WOULD NEGOTIATE

Castro, However, Continues Active the prospect of being altogether ignor-Preparations for War.

ASKS HOLLAND SEND NEW AGENT

Interprets Sending of Warships as Threat and Takes Ammunition to La Guayra Forts.

Caracas, Oct. 29.-President Castro from The Netherlands government, which fixes November 1 as the date for revocation of the transshipment decree of May 14, but it was not until position of having an opportunity to new league are: W. T. Wright, Union, the following day, October 13, that Venezuela's anxiously awaited reply was delivered into the hands of Baron von Zickendorff, the German minister. who is in charge of Dutch interests.

Dr. Paul, minister of foreign affairs, closed his answer to Holland by saying that, as an interruption of diplomatic exchanges exists between The Netherlands government and Venezuela, and as the Venezuelan government desires to arrive at an amicable agreement, he asked the government of Holland to send to Caracas a confidential agent with powers and instructions to settle all pending differences.

Holland makes no further threat in her note, but the fact that two Dutch warships left Holland at the same time as the note, and are now lying in the harbor of Curacoa, has been interpreted here to be a direct though mute threat that force would be used on November 1 to compel revocation of the decree of May 14.

President Castro has answered this threat by making all necessary naval and military preparations to meet any reasonable emergency, and shells for the large coast defense guns on the La Guayra mountains were carried up to the mountains last week.

BEWARE OF JAP.

Hobson Says United States Doomed Soon as Fleet Leaves Pacific.

San Francisco, Oct. 29.-A few were told last night by Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson that Japan is eagerly seeking war with the United States at an early date.

Hobson was sailing along smoothly discussing the campaign issues with fervid speech, when a voice in the audience asked him to enlighten his hearers on naval affairs.

The congressman, who is a member of the house committee on naval af- tritits today. As this is the third statements in this regard are included 000 remains to be classed as delinfairs, readily complied. He asserted dangerous illness experienced by the that Japan had borrowed more than governor within a year, there is cona billion dollars to be used in a war siderable anxiety over his condition. with the United States. The overtures of peace on the part of Japan, said the flammatory rheumatism and a severe speaker, were to delude this nation heart trouble on March 4. For nearly into returning the battleships to the a week his condition was critical. He Atlantic so that Japan could seize rallied, however, and after nearly strategic points in the Pacific and on the western coast of America, and by to take up his work at the state house. commanding the mountain passes could prevent relief from the East. He told his hearers that there are now in the United States 65,000 Japanese soldiers.

SELL GRAZING LANDS.

March of Civilization Causes Sheepmen to Dispose of Holdings.

Lewiston, Mont., Oct. 29.-The sale of nearly 30,000 head of sheep here this week by Waite, Elliott & Peck to Gjoa expedition, which discovered the Fergus and Yellowstone parties marks the retirement of another big Montana woolgrowing firm which has for many vears figured conspicuously in the busi-

With the influx of farmers from the Middle West these great tracts of land are becoming too valuable for agricultural purposes to justify holding them for sheep ranges. Land that will grow It is not improbable that Nansen's old an average of over 35 bushels of high ship, the Fram, will be used on this grade winter wheat, without irrigation, now commands about \$15 per acre, so it will be seen that these immense tracts represent a large sum of money.

Sultry Politics in Cuba.

Havana, Oct. 29.—The fight between the Liberal and Conservative parties by the steamer Monteage, which arrivfor supremacy throughout the island becomes more bitter daily. The ill Maru was intercepted off the rookery feeling has resulted in charges, which the authorities are investigating today, that the Liberals have stolen private ing sea. Two boats, with six men, property along the route of their campaign excursions. The Conservatives The men were engaged in clubbing claim to give a number of instances in which they say the Liberals "appro-priated lands." In the Eastern portion of the island serious clashes are

Destroy Posted Papers.

New York, Oct. 29.-When presentbe posted" at the hearing in the government suit to dissolve the Standard whales during the summer. The St. 'Oil company, William S. Kallman, a I awrence broke the worlds' record. interstate commerce law requiring that to \$400 for the season. tariffs be posted, was because the road found it difficult to keep posted papers from being destroyed.

Venezuela Remembers Bolivar.

Caracas, Oct. 29 .- The birthday anniversary of Simon Bolivar, who libe- throne was read by Emperor Ferdiobserved throughout the republic yes-

APPEALS TO DOUMA.

Servia Wants Russia to Aid Her in Balkan Conference.

Belgrade, Oct. 30.—Despairing at ed in the coming Balkan conference, the Servian parliament today telegraphed to the Russian douma asking that Russia ally herself with Servia and Montenegro. The telegram begged Russia to consider the alliance and said: "Do not abandon us to our affliction."

The message declared that Servia and Montenegro would never submit to proprietors could go to the meeting. Austria's absorption of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

ing indications from St. Petersburg as appropriations to better the county sist of seven or eight cars and will be received on October 12 the second note to what action, if any, will be taken roads on the telegram by the Russian gov-

tenegro places Russia in the peculiar talked briefly. The officers of the at the various towns visited, and other insula, but she has already arranged Sebbelov, W. H. Bohenkamp, vice and give practical instruction to the the details of the proposed Balkan con- presidents; Charles E. Cochran, secreference through Foreign Minister Is- tary, and William Miller, treasurer.

If Russia decides to heed the plea of Servia and Montenegro, a new situation will arise for the conference of powers to dispose of.

HUGE IRRIGATION PROJECT.

Great Dam, Third Highest in World. Scheduled for Nevada.

Reno, Nev., Oct. 30 .- A reclamation project, second only to the great Carson-Truckee project in magnitude and of far-reaching influence in the development of this state, is about to be started in Lincoln county, the company to be known as the Nevada-Utah Irri-

gating & Development company.

The undertaking includes the construction of the third highest dam in the world, at an expenditure, including ditches and laterals, of \$750,000. The promoters are Salt Lake City capitalists associated with the Salt Lake, Los Angeles & San Pedro railroad, known as the Clarke route. The total num-

ber of acres to be reclaimed is 23,333. This territory, lying within eight miles of Moahu, which is half way between Caliente and Las Vegas, 50 miles from each place, is government land, and will be withdrawn under the Carey act.

The dam will be constructed at the thousand Democrats in San Francisco head of Arrowhead Canyon and will have a width of 670 feet and a height of 185 feet.

GOVERNOR SERIOUSLY ILL.

Massachusetts Alarmed Over Condition of Chief Executive.

Boston, Oct. 30.-Governor Guild was seized with a severe attack of gas-

Governor Guild had an attack of inthree months' convalescence was able the kind in the United States.

He had been at his desk scarcely a month before he was stricken down with appendicitis on August 24, and was obliged to undergo an operation. He was able to take up his duties several weeks ago and has spoken once or twice during the present campaign.

Reach Pole by Drifting.

Copenhagen, Denmark, Oct. 30 .-The famous Norwegian Arctic explorer, Roald Amundsen, leader of the Northwest passage, has planned a new exploit for the Polar regions next year. He will try to reach the north pole by adopting Fridtjof Nansen's plan of drifting northward on the Arctic current. He will, however, choose a more Easterly starting point than Nansen did, probably because he fears a too close proximity to Bering strait.

Capture Seal Poachers.

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 30. The seizure of more raiding Japanese sealing schooners at the Russian sealing This is the best schedule Klamath Falls grounds in the North Pacific is reported has ever had. ed this mroning. The schooner Boso at the Russian Seal islands on September 6, on her way home from the Behrarmed with rifles, were on the beach. seals on the hauling grounds when the Russian patrol ship arrived.

Breaks Whaling Record.

Victoria, B. C., Oct. 30.-The steam whaler St. Lawrence followed the Orion to port today and the work for the present season off the west coast ed with a rate schedule marked "not to of Vancouver island has been abandoned. The two whalers took over 600 freight manager of the New York Sh : took 241 humpbacks, 66 sulphur Central railroad company, testified that bottoms, 10 finbacks and 1 sperm whale. the reason for the order, despite the The crew's earnings range from \$300

> Bulgaria to Make Amends. Sofia, Bulgaria, Oct. 30.—The Fourteenth National Bulgarian assembly was convened for its autumn session this afternoon. The speech from the

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

ORGANIZE FOR GOOD ROADS

Business Houses Close so Proprietors Southern Pacific to Run Through Wil May Attend Meeting.

La Grande-The organization of a County Good Roads league was the direct outcome of a successful meeting operated over any railroad in the Unitof the city last week. For two hours Pacific company through the Willamevery business house was closed so the ette valley, starting the first week in

The diplomatic corps here is await- peal to the County court for liberal

Many farmers heard Judge Scott, of road company. Professor Withycombe, Salem, and Walter Pierce, of this city, director of the Oregon experiment sta-The new attitude of Servia and Mon- discuss good roads. Several others

Water for Burns.

Swain & Smith has arrived at Burns ducts and increase their output the and will go to work next week drilling for water one and a half miles from town, at a spring that now flows 1,000 gallons per hour. The spring is 110 of the idea. feet higher than the main part of town and has been examined closely by an expert on underground sources of water supply. The water finds its way through a crevice in bed rock and it is thought by the party who made cows for exhibition and practical depenetrated a bountiful supply will be cream separators and other appliances found. The water is absolutely pure and six degrees warmer than other springs in the same range, indicating that it is of a sub-artesian nature.

Orders New Equipment.

Portland-The order for new equipment for the Harriman lines that was asked for last summer has been placed, according to notificatiton received by General Manager O'Brien, of the Harriman lines in Oregon. The following new equipment for the O. R. & N. has been ordered: 500 50-ton flat cars, 200 40-ton stock cars, 10 cabooses, 6 steel coaches, 2 steel cabooses, 3 diners. For the Southern Pacific the following ton, Hubbard and Aurora. cars have been ordered: 200 box cars, 50 flat cars, 10 cabooses, 5 coaches, 2 baggage cars and 2 diners. Delivery of the new equipment will begin about January 1. The outlay for cars will treasurer \$67,000 more in taxes this be over \$1,000,000.

State Has Good Law.

Salem-That the compulsory education law and the eighth grade diploma law have been beneficial in keeping children in school is the unanimous testimony of school superintendents in the various counties of Oregon. Their in their special report to Superintend- quent. ent of Public Instruction garding the general condition of educational affairs. Not one of the superintendents suggested a single amendment to the compulsory education law, so it seems probable that Oregon has one of the most effective statutes of

Change in Observers.

Roseburg-The local United States weather bureau office will change observers about November 1. Thomas Gibson, who has been in charge of this here. office for the past 18 years will be transferred to Portland to take a position in the office of E. A. Beales, chief of the bureau for this district. Mr. Gibson will be succeeded by William Bell, who was in charge of this station at the time Thomas Gibson took charge, March 27, 1890. One year be fore that date the office was in charge of William Brumfield, he having relieved William Bell, who had been in charge from 1888 to 1889.

Klamath Train Service.

Klamath Falls-A daylight schedule in and out of Klamath Falls went into effect Sunday, October 25, and traffic conditions are much improved. Connection is made at Weed with train No. 13 from the north and No. 14 from the south. The California Northeastern train leaves Weed at 2 a. m., arriving at Klamath Falls at 4:30 p. m. Leaving Klamath Falls at 7:30 a. m., passengers reach Weed at 5 p. m.

Poor Mall Service. Chemawa-The mail service in the Wilamette valley, especially on the east side, is far from satisfactory Letters mailed from valley points frequently take two days to reach their destination. Mail from the north reaches its destination frequently on the north bound trains, and vice versa. The abolishing of the mail service on train No. 18 and the passing by of the smaller points of train No. 14 is a great disadvantage to the little towns.

Huckleberries Plentiful.

Klamath Falls-There were picked on Huckleberry mountain this season 40,000 gallons of huckleberries, according to the estimate of W. F. Arant, superintendent of Crater lake national park. As many more were picked from the Lake of the Woods patch, and it is said not more than half were gathered.

Start Digging Potato Crop.

Weston-The frosts of the last few nights have set potato raisers to work digging the tubers, of which hundreds of acres are grown on the mountaincharacter. He defended the recent pects are for a short crop of good qualcourse of his government.

| Average | Ing about 5,000. The cars are being prisoners awaiting trial for taken out to handle the increased from the sound; shrinkage; valley, 15@16c; mohair, choice, 18c per pound. sides near here. How the crop will rated Venezuela from Spanish rule, wes nand, and was eminently pacific in turn out can not be told. The pros-

PLAN INSTRUCTION TRAIN.

lamette Valley in November. Corvallis-What is said to be the most pretentious train of its kind ever attended by nearly every business man ed States will be run by the Southern November. It will be a demonstration The new league will secure a list of train that will show the latest methods etitioners and armed with it will ap- in dairying, agriculture, horticulture and stock raising. The train will conaccompanied by the officials of the rail tion at Corvallis, will deliver lectures professors from the Oregon Agriculturfarmers, dairymen and fruitgrowers.

Although the Harriman lines in this cial action will be taken soon. state have only recently taken up the work of educating the people of the railroads have gone into it extensively. The train to be run next month promises to be the very latest development

One car in the train will be devoted to agricultural exhibits and demonstrations, another to horticulture, a third to dairying and livestock. One car will have a number of model dairy cows for exhibition and practical deof modern dairy methods will be given. A model stall will be shown for the benefit of dairymen and owners of livestock. In another car practical demonstrations will be given in packing fruit.

The train will be out eight days and during that time the following cities will be visited, a stop of about two hours being made at each place: Hillsboro, Forest Grove, North Yamhill, Sheridan, Dallas, Independence, Wellsdale, Albany, Shedd, Junction City, Eugene, Cottage Grove, Springfield, Brownsville, Jefferson, Salem, Gervais, Woodburn, West Stayton, Silver-

Tax Money Comes Easier.

Pendleton-Sheriff Taylor has collected and turned over to the county year than last, according to the report just completed by Deputy Sheriff Funk. Although the sum of money handled was much greater, the errors made in preceeding year. The errors only amounted to \$8.19. A total of \$328,-716.48 has been turned over to the tressurer, while only a little over \$15,-

Prospect for Coal.

Silverton-Believing that the hills south of Silverton contain a rich vein of coal, several farmers have organized a company and will sink a drill within a few days with a view of locating the vein. They have leased 1,200 acres of land adjacent to the city for a term of 20 years. Prospecting is in operation under the supervision of Chief Engineer Berry, who recently established the Scotts Mill mine, which is near

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Bluestem, 93@94c; club, 89c; fife, 89c; red Russian, 86c; 40fold, 90c; valley, 90c.

Barley-Feed, \$26@26.50 per ton; rolled, \$27.50@28.50; brewing, \$26.50. Oats-No. 1 white, \$31@31.50 per ton; gray, \$30@30.50.

Hay-Timothy, Willamette valley, \$14 per ton; Willamette valley, ordinary, \$11; Eastern Oregon, \$16.50@ 17.50; mixed, \$13; clover, \$9; alfalfa, \$14; alfalfa meal, \$19.

Fruit-Apples, 60c@\$2 per box; peaches, 60@75c per box; pears, 75c @\$1.25 per box; grapes, 75c@\$1.25 per crate; Concords, 1256@15c per half basket; huckleberries, 9@10c per pound; quinces, \$1601.25 per box; eranberries, \$10.50 per barrel; nutmeg melons, \$1.25 per box; casabas, 21/2c per pound. Potatoes - 80@90c per hundred;

sweet potatoes, 2@21/4c per pound. Onions - Oregon, \$1.25 per 100

Vegetables-Turnips, \$1.25 per sack ; carrots, 85c; parsnips, \$1.25; beets, \$1.25; artichokes, 75c per dozen; beans, 10c per pound; cabbage, 1%c per pound; cauliflower, 75c@\$1 per dozen; celery, 40@75c per dozen; cucumbers, \$2 per box; egg plant, \$2 per crate; lettuce, 75c@\$1 per crate; parsley, 15c per dozen; peas, 10c per pound; peppers, \$1.75@2 per box; pumpkins, 1@15c per pound; radishes, 1236c per dozen; spinach, 2c per pound; sprouts, 10c per pound; squash, 116c per pound; tomatoes, 40

Butter-City creamery, extras, 35 @36c; fancy outside creamery, 321/60 35c per pound; store, 170220c.

Eggs - Oregon selects, 38@40c; Eastern, 27@32 6c per dozen. Poultry-Hens, 146015c per pound; spring, 14@15c; ducks, old, 12@123c; young, 14@15e; geese, old, 8@9e; young, 9@10c; turkeys, 16@18c. Veal-Extra, 816@9c per pound; or-

dinary, 7007 1/6c; heavy, 5c. Pork-Fancy, 7c per pound; large,

- Oregon, 1908, 7678c per Hops pound; 1907, 3@4e; 1906, 1@1%e.

EVACUATE PACIFIC OCEAN.

Roosevelt's Order is Taken to Mean Confidence in Jap Professions.

Tokio, Oct. 28.—Although the Compulsory Obligation in North Tokio, Oct. 28 .- Although the the attitude of the people of the United States toward the Japanese is still a matter of comment by the Japanese and vernacular press.

A report from Washington to th effect that President Roosevelt had ordered the Pacific fleet to proceed to the Atlantic ocean to participate in the spring maneuvers, thus temporarily evacuating the Pacific ocean, has cre ated a profound impression here. The newspapers all comment on this action as an indication that the American people have confidence in the sincerity of the protestations of friendship on the part of Japan.

The proposed conference of the powers interested in the Pacific ocean to discuss the oriental question is gaining al college will also accompany the train in popular favor. Every newspaper in the empire favors the proposed conference, and it is likely that some offi-

The tender Yankton left Yokohama today for Manila. She stayed behind Burns-The well drilling outfit of rural districts to improve their pro- for repairs of damage done by the storm encountered by the fleet on the way here from Manila.

SHOOTING IS LIMITED.

What Roosevelt is Free to Kill or East African Hunt.

London, Oct. 28,-President Roose velt not having signified his intention of asking special privileges for his hunting trip in British East Africa through diplomatic channels, it is supposed that he will take out an ordinary 5o-pound (\$250) license from the colonial office. This, however, has not yet been applied for, though it is always usual to demand such licenses several months in advance. Under them each hunter is limited to 60 animals, except in cases of lions, leopards, crocodiles and others, which are considered undesirable, of which he may shoot as many as he wishes.

As set forth in the new licenses, the president may kill "two elephants, two rhinoceri, ten hippopotami, 21 antelopes, two buffaloes, two earth hogs, two earth wolves, ten chevrotains, two monkeys, two marabou storks, two ostrices, two egrets and one chim-panzee." Giraffes, wild asses, secretary birds and a number of other species are forbidden to any nimrod not armed with special privileges.

WILL RENEW WAR.

the office were much less than for the Anti-Gambling League Still Wants to Reform Nevada.

> Reno, Nev., Oct. 28.-Undaunted by ts defeat at the polls at the city election last Saturday, the Anti-Gambling league today held a meeting and made Both vessels came into port together. plans for carrying the fight to drive The heat and smoke from the fin gambling out of Nevada to every city forced the passengers to within in the state. Committees were ap- from their cabins, and temporary of pointed to organize clubs in every and eating tables were placed on the county where efforts will be made to promenade deck for them. The officen secure a popular vote on the question.

The league here intends to get out another petition asking for another or- thus created would fan the flames. dinance and special election about three months hence. Attributing its defeat to the preximity of the general election and business conditions, it believes a vote at that time will bring a good Huge Balloon Carries Touring Car majority in favor of closing gambling, in Reno. The league voted to keep its hands off politics, for this year at least, and no effort will be made to have the candidates declare themselves before the coming election.

Fear Boat Has Capsized.

San Diego, Oct. 27. -Arrangements p. m., the balloon carrying two other were being made at Fort Rosecrans pants, Carl G. Fisher, of Indianagola, late last night to send out a boat to and C. L. Bumbaugh, of Springfield look for four members of the Twentyeighth Coast artillery and an army able at will to load up the balloon I mechanic from San Francisco. The the automobile. The machine used #15 five men left for the Coronado islands a new 24-horsepower four-cylinder touryesterday morning on a fishing cruise ing car, and when stripped of all se expecting to return last night. They have not been seep since. They are pounds, Corporal Reynolds and Privates Blanchard, Wykoff and Crosby and Mechanic Hughes.

Limit Invitations to 400.

tion against any disturbances during in it. the visit here of the second squadron of the American fleet, invitations to the Chinese reception to the fleet have been limited in number to 400. Many foreigners of bad character are assembling here, but no foreigners will be admitted to the grounds where the receptions are to be held, without a pass detectives are investigating the spe from the consular representatives of ing condition. Young Lec and Michael his country. his country. Invitations to the Foo Larkins were arrested with quantit Chow students and naval cadets have of the drug in their possession. been withdrawn.

ry of Pressia today made an ascension money" selling to their schoolmates Friedrichafon, Oct. 28.-Prince Henin the reconstructed Zeppelin airship. The count says the new dirigible is much better than the one that was lost during the attempt to make a flight ered to see the air monster rise with ers, is being turned out at the walk the prince aboard. The ascension was of the Standard Steel company. entirely successful and the balloon

Prince Henry Up in Airship.

To Use 5,000 Idle Cars.

the direction of Euberlingen.

Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 28.-The Pennsylvania railroad is clearing the Petersburg branch, of the middle division, of all the freight cars which have been stored there since last winter, number-Wool - Eastern Oregon, average ing about 5,000. The cars are being

CAN'T FORCE PLEDGE

Dakota Held Illegal,

PEOPLE MAY NAME A CHOICE

But Legislature Must Remain Free to Elect as They Please Without Being Pledged.

Bismarck, N. D., Oct. 31.-Tat provision of the direct primary law is this state which requires members the legislature to vote for the popular choice for United States senator ha been delared unconstitutional by the State Supreme court. The validity the law in other respects, including the provision permitting electors to express their preference as to senaters the general election preceding the ac sion of the legislature at which a sea tor is to be elected, is sustained. The opinion was written by Judge Fat and was concurred in by Judge Mar. gan, the third member of the com Judge Spalding, returning a dissent opinion.

An application had been made for a writ of mandamus in a proceeding brought to restrain the members of the legislature from electing a senie next week to succeed Senator H.C. Hansbrough, who was defeated in the primary nominating election la spring. The application was denied and the members of the legislature an now privileged to vote for their personal choice for senator.

BURNING STEAMER IN PORT.

Passengers Driven by Intense Heatte Promenade Deck.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Oct. 31.-The steamer S. V. Luckenbach, from Ker York for San Juan, arrived here lat night with fire in her hold still burn ing. All her passengers and crew, il

in number, are well. The fire was discovered at 4 o'clear on the morning of October 26, when the vessel was 580 miles souther Sandy Hook. The passengers were it once awakened and the small bots were brought out, prepared and make ready to lower away in case it should become necessary to abandon the

At 6 o'clock in the morning of the 26th, the steamer Philadelphia, of the Red D line, was sighted, and the plight of the Luckenbach was signaled to her. The Philadelphia answers

She drew near and acted as a cosvoy until the Luckenbach reached ber did not dare open the hatches to combat the fire in the fear that the draft

USE AUTO WITH AIRSHIP.

Instead of Basket.

Indianapolis, Oct. 31.-Somethin new in aeronautics was attempted ben today when a monster balloon with a capacity of 110,000 cubic feet of gas shot up into the air with an automob placed where a basket is usually aspended. The ascension was made at a

The idea of the aeronauts is to be necessary equipment, weighs 1,500

The balloon descended near Southport, Ind., a distance of seven mile from Indianapolis, after being in the air two hours and ten minutes. The automobile was freed from the ballon Amoy, China, Oct. 28.—As a precau- and the aeronauts came to Indianapolis

> Cocaine in Schools. Philadelphia, Oct. 31.-Scores of

children in the public schools here so addicted to the use of cocaine, second ing to the confession of Edward Les, 15-year-old vender of the drug s told the officers that he purchased to drug at a house on North Tenth street where a man made a practice of selling it to the schoolboys, who made "jots"

Non-Breakable Car Wheel. Chicago, Oct 31,-A new kind a car wheel, the secret of which is bold jealously guarded by the manufacture new wheel is said to be of pressed ste with Captain Mische as pilot started in the process of its manufacture is known to any one but the chemists the works and the officials of the pany. The new wheel is said to be constructed that broken flanges cracked wheels are impossible.

Prisoners Break Jall Missoula, Mont., Oct. 31.-Ed prisoners awaiting trial for the