# DOES NOT WANT WAR

# Netherlands Will Not Assume Offensive Unless Forced.

## CANNOT SETTLE BY ARBITRATION

Trouble With Venezuela is One in Which Sovereignity and National Honor Are At Stake.

The Hague, Aug. 20.-After a nine session, during which the dis-Venezuela was canvassed exhaustively in all its phases, the cabinet dispersed shortly after midnight last night, and deren proceeded to the royal chateau at a Het Loo, to acquaint Queen Wilhel-mina with the result of the council. The terms of The Netherlands' an-

swer to the letter of President Castro, of Venezuela, were fully discussed, and it is understood thatt he actual text as well as the broad lines of action, drawn of loss. up to meet any possible eventualities,

were agreed upon.

It is maintained that the present question is rather one of sovereignty are not so susceptible of solution by arbitration.

The Netherlands government is inclined for the present to adopt a waiting attitude, but it is ready to take energetic steps whenever the developments from the situation demand. It is agreed to push all necessary preparations in order to be ready to support an ultimatum, should it be decided to forward one to President Castro. Work naval dockyards to complete the prepathe end of next month.

In the meantime every effort will be made to find a pacific solution of the tions. dispute, and especially in view of the fact that Queen Wilhelmina is opposed to resorting to war until all other meth- fact was communicated to Admiral liam, Wheeler, Crook and Hood River the first ever found in this section. ods have been tried.

### UNIFORM FISH LAWS.

### Anglo-American Commission at Work Under Recent Treaty.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 20.-The international fisheries commission ap-pointed to draw up a uniform code of laws for the fisheries lying between Canada and the United States is in the city. It is composed of Professor David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford university, and S. T. Bastedo, of Ottawa, who represents Great Britain.

It is not the intention of the commission to hold any public sittings, but it will spend a week on the coast gathering information respecting fish-States, signed last April, when it zucla. was argeed to appoint a commission to The subject has been mooted by 

## SEVENTY MINERS KILLED.

### Explosion Wrecks Maypole Mine in England.

Wigan, Aug. 20.-The worst fears have been realized about the explosion has the sympathy and support of the which occurred in the Maypole mine United States. yesterday. The entombed miners num bered about 70 and it is impossible that any of them can have survived.

Efforts at rescue, however, continue unceasingly. Thirty bodies were dis-covered today in the workings, but the between the The Netherlands and Venfumes from the burning coal prevented equela. the rescuers from reaching the others who probably are lying down in the

A few bodies were brought to the surface today, but all were so blackened and mutilated that identification island started a demonstration. was impossible. At midnight an enormous crowd was still keeping a sorrowful vigil at the pit mouth.

Machine to Pick Up Walnuts.

Fullerton, Cal., Aug. 20 .- L. L. Sidwell, a Rivera walnut grower, is perfecting a machine to pick up walnuts by suction. The machine is operated Shinano Maru tonight. The seized by a gasoline engine, a four-inch hose schooner was towed to Vladivostok on by a gasoline engine, a four-inch hose schooner was towed to Vladivostok on being held just above the ground under August 1. Japanese newspapers rethe walnut tree. The suction draws ceived by the Shinano Maru have bitthe walnuts through the hose into a ter articles regarding the sentence of by spring is given added weight by cy, 27 ke; choice, 25c; store, 18c, tank installed on the wagon. There is six seal hunters of the seized schooner the letting of this contract. an exhaust near the top which sepa-rates the nuts from the hulls. Miyo Maru to death at Nicolaiefsky for attacking their guards.

# Kaiser Completes Fund.

Beriln, Aug. 20.-The emperor has given \$24,000 to the Koch fund for the ter of virulence in the cholera epiresisting of the spread of tuberculosis. demic has been transferred to Rostov-This donation completes the \$100,000 on-Don, where 31 new cases and 10 that Andrew Carnegie stipulated deaths were reported on August 10. should be subscribed before his gift of a like amount, made last winter, should down the Black sea along the Caucasus

#### WORST IN YEARS.

Raijroad Companies Furnish Men to Fight Fires.

Vancouver, B. C., Aug. 21.-A neavy pall of smoke caused by approaching forest fires hangs over this city, the air is oppressive and there are no signs of it clearing. The fires now burning in Vancouver's vicinity are the worst known in 10 years. They are now dangerously near the city, and are still burning fiercely. The Cana-dian Pacific and British Columbia Electric railways have large bodies of men out on the Lulu island line fighting the

The fires are consuming hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of valuable of the valley. standing timber, leaving hundreds of acres of land with nothing but blackened snags. The worst fires are in the Squamish valley, and on Bowen island, pute between The Netherlands and but the blazes at Point Grey and in the Capilane valley are likely to prove very troublesome. The civic waterworks property is said to be threatened Minister of Foreign Affairs Van Swin- by the fire and a force of men has been nt out to check the flames.

The fire has got into the big timber of some exceedingly valuable limits, and it was reported at Squamish landing today that it was racing through forest, and would, unless rain came soon, cause thousands of dollars

The forest fires that threatened Nanaimo and Ladysmith are well under control today .. Much valuable timber has been destroyed, but no houses have and national honors, matters which fallen prey to the flames. The old workings of the Extension mine were gutted by the fire. The telegraph line along the E. & N. is burned down.

### LAW SET ASIDE.

#### Australia Allows American Marines to Rarade With Arms.

Sydney, N. S. W., Aug. 21.-There arose a circumstance in connection will be rushed night and day at the with the parade of American blue jackets and marines in Sydney which at rations needed by the warships, so that one time promised to make it impossithey will be in readiness to reinforcce ble for the carrying out of the pro the vessels now in the Caribbean by gram as origineally planned, but the matter was adjusted and the men marched in accordance with expecta-

Imperial regulations forbid the landing of armed men in Australia. This Sperry, who in turn informed the govmen to participate in the procession and reviews unless they came ashore armed. This was followed by a conference between Admiral Sperry and which it was announced that the government had granted permission for the American sailors and marines to land armed, but without ammunition. This provision was accepted by the American commander.

### HOLLAND TO PLAY LONE HAND

### Needs No Help From Other Powers in Venezuela.

The Hague, Aug. 21.-The government of the Netherlands has no inteneries in the Straits of San Juan de tion of giving out the terms of its re-Fuca and the Gulf of Georgia. Pro-ply to President Castro, of Venezuela, fessor Jordan stated that they were until it is delivered in Caracas through acting in accordance with a treaty be- the German minister there, who is tween Great Britain and the United watching Holland's interests in Vene-

This, however, does not meet with favor here, and no such suggestion from any other power has officially reached The Hague.

The government of the Netherlands is confident of its ability to handle the situation single-handed, now that it

Insult Castro's Flag. Willemstad, Aug. 21.-The Dutch island of Aruba has furnished the lat-

Five days ago a Venezuelan coastguard vessel arrived at Aruba for the purpose of taking away the Venezuelan censul. As soon as the purpose of the visit became known the people of the

# Russia Offends Japs.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 21.-News of the seizure of another Japanese sealing schooner, the Efuku Maru, by Russians for alleged raiding at the Cooper island seal rookeries in the Kommanderofski group was brought by the steamer

### Cholera Spreads South.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 21. The cen-

# OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

PRUNE GROWERS UNITE.

New Association Buys Packing Plant New Course of Study Issued by State at Albany.

Salem-The Northwest association has been formed at this place for the year teachers' training course, to be purpose of packing prunes this season. optional with pupils in the 10th, 11th It is a new factor in the Williamette and 12th grades, is the principal feavalley prune market. It includes some ture of the new course of study which of the largest growers of this section has been issued by Superintendent will not join the packers' combine, all Oregon public schools hereafter. which was formed here some time ago, and will be the only large packing firm by the same as heretofore in use so far outside the Packers' association. The as the first eight grades are concerned. new Growers' association has purchased the packing plant of Lesselle Bros., at Albany, and will operate it. 11th and 12th grades. The new teach The plant has a capacity of 150 cars ers' training course is not designed to for the season. The capital stock of take the place of normal school work, the new concern is \$10,000.

the packing plant owned by Lesselle the teaching profession, but who can Bros., and it is apparently the purpose not see their way clear to attend one of of the new association to make use of the normal schools. Many young pohis knowledge of packing and market-ing fruit. Mr. Lesselle says that the common schools as teachers, and it prunes can be sold in the East at figures is the purpose of the training course to a full cent above the prices now offered fit them better for such work. by the packing houses which are members of the Packers' association.

The growers who have organized the new association will proceed at once of practice teaching, four weeks' study to enlarge the membership. One of of the common school course of study the plans of the new concern is to re- and four weeks' study of practical quire all members to dry their prunes school problems. thoroughly, so that there will be no danger of the fruit spoiling, as was the opinion that this optional work will the case in some instances last year, be taken by many high school pupils In order that the growers shall have no who will thereby be induced to attend incentive to underdry, each grower will be credited with the additional weight his fruit may gain during the processing, grading and packing, which increase is considerable in many in-

### OREGON FAIR PLANS.

#### Counties Preparing for Their Annual Exhibition of Resources.

The Dalles-The eighteenth annual fair of the Second Eastern Oregon distriet, comprising Wasco, Sherman, Gilernment that he would not allow his for five days, commencing October 6, man engaged in cutting cordwood on and closing October 10.

A large number of premiums will be offered for exhibits, races, etc. The main attractions will be the big pavilthe commonwealth government, after ion, where all the fruits, cereals, flowers, fancy work, etc., will be exhibited.

Theres will be races every day, a track meet by athletes of the schools of the district, Arnold's Amusement company will have concessions, and in addition there will be balloon ascensions, high diving and other free at-

As at present fruits and grains give promise of being of excellent quality and of large yield, it is expected that the fair this year will surpass all other efforts. .

### Freewater-Weston Line.

Pendleton—According to the present plans of the Walla Walla Traction company, which is now operating the Barley—Feed, \$24.50 per ton; rollcompany, which is now operating the electric line into Milton and Freewater ed, \$270c28; brewing, \$20. in the north end of Umatilla county, the company will use gasoline motors gray, \$26. electric juice, wire and poles will be alfalfa meal, \$20. eliminated. It is understood that con-

### Better Service on C. S. Railway,

sidering the feasibility of securing a more adequate mail service between Condon and points on the Columbia system it takes three days to get return mail from points on these branch- al; casabas, \$2,25 per dozen. es. Considerable mail matter is carried between these towns. It tions at Biggs with the other branch.

### Harriman Makes Promise.

railroad grade, within a few weeks. \$1 per dozen; arttichokes, 75c per The contract has been let to Erickson dozen. & Peterson to build the road from Dorris to this city, including the tunnel at |5c per pound; olds, 1661 %c per pound; Dorris. The first work here will be on contracts, nominal. the bridge over the government canal, and the cut north of town to furnish material for the fill in the railroad yards. Mr. Harriman's statement that the road will be completed to this city

### Eccles May Back Scheme.

La Grande-David Eccles, a Utah railroad and lumber interests, is conferring with the Commercial club relative to a large irrigation scheme which he may finance here. The proposition to the may finance here. The proposition which the may finance here. The proposition to the may finance here. The proposition to the may finance here. means an outlay of nearly \$1,500,000. Eccles will announce soon whether or not he will back the project with his many, 6c; large, 5c.

Mutton—Fancy, 8@9c.

# ADD NORMAL WORK. Superintendent Ackerman.

Salem-The establishment of a one Its members declare it Ackerman and which will be used in

The new course of study is practical-The new features are found in the high schools, which comprise the 9th, 10th, but is provided as an aid to those high Lesselle was formerly manager of school pupils who contemplate entering

> The course includes 14 weeks in White's "Art of Teaching," seven weeks of observation work, seven weeks

Superintendent Ackerman expresses one of the regular normal schools,

#### Tree Loaded With Honey.

Pendleton One of the finest bee trees ever found in this section of the Blue mountains was found this week on the Joe Parks homestead, a mile from Meacham. Three swarms of bees were in the immense tamarack tree and eight gallons of fine honey was ex-tracted. The bees had entered the hollow tree through a hole 20 above the ground and the entire inside of the tree, which was hollow, was filled with the clear, rich wild honey, counties, will be held at The Dalles The tree was located by an old woodsthe Parkes place, who watched the

### Famous Pear Orchard Sold.

Medford-A syndicate of Eastern men, headed by John D. Olwell, of this city, has purchased the famous pear orchard of C. H. Lewis, near this city, for \$160,000. The orchard has held the world's record for the highest price others brought just a suspicion of moispaid for a carload of Cornice pears for two years, one car bringing \$6,800. This the largest deal in the history of the fruit lands of the Rogue river val-

### PORTLAND MARKETS.

Wheat-Club, 88c per bushel; forty-

Oats-No. 1 white, \$26.50 per ton;

Hay Timothy, Willamette valley, section of the line, and the expense of mixed, \$13; clover, \$9; alfalfa, \$11;

Fruits-Cherries, 260 10c per pound; tracts for 10 miles of grade between peaches, 406:50c per box; prunes, Freewater and Weston have been let. \$1.25 per crate; Bartlett pears, \$1.25 611.75 per box; plums, 500190c per box; grapes, \$1,25011.50 per crate;

Condon-The postal officials are con- apricots, \$1; blackberries, \$1001.10. Potatoes - 90cor\$1 per hundred; weet potatoes, 4c per pound.

Melons - Cantaloupes, \$1.250:1.75 per Southern railway. Under the present crate; watermelons, \$1.50 per 100 system it takes three days to get re- loose; crated, 14c per pound addition-

Vegetatbles - Turinips, \$1.50 sack; carrots, \$1.75; parsnips, \$1.75; thought that what is called a closed beets, \$1.50; beans, 5c per pound; pouch will be made up on the Condon cabbage, 267214c per pound; corn, 25 branch and then placed on No. 7 at 6530c per doz; cucumbers, \$1.00 per Arlington, so as to make better connec-box; eggplant, 10c per pound; lettuce, head, 15c per dozen; paraley, 15c per dozen; pezs, 6c per pound; peppers, 8 661e per pound; radishes, 125c per Klamath Falls—Steam shovels will dozen; spinach, 2c per pound; toma-e at work at Klamath Falls, on the toes, 75c@\$1 per crate; celery, 90c@

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Butter - Extras, 30c per pound; fan-Eggs - Oregon extras, 26@2616c; firsts, 24@25e; seconds, 22@23e; thirds, 15@20c.

Poultry-Mixed chickens, 12@112 1/2 c capitalist, heavily interested in sugar, per lb; fancy hens, 3c; roosters, 8@9c; spring, 5626c; ducks, old, 23c; spring,

nary, 7@7%c; heavy, 5c.

RIOTERS UNDER CONTROL.

Two Regiments of Soldiers at Springfield Ordered Home.

Springfield, Ill., Aug. 19. That the see war situation in this city is conaidered much less serious was evidenc ed last night, when Governor Deneen ordered the First and Fourth infantry regiments to take trains for their omes today.

"I took this action after a confer-ence with Sheriff Warner, Mayor Reece, Major General Young, Adjutant General Scott, General Foster and Gen eral Wells," explained Governor Deneen last night.

"Does that mean that you consider all danger of serious trouble past?"

he was asked. 'It means that we can properly guard the city with the troops which will re-There will still be the Second and Seventh regiments under General Foster in the Western division, and the Third and Fifth under General Wells, The departure of the First and Fourth will lessen our forces by about 1,000 men, leaving a good 2,000 here,"

Major General Young said: "The mob element has had a lesson, and the way citizens with knowledge of riotous misdeeds are responding to the appeal for information on which to base indictments will furnish further instruction to the violently inclined. We are getting news on which we will be able to make many arrests of importance, and these arrests will render the situation much easier to handle. With the ringleaders behind the bars, there will be little for the military to

There were the usual baseless alarms last night, but up to midnight nothing of a serious character had occurred.

#### EVANS RETIRES.

#### Admiral Leaves the Service After 48 Years on Duty.

Lake Mohonk, N. Y., Aug. 19. - Far from grim warships and the sea where he spent nearly half a century in the service of his country, Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, U. S. N., who is at this quiet mountain hotel, yesterday reached the age limit of 62 years and passed from the ranks of the country's nctive sea fighters. His has been the longest service (but two years short of half a century) of any man who has reached the rank of rear admiral in the United States navy. All through the day the hotel was througed with admirers of "Fighting Bob," anxious to congratulate him on his 62nd birthday and to wish him many more happy and useful years. Telegrams by the score reached him from all parts of the country, all expressing felicitations and affection for the man who had done so much to build up the American navy, Many of the messages brought delighted smiles to the admiral's face, while ture to his eyes. The telegram in particular which caused "Fighting Boh" many smiles came from an old friend in Washington and said;

For some of us, skipper, your flag will always fly."

# EUREKA IS SHAKEN.

### Early Morning Trembler Likened to Big One of 1906.

Eureka, Cal., Aug. 19 .- An earthquake shock ablmost as severe as the of steamship companies are on the one of April 18, 1996, but not of so verge of bankruptey, long duration, shook this city a 2:58 o'clock yesterday monring. . It seemes to come from the west, and was what is known as a "twister," No one was injured, but considerable damage was

A second and lighter shock was felt

Chimneys were thrown down and the building and into Judge Hunter's era are to continue in business at all. courtroom.

The statues on the north side of the ground. Plate glass windows in sev- and they are expected to be liberal buyeral business houses were cracked.

### Conference on Strike.

Winnipeg, Aug. 19.-The departure for the East of the heads of the engineers' and trainmen's branches of organized railway laborers is current talk strike is to take place as a result of for about a year, and the discovery of Prominent officials of the Canadian regulations will continue for some Pacific railway have also disappeared and it is assumed that they too will join the conference,

### Holland Has Free Hand.

The Hague, Aug. 19 .- With the sin-The Hague, Aug. 19.—With the sin-gle proviso that no military occupation here today that President Roosevelt

# AFTER STANDARD OIL

# Government Asks Rehearing of Famous Rebate Case.

# SAVE INTERSTATE COMMERCE LAW

Should Decision Stand, Prosecution of Future Cases of Like Nature Would Come to Naught.

Chicago, Aug. 22. Petitions for a rehearing in the Standard Oil case were presented by the Federal government in the Circuit Court of Appeals here teday. It is authoritatively stated that this is the administration's attempt to save the Elkins act and the interstate commerce law from becom-

ing futile. The filing of the petition marked the appearance of Attorney General Bonaparte in the case as well as that of Frank B. Kellogg, who is a special assistant to the attorney general. sides these two names the petition is rigned by Edwin W. Sims, United States district attorney at Chicago, and Special Assistant James H. Wilkerson, both of whom presented the government's side of the case in the original hearing before Judge Landis, who administered the famous fine of \$29,240,000 against the defendant.

Although it is not specifically stated in the petition, it was agreed by counsel for the government in their conference at Lenox, Mass., following the reversal by the Appellate court of Judge Landis' decision, that if the interpretation of the law given by Judgea Grosscup, Seaman and Baker was allowed to stand, successful prosecution of rebate cases against corporations would be impossible in the future. The lawyers at the conference, over which the attorney general of the United States presided, were a unit in expressing the opinion that the reforms in rehate matters brought about by the Roosevelt administration would represent so much loss of time unless the higher court can be convinced that it is in error in the construction of the law.

### BOYCOTT IS EFFECTIVE

### Japanese Liner Forced to Cross Pacific Without Cargo.

San Francisco, Aug. 22.—Proof of the effectiveness of the Chinese boycott on Japanese goods was furnished today when the Japanese liner Hongkong Maru arrived with no cargo.

Of Chinese passengers the Hong-kong Maru had only two. Eight took passage at Shanghai, but the boycott authorities heard about it and six were persuaded to go ashore and wait for an American liner. The other two were sllowed to remain on the vessel for the reason that if they had awaited another vessel their registration tickets would have expired before they arrived

According to passengers on the Hongkong Maru there is a great business depression in Japan, and a number

# BUSINESS WILL INCREASE

### Railroad Officials Much Encouraged by Outlook.

Chiacago, Aug. 22. Traffic officials gerenerally are predicting a large in; crease in the movement of general people rushed from their houses in merchandise within the next few weeks. fright when the first quake shook the From investigations made by them of city. The courthouse was damaged the conditions of stocks now in the most by the shake. The right arm of hands of country merchants, they have the statue of Minerva, carrying a spear, found that these are run down to an was twisted off the statue on the dome. extent that it will be absolutely neces-The spear crashed through the roof of sary to have them renewed if the hold-

In a week or two agricultural communities will begin making their fall building were shaken off and brick and purchases. With the present crop plaster were loosened and fell to the prices they are certain to be in funds,

## Plague Cases Reported.

Astoria, Aug. 22.-Dr. Holt, the local quarantine officer, received notification today that during the past ten days three new cases of bubonic plague Vey is also absent, presumably at Ottawa, where a conference of the war-ring factions in the Constitutions applying to conference of the warring factions in the Canadian Pacific San Francisco have been in full force the alleged government intervention. these new cases will mean that the to this port.

### Roosevelt Books Passage.

of territory must occur, the government has engaged passage on the liner Celtic, at Washington is understood to have which will sail March 7, 1909, for Eugiven the cabinet of The Netherlands rope. If this report is true, he will a free hand to deal as it sees fit with remain in the country less that three President Castro, of Venezuela. The days after his successor is inaugurated, Netherlands' cruiser Friesland will not and will lose no time in starting for sail for the Caribbean before the end the hunting trip in Africa that he has