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To govern London, with six millions of people, costs \$80,000,000 a year; while to govern New York's three millions costs more than \$100,000,000. Fortunately New York is now in a fair way to get the worth of her money.

Worth Looking Into.

THE PROPOSED sale of the property and effects of the Panama Canal company is for the benefit of the bondholders, who foreclosed on a first mortgage and would divide among them the proceeds should a sale take place.

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As to Wireless Telegraphy.

MANY MEN of a scientific turn of mind have refused to place any credence whatsoever in the claims of Marconi, the wireless telegrapher.

In such a divided condition of expert opinion it is evident that the crying need is for more evidence. It is the sure cure for skepticism. In one issue of a leading New York contemporary the other day we found two interesting statements of fact which bear upon this controversy.

His opinion regarding the Beer war. Hardly any two witnesses agree as to whether it wants the war carried through to a finish without reference to cost, or is in favor of bidding for a peace with the Boers and an early release from war burdens.

Much Ado About Nothing.

THE DISPOSITION to make mountains out of molehills is not confined to the land of the Schley controversy.

Because in a recent speech Minister Chamberlain, the actual head of the British government, took exception to continental criticisms of the management of England's war in South Africa.

Up to this point the episode was amusing rather than serious. But now comes "Brummagem Joe" with a new "derry" for the Germans, in which he practically tells both the German chancellor and the whole German nation to go to Halifax.

The flurry over the excise question in New York has revived speculative talk about separating the city of New York from the state of the same name, and erecting the city into a state by itself.

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In a letter to Walter J. Ballard, of Schenectady, N. Y., Leonard Wood, governor general of Cuba, says: "There is no probability of any trouble in Cuba, and no thought of any such thing as an uprising or disorders."

Senator Chandler's argument for riding the president of the United States of the incessant demands made upon his time and endurance by the aimless cults of persons who have no business with him is sound and unanswerable.

Boston's proposition to be the first to solve the question of aerial navigation comes a trifle late. In the departure of Tammany, New York has probably given one of the most satisfactory exhibitions of the "flying machine" that will be seen this year.

From advance notices it looks as though the Central American presidents would bury the hatchet to a depth that would throw all of the jethian war correspondents out of employment.

permitted to show. He replied: "The war has been over about thirty-six years." Chronologically, Charles is correct; but a manager who would stand for an "Uncle Tom's show" on general principles merits all the hurder he can get.

Lewis Nixon, Richard Croker's successor as the head boss of Tammany, is a man against whose character not an adverse word can be said. He is rich, well educated, affable, personally attractive, modest and full of grit.

Gross earnings of the steam surface railroads of New York state in 1901 were \$25,000,000 greater than in 1900; and operating expenses were \$24,146,648.87 larger, leaving an excess in net earnings of \$5,353,351.13.

The American appropriation for pensions next year will be in the neighborhood of \$149,000,000, which is seven times the pension list of Germany.

It is an interesting circumstance that after many generations of earnest temperance work the number of Americans dependent for their livelihood upon the traffic in intoxicants is as large in proportion to population as it ever was.

Although 150,000 new freight cars were built last year, it is estimated that the railroads of the United States need \$39,000,000 which they might have earned if they had had cars enough.

The plan which General Miles is said to have in mind is to run for president on a soldier and sailor ticket; and he wants Dewey to take second place.

The choice of a successor to King Alexander, of Servia, Belgrade advises, is limited between Prince Karageorgevitch and Colonel Constantinovitch. The Servians have our sympathies.

The war of the base ball magnates is fast approaching the point where it will become necessary for the suffering public to do a little unpinning on the Tim Hurst plan.

According to last accounts surveyors have found Mason and Dixon's line in a warped condition.

In its present stage the South African war has one advantage. It is heroless.

THE MARCONI SYSTEM.

The claim made by Marconi that he had received a signal at St. John's, Newfoundland, from the Titanic, 1,500 miles away, by means of his wireless system, raises interest in his method of operation.

The receiving apparatus consists of a mast carrying a wire, the wire is carried insulated by suspension, and is connected to the ground electrically at the top.

THE GRAND DUKE'S CLEMENCY.

Grand Duke Carl Alexander, of Saxony-Weimar, the son and successor of Queen Victoria's husband, Prince Albert, is better and more favorably known for his friendliness and tenderness of heart than for his intellectual qualities.

"Does your Royal Highness wish to see a mild or a desperate case?" replied the prisoner, and accordingly one of the fine prisoners was brought under guard.

A HANDSOME CALENDAR.

One of the prettiest calendars of the season is issued by Amour & Co., of the Chicago mail packers.

THE GERMAN EMPEROR'S GRACEFUL COMPLIMENT

From the New York Tribune. THE GERMAN emperor is paying to the United States one of the highest and most graceful compliments of a personal character within his power. It is in fact a triple compliment. The first part is the sending of the new yacht to the United States.

NEW YEAR PROSPERITY COMES WITH A RUSH

Editor of The Tribune. "See" the January disbursement in the cities of New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia of \$20,000,000 for the half-year's interest and dividends represents an earning of 5 per cent.

OUTLINE STUDIES OF HUMAN NATURE

Where Reed was Born. The house in which former Speaker Thomas B. Reed was born is still standing in Portland, Me.

Proof of Sobriety.

In England an officer is court-martialed for being drunk, and everybody will remember the story of the young officer who was accused of this "crime" and was very nearly got off by his servant.

Miss Roosevelt's Change of Climate.

Apocryph of Miss Alice Roosevelt's engaging out-party, friends are telling a story of her ready wit.

HOW TO AMEND OUR COURTS AND LAWS

Give every case an early day. And let there be no law's delay. Not with the simple, rich or poor. Should tarry long at Justice's door.

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