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THE NATION'S WARDS.

SEATTLE, February 14.-The commitee of St. Louis capitalists, which came Annual Report of the Board of Indian here to examine and report on the pro-

posed harbor improvements and Lake Washington canal, left for Portland to-day, and on reaching St. Louis will make a favorable report on the improve-ments to the Mississippi Valley Trust Company, which has contracted to take the bonds. WASHINGTON, February 14 .- The board of Indian commissioners to-day submitted its twenty-ninth annual report to the secretary of the interior. The report states that the awarding of contracts for Indian supplies has been fair THEN CONGRESS WILL ACT and impartial, and the goods delivered fully up to the samples. There have been but few complaints from the agencies and schools in this regard. The sweeping charges of fraud in the Indian service, which are sometimes published, are founded, it says, upon traditions that have come down from former times. The report reviews the situation in the Indian Territory; refers to the graphic picture drawn by Senator Dawes of the state of affairs among the five civilized tribes, and urges an earnest effort to settle the important and vexing question which has kept the attention of congress for many years. The report recommends that a government should be devised which will give to all the people, without distinction of race, the usual protection of the law, and make all citizens of the United States. Under wise legislation, it says, the Indian Territory will soon become prosperous and be admitted a strong and wealthy state into the American union.

The report strongly recommends the education of the Indian children at public schools as a step forward toward the transference of the whole work of Indian education to the states and making unnecessary specific Indian schools.

In conclusion the report says that some of the Indian agencies can soon be dispensed with, but it will still be years before all can be cleared, and the present talk of abolishing them is idle conversation. The Indians now need the advice and help of some trusted friend. These recommendations are made:

A modification of the laws relating to the leasing and sale of allotted lands; the placing of the entire Indian service under the regulations of the civil service law, and an increase of appropriations for education.

AFFAIRS ON THE ISTHMUS.

Serious Nature of the Revolution in Colombia.

New York, February 14.-A late arival from the Isthmus of Panama brings information of the seriousness of the revolution now in progress in the ington, and everybody would like to Republic of Colombia. Battles have have the fish preserved by such measbeen fought at several places in the in- ures as are necessary. It may now be terior, which the government reports as disastrous to the revolutionists, but the agents of the rebels assert this is not true. The activity of the government in seizing the steamer Premier and for-warding arms and ammunition to the if the legislatures do their duty. southern departments show the anxiety felt. No reports unfavorable to the LEAVE PORTLAND EVERY 5 DAYS government are allowed to be printed. Local mails and personal letters are subjected to inspection, and letters antagonistic to the government would result in the immediate arrest of the sender. All passenger ships arriving at Colon are closely examined for suspected sympathizers and munitions of war, and the cable lines are also under surveillance.

Affairs on the Isthmus are very dull, and seemingly quiet, but an outbreak is imminent at any time, as the laborers employed by the Panama railroad and canal companies are on the verge of a strike owing to the low wages and increased cost of living since January 1, when an import duty of 10 per cent on ing something in a bale of cotton. He all invoices went into effect, and in the event of a strike of the employes there is little doubt but the sympathizers with the revolution would take advantage of the situation to secure arms and ammunition from the government. No one is allowed on the streets of Panama and Colon without a pass after 10 o'clock P. M., and the police are ready to disperse any crowd even in the daytime. The presence of the United States cruiser Atlanta at Colon, and the Nymphe and Satellite, two English men-of-war, at Panama, has a salutary effect upon the dissatisfied employes of the Panama Railroad Company.

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A START IS DESIRED

The State Legislatures Should Take the Initiative.

Fish Commissioner Macdonald Regrets the Possible Refusal of the Oregon and Washington Legislatures to Protect Salmon Fisheries.

Washington, February 15. - Fish Commissioner Macdonald looks with regret upon the possible refusal of the do something toward enlarging the product of the wonderful Columbia river fish. Congress is ready to do something as soon as the fish commission will recommend, and Mr. Macdonald is anxious to make his recommendation as soon as he can, if there is a prospect of making a feasible expenditure of money. The fish commissioners cannot think that either legislature will be so short-sighted as to neglect to take the proper pre-caution for salmon preservation, when it is apparent if present methods are continued it is only a short time before the salmon supply will be practically exhausted. It will result in ultimate damage to the whole state, and especial-

be standing in the way of legislation by the states most vitally interested.

As to getting an appropriation for the propagation of salmon, there is no question as soon as the states comply with the regulations insisted upon by the fish commission. Many of the senators and representatives have had an opportunity to test the quality of Columbia salmon, and they will do anything to help preserve it. Senators Dolph and Mitchell and Representative Harman Mitchell and Representative Hermann have on more than one occasion fed the hungry congressmen with this tooth-some fish, while Hon. J. B. Montgomery has often done the same. The Columbia river salmon is well-known in Washtoo late to get an appropriation at this session. If the state legislature had acted by this time it could have been procured, but there will not be the

RIOTS IN NEW ORLEANS.

Dynamite Found Concealed in a Bale

above the limits of New Orleans, saw a suspicious man yesterday morning letter has been sent to James W. Covert among the cotton bales on the wharf. and David B. Hill urging them to inter-He was watched and detected conceal- est themselves in the matter. was arrested at once and the cotton examined. It was found that he had put enough dynamite in the cotton to blow the Floridan to pieces. The federal authorities refuse to give the name of the man, but there seems to be no reason to doubt that the attempted crime was due to the bitter feeling growing out of the labor troubles here.

The West Indian & Pacific Steamship Company was one of the first lines to employ negro labor in loading as against whites. The white laborers were indig-nant and struck. The wharves of the company were set on fire a few days afterward and burned with all the freight, the total loss being \$300,000.

At Southport, where the man was arrested yesterday, there has been no trouble for weeks, but the negro stevedore in charge of the loading of vessels was shot several weeks ago by white men. The race labor troubles on the river front have prevailed since October. The Cuban Steamship Company, which has two vessels loading here with cotton won a signal victory yesterday in the United States court. The company find-ing the loading of its vessels prevented or interrupted by the strike of the screw men and other labor men on the river front, attempted to use its crew for loading. The laborers have protested against this, and under an act of the legislature of 1880, which prohibits vessels using their crews to load or discharge cargoes, the mayor and chief of police were appealed to and stopped all day and earnestly support such measure work. The company appealed to the federal courts yesterday for an injunction. Judge Parlange's decision was strongly in its favor. He declares the law passed by the legislature, which has been enforced for fifteen years without ever being challenged before, unconstitutional, prohibited the mayor and police from interfering with the crew working, and announced that the com-pany had a good suit for damages against the authorities for the interrup-tion to which it had already been sub-

General Schofield Is Grateful.

Washington, February 15 .- In a letter to Senator Hunton, of Virginia, Lieutenant-General Schofield thanks him for his urging of the confirmation of the general's nomination, and says the senator's public announcement of the fact that he had gained the friendship of the "big-hearted" people of Virginia is an honor more dear to him than any military rank.

INCOME TAX RETURNS.

Time Extended and Additions Made by the Senate Committee. WASHINGTON, February 14.-The sen-

a favorable report on the house concurrent resolution extending the time for making returns under the income tax law from March 1 to April 15 with the following additions:

Be it further resolved, That in computing incomes under said act, the amounts necessarily paid for fire insurance premiums and for ordinary repairs upon any real estate shall be deducted from the rents accrued or received from

such real estate.

It is also resolved, That in computing incomes under this act, the amounts received as dividends upon the stock of Oregon and Washington legislatures to do anything looking to the protection of salmon fisheries, which would give the cent in the net profits of said corporageneral government an opportunity to tion, company or association, although such tax may not have been actually paid by such corporation, etc., at the time of making returns by the person, corporation or association receiving such dividends.

It is further resolved that no taxpayer shall be required in his or her annual return under said act to answer any interrogatories unless specifically provided for in said act.

The resolution as amended was afterward reported to the senate.

ONE OF THE CONDEMNED. History of William T. Seward, Nov

Under Sentence in Hawaii. NEW YORK, February 13 .- Colonel William T. Seward, condemned to death ly to the very men who are now said to at Hawaii, formerly lived at Orient, L. I. He was very prominent on Eastern

Long Island. It first became known yesterday that the unfortunate Colonel Seward at Hawaii is the William T. Seward, who for many years had charge of the extensive Long Beach fish works. Colonel Seward came to Orient many years ago from Hartford, Conn., to be employed at the fish works as chemist. Upon the death of ex-Senator Lewis A Edwards Mr. Seward occupied his hand-some residence, and had charge of the factories. The residence is now owned by Caleb A. Dyer, and is one of the finest in Eastern Long Island. The fish works became involved about ten years ago and Mr. Seward left his wife and two children in Orient, went to Port Royal, S. C., and engaged in work in phosphate works. That was not suc-cessful. From thence he traveled ex-tensively and landed in San Francisco. from where he sailed for the Sandwich Islands. After leaving Orient Mr. Seward met with little success. His family became despondent. His place was sold and his family moved to Guilford, Conn., where they now reside. Mr. 8 New Orleans, February 15. - The He was a member of the Masonic ward is said to be about 55 years of age. United States marshals, who are pro- lodge at Greenport; was a personal tecting the negro laborers engaged in friend of Senator Hawley of Connecticut loading the steamer Floridian, of the and served in the Union army. A letter was received yesterday by the secretary West Indian and Pacific Steamship line, of the Greenport Masonic lodge from at Southport, the southern terminus of Mrs. Seward asking that the lodge take the Mississippi Valley railroad, just some steps in behalf of her unfortunate above the limits of New Orleans, saw a husband. This interested many of his friends on Eastern Long Island, and a

INDIAN WAR CLAIMS.

Joint Memorial of Oregon's Legislature Forwarded to Washington.

SALEM, Or., February 13 .- A copy of the following letter was mailed from the executive department to-day to each of Oregon's delegates in congress. It is Governor Lord's approval of the joint the Harbor and declared a protectorate over the Hawaiian Islands. This news came memorial of the Oregon legislature relative to the payment of certain money to the Indian war veterans by the national government. The letter bears the date of February 9, the signature of his ex-cellency William P. Lord, and is as fol-

"I herewith transmit a copy of H. J. M. No. 6 of the legislature of Oregon to congress. This memorial has my earnest approval. It plainly states estab-lished fact. The sum of \$6,011,459 was found by a commission of the United States to be rightfully owing by the government to the citizens of the Pacific Northwest for services rendered and property furnished or destroyed in the Indians wars of 1855 and 1856. It was scaled down arbitrarily almost one half in 1860 by the third auditor of the treasury, and there is justly due the citizens of Oregon and Washington the sum of \$3,296,648. Delay in payment is indefensible. I should be gratified to have Oregon's delegation in congress give this memorial careful attention at an early

LEFT OVER FROM THE STRIKE.

Bills Allowed Against the Northern Pacific Railroad.

dered the Northern Pacific receivers to pay bills aggregating \$900, presented by store-keepers, livery-men and others, between Tacoma, Centralia and Spokane, for supplies, lodging, board, etc., furnished the deputy marshals during last summer's strike. These were expenses which could not be charged to the deputies for lack of specific informathe deputies for lack of specific informathat the company should bear this ex-

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CHINESE ENVOYS RECALLED

Japanese Will Not Discuss Terms Until They Are Inside of the City of Peking, and There is No Doubt But They Will Reach There.

New York, February 13.-Harold Frederick has cabled from London to the Times the following:

"I have from an absolutely informed quarter an interesting view of the state of affairs in the far East. Corea's autonomy is assurred, Manchuria is virtually in Japanese hands, and they are already building additional fortifications at Port Arthur to turn that place into a Japanese Gibraltar. Now that Wei Hai Wei is captured and the Chinese fleet destroyed nothing remains except to advance upon Peking. This will certainly be done by way of Shan Hai Kwan. It is curious nothing has yet been said about the Chinese works and forces there, where the next great engagement

must be.

"All talk of peace now is nonsense.
The Japanese will not talk about it until
they are in Peking. Otherwise the vast bulk of the Chinese people would never know that there had been a war, and the Japanese would have in a few years to do their work all over again. Von Hanneken has been toiling to fortify Shan Hai Kwan for months, but there is no doubt that the Japanese will take

SAID TO HAVE BEEN ORDERED BACK. London, February 13.-The Central News correspondent in Shanghai says that China has ordered the peace envoys which she sent to Japan to come back immediately.

FOOLING THEIR COUNTRYMEN. London, February 13.—A Shanghai dispatch says the Chinese official acount of the fighting at Wei Hai Wei denies the report that the warships Ting Yuen and Chen Yuen were sunk, and also asserts that Liu Kung Tao fort has not been taken. The ships, the account says, were merely damaged. The same report says there are no Japanese ex-

cept a few scouts near Che Foo.

A Yokohama dispatch to London says that during the fight resulting in the capture of the fort on Liu Kung Tao island in the harbor of Wei Hai Wei, the magazine of Listao fort was blown

ANOTHER ENGAGEMENT. London, February 13.—The Times' correspondent in Wei Hai Wei tele graphs under date of February 3: 'A severe engagement began at 7 o'clock this morning. Several Japanese warships entered the bay from the eastward and three Chinese torpedo boats attempted to escape by the western en-france. The Japanese boats sank them. The thirteen remaining Chinese warships have taken up a position at the southeast of the island. The main Jap-

south island maintain an incessant THE NEWS DOUBTFUL.

anese squadron is still outside the har-

bor. Four of the Chinese forts on the

Protectorate Said to Have Been Declared Over Hawaii.

San Francisco, February 12. - The Examiner prints a story to-day from its correspondent at Honolulu that Admiral Beardslee has taken possession of Pearl to Victoria by the steamer Warrimoo. NOT BELIEVED IN WASHINGTON.

Washington, February 12.—The report that Admiral Beardslee has seized Pearl Harbor and declared a protectorate over the Hawaiian Islands is not believed here. Neither the State nor Navy departments have any intimation of any such action. It is stated by both that Admiral Beardslee's instructions have already been made public, and there is nothing in them to justify such action on his part. NO MENTION OF A PROTECTORATE.

VANCOUVER, B. C., February 12 .-Among the passengers by the Warrimoo was F. H. Holmes, private secretary of Damon, Hawaiian finance minister, who is en route to England on a vacation. He says there has been no change in the situation since the arrival of the last steamer, but he believed the effectual manner in which the revolution was quelled will prevent any further uprising. The natives were much disgusted at the fiasco and despised Wilcox for his cowarly surrender. In his opinion, capital punishment will not be inflicted upon the conspirators, not because the government lacks courage, but because the country is free from grave offenses, and the infliction of the severest penalty of the law would be revolting to the TACOMA, February 14.-Judge Hanford people. Holmes emphatically states that in the federal circuit court to-day or- the trials as conducted so far have been

ernment is increasing the army con-The court held that it was fair stantly, and this has given rise to the rumors that Bonilla intended to aid pense, as the government has paid out Guatemaia in the event of trouble with 160,000 for deputies employed in this Mexico. Although it is well known that Mexico. Although it is well known that state during the commonweal troubles and strike. Some of the bills were reduced and a few disallowed.

Mexico. Although it is well known that the formation of a contral American union, it is equally duced and a few disallowed. Central American union, it is equally certain no alliance exists at present.