and Council would have been dry and
intended to put the saloons out of
business.

Charles E. Cinypool, the City Attorney, was a candidate for Congress at
the primaries and James Dever, Demo-

In London did poorly, none commanding 500 votes.

The newspapers appear exercised over the surprisingly small influence. Almost all the most important among them and those with the largest circulation championed the Unionist cause, but were unable to make inroads in the Liberal and Labor lines. The betting on the Stock Exchange

before election was in favor of a loss to the condition at 6 to 5. As the election progressed the betting favored the gov-ernment slightly.

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Among those who will speak during Among those who will speak during the convention are United States Sena-tor Borah, Representative Champ Clark, of Missouri, and Frederick A. Delano, president of the Wabash Rail-road Company.

BOY PICTURES ARE SHOWN

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