GREAT LAND LOTTERY BEGINS AT EL RENO.

Remarkable Scene at the Drawing as

Fate Smiles or Frowns.

First Drawing Under Government Officials for Homesteads in the Indian Lands Opened for Settlement-A Young Woman the Most Valuable Lots.

El Reno, Okla. (Special).-At 9 o'clock Monday morning, the hour set by President McKinley for beginning the Blalock's and Robert Wright's legs new country recently known as the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Reservation, four acres of men had gathered about the big platform booth where the drawing was made

The crowd was estimated at from 30,ooo to 40,000. It was packed and jammed burg that the coming conference will

From the drawing platform to the High School Building, 400 feet distant, the ground slopes upward in gentle terraces. Thus the spectators fartherst away could look over the heads of those nearer. All this space was packed with people, the crowd extending on each side of the platform and far in the rear. Some of those nearest the platform had held their places since daylight.

Shortly after 10 a. m. the United States Government Commissioners— Chairman W. A Richards, of Wyoming; Col. D. P. Dyer, of St. Louis, and Frank Dale, of Guthrie, O. T .- stepped upon the platform and were greeted with vociferous cheers. Two oblong boxes, in which the envelopes containing the 165 .-865 names of applicants were mixed, were on pivots in full view of the crowd. At one end of each box is a crank for revolving the contents. There are five contained the names of persons register- curred 140 feet under ground. ed at Lawton and the other those regis-

tered at El Reno. When finally ten boys selected for the People's Convention, in session in Chipurpose lined up before the two wheels cago. and waited the word to draw out the first numbers from the receptacles the throng vention Delegate Spears argued against could not control itself. A mighty cheer arose, was repeated again and again and the multitude pushed closer to the platform. Eager, drawn faces watched every movement of those about the wheels, and necks wee craned to hear the name

of the first winner. At 10.45 o'clock the boxes were reshaken up. The crowd renewed its yells. burg, W. Va., and killed Thomas Chap-The Lawton box was four-fifths full. man, who had taken refuge there. The men strained at the handles to turn

The El Reno box was then revolved and a mighty cheer went up from the tried to kill himself while traveling on tested against the arrest, saying it Colonel Dyer addressed the crowd, requesting that good order be maintained. The boys cast lots for the first draw from the El Reno box. Benjamin Hogler won. Then he put his hand in the box and drew forth an envelope. There was absolute silence when Chairman Richards opened the envelope and Colo-

nel Dyer announced: The man drawing the first homestead is Stephen A. Holcombe, of Paul's Valley, I. T., birthplace Virginia, white, age

SANTOS DUMONT'S FLYING MACHINE.

The Aeronaut Makes a Successful Trip, But Does Not Try for the Prize.

Paris (By Cable) .-- M. Santos-Dumont made another successful experifrom St. Cloud to the Longchampe race course, around which he steered the balloon and ascended and descended, Zede executed a variety of maneuvers occupying 20 minutes of time. Though with Premier Waldeck-Rousseau and the Eiffel Tower the aeronaut declined, saying his motor was not yet working by Prince Henry of Prussia arrived at as well as he wanted. The weather was Cadiz. Greetings were exchanged by cloudy, which may have influenced his telegraph with the Queen Regent. decision.

During the trip M. Santos-Dumont cut one of his hands slightly with a balloon, sailing from St. Cloud to the guide rope. Otherwise there was no ncident. The crowd warmly cheered M. Santos-Dumont at the start, and on and throughout Italy, yesterday being his descent his friends crowded around the anniversary of the assassination of him and warmly congratulated him

The aeronaut started at 4.35 p. m. and descended at 4.55 p. m. The exhibition, though successful, was disappointing in that he did not go around the Eiffel Tower, though he had announced his intention of attempting that feat.

Lord Roberts May Get \$500,000.

London (By Cable) .- In the House of Lords Lord Salisbury, the Premier read a message from King Edward to the effect that, in consideration of the eminent services of Field Marshal Lord Roberts in South Africa, His Majesty recommended that Parliament grant Lord Roberts the sum of £100,000

Fatal Grade Crossing Wreck.

Akron, Ohio (Special).—A carriage containing W. G. Matson, wife, son, boy, aged two years, was killed and the in a four-cornered 50-mile motor-paced and is probably fatally injured. Mrs. caped comparatively unhurt,

Fifty Dwellings Burned.

Davenport, Ia. (Special).-Fire laid waste an area of property here equal to twenty ordinary city blocks. The immense lumber yards of Weyerhauser Denkmann, and over fifty dwellings were burned. A hundred families are home-

Panama Fears an Attack.

Kingston, Jamaica (By Cable). -Newspaper reports received here from shows the banks have lost \$1,542,000 this Panama assert that the insurgents are week. operating in large numbers in the vibeen issued by the government calling ing Company. upon the citizens to concentrate in order to repel attacks and to protect property. Panama is guarded from the sea by a gunboat. According to the same sources of information the govern-

SUMMARY OF THE NEWS,

Domestic.

Otto B. Seefried, manager of the Forest City Park, in Cleveland, Ohio, shot into a crowd of men who were making They Take a Prisoner on Board the a disturbance, and probably fatally injured Thomas Murtagh.

Max Belovitch lost his life in a fire in GREATEST EXCITEMENT PREVAILED. Louisville, Ky., in an effort to save a young woman who he believed was in the burning building. The woman was One of Her Passengers, Abel Murrillo, Was not in the building.

At the annual conference at Atlantic City between the wage committee of the Secures the Privilege of Selecting One of National Green Glass Bottle Manufacturers' Association and the Green Glass Bottle Blowers' Union it was stated that the blowers may ask for an increase

were broken in a duel with Winchesters near Memphis, Tenn. George R. Tetsworth committed sui-

cide at Plainfield. N. J. He was the third in the family to commit suicide ithin a year.

result in the readjustment of all differ-

A Portsmouth (Va.) family had a narrow escape from cremation, their use being set on fire by incendiaries. The management of the New Jersey Hospital for the Insane at Trenton is eing officially investigated.

Rev. Adam Miller, father of German Methodists in America, is dead, aged

Chicago horses are said to be afflicted with the grip.

The machine shop of the American Machine and Foundry Company, located at Hanover, Pa., was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at from \$75,000 to \$125,000. This plant was owned by the American Tobacco Company and was used in the manufacture of its machin-Two hundred men are thrown out of employment.

Eleven men were injured, perhaps fatally, in a gas explosion in the new walittle trapdoors in each box from which ter works tunnel, now in course of conto draw the lucky numbers. One box struction in Cincinnati. The accident oc-President McKinley sent a message of

> In the Alabama Constitutional Condisfranchisement of negro voters.

Negro preachers in Birmingham, Ala., advise members of their race not to go North to take strikers' places. Over two inches of rain fell in Kansas

and Western Missouri, thus bringing re- out: lief from the drouth. volved and the contents thoroughly barn of Wm. T. Stewart, near Martins- arrest me."

The Reading shopmen refused to acit, so heavy was its load. Carpenters cept a 5 per cent. increase offered by and dragged him from the vessel. drove a few more nails to prevent purst- the Reading in Philadelphia, and insist- His arrest followed. The state

Butte, Mont.

Foreign.

The London Daily Express says that United States Ambassador Choa'e has left London for Holland to have a talk One Man Killed and Three Fatally Wounded It was reported that the condition of

27 years, weight 145 pounds, height 5 premier of Italy, is becoming more se-Signor Francesco Crispi, the former

The British defeated the Mad Mullah in Arabia, who lost 70 killed while the British lost 13 killed and 21 wounded. Benjamin D. Woodward assistant commissioner of the United States at the Paris Exposition, closed up the affairs of the commission, and was rement with a dirigible balloon, sailing it ceived in farewell audience by President Loubet in Paris.

The French submarine boat Gustave make an attempt to go around the Minister of Marine on board. The German squadron commanded

> M. Santos-Dumont made another successful experiment with his dirigible

Longchamps race course. Memorial services were held in Rome King Humbert.

Lord Stanley stated in the House of Commons that the total number of Boers who had been made prisoners since the war totaled 33.000.

King Edward recommended to Parliament a grant of \$500,000 to Lord Roberts in consideration of his eminent services in South Africa. A Boer command is reported to have

entered Portuguese territory in the neighborhood of the Limpopo river. Members of the Italian royal family and other distinguished visitors are in Rome to attend the memorial services. upon the anniversary of the assassination of King Humbert.

Lord Kitchener reported that a detachment of Steinacker's Horse was forced to evacuate Bremersdorp and fight its way to Lembo, a distance of 16

said to have received princely rewards or private performances in London The body was pulsed up at almost the and daughter was struck by an Erie for private performances in London train at Old Forge. The vehicle was drawing-rooms.

wrecked and the horse killed. The Bobby Walthour defeated Harry Elkes

aged six, had her skuli crushed race at Manhattan Beach bicycle track. Disgust with the weakness of the war Matson is seriously hurt. Matson es- management has given an impetus to the new party agitation in England. Professor Virchow strongly dissents

from the views expressed at the British Congress on Tuberculosis. Tolstoi is reported to be improving, but his physicians are unable to clearly diagnose his trouble.

Financ al.

The New York Subtreasury statement

William Kuemmerle, Jr., has resigned cinity of the city, and that an order has as a director of the Gregor Manufactur-Kidder, Peabody & Co., of Boston, reduced sterling exchange rates 1/4c all around; demand, 4.873/4; sixty days'

There has been listed on the Philadel-

THE COLOMBIANS MAKE BOLD ARREST.

Hamburg-American Liner. WAS DETAINED FOR TWELVE HOURS.

Seized, Notwithstanding the Protest of the Captain .- The Prisoner Was Secretary of General Uribe, and Went to Colombia on a Passport on a Peaceful Mission.

American Line steamer Allegheny, which just arrived here, reported that States Navy, members, and Capt. Samshe was held in the harbor of Savanilla, uel C. Lemly, United States Navy Colombia, for 12 hours. Passengers on Judge-Advocate-General, judge-advo the Allegheny report that Abel Murrillo cate, is hereby ordered to convene at was arrested on the ship at Savanilla the Navy Department, Washington, D. and taken ashore by the Colombian a:- C., at 1 o'clock P. M., on Thursday, the thorities. Murillo protested against his 12th day of September, 1901, or as soon arrest, claiming that he was entitled to thereafter as may be practicable, for the protection of the German flag.

lombia, it is reported, with a passport Spain, and in connection with the given by the representative of the events thereof. olombian government at Washington, on the understanding that his mission

to Colombia was a peaceful one. by three of the Allegheny's passengers, Murrillo left the United States about four months ago on a passport signed the department for all documentary evidence in relation thereto on its files. ington. On his arrival at Savanilla he was arrested and taken to Bogota, where he was released on the understanding that he would sail on the first vessel for the United States. This Murrillo did, boarding the Allegheny at Savanilla. He expressed fears that he would be arrested at Cartagena, and when the vessel arrived at that port he refused to go ashore when word was brought that the governor wanted to

When the vessel arrived at Cartagena she was ordered detained by the authorities there. The captain protested that he was sailing under the German congratulation to the Baptist Young flag and that no official of Colombia had a right to stop the vessel for any purpose whatever. This protest was unheeded, however, and search was made for Murrillo, who was found on deck. He declared that he would not be arrested, and, running to one of the ship's masts, he seized the German flag, which was lying there, and wrapped it about Then he stood forward and cried

ef from the drouth.

"I am under the protection of the seen a warship leave the ways as Lightning struck and set fire to the German flag, and you have no right to Cramp's yards was on hand, and pa-

According to the passengers on the cradle. Allegheny, the Colombian officers, notwithstanding the protest, seized the man

His arrest followed. The statement ed on a 12 per cent. increase.

Henry H. Armistead, of New York, Captain Lowe, of the Allegheny, produst-filled throats of the homeseekers, an Oregon Short Line express train at against international law, and at the same time the captain told the mate to congressional party, including put the German flag on the gangway,

FIERCE AFFRAY AMONG MINERS.

at King's Mines, Oblo.

Cambridge, Ohio (Special).-One man dead, one dying, another probably fatally shot, and a fourth man with the with the threatened lynching of a negro, Black Top Mine, where a riot between A church, a store, several residences

The dead man is Grant Taylor. The ed. ail here. He is blamed for the trou- which has lodged the grain.

Taylor and his wife had been warned to leave the neighborhood. Mack Sheldon met Busby near the company's store, and after a few words Busby knocked him down with a stone. Melvin Sheldon and Reedon quickly appeared, but Busby ran to his home and armed himself, threatening to shoot one trying to get him. Taylor, walking along the street, made a re-mark to Sheldon and Reedon, and all three drew revolvers and began firing. Sheldon and Reedon fell to the ground iatally wounded. The prompt work of Sheriff Dollison and his deputies saved Busby from being lynched.

RECOVERED FROM THE SEA.

Body of the Millionaire Yacht Owner Who Met With Sad Fate Found.

Greenwich, Ct. (Special).-The body of Arthur Colburn, the millicuaire spice merchant of Philadelphia, who, with his two daughters-Ida and Annette - Capt. E. R. Flint and Frank Eckport, a seaman, were drowned by the capsizing of the yacht Venitzia in a squall off this Musical performers and singers are port July 18, was recovered by Dr. Rob-

exact spot where it went down at the time of the accident. A rope was fastened under the arms and the Lody was towed ashore and removed to the morgue.

American Monte Carlo at Budapest.

London (By Cable).—"Budapest papers are filled," says a dispatch to the Daily Express from the Hungarian capital, "with accounts of a project, of Kate Phinney to-night and threw carsaid to be promoted by American fin-

Assumes International Aspect.

Denver, Col. (Special).-William Kingston, Jamaica (By Cable).-Radcliffe, owner of the lease on the Newspaper reports received here from State Department. This gives an inter-national aspect to the shooting of two been issued by the government calling men by a deputy game warden, the upon the citizens to concentrate in or-burning of Radcliffe's hotel, and the der to repel attacks and protect propthreatened lynching of himself by a erty. Panama is guarded from the sea mob of Delta County citizens. Rad-by a gunboat. According to the same cliffe claims to be a subject of King Ed-sources of information, the government ment is exercising the strictest precautions to prevent news of development general 5s of the Choctaw, Oklahoma & ment to protect his life and have him prevent news of development leaking reimbursed for the loss of his property, out,

SECRETARY LONG ISSUES ORDER.

Schley Court of Inquiry to Make Exhaustive Investigation of Campaign.

Washington (Special).-The official order for the court of inquiry asked by Admiral Schley was made public by Secretary Long and calls for an extended investigation of accusations and charges made by the Admiral growing out of the Spanish War.

'To Admiral George Dewey, United States Navy, Washington, D. C. "Upon the request of Rear Admiral Winfield S. Schley, United States Navy, made in a letter dated July 22, 1901, copy herewith, a court of inquiry, of New York (Special).—The Hamburg- which you are hereby appointed president, Rear Admirals Lewis A. Kimberly and Andrew E. K. Benham, United Lemly, United States Navy, the purpose of inquiring into the con-Murillo is said to be the secretary of duct of the said Schley, commodore in General Uribe Uribe. He went to Co-

'The court will thoroughly inquire into all the circumstances bearing upon the subject of the investigation, hereby According to a signed statement made ordered, and to this end, besides exam ining orally all proper witnesses whose attendance can be secured, will call upon

the department for all documentary evi-"Upon the conclusion of the investigation the court will report its proceedings and the testimony taken, with and detailed statement of all the pertinent facts which it may deem to be established, together with its opinion

and recommendation in the premises. Given under my hand at the Navy Department, Washington, this twenty sixth day of July, nineteen hundred and

JOHN D. LONG, Secretary.

NEW MAINE AFLOAT. Launch of the Battleship a Success in Every

Particular. Philadelphia (Special).-The battleship Maine, designed to be bigger, stronger and faster than her namesake, whose shapeless mass still lies in the harbor of Havana, was launched from the yards of the William Cramp Ship and Engine Building Company. The great hull's initial dip into the waters of the Delaware river was a success in every way One of the largest crowds that has ever triotism ran wild as the ship left her

Launching of warships at Cramp's have been so frequent that in late years such events have lost much of their attractive power. The presence of the immense crowd at the christening was largely due to the fact that the new ship bears the name of the ill-fated Maine President McKinley, Secretary of the

Navy Long, Admiral Dewey, Captain some ladies, took the dangerous ride and shot the White Horse Rapids, in have to tread on it if they took Murtend. It was the intention to have some of the survivors of the Maine witness the launch, but none was present. The Maine is 56 per cent, finished Her keel was laid in April, 1899, and the

ment in 18 months' or two years Tornado is North Dakota.

time.

ship will be ready for transfer to the

Fargo, N. D. (Special).-A heavy back of his head crushed in. This, rain and wind storm prevailed over a large part of the State. Great damage the result of a free-for-all fight at is reported at Tappen, 125 miles west of Mines, a short distance from Fargo, where it amounted to a tornado Hungarian and Slavish miners occur-red Saturday. and other buildings were blown down and the Northern Pacific depot unroof-The crops in the path of the storm, injured, Joe Reedon, shot twice in the which was several miles wide, were to bowels, one bullet going through the tally destroyed. In the Red River Valbody; Melvin Sheldon, shot in the ley rain fell from the national boundary breast; Mack Sheldon, head crushed line all along the State line. In the stone in the hands of Lawrence northern part there was not much wind Busby, colored. All the other men are but around Fargo and in Minnesota Busby was arrested and is in there was quite a heavy straight wind,

The New Dutch Cabinet.

The Hague (By Cable) .- The newly organized Netherlands ministry is as follows: President of the Ministerial Council

Dr. Kuyper. Minister of Foreign Affairs-Melvil van Loyndon, who has been secretary of the Court of Arbitration. Minister of Marine-Admiral Kruys. Minister of War-Borgansides.

Minister of Finance-Harte de Teck-

lenburg. Another British Reverse.

London (By Cable).-Telegraphing from Pretoria under date of Lord Kitchener reports to the War Oifice as follows: "A detachment of Steinacker's Horse, occupying Bremersdorp, was forced to evacuate July 24 by a superior force of Boers, probably the commando from Amsterdam and Pietretie The detachment fought its way to Lembo, a distance of 16 miles, losing about ten killed or wounded and a few miss-

Launch Capsizes.

Detroit, Mich. (Special).-The News-Tribune, a naphtha launch used to deiver newspapers to the residents of the Lake St. Clair flats, capsized about two miles north of the lightship during a sudden squall. Miss Maud Randall of this city, one of the four passengers was drowned. The captain and the other passengers were rescued.

Rejected Suitor's Brutal Crime.

Muncie, Ind. (Special).-Peter Tillbury, an ironworker, called at the home bolic acid into the face of Mrs. Mary anciers, for the creation of another but more luxurious Monte Carlo on Magarethen Island, opposite the upper end of the city in the Danube."

Torrey, a guest, destroying her eyemight and burning her neck, breast and arms frightfully. The man had pleaded with the woman to marry him for years with the woman to marry him for years

Critical in Panama.

frand Mess Lakes, has returned to Panama assert that the insurgents are Washington for consultation with the operating in large numbers in the vi-

PRESIDENT SHAFFER MEETS J. P. MORGAN.

The Strike Leader and the Great Banker Confer.

ADJUSTMENT OF THE DIFFERENCES?

President Schwab, of the Steel Trust, Was Present at the laterview, as Was Also Secretary Williams, of the Amaigamated Association -- The Two Labor Leaders Slipped Unseen Out of Pittsburg.

New York (Special).-Formal negotiations for a settlement of the great steel strike were opened here at a conference between President Shaffer and Secretary Williams, of the Amalgamated Association, and J. Pierpont Morgan and a group of his associates, of the United States Steel Corporation. The conference and the movements

of the conferees were secret and no intimation of the result of the deliberations has come from any one in authority. It is believed, however, that substantial progress toward an agreement was made and that formal announcement of the compact for peace will come within a few days. There has been much speculation as to the terms of peace, but much of it has been pure conjecture. It was said that the strike would be called off and that there would be a resumption of the negotiations of general labor questions at the point where they were broken off at the Pitts burg conference.

In financial circles, however, the epin ion was general that the prospective agreement would go further than tha and in itself dispose of the serious questions at issue. The conference resulted from several days of preliminary

discussion, all of which was kept secret Mr. Morgan and President Schwab of the United States Steel Corporation met first at the office of the former and were closeted for some time. The meeting with the labor leaders followed The names of those who participated ir the meeting aside from leaders on either side and the place at which the conferees met were kept from the public Morgan was seen after the meeting, but would say nothing beyond denying that he had any appointment with President Shaffer, of the Amalgamated

A news bureau quoted an official o one of the constituent companies of the United States Steel Corporation as fol lows: "Unless something of an unex pected nature comes up, it is reasonably certain that the differences now ex isting between the mill owners and the strikers will be adjusted shortly."

BOY CONFESSES A MURDER

He Says That He and Others Killed a Companion to Secure 48 Cents.

Alpena, Mich. (Special). - Cyrus Larke, 8 years old, the son of F. D Larke, editor of the Rogers City Advance, mysteriously disappeared in that village on Tuesday afternoon, and no trace of him could be secured. Friday his body was taken from the river. According to the confession of Harvey Nelson, also 8 years old, the Larke boy was murdered by companions of his own age in order to secure 48 cents

which he possessed. According to the Nelson boy, young Larke, in the company of the 9-yearold son of Prosecuting Attorney Reed, Nelson and several other boys about the same age, were playing near the Hoeft Schoer mill boom on Tuesday afternoon. Reed seemed to be the leader among the boys. Young Larke was urged to climb down to the water and go out on a pier. He objected, saying his parents had ordered him never to venture on the piers or go near the booms. He was finally persuaded and

accompanied the boys. Young Nelson says he remained behind, but watched the boys. He says Reed and his companions led young Larke out from the pier, and after forcing him to give them 48 cents which he had in his pockets, pushed him off the boom into the water. The boy could not swim, and when he tried to catch the boom one of the boys would push him off. This was repeated once of twice, after which the body did not come up.

A Boom in Potatoes.

Chicago (Special).-In less than ? week the wholesale price of potatoes in the local market has advanced as a result of the drouth from 70 cents a bushel to \$1.10. This increase in so short a time is said to be unprecedented. It brings the retail price to 35 cents and 40 cents a peck at a season when potatoes are usually to be had here in abundance at 15 cents a peck. Reports from South-ern Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and other districts indicate that the recent rains came too late to save much of the potato crop in those sections.

Senator Clark Innocent.

Helena, Mont. (Special).—Senator W. Clark has filed in the United States Court at Butte his answer to the suit brought by the Government to vitiate his title to about 15,000 acres of timber land, valued at \$500,000, on the ground that the lands were secured from the Government through an alleged swindle in connection with which the Federal grand jury recently returned 102 indict ments. Senator Clark avers that he was an innocent purchaser and as such must be protected.

Five Orphans.

Peoria, Ill. (Special). - Martin de Bryn, a tinsmith, shot and killed his wife and then fired one bullet into his own heart. Five children are left or-phans. Three of the children were in the house at the time of the tragedy and only the immediate interference or neighbors saved them. Domestic trouble is supposed to have caused the shooting.

Wanted, Dead or Alive.

Havana (Special).—The government has offered a reward of \$1000 for the capture, dead or alive, of Line Lima, a pandit who has been operating in the Matanzas and Havana provinces. There has been for the last three months a standing reward of \$500 for Lima's head. Saturday the bandit sent word to the authorities that he would surren-der for \$500, provided he were allowed to leave the island. Upon receipt of this offer the authorities doubled the reward and sent urgent instructions to General Rodriguez, of the rural guard. to capture Lima.

LIVE NATIONAL AFFAIRS.

Year's Trade Abroad.

The detailed figures of the foreign tommerce of the United States in the year ended June 30, 1901, were completed by the Treasury Bureau of Statistics Friday. They show total imports of \$822,673,016; total exports, \$1.487,755, 557; exports of domestic products, \$1,-460,453,809. The imports by great classes in the fiscal year 1901, compared with the preceding year, are as follows:
Articles of Food and Animals—In
1900, \$218,510,098; 1901, \$222,227,898.
Articles in a Crude Condition for Use

in Domestic Industry-In 1900, \$302,-

426,748; in 1901, \$269,763,404.
Articles Wholly or Partially Manufactured for Use in Manufactures and Mechanic Arts-In 1900, \$88,433,549; in 1901, \$79,080,716.

Articles Manufactured ready for Consumption-In 1900, \$128,900,597; in 1901, \$130,662,903.

Articles of Voluntary Use, Luxuries, Etc.—In 1900, \$111,670,094; in 1901, \$120,938,095.

The reduction in value of imports occurs chiefly in raw silk, hides and skins, wool and india rubber, and in most of these the reduced value is partially due to reduction of prices rather than quantity. Raw silk shows a reduction from \$44.549.672 in 1900 to \$29.353.777 in 1901, a decrease in value of 34.1 per cent; while the number of pounds shows a decrease from 11,259,310 pounds in 1900 to 9,139,617 pounds in 1901, a decrease of only 18.8 per cent. In india rubber, while the imports of 1901 are only \$28, 455.383, against \$31,376,867 in 1900, the quantity imported in 1901 is 55,275,529 pounds, against 49.377,138 pounds in 1900. In wool the importations decreased from 155,928,455 pounds, valued at \$20,260,936 in 1900 to 103.583,505 pounds valued at \$12,529,881 in 1901.

America's German Trade.

Ambassador White has made the subject of United States trade with Germany the basis of a special report to the State Deparment.

He shows that in to years the United States has advanced from fourth to first place on the basis of goods shipped to Germany, the total value of such goods and natural products in 1900 being \$266, 750,400. The United States thus stands far above any other country in this trace. In the matter of goods imported from Germany the United States has stood in third place without change for the 10 years, the value of the imports in 1920 being \$104,482,000.

Clerks and Their Superiors.

The fact that certain clerks to quartermasters and commissary officers objected to accompanying those officers when transferred to other stations has induced the acting Secretary of War to issue the following notice to all con-cerned: "The Secretary of War considers that the interests of the service require that employees at large in the de-partment must be subject to orders in egard to transfer of station, and a refusal to obey such orders will be deemed a proper and sufficient reason for discharge from the service.

Consul General Stowe's Plans.

The State Department has received a message from Consul-General Stowe. at Cape Town, stating that he would leave there for the United States on a steamer sailing August 7. He had intended to comply with a request of the department to remain until the arrival of is successor, but on learning it was not likely that he could be relieved until September, he decided to take advantage of a reduced rate on a steamer sailing August 7.

The Venezuela Asphalt Controversy.

Mr. Russell, the United States charge of legation at Caracas, has cabled the State Department that the status of the asphalt cases is practically unchanged. He says a strong move was made by a local judge to put the Warner-Quinlan claimants in possession of the asphalt lake, but this judge was superseded, and the Bermudez Company remains in pos-

Do They Prefer to Be Behind Guns? Only two petty officers in the navhave taken advantage of the provision in the present Naval Appropriation act which permits six petty officers each year to apply for appointment as ensigns in the navy. The period for application this year will expire tomorrow and there are but two applications on file—Gunners Joseph Hill and Francis Martin.

Capital News in General. The National Civil Service Reform League's investigating committee has completed a report relating to appointments in several branches of the federal

to the United States to represent at Washington the economic interests of the island. Secretary Long has issued a general order forbidding "all persons in the naval service" making any public statement concerning the subject matter of

Mr. L. V. de Abad, of Cuba, has come

the court of inquiry requested by Rear Admiral W. S. Schley. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue rules that the assessment of estates for the legacy tax must be made on the basis of the value on the day the testator died.

The transport Meade arrived in San Francisco from Manila. Secretary Long will leave Washington Thursday for his annual vacation. Mr. Rockhill reported to the State Department that the negotiations in Pekin will close within two weeks with a signatory protocol by all the powers.

The total collections under the War Revenue Act from June 13, 1898, to June 30,1901, were \$318,790,501.

George K. Lawton, astronomer of the United States Naval Observatory.

died from typhoid fever. The War Department issued an order merging the Department of Alaska into the Department of Columbia, with Gen. Geo. M. Randall in command.

Our New Possessions. The trial of Lieut. Preston Brown, of Second Infantry, charged with murdering a native near Binangonan, is finished. In the course of the proceedings it was proven that the native was killed while trying to escape, and the acquittal of Lieutenant Brown is expected.

Two artillerymen have been quarantined at Fort Stotsenberg. Manila, suffering from bubonic plague.

Colonel Sautos, with 40 men and 30 rifles, has surrendered at Ligao, in Albay province. The insurrection in North amarines province is practically ended