

A very serious revolt among Turkish soldiers is reported from Constantinople, arising out of the situation in Macedonia.

There has recently been built in England a small warship called the *Swift*, which is said to have made on her trial trip a speed of thirty-eight knots an hour. Though there is much secrecy about the matter, there is no doubt that she is the fastest ship in the world.

The launch of a steel ship at New Glasgow, N. S., during last month was a matter of some interest, as she is the first steel vessel to be built in the Atlantic Provinces of Canada.

Interesting inscriptions lately unearthed in Lower Egypt show that an envoy of the Egyptian King Nechao II., in exploring the coasts of Africa in 559 B. C., completely encircled the continent and arrived at the Red Sea.

The great event of the last month in Canada has been the Champlain Tercentenary celebration at Quebec. The presence of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, as the personal representative of the King, and of official representatives of France and the United States, has given it a national importance; and the naval and military display, together with the great historical pageant, so well arranged and so well carried out, made it a spectacle of more than passing interest. The great warship *Indomitable*, in which the Prince came, the newest and best of the armoured cruisers, and the first to be run by turbine engines, was of itself an object worth seeing; and with it were seven other ships of the British navy, two very large and powerful French ships, and one of the best ships of the United States navy. Eighteen thousand soldiers and sailors took part in the military parade. Some idea of the extent of the historical pageants on the Plains of Abraham and the richness of the costumes of those who were engaged in them may be gained from the statement that their estimated cost was to be about two hundred thousand dollars, and there were more than three thousand performers. At the review of the troops, the Governor-General formally received from the hands of the Prince the sum of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars, contributed by British citizens in Canada and elsewhere and by French and American sympathizers, for the purchase of the battlefields, to be set apart as a national park.

The Sultan of Zanzibar is now in London, and will make a tour of the world. He is one of the most progressive of African monarchs.

Among the Indians of Acadia there was a traditional story that their legendary hero had promised to return to them in a stone canoe. If this humorous prophecy is not in part fulfilled by iron ships, it may be so by those made of concrete. A small boat was made of that material in France, more than fifty years ago; and it is now purposed in Italy to construct ocean going steamships with

hulls of concrete. They are expected to cost but half as much as iron vessels of the same capacity.

A Commission soon to meet at Durban will consider the matter of a confederation of the South African provinces, Cape Colony, Orange River Colony, Natal and Transvaal.

It is estimated that New York contains one-tenth of all the Jews in the world. Its Jewish population is ten times that of France, twenty times that of Italy, and twenty-five times that of Jerusalem.

The increase in volume from the heating and cooling of cast iron is more or less familiar to all who have used a cast iron stove. It has been shown by experiment that the swelling may amount to as much as forty per cent.

It is stated that the power generated in one stroke of lightning would be sufficient to run all the electric appliances in the world for one year. If this be anywhere near the truth, it suggests amazing possibilities in the use of atmospheric electricity when we can find some way of making it available.

Berlin is said to be the quietest city in Europe. No loud bawling is permitted on the streets, and a man whose wagon gearing is loose and rattling is subject to a fine. Even piano-playing in the houses is only allowed during certain hours of the day.

The main feature of the recent celebrations in Vienna in honour of the jubilee of the reign of Emperor Francis Joseph was a magnificent pageant. More than twenty thousand representatives of the different races comprising the population of Austro-Hungary, garbed to represent the different periods since the foundation of the dynasty, either rode or walked in procession; and nearly five hundred thousand persons witnessed it.

The largest cotton ginnery in the world is in Southern Nigeria, West Africa. It lifts the cotton from the waggons by suction, and cleans it from the seeds without handling; and can thus prepare as many as seventy bales of cotton in ten hours.

College Closings.

ACADIA UNIVERSITY.

The first year of the presidency of Dr. Hutchinson at Acadia came to a close on the third day of June. The number of students in attendance during the year was well nigh six hundred in all—one hundred and two at the Boy's Academy, two hundred and ninety-one at the Ladies' Seminary, and one hundred and eighty-seven at the College. The B. A. degree was conferred upon twenty young persons, three being from Prince Edward Island, thirteen from Nova Scotia, and four from New Brunswick. Three received the B. Sc. degree, all of whom belonged to Nova Scotia. In the partial Engineering course, which enables those who have accomplished it to enter upon the third year in the