CASTRO'S RULE ENDS

Venezuelan People Rise Against Absent President.

MAKE BONFIRES OF PIGTURES

Government Lottery is Looted and Many Stores of Hated Supporters Are Gutted.

Caracas, Monday, Dec. 14 (via Willemstad).-Open revolt against President Castro and his supporters broke which was powerless against its numues and pictures which could be found that the robbers got when they comand made a great bonfire of them on pelled Huff to open the safe. the Boulevard de Plaza.

Official action deposing Castro any moment. His power is proba- the slightest provocation both at Mes-

An enormous crowd of the inhabi-tants of the capital, swelled by people from the outlying country, gathered in the streets soon after daytemper would result in violence. The police stood by and made no attempt whatever to restrain the mob.

The first building to be attacked and piles of lottery tickets were destroyed. The crowd then moved to the printing office of El Constitu- the engineer. tional, the organ of President Castro, of which Gumersindo Rivas is editor, and pillaged it completely. A steam laundry belonging to Senor Rivas was

The crowd then turned its attention to several drugstores belonging to Senor Thielen, a son-in-law of General Tello Mendoza, and turned them inside out. General Mendoza was at with that work. one time minister of finance under Castro, and one of his staunchest supporters. He is universally hated by the enemies of Castro and his unpop-ularity and his close connection with ularity and his close connection with however, one of the highwaymen the president accounted for the anger turned and fired at him, but missed, alof the populace against the property

It was after 1 o'clock by the time the crowd had got thus far in its depredations. It was then that a detachprohibiting further manifestations.

These measures had the desired effect, for the mob quieted down and then dispersed.

MAY OWN STEAMSHIPS.

Government Employes Inspecting Vessels at San Francisco.

San Francisco, Dec. 17.-An inspection board comprising Colonel J. B. Bellinger, superintendent of the army transport service, and Chief Engineer John Donnelly and Captain Scott, of the transport service, is completing an inspection of the steamers Sierra, Sonoma and Ventura, of the ocean steamship line, with the probable purchase of them by the government in One of the officers admitted last night that they were making an inspection of the vessels and would forward the report of their investiga-tion to the department at Washing-

The shipping men of this city believe the goernment intends to buy of line between here and Panama. Recently the government purchased three vessels at Boston to be used between New York and Colon, and it is believed the three ships in the Pacific will link New York and San Francisco via Panama by a governmentowned steamship line.

Mexico Buys Canadian Grain,

hitch in the rates for Atlantic sca- to the state department, ports via New York or Halifax. About 16 000,000 bushels are going via Van- dent develop to the extent of an open couver, B. C. Rates of 50 cents per tral states. Cooper says the hard claims against Venezuela and the re-northern is preferred to Kansas red sumption of friendly relations.

Trps Water-Filled Shaft.

Oroville, Cal., Dec. 17.-R. Mcwhile working at the inner end of a form of the government of India, open-600-foot tunnel last Sunday drove his ing what he described as "a very imwith water, which gushed out into his relations between Great Britain and face, washed him and his tools en India." He made no attempt to min ized that he was working near the old fronting the government of India, owshaft and he was half expecting water, ling to the unrest and anarchy, but dep-

Escaped Prisoner is Ghoul.

Seattle, Dec. 17 .- George Williams. the red-haired prisoner who slipped a consin railroad commission has ap-handcuff and escaped from Detective proved the issuance of \$150,000,000 of Jack Barck Monday, has been identi- stocks by the Chicago, Milwaukee & son, also of Ashland, have purchased fied as "Kid" Barnett, who mutilated St. Paul railroad to provide funds for for John Roads and Peter Rural two victims of the Galveston flood in 1898 its Pacific coast extensions. The road tracts of fruit land, or a total of 657 acres. This land will be subdivided hest, 10@14c per the according to through the tears of a broken-hearted stock with the secretary of state and and again placed on the market in shrinkage; valley, 15@16c.

mother.

Mohair—Choice, 18c per

EXPRESS CAR LOOTED.

O. R. & N. Passenger Train Heid Up Near Portland.

Portland, Dec. 18 .- O. R. & N. train No. 1, the Chicago Express, westbound, was held up by three robbers at 9:10 o'clock last night eight miles east of Portland. Entrance to the express car was obtained by nitro-glycerin, and the express messenger, O. H. Huff, was compelled to open the way safe, which was looted.

The passengers were not molested and the desperadoes made good their escape after uncoupling the engine and forcing the engineer, George E. Donlon, to carry them down the track a

That the robbers got but little for their trouble was due to the quick ac-tion of Messenger Huff. Warned by shots and the uncoupling of the two express cars, mail car and engine from the rest of the train, Huff quickly unout here today. Defying the police, locked the safe and taking out packages containing from \$2,000 to \$4,000 threw bers and fury, a great mob raged them into an obscure corner. These he through the city. It wrecked the prop-replaced with packages that had little erty of Castro's leading supporters value, which he grabbed from a shelf and gathered together all of his stat-

That the robbers were desperate and ready to kill without compunction was from the presidency is expected at shown by the fact that they fired on senger Huff and the fireman, Mark H. Bon. Neither man was injured and no shots were fired at the robbers.

Although the passenger coaches were not invaded, the occupants were terribreak. The people began marching fied during the holdup. The train was up and down the main thoroughfares, about one mile west of Clarnie when and it was easy to see that the illwere startled by a command to throw up their hands. Turning, they were confronted by three men, two of whom were masked and the third had his face and looted was that of the lottery blackened. The engine crew had no op The offices of the state portunity to offer resistance, and En the expense of the people were ran-sacked and pillaged. Furniture was The moment the which he did. The moment the wheels ceased turning broken and thrown into the streets two of the robbers left the cab, taking with them the fireman, while the third member of the gang remained to guard

Under orders from the robbers, backed up at all times with ready revolvers, Fireman Bon endeavored to cut off the mail and express cars, but was badly frightened and unable to uncouple the cars speedily enough to suit the robbers, who shoved him aside and completed the work in a way that showed them to be thoroughly familiar

As Fireman Bon was shoved aside, he was left momentarily unguarded, and J. T. Hoskins Estimates Annual Shipmade good his opportunity to dash away from the robbers. As he ran though the distance was short. Bon stumbled and fell a second later, and Numerous inscriptions setting forth this gave the robber opportunity for the virtues of Castro and extolling his another shot as the fireman arose, this powers next attracted the mob, and also going wild. Bon redoubled his every inscription was hacked out and speed and ran to the observation ear at erased. Some of these legends were the rear of the train, where he found carved in the public buildings of the Conductor Dunn, with whom he went to a nearby farmhouse and telephoned

The express and mail cars were then ment of troops was called out for left standing on the track while the duty on the city streets, and Acting robbers forced the engineer to carry President Gomez issued a manifesto-them nearly to Montavilla, where the were close to a street-car line into Portland.

The holdups are believed to have boarded the train at Hood River, for that was the last stop made on the trip before the robbery, with the exception of a short stay at Bonneville under special orders to take on a physician. The evident leader of the gang is described as short and wearing a dark mustache. He was masked about the apper part of the face with a handkerchief. Another of the robbers was a Swede, who talked brokenly, and whose face had been blackened. description of the third member of the gang was obtained.

PRACTICALLY STATE OF WAR

Gomez' State of Defense Means Same Thing to Us.

Washington, Dec. 18 .- A flurry was aused in diplomatic circles today over the report which generally obtained that Venezuela had declared war that against Holland. These reports had the vessels for use in the much-talked- their foundation in the dispatch to the state department by way of Bogota, transmitting a telegram from Caracas. saying that the government had made such a declaration. It was also pointed out, however, that the announcement was based on Vice-President Gomez's declaration that the country is in a state of defense because Holland had seized the coast guardship Alexis.

Officials profess to see no actual dif Winnineg, Dec. 17 .- A Mexican ference between a "state of war" and Winning, Dec. 17.-A Mexican a "state of defense," taking the posi-syndicate has sent H. H. Cooper to tion that it is a "ease of distinction western Canada to buy an enormous without a difference." A renewal of quantity of wheat and oats for ship- the demonstration against the Castro ment to the south on account of a administration would not be a surprise

Should the feeling against the presirevolution, the state department, it is ing to bad weather, but otherwise the hundred for wheat and 47 cents per said, would lose no time in assuming hundred for oats have been made for diplomatic intercourse with the new ad- 400 birds were entered by fanciers, Pacific ports, the railways refusing to ministration to the extent that some not only from Polk county, but from quote an all-rail rate through the cen- action might be taken on the unsettled

Plan Reforms in India.

London, Dec. 18.-Lord Morley, In-Ewen, one of the owners of the Bum- dian secretary, speaking in the house of blebee mine, six miles from this city, lords today, unfolded a plan for the repick into an abandoned shaft filled portant chapter in the history of the tirely out of the mine. McEwen real- imize the formidable difficulties con-

Money for Coast Line. Madison, Wis., Dec. 18.—The Wis-

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

EXPERIMENT STATIONS BENEFIT

By Their Aid Farmers Are Able to Growth in All Directions at Oregon' Follow Better Methods.

Agricultural methods and practices great amount of hard, earnest work Oregon's finest fruit sections. For a that is being done at the experiment number of years ranchers above this stations of the country. A little discovery is sometimes worth millions of dollars, and the presperous farmer is fine quality, but few of the best comthe first to put in practice new and bet

try in the past few years, and this has been brought about largely by agricul peaches, pears, cherries and English tural college men who investigated and walnuts. Several who have purchased tural college men who investigated and proclaimed its possibilities.

A discovery of an agricultural colege man made it possible to discover the robber cow and to put dairying no profitable basis.

Improvement in seeds by selection or reeding has added immensely to the States. A day at the winter course will show how it is done.

Today we would be without fruit in this country but for the discoveries would yield in fruit culture. that have been made as a result of long chasers of tracts on Wolf and Coyote colleges and experiment stations. Inmaster of the situation, and we continue to eat fruit.

But for our better knowledge of an pense. imal diseases and their prevention we would be unable to produce animal products at a profit.

The improvements that have been made in methods of soil treatment and animal breeding and feeding with a view to increased crop and animal pro duction, have been revolutionary.

About a hundred million dollars has een added to the wealth of the nation annually through work at the experi ment stations in developing the sugar beet industry

And all this is just a beginning. The work of improvement must go on, for the perpetuity of the nation depends largely upon the ability of our farmers to increase the productiveness of the

ECHO TO BE WOOL POINT.

ment of 5,000,000 Pounds.

Echo.-Those who claim to know say that, whereas something like 1, 000,000 pounds of wool have in the past been shipped from Echo, the scouring mill, which is now thought trict in which the wool to be scoured to be assured, will be the means of is grown, attracting fully 5,000,000 pounds of wool to this place for shipment.] T. Hoskins, one of the largest wool growers, is confident that is a conservative estimate, and says further that the establishing of a wool-scouring mill at Echo will call for

Business of all kinds in Echo is on proposes many public improvements.

feeding yards.

Ruling Set Aside.

Eugene.-The old ruling of the de partment of the interior, that a person who has filed upon a piece of land under the timber and stone act must see the land before he can prove up on it, has been set aside by a decision in the case of Mrs. Mary S. Ness, wife of S. P. Ness, of this city. Mrs. Ness brought suit to secure a writ or mandamus in the court of District of Columbia to compel Secretary Gar field, of the department of the interior to allow her to prove up on her tim ber claim in Lane county, without personally visiting the land. The court granted the mandamus, overthrowing past precedent.

Water Users Protest.

Klamath Falls.-The Klamath Waer Users' association will endeavor to hold the reclamation service to its original estimate of the cost of water under the Klamath project, which was \$18.60 per acre. The cost of \$30 per acre is regarded as too high, especially by the large landholders, who have cultivated but a small portion of their holdings heretofore. This cost will cause large tracts of land to be broken up, and farmers will hold only as many acres as they can afford to irrigate. This is what the reclamation service contemplates in its plans for the settling of the Klamath basin.

400 Birds at Show.

Dallas.-The second annual show of the Polk County Poultryraisers' as-sociation was held here last week The attendance was rather light, ow opening day was successful. Nearly many of the neighboring counties. The judging showed many valuable nated by business men, were given.

Poultry Raiser Sells Property.

Milton.-J. L. Vinson, the wellknown poultryman, for many years a resident of this city, has sold his eity property to Mr. Richards, of Mon-tana. Mr. Vinson is president of the Walla Walla Valley Poultry association and has taken great interest in the raising of poultry standards. He is one of the leaders of the prohibition shaft and he was half expecting water, ing so the united and analysis party in Umatilla county. Mr. Vin-but, not in any such quantity as recated the alarmist views regarding party in Umatilla county. Mr. Vin-greeted him. Franklin or Adams county.

Buying Polk Fruit Lands.

Independence.-E. V. Carter, an Ashland banker, and William Addi-

WOLF CREEK PROGRESS.

Ideal Colony.

Wolf Creek - Tree-planting has are rapidly changing as a result of the begun in what is destined to be one of property, which comprises over 2,700 acres, the principal part of Wolf and mercial varieties have been planted. ter methods.

Alfalfa has added millions of dollars to apples, principally Spitzenberg, the presidential election of 1904, when try in the past few years and the country in the past few years and the country in the past few years and the grand total was 13,510,708. 2,000 grapes, principally Tokay; also

their value will now be determined. value of the field crops of the United as well as the extent and richness of all rivals was 423,113. placer deposits, and only such parts will be mined as promise vastly greater returns than the same land

and expensive work at the agricultural creeks will be able to secure considerable gold without injury to fruit stead of being helpless against the and agriculture, as only the present ravages of insect pests, the farmer is and old creek channels will be washed. and this can be done with "self shoot ers" during low water, at small ex-

Field Too Large.

Prineville.-Because of the wide area he must cover in Crook county and also because he has no clerical assistance to aid him in the perform ance of his duties at the county seat, R. A. Ford, county superintendent of schools, has announced that hence forth he will publish his appointments in advance, the same as do the Episcopal hishops in church matters. Ford is now compiling his first of five articles along this line, setting forth

Scouring Mill for Echo.

Pendleton.-Umatilla county wool men expect to build and equip a \$40,-000 wool-scouring mill at Echo and have it in operation during the season of 1909. Plans for the organization of a company to control the plant have been perfected in this city. The management will rest in the hands of a directorate of sheepmen. The town of Echo has donated a site for the plant. That location was chosen because of being the center of the dis-

Library Is Assured.

Pendleton.-Not to stop until they have raised at least \$2,000 for the library is the determination of the manner of death. The inquest probthey are already close to the coveted many other improvements, among goal. From subscriptions from memhip fees and from the sale of tags combined, about \$1,800 has been Business of all kinds in Echo is on raised for the library fund. It is es-the upward trend. The new council timated by Mrs. S. A. Lowell that the receipts from tag sales will reach \$200. From membership fees the sum of \$300 will be realized.

Turns Over Land Money.

Salem.-The governor's office has received a warrant from the United States land department for \$66,870. which covers the sales of public lands in Oregon for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1908. This amount will be divided in proportion to the acreage in those counties.

Schools Show Increase.

Eugene.-The incomplete school census of Eugene shows that there are over 2,300 children of school age in the city, an increase of over 125 over the enumeration of last year, when the count showed 2,175 children. There are several families yet to enu-

PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Bluestem, 96@97c; club, 90@91c; fife, 90@91c; red Russian, 88c; 40-fold, 91c; valley, 91c. Barley-Feed, \$27 per ton; brewing,

Oats-No. 1 white, \$31.50 per ton. Hay-Timothy, Willamette valley \$14 per ton; eastern Oregon timothy \$16.50@17; clover, \$12; alfalfa, \$12

grain hay, \$12@13. Fruits-Apples, 60c@\$2.50 per box; pears, \$1@1.25 per box; grapes, 75e@ \$1.50 per crate; quinces, \$1@1.25 per box; cranberries. \$14@14.50 per bar-

rel; huckleberries, 10@15c per lb.; persimmons, \$1@1.25. Potatoes - 80@90c per hundred; sweet potatoes, 2@21c per 1b. Onions-\$1@1.25 per 100 lbs.

Vegetables-Turnips, \$1@1.25 per sack; carrots, \$1; parsnips, \$1.25; beets, \$1.25; horseradish, 8@10c per lb.; artichokes, 90c@\$1 per doz.; beans, 10@14c per lb.; cabbage, 1tc per lb.; cauliflower, 75c@\$1 per doz; celery. birds. Elmer Dixon, of Oregon City, \$4.50 per crate; eucumbers, \$2@2.50 acted as judge. Valuable prizes, doper box; eggplant, 11c per lb.: lettuce per lb.; pumpkins, 1@11c per lb; rad ishes, 30c per doz; spinach, 2c per Butter-City creamery, extras 36@ 37c; fancy outside creamery, 321@35c per lh.; store 18620c

Fggs - Oregon ranch, 40@424c; eastern, 30@35c per doz. Poultry-Hens, 121@13c per lb spring, large, 12@13c, small, 13@14c;

mixed, 12@121c; ducks, 14@15c; geese 9@10c: turkeys, 171@18c; dressed turkeys. 20@22fc. Vezl-Extra, 9@10c per lb.; ordi-

nary. 7@8c; heavy, 5c. Pork-Fancy, 71c per lb.; large, 61

Mohair-Choice, 18c per lb.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

Official Figures Compiled on Popular Vote of Country.

New York, Dec. 16.—The total pop-ular vote of the presidential candi-New York, Dec. 16 .- The total popdates at the last national election was made known today in an official form by the filing of the last of the official vote, that of Michigan. The total

shows the following votes cast: Taft, republican, 7,637,676. Brvan, democrat, 6,393,182, Debs, socialist, 448,471, Chafin, prohibitionist, 241,252. Hisgen, independence, 83,186. Watson, populist, 33,871. Gilhaus, socialist-labor, 15.421.

Total for all candidates, 14,852,239 This grand total exceeds by 1,341,

Compared with that election, the candidates of the republican and demcandidates of the republican and corratic and socialist parties increased Knox as secretary of state in his or walnuts. Several who have purchased tracts of him will do considerable planting. Enough will be set of each planting. Enough will be set of each tion, populist and socialist-labor party did not that he would accept the offer the control of the candidates of the prohibit true of the prohibit true of the candidates of the prohibit planting. Enough will be set of each true of the candidates of the planting. Enough will be set of each true of the candidates of the planting. Enough will be set of each true of the candidates of the planting that the would accept the office. The independence party did not that he would accept the office. Several miners are prospecting. Several miners are prospecting. Quartz ledges are known to exist and Quartz ledges are known to exist and was 1.244.494, and his majority over was made to Mr. Known less than the said the

The biggest difference in a barry day's telegram.

vote is shown in an increase for Bryan day's telegram.

'I feel that I am to be congrated. 1904 for Alton B. Parker, the demo-cratic candidate. Taft received 14,190 Knox in my cabinet," said Mr. 7 votes more than were polled for President Roosevelt in 1904, and Debs ran wanted, first, a great lawyer, and was 45,368 ahead of his predecessor on the socialist ticket.

FIND BIGGY'S BODY.

Remains Were Floating in Bay With Features Disfigured.

San Francisco, Dec. 16 .- The body of Chief of Police Biggy, who was while he was at the head of this drowned from the police launch Patrol partment. opposite Alcatraz island in San Fran-cisco bay on the night of November 30, was found yesterday by the crew a very slight extent, and in some a of the freight ferryboat Transit. It term it is thought possible that & was floating off Goat island, face up- tary Straus, who also is from he ward, with the arms outstretched. York, will be continued in the The harbor police were at once noti- for a time at least, fied, and, procuring a launch, Sergeant a list of some twenty schools to be Donovan recovered the remains. The practically conceded that James wisited during January. body has been fully identified as that of the dead chief.

When the corpse was taken from general already has been announced the waters it had on the long coat thoritatively. and gloves worn by Biggy on the night of his disappearance. The watch which Chief Biggy always carried was count of his injured knee are seth stopped at 9:12 o'clock. So far as tatively denied. could be ascertained, there were no papers in the pockets to which any significance could be attached, and it was concluded that if Chief Biggy had rumors. a written resignation prepared on the occasion of his visit to Police Commissioner Hugo Keil at the latter's attorney general, Mr. Taft sail be home in Belvedere, he had disposed of it in some manner before he met his death.

There were no marks of violence on the body, but an autopsy will be held to assist, if possible in clearing up the

CASTRO WANTS AID.

Endeavors to Effect Alliance With Germany for Protection.

Berlin, Dec. 16 -- President Castro. according to an admission made today by a member of the German foreign office, is here to effect a diplomatic alliance whereby Germany will sup- today to make the following states port Venezuela in future international entanglements in return for such concessions from the republic as will alow Germany to become the dominating influence in Venezuela's' com-

wants a b'g loan. Herr Goesch, counsellor in the for-

eign office, visited Castro today and arranged for an official visit with Senor Castro discredit the report is Count von Bulow, the German chan-Schoen. Castro and Herr Goesch inthe ground that, even if hostilities had dulged in a lengthy discussion con- been declared, the declaration can cerning the etiquette of the proposed become effective because Venezuel interview, the president of Venezuela demanding that he be received in a manner befitting his station. This was promised him, after which Castro sent a member of his suite to leave his cards with Von Bulow and Von Schoen.

Emperor Wilhelm today sent a cordial telegram of welcome to Castro.

King Edward ill.

London, Dec. 16.—From sources of fantry drinking calumbic acid, a reinquestioned reliability it was learned etable compound extract from the today that the royal family's physi- lumba root. An official investigated cians are deeply concerned over the king's condition. That Edward himself realizes the gravity of his illness is indicated by the fact that he is real. is indicated by the fact that he is ran-riously ill will be withheld until us idly unloading many government responsibilities on the shoulders of the
Prince of Wales. The most alarming
features of the king's condition.

The beverage, it is leave
was served as "vino," a native disk
was served as "vino," a native disk. features of the king's condition are at a resort near the camp on December the reappearance of those symptoms are at a resort near the camp on December 1 the reappearance of those symptoms 15. which preceded his operation in 1902.

To Investigate Rebates.

Chicago, Dec. 16 .- Charges of rebating, made, it is said, against various railroads, will be investigated by the mittee of the United States Sted as cauliflower, 75c@\$1 per doz; celery. \$4.50 per crate; cucumbers, \$2@2.50 per box; eggplant, 11c per lb.; lettuce of the Pennsylvania railroad, is said to have given the jury information of peas, 12½c per lb.; peppers, 15@20c per lb.; pumpkins, 1@1½c per lb.; rad company for handling steel trust had the advantage over the rate charged the Illinois Steel competitors of \$2 a ton in the propers. company for handling steel. The traffic relations between this road and the United States Steel corporation it is that the profits of the trust and the lb.; sprouts, 91@10c per lb.; squash.

1@11c per lb.; tomatoes, 50c@\$1.75.

Butter—City creamery extens 26@

Butter—City creamery extens 26@ investigated.

Castro in France.

Bordeaux, France, Dec. 11 -- President Castro, of Venezuela, landed here yesterday from the steamer Guadalupe and will proceed direct to Berlin. A representative of the minister of form representative of the minister of for- where the body lay in state yes eign affairs went aboard the steamer

Robbers Secure \$15,000.

fals Okla, was blown open with dynamite today by robbers who are the battalion of seven companies of the First National bank of Euprocession. The city's departs a
work all closed during the fants all
with all namite today by robbers who escaped with \$15,000 in gold. A posse is in offices were in the procession is pursuit of the thieves.

WORKS ON CABINE

Secretary of State

SENATOR HAS ACCEPTED PLOT

Teft is Looking for Good War Ser retary-Straus and Wilson May Be Retained.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 19.-Presiden elect Taft tonight announced the pointment of Senator Philander was made to Mr. Knox last Sunday New York and that sines the offer had not heard from Mr. Knox until

eye, not only here, but abroad, as a my who stands out pre-emisently as a gus

It was stated at the capitol that I Taft is looking for a man to take n war portfolio who has bad sufficient experience to work out the recruin-tion scheme put into force by Mr. Re-The position of secretary of a merce and labor has been mestion

York, will be continued in that For secretary of agriculture it son, of Iowa, will be continued for Year or more. The appointment Frank II. Hitchcock to be postment

Reports that Secretary Rost w soon resign from the cabinet or

Other than to announce that Ku had been selected as secretary of si Mr. Taft declined to speak of cali Regarding the report that George

Wickersham, of New York, would this place with an administra genius who will reorganize the dept ment as well as the legal phase of the department of commerce and labor a

CASTRO SEEKS RECONCILIATION

Willing to Arbitrate With France-Re turn to Venezuela Unlikely.

Berlin. Dec. 19.-There is an evile desire on the part of President Caro to effect an arrangement of the mi standing difficulties between Venue and France. He authorized a diplos "I believe it would be very ear bring about a renewal of relation is tween Venezuela and France by si mitting the question to arbitration." Senor Castro had a lengthy coafe

nce with a prominent repre Castro, it was also learned today, of the German foreign office. The seject-matter of the interview is Both the German foreign office an

Venezuela has declared war squiest h

Drink Acid and Die Manila, Dec. 19. Eleven deaths have

occurred and 13 men are seriously illa Keithley camp, Mindanno island, as result of the men of the eightscatt

Steel Trust's Margin Washington, Dec. 19 Elbert Gary, chairman of the board of dim tors and chairman of the finance

poration, appeared before the ways and means committee in the tal competitors of \$2 a ton in the P tion of pig iron. The messing manufacturer of a like output. San Francisco Honors Bigst

San Francisco, Dec. 18. The resi The cortege moved to St. Mary and had a long talk with Castro before he came ashore.

The cortege moved to St. and
dral, where a solemn requiem age
was said. Every policeman whe
was said. Every policeman whe
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not netually on duty at his ped present at the funeral, there been procession. The city's departs