

and Hamilton, the sport has been languishing of late years. It is possible, therefore, that in the near future Canadian yachtsmen may be induced to follow up the great success of the *Glencairn* by building a competitor for the *America's* cup. At all events the yachting enthusiast has to thank Mr. George Herrick Duggan, of Montreal, the captain and designer of the *Glencairn*, for the additional interest that has centred about yacht racing since the signal success of his boat at Oyster Bay. When we consider the disadvantages under which the *Glencairn* competed, handicapped as she was by having to sail in foreign waters and subject to the arbitrary rules and regulations by which Americans tie down their yachting cups and trophies so that it is next to impossible for an outsider to win any race of importance, Mr. Duggan's and the *Glencairn's* victory is indeed creditable.

\* \* \* \* \*

**AUSTRALIAN  
CONFEDERATION.**

THE question as to the advisability of forming a confederation of the Australian colonies, is the subject of much attention and discussion at the present moment in the Antipodes. The progress which Canada has made of late years has roused the Australians to action, so that it is confidently expected that the Confederation of the Colonies of Australia under one Federal Government will be an accomplished fact within two years.

Some of the obstacles which present themselves are much akin to many with which Canada has had to contend. They are encountered chiefly in the arrangement of details. For instance, there is much discussion as to whether the Senate should be a nominated body or an assembly elected by the people. Then again, shall the members of Federal and Provincial governments be eligible to sit in both Houses? Wherein shall consist the powers of Federal and Provincial Legislatures, and how shall the division of responsibility be defined? These are subjects which should be distinctly understood before a compact is entered into if Australians would wish to avoid a repetition of those distressing

complications between Federal and Provincial Legislatures that have been so conspicuous in Canada's history. One thing in particular should be looked to, that is, that all appeals are made to the courts, and not to Parliament.

With the confederation of Australia following close upon that of Canada, we may soon expect to see the confederation of Africa and then the confederation of the Empire. Truly a grand Imperial outlook!

\* \* \* \* \*

**SPAIN AND  
THE UNITED  
STATES.**

THE rancor of the Spanish press appears at present to be turned more against the United States for the sympathy it has exhibited on behalf of the Cuban insurgents than against the rebels themselves. The Madrid *Heralda* makes no secret of its feelings. It says: "Our enemy is in Washington. If this continues, a catastrophe is imminent." And other papers speak in a similar tone.

Nevertheless, while the Spanish press is indulging in sentiment of this kind, it is worthy of note that the advances of the Government of Spain have a pacific ring about them, as may be gathered from the speech of the Queen Regent to the Cortes in which the following appears:

"In spite of the efforts of a number of people in America, whose object is to paralyze the action of my Government, the President and Government of the United States have not departed from an attitude consistent with good faith, consequently the amicable relations which have existed between the two countries since the republic was founded have not been disturbed."

Turning to the United States, we find a similar state of things prevailing; that is, while the people, the press and the jingoes are occupying their time by fitting up filibustering expeditions and openly avowing their hatred of Spanish rule in America, the Government of the United States is deeply absorbed in the elevating task of assuring Spain of its regard for her Cuban interests and its disapproval of the action of those Americans who have mixed themselves up in the present insurrection. Meanwhile the civilized world is wondering which will prove the more potent; word or action.