PRICE FIVE CENTS.

REAL EARL HERE

Baron Fingall and His Horse-Buying Mission.

SHIPPING STATION AT ONTARIO

Ten Thousand Cow Ponies From This State During a Single Season-And the English Pay Very Handsomely for Them.

Arthur James Plunkett, Baron Killeen, of Killeen Castle, County Meath, in the peerage of Ireland, and Baron Fingall, of Wolhampton Lodge, County Berks, in the peerage of the United Kingdom (this is all one person), who is a member of the British Remount Commission, maintained in this country by the English Government for the purchase of horses for use in South Africa, was in Portland yester-

The Earl of Fingall was accompanied by Harold Sessions, also a member of the nount Commission, and the two were Remount Commission, and the two were at the Portland Hotel the greater part of yesterday. The Earl saw active service in South Africa with the Imperial Yeomanry, with which he went out as a Junior officer in the Spring of 1900, returning to England last Summer. He reached the scene of the conflict after the heavy fighting was over, and was detailed with the resument to duty in Capa Town and his regiment to duty in Cape Town and the surrounding country. "We have purchased hundreds of Ore-

gon horses for South Africa," said the Earl yesterday, "and have found them to be most satisfactory in every way. On esent trip we are not buying any Our headquarters are in Kansas City, and having come west on business, decided to see something of the Paregulations are exceedingly strict and forbid any discussion of matters pertaining to the service. Therefore I am not at liberty to say anything regarding the war in South Africa, nor to express an opinion as to its probable outcome.

'I went out with the Imperial Yeomanny and afterwards joined the Imperial Mili-tia, in which I held the rank of Major, 1 did not reach South Africa until the heavipart of the fighting was over, and erefore can tell you nothing of the big fights. What little I have seen of Oregon has delighted me, and I hope some day to have the pleasure of making a more extended visit to your state, and particular-

oldest in the United Kingdom. The famresided continuously in County Meath since the eleventh century. The barony was created in 1181, the Earldom in 1628, and the Europy of the United Kingdom

in town they saw traffic officials of lines thrown into a field, clear of the right of they do business with, presumably with way. already taken out of Oregon something like 10,000 horses this season, and they will take a great many more unless there shall soon be an end to hostilities in South Africa. One of the railroad men with whom they talked yesterday asked how much longer the demand for horses in that quarter of the world was likely to

"Ask King Edward or Lord Kitchener," responded Lord Fingall. "We don't know anything about it."

A British Colonel has charge of the headquarters in Kansas City, and Lord Fingall is under the direction of that official. About 0000 horses are shipped from the Western half of the United States each month for the mounted infantry in South Africa. The producer receives an average of \$35 per head for the horses, which are known as cow ponies, The average freight charge to Sheridan, Wyo-ming, a station that gives the Burling ton Railroad almost a monopoly of the business of handling those animals, is \$5, horses are inspected by the British authorities and branded upon acceptance. There they become British property at a cost to the British Government of \$100 each, leaving the contractor who supplies the animals at that point a neat net profit of \$120 on each horse. From Sheridan the horses are taken to Lath. rop, Mo., another station reached only by the Burlington, and from there to New Orleans for shipment to Cape Town, Those cayuse ponies cost the British Government \$316 per head, delivered at Cape Town," said a man yesterday who has facilities for finding out such things. "And they fall into the hands of the Boers in a few days, and the British have to hustle for a fresh supply. It keeps the horse market lively here."

How the Burlington happened to get all this traffic nobody seems to be able to tell. It is evident that some inconvenias been experienced under the requiring all deliveries to be made at Sheridan, for now a depot is to be estab-lished at Ontario, Or., and it is understood that several thousand horses will go forward from that point in the coming few weeks, how many thousands can not now be told, for the agents in the fields have not yet rounded up all that will be available there. It is deemed probable that as many horses may yet go from Oregon to carry British infantrymen over the South African veldt as have already been taken from the state, possibly more The Western cow ponies are pronounced to be the best animals in the world for the service required in the Transvani.

FOR UNIVERSAL PEACE.

Declaration of the Position of the Friends of America.

PHILADELPHIA Dec. 14.-The Ameri can Friends' Peace Conference, which has been in session here for the past three days came to an end tonight. A declara-tion of the position of the Friends of America on the subject of war, issued during the closing session, states that the conference is satisfied that lapse of time has not made necessary a change in the position which the Friends have always taken on the subject of war. The establishment of the permanent International Court of Arbitration is recognized to be one of the greatest events in the history of human society. The declaration de-plores the fact that "nations making the highest profession of Christian civiliza tion are at present engaged in war with less civilized and enlightened peoples,' and states that it is the belief of the con-ference that the time has already come when the view of enlightened humanity

FAST TRAIN WRECKED.

ROCKFORD, Ill., Dec. 15.—A fast pas-senger train on the Illinois Central Rali-road, eastbound from Dubuque for Chica-

Information received at 4 A. M. from the scene of the wreck is that at least 13 persons lost their lives in the wreck, and that the bodies were burned, no trace of them being left. Both trains were con-sumed by the flames. The following per-sons were killed and their remains incin-

EDWARD CAREY, Freeport, freight

Newsboy on passenger train, name unknown.

Old man, living in Irene or Genoa, name unknown.

an oil tank in the freight train. Every one of the six passenger coaches was burned, including the diner and the sleepers. The passenger train was an Omaha-Chicago train, and was running at high speed, being three hours behind time. Scarcely a person escaped without more or

When the crash came the smoking car piled upon the express and baggage car in front of it, and the latter our was thrown upon the engine, which blew up. The explosion of the tank car scattered

oil over the whole wreck.
Only three or four persons in the smoking car escaped. The survivors made heroic efforts to rescue the injured, who were imprisoned in the wreck, but the fames drove them back at every point, The hissing of escaping steam from the engine, and the roar of the flames drowned the cries of the perishing victims of the wreck. With the mercury standing at 20 degrees below zero, the suffering of those who escaped from the wreck was intense Many of those who were in the sleepers were but scantily clad. The wounded who escaped were placed on bunks in a way-car that was detached from the train be-The Earldom of Fingall is one of the fore it caught fire, and an engine that came from the east took the car to Irene a small station three miles east. Then it was again brought back to the wreck and the injured transferred to the relief train sent from Rockford. Hotel busses, ambu-lances, etc., were used here to convey the

> Suffers a Relapse Yesterday-Uncon clous Most of the Time.

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 15, 15:30 A. M. United States Senator William J. Sewall, who is ill at his home here, suffered a relapse yesterday, and his death to momentarily expected. Since his return from Asheville, N. C., Senator Sewail had been improving until vesterday. 1:45 A. M.—Senator Sewall is sinking rapidly, and his physicians say the end is near. Ever since the relapse vesterday afternoon he has been growing steadfly weaker. He is unconscious the great-

er part of the time. Wilhelmina and Henry at The

Hague.

Philippines.

men drink too much beer. Page 17.

Eastwick. Page 9.

Admiral Schley does not want a Congressional investigation. Page 1. The labor convention indersed autonomy, but not socialism. Page 2.

Pacific Const.

Commercial and Marine. Prices in New York stock market were de-

Domestic and foreign commercial news and quotations. Page 23. The French bark Lamoriclere is libeled for

should make itself heard calling for an adjustment of the matters at issue. Papers were read by Charles E. Ebbetts, president of Whittier College, Callfornia, and Edwin McGraw, president of Newberg College, Oregon.

Fatal Accident on the Illinois Central Line.

go, was wrecked about 1 o'clock this (Sun-day) morning, near Perryville, Ill., the first station southeast of this station. Several persons are reported killed and sev-eral injured. It is reported here that three of the coaches were burned. The wrecked train is said to have collided with a freight train. A relief train left Rockford for the scene of the wreck at 1:40 this morning.

erated in the wreck: RICHARD ORMSBY, passenger engi-

JAMES REARDON, Freeport, fireman,

assenger train.
ROBERT THOMPSON, American Express messenger. J. W. FUNK, passenger brakeman. DAVID BEHAN, Freeport, freight engi-

Colored man, unknown,

Possibly four others, names unknown, dead and bodies burned.

The fire was caused by the explosion of

less severe bruises and cuts.

was conferred on the family in ISL. The family seat is at Killeen Castle, in County Meath Ireland.

The Britishers came in from Ontario yesterday morning and left on the evening train to return to that place. While

way.
The injured, so far as known, are: H.

SENATOR SEWALL DYING.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 14.—Queen Wilhel-mina and Prince Henry, her husband, arrived here today. Flags were displayed throughout the city, and the railroad sta-tion was decorated. The inhabitants made a great demonstration. The Queen and Prince Henry drove through crowd-ed streets to the residence of the Queen mother, who welcomed them before the public, kissing Queen Wilhelmina and encouragement for the San Franci shaking hands with Prince Henry. Later scheme will be found in that quarter. the crowds around the palace sang the

From Columbia Barracks to Manila. COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 14.-General orders for the removal of troops and officers numbering 440 from the Columbus bar-racks were received today. The troops are to go to the Presidio at San Fran-cisco, and from there embark for the

SUMMARY OF THE DAY'S NEWS.

Foreign.

There is great interest in England in Rose bory's speech at Chesterfield Monday. Emperor William complains that German work-

Domestic. The entire Middle West is suffering from a cold wave. Page 3.

Walthour won the six-day bloycle race, Page 3. Negro confesses he wrecked train near The Dalles, Or. Page 6. Whatcom, Wash., is flooded with counterfeit money. Page 6.

Suit to keep ex-State Treasurer Metschan out, of interest on ulleged state money. Page 17.

pressed last week. Page 23. Page 22.

VERDICT

SHAKE!

PORTLAND DOES NOT FALL IN WITH SAN FRANCISCO SCHEME.

Effort to Establish in That City s Monopoly of the Coast and Philippine Shipping Commerce.

Friday night the Portland Chamber of Commerce received from San Francisco the following message, signed by James Rolph, president of the Shipowners' Asso-

clation of the Pacific Coast: Do you authorize the signing of your name to a general telegram addressed to the Pacific Coast members of Congress asking that the coasting navigation laws be made applicable to the trade between United States ports and the Philippines, in order that American vessels may carry the traffic? Also please wire direct to

Goerge Taylor, Jr., and W. D. Wheelht. After a consultation it was ned best to make reply as follows, wright. which was sent yesterday afternoon: We believe that at the present time our im-sediate interests would be handleapped by in

dorsing your position that the coasting navi-gation laws be applied to trade between the United States and the Philippine Islands. This was signed by President Hahn and Secretary Pleischner. When President Hahn was asked the full meaning of the reply, he said it was simply that Port-land could not recommend a course of action that would give San Francisco a mo poly of the trade with the Philippines. Nearly all the American ships on the Pacific are owned in San Francisco. If no others are to be permitted to carry freight between the United States and the Phil-ippines, San Francisco would have it all. Portland owns no ships suitable for th Philippine trade, but has an even chance for that trade under present conditions the traffic not now being restricted to American vessels. The Portland Chamber of Commerce does not believe in lessening Portland's chances in that mportant quest of the San Francisco body. Puget ound is in about the same position as Portland with reference to the Philippi trade, and it is not supposed that any enthe San Francisco

HIGH SCHOOL OF COMMERCE Andrew Carnegie's Speech at the Laying of the Cornerstone.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Andrew Carnegie was the principal speaker today at the laying of the cornerstone of the new High School of Commerce. This is the first free High School of Commerce in this try. Mr. Carnegle said in part:

"This school is the pioneer High School of Commerce in New York, or in the country, and it owes its creation to the fact that the United States has become the leading commercial Nation in the export John's, N. F., from Cornwall, England.
Page 1.
The British Home Office refuses to pardon Miss the nations, but recently we have en-tered into competition with them in manu-factured articles which we formerly had to import for our own wants. We are ul-timately to be the greatest manufacturer and exporter of articles in the world, as we have long been of food products, and such schools of commerce have become an imperative necessity in the great seaport of the Union." The building as now planned will give accommodations to from 1200 to 1500 pupils, who will be given instruction in every branch of knowledge tending to fit them for the world of com-merce and finance. The structure will cost upwards of \$300,000. It will be ready for occupancy in about 18 months. It is the outcome of the efforts of the Chamber of Commerce and the trustees of Colum-

IN MISSIONARIES' HANDS.

Legation Turns Over the Case of Mis-Stone and Mme. Tsilka.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 14 .- It is un derstood here that the legation has hand-Relief in New York money market is expected and over the case of Miss Ellen M. Stone and Mme. Tsilka to the missionaries, in the mosth Page 22.

Twelve grain vessels have cleared at Portland the hope that the latter will be able to this month. Page 22.

Overdue ship William Mitchell has been trying scribed in the United States is the actual to enter Columbia Eiver over five weeks, amount of money available for taking further action.

the authorities at Washington have ca-bled Spencer Eddy, the United States Charge d'Affairs, approving of this

WAR CLOUDS BLOWN OVER Chile Ready to Accept All Just

Claims of Argentina. VIENNA, Dec. 14.-The Argentine Consul-General here writes to the Neue Frei Presse that he has received dispatches announcing that Chile is ready to accept all just claims and that Argentina's ap-prehensions of war are unfoundes.

ROME, Dec. 14.-The Secolo says that the Chilean reply to Argentina's note is most satisfactory, and that the proba-bility of war has been dissipated.

Offer of Mediation. NEW YORK, Dec. 14.-According to the

Heraid's Buenos Ayres correspondent, ofi ficial reports give the following account concerning the offer of mediation by the United States:

"The United States Minister in San-tiago informed his government that President Roca was disposed to accept mediation. Secretary Hay thereupon instructed Minister Lord here to extend the good offices to Argentina. Mr. Lord conferred with the Foreign enor Alcorta, who declared that he did not believe it opportune to accept eign mediation at the present time.

The Tribuna, President Roca's organ, strongly denies the truth of a dispatch sent to the London Dally Telegraph from Washington announcing that the Argentine Minister, Senor Merou, requested the mediation of the United States. The paper says the Argentine Minister in Washington never did such a thing. Brazilian and Uruguayan papers declare that enlther country could remain neutral in case of war, in view of the importance of the interests which would be affected by the

May Be Worse Than Admitted

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The Chilean Charde d'Affaires, M. Infante, received a cablegram from the Chilean Foreign Office stating that an answer had be delivered to Argentina's last note regarding the pending controversy and that the Chilean government was confident of an amicable adjustment. Mr. Infante has received a number of dispatches since the crisis began, all of them minimizing the seriousness of the trouble and asserting that peace would be maintained. though the public expressions of those occupying diplomatic positions are necessarily optomistic, there is reason for believing that the situation is more grave than the officials are willing to admit. On the part of Argentina it appears to be certain that she will maintain the stand she had heretofore announced to Chile.

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Dec. 14.-Four hundred men, with officers, will leave via Panama for England shortly, to receive the vessels bought by Chile neuvers in the interior of Chile will begin tomorrow. Fifteen thousand troops will

THE DEATH ROLL.

George Sealey, of Galveston.

GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 14.-George Scaley, on of the oldest and most prom-inent citizens of Galveston, died suddenly today of heart fallure, on a train bound for New York. Mr. Sealey was one of a committee of four appointed by the Gal-veston Commission to represent the city in a conference with a committee of the New York holders of Galveston city bonds. the object being to refund the city debt at a lower rate of interest. The committee abandoned the trip

The Founder of Butte. BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 14.-William L. Farland, aged 67, the founder of Butte, died today o fpneumonia. Farland, in the '64s

located many of the big mines of Butte, built the first silver mill, and produced the

first bar of bullion.

Complaints From Mosquito Coast. KINGSTON, Jamaica, Dec. 14.-Three delegates from the Mosquito territory of Nicaragua have arrived here and are negotiating with the British Government for relief from Nicaraguan rule. They have sent a signed letter to the newspa-pers, setting forth their refusal to believe that Great Britain is abandoning the Managua treaty and declaring that the Mosquito Indians are prepared to fight rather than accept Nicaraguan con-The delegates will await Great amount of money available for the ran- | Britain's reply to the representations be-

ABIDES BY THE RESULT

SCHLEY WILLING TO STAND BY THE VERDICT OF THE PEOPLE.

There Will Probably Be No Congressional Investigation of His Conduct During the War.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.-Rear-Admiral Schley will not say that any further pro-ceedings should be taken in regard to his conduct as an officer of the United States Navy during the Spanish War. He says that he is willing to stand by the verdict of the American people, and the state-ment of Admiral George Dewey, who is the only other man besides himself that has commanded a fleet of the United States war vessels in an actual engage-States war vessels in an actual engagement. Admiral Schley will discourage any Congressional investigation. This is very natural, in view of the fact that a Congressional investigation must necestal the congressional investigation in the congressional investigation which would be great to support the congressional investigation which would be great to support the congressional investigation which would be great to support the congressional investigation which would be great to support the congressional investigation which would be great to support the congressional investigation which would go to the bottom of the school of the congressional investigation which would go to the bottom of the congressional investigation which would go to the bottom of the congressional investigation which would go to the bottom of the congressional investigation. Congressional investigation must neces-sarily include the conduct of Admiral Sampson, designated as Commander-in-Chief of the North Atlantic fleet, and who

by such designation was Schley's superior

during the Spanish War.

The whole difficulty arose from the selection of Sampson, who was then a Cap-tain, and who was put forward over 16 officers of flag rank (Rear-Admiral and Commodore), which cast a slur upon every man who was his superior. Many officers believe the selection of Sampson illegal proceeding on the part of the Navy Department at the time, and that the question would be investigated if Congress were called on to act. It is more than likely that the decision to accept the verdict of Admiral Dewey and the verdict of the American people who have read the testimony of the inquiry, will be respected by Congress, and the investigation will not ordered. Such an investigation would involve calling Sampson to the stand, and everybody knows that Sampson is broken down at the present time. It is one of the unfortunate conditions that follow a Wirginia Representatives in the two man who has worn himself out, and who, Houses of Congress, calling on them to once strong, mentally, has given way. Everybody knows that this was the reason why Sampson was not called to testify during the inquiry, and why every reference to his action was taken out of the proceedings by the court. Neither Admiral Benham nor Admiral Ramsay, composing a majority of the court deciding against Schley, have commanded a squad-ron or a fleet in action. Both had raised their flags over very small squadrons, and both belong to the past, and know very little of modern fleets and modern naval warfare. Coal and machinery were not prime requisites in the days when Benham and Ramsay were active in the Navy More than that, Sampson had been years a bureaucrat. He was Chief of the Bureau of Navigation. It now develops that his antagonism to Schley dated far back of the Spanish War, while his admir ation for Sampson was known to be great So far as can be ascertained, there will be no Congressional investigation, because the same facts that were brought out in the inquiry would be again adduced, and upon these facts the American people have already rendered their verdict, and

are willing to stand by the decision of Admiral Dewey and the vindication of Schley.

The delegations from Oregon and Washington did not care to discuss the decision of the Schley court of inquiry more than to say that they hoped no further action would be deemed necessary. Favorable comments were heard on Admiral Schiey Favorable by nearly every member who was asked

OPINION IN CONGRESS. Resolution for an Investigation Will

Be Introduced in the House. WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The Secretary of the Navy has before him for review the report of the court of inquiry in the Schley case. He is naturally taking time to do this carefully, so that immediate action is not expected. Meanwhile the

court is technically in session, and will

remain so until dissolved by order Secretary Long, who convened it.

practice in such cases is laid down spe-cifically in naval regulation No. 1739, respecting courts of inquiry.

The question has been raised, since the appearance of two reports in print, how far Admiral Dewey, the president of the court, subscribed to the opinion expressed in the first report, and in the findings, by regulation above alluded to, regardless of this and all other offers.

his individual opinion. In response to inquiry on this point, the Judge-Advocate-General of the Navy says:
"According to navel practice, Admiral "According to navel practice, In the same than the same transfer of the sa Dewey, by affixing his signature to the report of the court of inquiry in the case of Rear - Admiral Schley, expresses full concurrence in all the findings of fact, and in all opinions reached by the court, except those with respect to which he has, in terms, signified dissent in his minority

> Opinion in the Senate is divided as to the probability of Congressional investigation of the Schley controversy, but on the whole is against the probability of such a course. A majority of the Republican Senators appear to be adverse to the re-opening of the question, and those holding this view include friends of Admiral Schley. Hoar expressed himself as content to abide by the opinion of Admiral Dewey, because of his superior facilities for reaching a correct conclusion, and Senator Mason took a similar position, adding that the position of the Admiral of the Navy would be accepted as the verdict of the court, regardless of what conclusion other members of the court might have reached. Senator Hale thought there would be and should be no further investigation. He is chairman of the com-mittee on naval effairs, and said he would use whatever influence he might possess against further inquiry as detrimental to the best interests of the Navy. Senator Cullom declared that further in-quiry would be tomfoolery, and that no more light on the subject could be secured than had been. Democratic Senators generally seemed to

wait upon the expression of opinion by the friends of Admiral Schley. Senator Martin said that while he did not feel called upon to present the declaration, he thought that Congress should adopt a joint resolution stating its confidence in the Admiral. Senator Jones of Arkanthe Admiral. Senator Jones, of Arkansas, though that a resolution bearing upon the question was among the probabilities. Representative Pierce, of Maryland, who represents the Maryland district from which Admiral Schley came, stated today that he would introduce a resolution for a Congressional investigation of the entire Sampson-Schley affair, unless his colleague from Maryland, Mr. Schirm, who had contemplated introducing such a resolution, carried out this action. Mr. Pierce says he has not formulated the details of the proposed Congressional inquiry, but he thinks it would be desirable to have it conducted by a special committee, rather than by one of the regular committees of

Chairman Foss, of the House naval committee, declined to express an opinion as to whether Corgress would deal with the Schley case. He says he has been careful to avoid taking sides on the subject as it might come before the committee, and he wishes to preserve a wholly impartial attitude. Among Mr. Foss' as-sociates it is the general understanding that the chairman is not favorable to Congressional action.

Mr. Payne, the majority floor leader, "Why should Congress go into the pro ject? Admiral Schley has had his day in court, and I doubt whether it would be advisable for Congress to go over the ground already covered by the court." Representative Meyer, of Louislana, a

Representative Meyer, of Louisland, a member of the naval committee, and an authority on naval affairs, suid: 1 do not think there should be a Congressional investigation. The verdict of the American people finds its best expressions in the findings of Admiral Dewey."

Representative Hay, of Virginia, chairman of the House Democratic caucus com-mittee, said: "I think my Democratic associates would be glad to support a reso-

to be undertaken Representative Sherman, of New York, said: "I think the country will accept Admiral Dewey's view as conclusive, and that Congress will take the same view of it. Dewey's conclusions will live in history long after the other members of the

court are forgotten." VINDICATION OF SCHLEY.

Resolutions Introduced in the Virginia Legislature. RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 14.-Delegate Baker, of Chesterfield, today introduced in the lower House of the Virginia General Assembly a joint resolution calling for the appointment by the presiding officers of the two bodies of the Assembly a joint committee to ascertain the sentiments of the people of Virginia in the matter of the findings of the court of in-quiry in the Schley-Sampson controversy. and to communicate those sentiments to do all in their power to see that these sentiments—which are believed to be in-dignation at the findings of the court are carried into effect, to the end that Rear-Admiral Schley shall have complete vindication from attacks that have been

made upon him. Th adopted by the House. The resolution was In the same body, Mr Folkes, of Rich-mond, offered a series of resolutions expressing approval of the course of Admiral Schley in the naval campaign at Santiago, thanking him in behalf of the people of Virginia; deprecating the attempt of the naval clique to malign him, and recommending that such histories be used in the public schools of the state as shall

correctly record and narrate his services CAPTAIN PARKER'S OPINION.

He Says the Findings of Admiral Dewey Will Be Sustained. NEW YORK, Dec. 14.-Captain Parker,

of Admiral Schley's counsel, was told early this morning of the purport of the two Schley reports. He said: "Admiral Dewey, better than any one else in the world, was qualified to judge this case. He is the one man living, besides Admiral Schley, who conducted a campaign and fought a battle with mod-ern ships, under modern conditions. He probably found there was a difference between theory and practice, and judged Schley in the light of his own experience. The two other members of the court were high-minded men of the highest character, and men who would not misjudge knowingly or willingly. They never had the experience the Admiral had, and probably did not see things in the same light as h did. We shall leave the matter to the judgment of the people of the country, confident that in the just popular mind

the findings of Admiral Dewey will be sus-Captain Parker seemed almost as much pleased that Admiral Dewey had sus-tained Rear-Admiral Schley as if the court had been unanimous in the verdict that he (Dewey) rendered,

Offers to Go on Lecture Platform WASHINGTON, Dec. 14. — Admirai Schley's mail has been steadily growing

lately since it became known that the re-port of the court of inquiry was approaching completion. He has received a num ber of offers to go on the lecture plat-form. One proposition was a fixed price appending his signature, that signature of \$500 a night for lectures to last 40 being required of him apparently by the nights. Admiral Schley politely declined

ACROSS THE OCEAN

Marconi's Greatest Feat in Wireless Telegraphy.

FROM CORNWALL TO ST. JOHN'S

Electric Signals Received in Newfoundland From His Station in England-Scientific Discovery of Modern Times.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Dec. 14.-William Marconi announced the most wonderful scientific discovery of modern times tonight in stating that he had received electric signals across the Atlantic Ocean from his station in Cornwall, England. He explained that before leaving England he made plans for accomplishing this result, for while his primary object was to communicate with ocean liners in midocean, he hoped also to succeed in midocean, he hoped also to succeed in attaining the wonderful scientific achievement of wireless telegraphy across the Atlantic.

Stepper Marconi's station in Cornwall

is very powerful. It possesses an elec-tric force, generated there, 100 times greater than his ordinary stations. Be-fore he left England he arranged with the electrician in charge of the station. which is located at Poidhu, that signals should be sent daily after a certain date, which Signor Marconi would cable him after having perfected his arrangements here. Signor Marconi arrived here a week ago Friday, selected Signal Hill, at the entrance to the harbor, as an experimenting station, and moved his equip-

ment there. Last Monday he cabled to the Poldhu station to begin sending signals at 3 P. M. daily and to continue them until 6 P. M., these hours being respectively 11:30 A. M. and 2:30 P. M., St. Jona's time. During these hours Wednesday Signor Marconi elevated a kite with a real wire, by means of which signals are sent and received. He remained at the recorder attached to the receiving apparatus, and, to his profound satisfac-tion, signals were received by him at in-tervals, according to the programme arranged previously with the operator at Poldina. These signals consisted of re-peating at intervals the letter "S." which in Marconi's code is made by three dots or quick strokes. This signals was repeated so frequently, and so in accord-ance with the detailed plan arranged to provide safeguards against the possibliity of mistake, that Signor Marconi was

satisfied that it was a genuine transpision from England. Again, on Thursday, during the same hours, the kite was elevated and the same signals were renewed. This made the assurance so complete that Signer Marconi cabled to his principals in England, and also informed the Governor of Newfoundland, Sir Cavendish Boyle, who apprised the British Cabinet of the suc-cess of the experiments.

Signor Marconi, though satisfied with the genuineness of the signals and that he has succeeded in his attempts in es-tablishing communication across the At-lantic without the use of wires, emphasizes the fact that the system is as yet only in an embryonic stage, and that the possibility of its ultimate developpresent experimens with incomple and imperfect apparatus, as the signals can only be received by the most sensi-tively adjusted apparatus. Signor Marconi is working under great difficulties, owing to the conditions prevailing. The Cornwall coast is 1700 miles from St.

John's. In view of the success attending these trials, Signor Marcont will, for the present, disregard the matter of communicat-ing with trans-Atlantic steamers. He will return to England next week will conduct the experiments from Poldhu himself. He explains that the greater electrical power there will enable him to send more effective signals. He will un-dertake this work himself, leaving an assistant here to erect a mast and receive the signals as he forwards them. not possible to send return signals from here until a powerful electric battery shall have been installed. Sir Robert Bond, Premier of Newfoundland, offers Signor Marconi every facility wihin the power of the Colonial Government for

the carrying out of his plans, Signor Marconi intends to build a large, fully equipped experimental station near St. John's, beside the Lloyd station at Cape Race. The former will have the same equipment as the Poldhu station and will play the same part on this side of the Atlantic as Poldhu does on the other. The St. John's station will communicate with New York on one side and Cornwall on the other, being midway between the two. This establishment will probably cost about \$60,000 and will perform the same work as the modern cable station. Signor Marconi announces that he will remain in England until after the coronation of King Edward next Summer, and that he hopes to send the news of that event across the Atlantic by the wireless method, so as to prove the capabillty of the system for such purposes, He will probably in the meantime equip all vessels of the leading lines of steamers with his apparatus.

Thinks It May Have Come From Mars CHICAGO, Dec. 14.-"The similarity in the signals received by Marconi and those Tesla asserted he received from Mars strikes one as singular," said D. C. Grant, a Chicago electrician. "The letter S' in the Marconi code is the same as that of the Morse. It consists of three dots, When Tesla received what he believed to be a message from Mars it came in the form of the letter 'S,' which he pleased to compare to the Trinity. strikes me Marconi may have received his message from the same source. I have little doubt, however, that it came in some way from his men in England, if he says it did."

Admiral Belknap's View.

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—Rear-Admiral Belk-nap, U. S. N., retired, who is at the head of the Massachusetts Nautical Training School, declined to discuss the finding of the court of inquiry in the case of Admiral Schley at length when seen today, He did, however, furnish a brief state-ment in writing, which follows:

ter of the Schley court of laquity is in Admiral Dewey's finding. As I recall all the evidence laid before the court, that finding is, in my judgment, just and proper. Choate at the White House,

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WASHINGTON, December 14.-Ambassador Choate called on the President today and had an extended conference with him. The Ambassador will return to his post at the Court of St. James Jan-