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TORONTO, Feb. 9.—The keel of a alace passenger steamer for the ieu and Ontario Navigation company is this week being laid at Bertpany is this week being laid at Bertaram's ship yards. The steamer, when completed, will cost between \$450,000 and \$475,000, and C. F. Gildersleeve, of Montreal, the general manager of the company, when in the city recently insisted that when completed she would be the finest passenger steambeat on the continent. The boat, like the Kingston and Toronto, has been dealgned by A. Angstrom, marine architect. She will be 340 feet long over all. The Kingston is 280 feet long, but these figures do not represent the difference in size of the two boats. Mr. Angstrom

SOUTH AFRICA.

Boers Believed to be Pretty Nearly at Their Last

Stand.

Better Understanding Between Britain and Portugal-DeWet's

Movements.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—A special despatch from Pretoria says General Dewet crossed the Orange River north of Norvals Pont Sunday night, going in the direction of Philipstown. The

British are following.

The Cape Town correspondent of the
Standard says reports have been received there from Delagoa Bay asserting that the natives of the northern Transvaal have risen against the

ern Transvaal have risen against the Boers.

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 12. — Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, has addressed a communication to Sir Alfred Milner, approving the remarks made by Sir Alfred in his reply to the Afrikander deputation sent to him by the Afrikander deputation sent to him by the Afrikander congress at Worcester with resolutions addressed to Queen Victoria.

"The government has no intention," says the colonial secretary, "of changing its policy which it has repeatedly declared and which has been approved overwhelmingly by the empire."

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NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—A special to the New York Herald from London, dated today, says:

A very curious sentiment prevailed in London yesterday in regard to the condition of affairs in South Africa. It was one of supreme hopefulness, so much so that there has never been any such buoyancy of sentiment since Lord Roberts took Pretoria. There is absolutely no doubt that news has reached here from German sources showing ed here from German sources showing that the Boers are pretty nearly at their last stand in their continual har-

their last stand in their continual har-as-ing. The development of General Kitchener's well laid plan leaves them in well nigh hopeless condition. This view of the situation is also taken upon the stock exchange. The government felt itself called upon yes-terday to deny that General Sir Eve-lyn Wood was soing to the front. terday to deny that General Sir Evelyn Wood was going to the front. The whole idea is simply ridiculous. He is not only stone deaf, but he is not in the least person a grata with King Edward, whose wishes he went out of his way to oppose in the matter of certain appointments a few weeks ago. The King of Portugal's departure last evening, I hear from a diptomatic source, has been intentionally made much of. There is no doubt now that during his stay here a most important understanding was come to between England and Portugal. This gives still greater weight by the publication yesterday of a delayed telegram saying that the Portuguese were cooperating with the English to prevent the landing of war material for the Boers.

velopments are impending here," says the Pietermaritaburg correspondent of the Daily Mail. "There have been wholesale thefts of military stores, and prominent officials and merchants are implicated. Several arrests have already been made along the railroad line."

KING GEORGE GOES HOME.

LONDON, Feb. 12.-King George, of Greece, started homeward at 11 o'clock this morning. King Edward, the Duke of Cornwall and York, Prince Charles of Denmark and the members of the Greek legation in London accompanied him to the Victoria station, where a guard of honor was in attendance. The route from Euckinsham palace. to the station was lined with cheering

crowds.

After the King of Greece had bidden farewell to the others, he and King Edward entered a saloon carriage and embraced, each kissing the other on both cheeks. The train started in the midst of the rendering of the Greek anthem and hearty cheering.

FOUR THOUSAND GIRLS TRIKE

SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 12.—The strike of the 4,000 silk workers is Scranton has resolved itself into a lockout. The mill owners and managers today declared they will not re-open their mills until the girls are willing to resume at the figures which were offered nearly two weeks ago, and in which there was a concession of 25 cents a week to each employe.

The strikers are determined to stay out until their demands shall be granted. They have asked all silk workers in the country for moral and material assistance, requesting them to strike the mills at which they are employed handle material from the Beranton mills.

HAVE BOUGHT A NEWSPAPER.

MONTREAL. Feb. 12.—It is stated here this morning that the Morning Telegram of Winnipeg has been purchased by Mann and McKenzie, railway contractors, for \$30,000, and that \$45,000 will be spent in improving the plant. A competent staff will be engaged in the east to manage the paper in the interests of the contractors railway schemes. This leaves the conservative party without an organ in Manitobar

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—This being he anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, all the down town exhanges and banks will be closed. It vill be a legal holiday. The custom ouse and other government offices will be open for only a short time.

A LOTTERY

To Put Fort Erie in the Same Class as Monta Carlo and Such.

RUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 12.—The Times this afternoon says: A syndivate of sporting men from various parts of the United States and Canada have established a lottery in Fort Erie, and the first drawing is to take place some time this month. Negotiations have been going on for some time, but everything has been done so quietly, that the fact was not disclosed until today. The tickets for the coming drawing have been sold throughout the United States, Canada and in South America.

The lottery is conducted similarly to the old Louisiana, and was operated in Montreal until its charter there expired a short time ago. It is now known as the Fort Erie Art Gallery Association. Tickets are sold at prices ranging from 25 cents to \$1, and the prizes range in value from \$50 to \$50,000, the capital prize.

The drawings are to be made in public, and the prize will get an oil painting, the estimated value of which is \$50,000 and the Art Association will buy back the picture that may be won. This lottery and new pool rooms just established there, it is hoped, by the village authorities, will make Fort Erie as notorious as Monte Carlo, Monaco, and Baden.

A \$20,000,000 COMBINE.

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NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—The Tribune says:—The long talked of syndicate of Trojan coilar, cuff and shirt whole-sale houses is now regarded as a certainty by the manufacturers concerned. No outside capital will be required by the combination, the hame of which will be the American Coilar, Cuff and Shirt Company. With a few exceptions every well known house in the trade having factories at Troy, will, it is said, be identified with the new order of things.

The interests of those represented in the deal aggregate \$20,000,000. Instead of having individual offices in the different cities a single clearing house will he established in seech market.

ferent cities a single clearing house will be established in each market covering the general business.

UNEASY SPAIN.

MADRID, Feb. 12.—The republicans MADRID, Feb. 12.—The republicans held several meetings yesterday to celebrate the anniversary of the proclamation of the republic. The progressists endeavored to march in procession to the meeting with the federals; but the police barred their road and compelled them to disperse. The meetings were enthusiastic. The provincial prefects now announce that tranquility has been restored in the various departments.

arious departments.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The Madrid, cor LONDON, Feb. 12.—The Madrid, correspondent of the Standard wiring at midnight, says: It is asserted tonight that about 40 arrests have been made. Several policemen and some of the rioters have been injured in Madrid, as well as several rioters and four gendarmes at Saragossa, where martial law has been proclaimed."

MADRID, Feb. 12.—The government has suppressed the regulplican organ,

WHY AMERICAN FIRMS SUCCEED.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—A parliamentary paper complies with the house of commons request of December 14, for the American and British bids for thirty bridges on the Uganda railroad. An American company agreed to erect the bridges in 46 weeks. The lowest English bid for the delivery of material on board ship at London was 60 weeks. The American company offered to lay down the material at any British port for five guineas less than the average

price of the British company's delivers in London.

The American company agreed to erect the bridges for £18 per ton, only £2 10s, more than the average British price for delivery in London.

THE KING'S THANKS.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 12.—Albert E. Jones, chairman of Victoria club, has received the following response to the cablegram of condolence sent to the king: "Buckingham Palace, Feb. 12.—The private secretary is commanded to convey the thanks of the king for the kind expressions of loyalty and sympathy cantained in the message which you have forwarded to his majesty. January 31, 1901."

A MILLION GRINDSTONES.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 12,-The Ctievelland, Onlo, Feb. 12.—The Independent Stone Company, with headquarters in this city, has been formed with a capital of \$500,000. It will combine the quarries at Amherst, Independence, Freeport, Chagrin Falls and Lake Abraham, on Lake Huron. The company will have a capacity of 1,000,000 grindstones annually.

THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, Feb. 12.—Strong north-westerly winds, fair, becoming colder Wednesday; strong northwesterly winds, fine and cold. WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Forecast— Eastern states and northern New York— Snow flurries in west; fair in east portion tohight; colder Wednesday; fair, brisk northwesterly winds.

WILL WED AN AMERICAN.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The newspapers here today anounce the engagement of W. Bayard Cutting, the private secretary of Joseph H. Choate, the U. S. ambassador, and Lady Sybli Cuffe. Lady Sybli Afarjorle Cuffe is the youngest daughter of the Earl of Desart, (Hamilton John Agmondesham Cuffe). She was born in 1879.

PHILIPPINES.

The United States Has Still a Large Contract.

Another Year at Least Required to Pacify the Inhabitants.

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)

MANHA, Jan. 10.—Progress toward the pacification of the Philippines has certainly been making more rapid strides during the opening days of the new year than during any similar period in 1900. Conservative military men, and those of longest experience fighting Filipinos, seem to be the most conservative) in summing up the events of 1900 readily concede that, taken altogether, the progress made last year was decidedly slow. Now the situation has begun to brighten.

The military men were far from sharing the optimistic views of the Philippine commissioners as expressed in their report prepared last November, but they did place condidence in the general preparations for a more aggressive campaign.

News of the result of the presidential election appeared to be received with characteristic native indifference; but General MoArthur's proclamation of Dec.20, designating all "who do anything inimical to the interest of the occupying army," was a proposition so plain that all who ran might read. The term during which amnesty was extended to repentant rebels having expired, and the carrying out of the commands of General MoArthur's proclamation having begun with the arrests of large batches of insurgents, a scurrying for the mountains ensued. Filipino leaders who were trying to play double games became fewer and several hundred natives soon found themselves en route to Manila under guard.

While the army industriously chases the remnants of the insurgent army up the mountain sides the no less indefatigable Philippine commission is building up a framework of civil government as effective as the representatives of the administration can make it. ngressive campaign.

News of the result of the presider

The average army officer, judging from his standpoint, places the date of retimate pacification at not sooner and generally much later than one year hence. The commissioner, placing more faith in the leaven of autonomy, and the enlightenment of progressive civil government, looks forward to an earlier peace. It is a very common saying in Manila that the longer and American remains in the Philippines the less capable is he of forming a definite opinion on the situation. The the less capable is he of forming a definite opinion on the situation. The Fülipino is learning, by unhappy experiences, that he cannot be permitted to serve two masters, and every American here agrees that the various forces at work in the interest of closing out the remnants of hostility and establishing law, order and justice will, from all present indications, have accomplished radical results before the close of 1901.

TUMBLER PLANT DESTROYED.

ROCHESTER, Penn., Feb. 12.—Early this morning the town of Rochester suffered the greatest fire in its history, and the loss is estimated by Supt. Souldi, of the Glass company, at \$1,-500,000. The fire started in the copper department of the National Glass company's plant, the largest tumbler plant in the world. The night employes turned out and endeavored to subdue the blass, but a strong wind prevented. turned out and endeavored to sundue the blaze, but a strong wind prevented them from checking the flames; which soon spread to the pacing department and thence to the main factory, and within one hour and a half from the within one nour and a said troop the time the fire was discovered a large part of the plant was destroyed. The plants occupied seven acres of ground and employed 1,500 people, of whom 600 will be rendered idle.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

HONG KONG, Feb. 12.—One of the generals at Tien Toin has asked the authorities here to prepare sea rations for 30,000 troops in April. This is sup-posed to indicate a return of Indian

posed to indicate a return of Indian expedition.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 12.—The Nankin correspondent of the Mercury says. With a view of compliance with the peace conditions, Liu Kun YI has memorialized the throne in favor of the abolition of all likin stations in the interior and the collections of fiktin on foreign imports at ports of entry by foreign customs. He is also in favor of an increase customs tariff and of, the establishment of mints, with the coinage of a standard dollar."

AN INTERESTING CASE.

MONTHEAL, Feb. 11.—The trial of the Delpit case, in which E. Delpit seeks to have be evil courts affirm the decision of the reclesiastical court's sentence annulling his marriage, on the grounds that, both sprites being Catholics, could not be married by Frotestant minute, and the best course of the protection of the

LONDON, Feb. 12.—An explosio curred today in the Chilworth gun der works, near Gulldford. Six were blown to pieces.

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JOINTISTS CLOSE UP.

ast night. The citizens made the pre-emptory demand that the sales be dis-continued by noon yesterday, and so

VALENCIA, Feb. II.—The anti-clerical de-monstrations were resumed in Valencia to-

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