# THE ARMY MUST BE STRENGTHENED,

# TRAINED MEN NEEDED.

## The Enlisted Men To-day Represent the Highest Type of Young Americans.

Chinese ports have been seized by we European Powers, other nations in readiness, prepared to defend their interests. Spain is keeping her eye of the United States watching the move end of our warslys. Even now the of States cruisers are gathering in a states end of the server of the United States watching the united states end of the server of the Server of the Server of the the impression that the America and server of the Server of th

here else Ever since the war the moarle and

Ever since the war the monrie and stamina of the army have improved, and I regard the enlisted man of to-day as the best type we have ever had in the service. The officers, too, are all actuated by the highest motives, and, small as the army is in comparison with the nation, I fail to see where it is inefficient. Inefficient

inefficient. "The army is for the people to do with it as they please. They can en-large of or they can do away with it Altogether, buil I say unhesitatingly that the army is the best friend the workingman possesses. It is his pro-rector, and to the country it is one of the staunchest pillars of our social structure.

the staunchest pillars of our social structure. "Let the army be anything but an efficient machine, and only the dullards and ensy-going seek service in it. The fact that the large propertion of the enlisted force of to-day is made up of bright, active young Americans, men who could not be tempted to enlist were the army 'slow,' would seem to answer any question as to efficiency. To-day the men are given severe and trying drills and gymnastic exercises of an extensive sort. The work which our soldiers undergo in their training has keyed them up to a fine condition of merit and efficiency. "The army needs an increase in its numbers to properly care for the duty

"The army needs an increase in its numbers to properly care for the duty austrated to it. That is where the in-efficiency lies. If anywhere. We are short of artillerists. In fact, we are too few in numbers for the coast service assigned to protection. Trained artil-lerists cannot be made in a moment, nor can any sort of men be put to great gun service. The best results are ob-tained only through careful training, and to train properly takes time. "The strength of the arms, to my thinking, should be in a certain ratio to the population, and the minimum. I think, should be one soldier to every 1000 of population, while the maximum I would place at one soldier to every 1000 of population."

## PEOPLE WERE PANIC STRICKEN.

#### One of the Oldest Edifices in the Western Hemisphere Destroyed.

The steamer Cherokee, which arrived Tuesday from San Domingo, brings de-

the water from unused wells was seen to surge up level with the ground and imost as rapidly disappear.

almost as rapidly disappear. In Santiago churches were rendered dangerous, cemetery walls were ruined and a chapel fell as though it had been struck by a bomb shell. The Govern-ment buildings will need extensive re-pairs, if not complete rebuilding. The grand edifice of Santa Cerro, one of the oldest in the western hemisphere, and dating from the time of Columbus, was entirely destroyed. The shocks were perceptibly felt on vessels in the har-bors.

#### WAITING FOR CONSANDINE

# Many Indictments Will Orest Him on His Release from Prison.

U. S. District Attorney Walker has received from Ohio a certified copy of indictments found there against "Jim-my" Consandine, the notorious crock

Ex-president Cleveland is opposed to the annexation of the Hawalian islands. Seventeen students at Richmond col-lege have been suspended for hazing

TERSELY TOLD TELEGRAMS.

Unusual precaution are being made to guard the residence of Consul Lee at Cuba. Spain may be expelled from the post

al unior Bayana. union for opening mail matter at

Dennis Bowden, of Allegheny, Pa., aas killed in a bar-room fight last Saturday. It is reported in England that Ger-many will open Kino-Chou to the com-merce of the world.

The coal operators in convention at Chicago last week, conceded an eight-hour day to the miners.

Action of the Dingley tariff has al-most rulned the orange and lemon trade in Southern Italy.

Earthquake wrecked a church and several other buildings at Argenta, It-aly, and a few people were injured. A Pittsburg house furnisher has purchased a carpet sewing machine which will do the work of 20 girls.

Colonel N. Stubbs, of Richmond, has rerigned the office of Grand Comman-dar of the Confederate Veterans of Virginia,

Dr. John Hall will remain pastor of the Fifth Avenue Predbyterian church of New York. He had recently resigned.

The Redpath Lyceum bureau is suing Dr. Nansen for \$20,000 on allegation of failure to deliver 34 lectures according to agreement.

Great Britain will support Japan in resisting the attempt of either Russia or Germany to close the ports of China to foreign trade.

King Humbert has signed a decree re

King Humbert has signed a decree F ducing the Italian customs tariff on cereals from 7 1-2 to 5 lire, from Jan-uary 25 to April 30. Seventeen reindeer died at sea while being transported from Hamburg to New York. They were intended for service in the Klondike region.

W. E. Bickel, vice president of the broken Minnesota Savings Bank, was acquitted, in St. Paul, of the charge of fraudulently using securities.

Grover Cleveland has purchased an 85-acre tract of land near Princeton, N. J., which he will stock with game for hunting and breeding purposes.

Henry E. Straight, arrested a week ago, charged with swindling business people in Wilkesbarre and Harrisburg, Pa., and other places, escaped from jail.

Anti-Jewish riots continue in Algiers. Saturday shops were burned and pli-laged. One man was killed and sev-eral injured. Order was restored by the troops.

General R. E. Lee's birthday was co ebrated at Richmond, Vn., Tuesday, by the closing of the public and private schools, banks, public offices and business exchanges.

A table cut from the cross-section of a California tree has been placed in the residence of William Waldorf Astor at London. Forty guests can be scated around the table.

German emigration during 1897 wa the lowest since 1874. It only totaled 23,220 person, against 31,114 in 1895, and has steadily declined since 1885, when 87,577 persons emigrated.

E. W. Hoch, of Marion, Kan., has rotified the authorities at Washington that he cannot accept the postmaster-ship of his town because he would have to work one hour on Sunday.

D. M. Hough & Co., of Rochester, N. Y., shoe manufacturers, have made an assignment to Granger A. Hollister. It is said the liabilities will reach \$35,000; arsets estimated to be \$48,000.

The Metropolitan Iron and Land Company, operating the Norrie group of mines and employing 1,000 men, has announced a raise in wages to go Lito effect in February. It will probably be 10 per cent. per cent.

In the United States court at Chicago Judge Grosscup overruled temporarily a motion to dismiss the foreclosure pro-ceedings of the Farmers Loan and Trust company against the Lake Street Elevated railroad.

Wertheimer & Co., of New York, Im-porters of kid gloves, on Monday made an assignment to Bruno Richter with-out preference. The total liabilities are reported to be \$800,000 and assets are estimated at from \$500,000 to \$600,000.

An order for the winding up of the Toronto Financial Corporation was made by Justice Meredith. The com-pany was organized in 1873, with an authorized capital stock of \$2,500,000. Total deposits are about \$101,000. In consequence of the police prohibi-tion of the wearing of party badges and club uniforms at Prague the senate of the German university has resigned and the students have decided to attend no more lectures. The whole university has thus gone on strike. A loss of \$200,000 was caused by a fire in Chicago in a building occupied by L. C. Wacksmith & Co., Adam Bros., Tay-lor & Parrote, Worcester Corset com-pany, Kaufman & Co., Skinner Bros., Nickerson & Co., Cluett, Coon & Co., Solomon Friedman and L. Ast & Sons.

# UNFAVORABLE OUTLOOK.

FEVERS RAGING IN THE KLONDIKE

The Suffering for Want of Food is Very Great.

For some time past this government was much concerned over the reported distress of the miners in the Klondike gold fields, Relief measures were con-sidered. The snow locomotive, which was to carry supplies was after much deitberation abandoned. Reindeed were then contracted for in Norway and 400 of these annimals are now being car-ried across the continent to do service in allaying the wants of the familshed recently however, stating that there was no scarcity of food in the Klondike doned. These reports have now taken another turn, and the last reports go to show that there is already great scar-city there, with prospects of worse to ome.

come. The following from a private letter written by Rev. S. H. Young, Presby-terian missionary, dated at Dawson, December 1, differs from the opinion generally expressed by persons recently arriving on the coast, both as to food supply and good order. "The strifte for something to eat is al-ready distressing. This request, and no man's cache is safe when he is away from it. The suffering for want of food is likely to be very great before apring."

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exact condition of affairs at Daw The son at the close of mavigation is reveal-ed in the following extract from a re-port, under date of Dawson, September 24, to the Commissioner of Labor Ey S. C. Dunham, the expert of the Labor Department, sent there to make an in-vertigation vestigation.

Department, sent there to make an in-vestigation. "The prosent population of Dawson is about 1,000, but constantly changing. On account of the bad drainage, typh-old fever rages, and the sisters' hospital is full of patients. The reports in regard to the mortality here, however, are greatly overstated. The Alaska Com-mercial Company has thousands of tons of provisions in its warehouses, but they are sold. The only article in the way of food that can be bought to-day is canned corn. Flour is quoted at \$12 a hundred, but none can be had at any price. If steamers arrive, the situation will be somewhat relieved; if they do not reach here there will be wholesale starvation, as the visible supply of food will not hast till March. To argravate the situation, most of those coming down the river are comiting in with scanny supplies. The condition will be relieved somewhat by the arrival soon from up river of 200 head of cattle and 1,600 head of sheep, which are being brought down on raits after having been driven in over the Dalton and Dyea trails."

THE BUNCO TRUST IN EVIDENCE.

#### Attempt to Pay the Fine of One of its Mem bers.

bers. A dispatch from Kansas City says: An attempt has been made by a repre-sentative of the "Bunco trust" to pay the fine of Charles Mason, better known as "Boston Charley," who is serving a year's sentence in the work-house. This trust was organized 10 years ago to free Tom O'Brien, the king of confidence men, from the pris-on at Utica, N. Y. Members turn over 5 per cent. of their profits to be used to secure the freedom of unfortunate brethren. Mason is a prominent mem-ber of the association, and contributed largely to the fund that purchased O'Brien's freedom.

#### QUEBEC MURDER TRIAL.

#### Mrs. Poirier Charged With the Murder of Her Husband.

Husband. The trial of Mrs. Isidore Polrier and Samuel Parslow, accused of the murder of the woman's husband opened at St. Scholastique, Que., Tuesday, The crown will attempt to prove that an infilmacy existed between the two prisoners and that the woman induced her husband to take out an insurance poole. Then she wrote to the insurance poole desiring to know if the death of her husband by polsoning or assassination would in-validate the policy and on being as-sured that it would not. Parslow and she murdered the unfortunate man by couting his throat, afterward disposing of the body so as to make it appear that Poirier had committed suicide.

#### Enforcement Impossible.

GOVERNMENT ARMOR PLANT. Secretary Long Says Bids Will be Opened on the Second Inst.

the Second Inst Secretary Long, accompanied by chief constructor Hichborn, chief O'Nell, of the Bureau of Ordnance, and Judge Advocate General Lemley, appeared before the Senate Committee on Naval Affairs Wedncaday. The secretary said, in response to questions, that the Navy Department had prepared full plans and specifica-tions calling for an armor plant under the inst maval appropriation bill, and that estimates on the cost of land, tools and machinery necessary to equip the plant had been made. The bilds were fo be opened of the 20th inst., and he thought several bids would be made. Secretary Long said also that in view of the report of the committee which he had appointed to consider the question of a government armor plant, and their

had appointed to consider the question of a government armor plant, and their report on the great cost and delay it would involve, he had entered into fur-ther negotiations with private armor plants now furnishing armor for other ships, and he believed that he could make a contract for the supply of armor plate for the Hilnois, Alabama and Wis-consin, now under course of construc-tion, which would be ready to receive it, at the rate of \$400 a ton. The secretary recommended, in view of the circum-stances, that an arrangement to this ef-fect should be made. From the secretary's statement, cor-roburated by statements by Commodore

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BLOODY STUDENT WAR.
S5.000 Telescope Damaged in a Class Scrimmand sophomores on one side, and the russian frontiar by the students of Franklin college, the Baptist institution of Indiana. The senior sand sophomores on one side, and the russian atthorities have occurred. The Russian authorities have occurred. The Russian authorities in Siberia are reastly alarmed by the situation and treshmen on the other have been clashing for some time, and the result is that many sangularary conflicts have occurred. The Russian authorities in Siberia are reastly alarmed by the situation and tris only after the most serious deliberation of the building and tore down the banner, precipitating and exciting a strugge.
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struggle. Later another '99 flag was run up over the court house. It was torn down and a scrimmage ensued in the court house park, 100 students taking part, Heads were broken, faces cut and blood flowed freely. A great crowd witnessed the conflict. The officers finally quieted the ronflict. The officers finally quieted the rist. During the struggle the \$5,000 telescope was badly damaged.

# INDEMNITY TO MEXICANS.

President Recommends a Payment to the Heirs of a Lynching Victim.

Heirs of a Lyncang visuo. President McKinley on Tuesday sent a message, with a report from the Sec-retary of State, relating to the lynch-ing in 1895, at Yreka, Cal., of Louis Morena, a Mexican citizen, and the de-mand of the Mexican Government for Indemnity.

mand of the Mexican Government for indemnity. The President says: "Following the course adopted in the case of the lynching of the three Italians in Louis-iana in August, 1836. I have recom-mended the appropriation by Congress, out of humane considerations and without reference to the question of liability of the Government of the Junited States in the premises, of the sum of \$2,000, to be paid by the Secre-tary of State to the Government of Mexico, to be distributed among the heirs of Louis Mareno.

# AUSTRIA'S SHORT CROPS

Will Require \$100.000.000 to Buy Supplies

Will Require \$100,000,000 to bay super-this Year. A dispatch says that an unfavorable view is taken in London of the financial position of Austria and it is based on economic conditions. The shortage of the harvest in Austria-Hungary is economic conditions. The shortage of the harvest in Austria-Hungary is much greater than has been anticipat-ed. Advices from good quarters indi-cate that it will be necessary to import £22,000,000 worth of food supplies. This will have an important effect on exchanges

Austria accumulated gold largely for currency reform. Under the conditions mentioned a postponement of the currency measure is not impossible. There is evidence that the Austrian bank lately restricted the sale of foreign bills. A further rise in Austrian exchange would nearbable mean the result of

WAR CLOUD ARISES. SITUATION SERIOUS.

ANOTHER

# Immediate War Between Great Britain and Russia is Possible

The latest aspect of the far eastern risis is grave and warlike. Reinforce ments of the British and French fleets in Chinese waters are under orders to sail, and on Friday comes news from Yokohama that a Japanese fleet of

Yokohama that a Japanese fleet of nine ships will sail for the Chinese coast within six days, after being in-spected by the mikado in the same solemn fashion as the German emperor did with his little expedition. The sup-posed destination of the Japanese fleet is Wel-Hait-Wei. The threatening at-titude of Russia toward China is the immediate cause of the crisis. The competition of Great Britain and the czar for ascendency in Chinese af-fairs has reached an issue which will either be decided peacefully within a few days or result in immediate war. There is high authority for saying that Japan is acting in the fullest concord with Great Britain in the present de-velopments.

bern have been determined upon. It is a set in the English position at Pekin, and to lead the Chinese government to seek still more to withdraw from engagements which it had with Russia

MAY BREAK THE CONCERT.

# Significant and Threatening Statements by

per cent. larger than in 182 in pay-ments through clearing houses—it is not discouraging that one or two in-dustries are lagging. The demand for most goods is more heavy for the sea-son, manufacturing works are better employed, and orders booked and in prospect for the future are more en-couraging at this senson than in any other of which equally definite re-cords exist. Exports of products con-titue surprisingly heavy. In spite of some rise in prices. Treasury receipts from customs were larger in twenty days of January than in the entire months of October or November, and apprehension regarding the monetary future is no longer feit outside of spec-ulative circles. Failures are considera-bly smaller than were ever known at this season, both manufacturing and trading, less than half last year's. Railrond earnings in January, thus far reported have been 17.6 per cent. larg-er than last year, and 10.3 per cent larger than in 182. The rise of wheat above \$1 in regular speculative excitement. In fact, the week from Atlantic ports, against 1.-573.25 bushels, hour included, for the weeks, 9.002,453 bushels, against 1.558-512 bushels from Pacific ports for 3 weeks, would give excues for high prices, even if the corn exports were not enough to suggest great foreign need, amounting to \$370,189 bushels, against 10.774,253 bushels for three weeks. The fact that cargoes of corn were shipped during to \$400,189 per and Russi, the very countries upon which Europe most re-lies for hreadstuffs next to the United State, affected trade not unreasonably. Just when unprecedented production of pig iron was causing weakness, ex-traord his year, orders for plates at long departs. For this senson, at long the mean der finished pro-ducts appears. For this senson, at long the mand for sheets and fair for structural form efforts to combine makers of tim plates. Prices of all fin-mand spring from efforts to combine makers of wire and its products, and makers of wire and its products and fand this yearc. while a slight ad-pro Significant and Threatening Statements by Joseph Chamberlain. Joseph Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, defending the government policy at Liverpool Wed-nesday against the attacks of the Lib-erals, and, referring cspecially to the Armenian and Cretan questions, said: "The impotence of the European con-cert is a discredit to all the powers. The position is becoming intolerable, and can not be allowed to continue in-defigitely. Though there would be great risk in taking the alternative course, it may be our duty—I hops it will not—to reserve our right and independence to take isolated action."

The standard and the Daily News will comment editorially to-morrow upon Mr. Chamberlain's statement, characterizing it as most important and deptitions. significant.

### AID FOR WEST INDIES.

# Secretary Chamberlain Announces Englaz

Secretary Chamberlain Announces England Will Make a Large Grant.
The Liverpool chamber of commerce gave a banquet Tuesday to Hight Hon.
Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies. Mr. Chamberlain, in the course of a vigorous and important speech, said: "Looking to the certain-ty that we are likely to be excluded by hostile tariffs from any country where the British flag does not float, our pres-ent policy is to take a very firm atti-tude and to maintain free markets." Mr. Chamberlain emphasized the "great injury of the bounty system, which, while ruining the West Indies, brings a gain estimated at £2,000,000 yearly to Great Britain." "There were many objections." he continued, "to countervalling duties, which would 'in-volve us in commercial treaty difficu-ties of the foreign nations;" but the main objection was that while the trade they wished to save amounted to 260,000 tons.

BEYOND PRECEDENT.

### Extraordinary Domand for Finished Iron Products.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review HIYN: With a volume of business remarka

ble for the time of the year-28 per cent. larger than a year ago and 10.4

my" Consandine, the notorious crook recently sentenced to three years' im-prisonment in the Missouri penitent-iary for a diamond robbery at Kansas City, Mo. The indictment charges Con-sandine with the robbery of the post-office at Granville, when over \$2,200 worth of mohey and stamps was stolen. A capias was issued for Consandine's arrest, to be held until the expiration of his sentence at Jefferson City. There are also Federal indictments against Consandine in Michigan and Illinois.

#### Sultan's Generosity

Sultan's Generesity. The Sultan of Turkey has determined to send 15,000 soldiers to Palestine in honor of Emperor William's visit there. The garrisons of Beirut and Damascus will be equipped. His Majesty will give to the German Emperor a piece of ground at Jerusalem, which, ac-cording to tradition, was the site of the Last Supper, which different Christian communities have hitherto vainly sought to acquire. It is under-stood that Emperor William will trans-fer the ground to the German Catholic missionaries.

#### West Indian Cable Extension

West Indian Cable Extension. The cable from Hallfax to Bermuda has been extended to Turks Island, and the steamer Scotta is completing the line to Jamaica. Messages were sent from Turks Island to President McKin-ley, Joseph Chamberlain and the gover-nor general of Canada. The message to the president was as follows: "Cable from Turks Island opened on Turesday, May it tend to strengthen the friend-ship between the two great English-speaking nations."

## Another Steel Bail Combine.

Another Steel Eail Combins. "Steel rail manufacturers have per-ceted a 'general agreement' to take he place of the old steel rail pool, which collapsed last February. The collag features of the former combi-ation have not been resurrected, and he price is now \$18 a ton Pittsburg and \$20 Chicago, as against \$28 and \$29, cospectively, under the previous ar-angement."

### Death in a Tunnel.

Desta in a Tunnel. In accident took place at the Fair-w tunnel, about nine miles west of liliams, Ariz. In which one man was led and another probably fatally in-ied. Sparks from an engine ignited a mass of rock and burning timbers a mass of rock and burning timbers me down upon the men who were bling the fire.

Talmage Weds. w. T. DeWitt Talmage, the well-van preacher was married to Mrs. (des Collier, of Alleghery, Fa., Iast rday. The groom is 66 years of the bride 58. This is Talmage's i matrimonial venture.

George W. Sweet, 73 years old, un-married, and his sister, Elizabeth Sweet, 70 years old, also unmarried, were found in their home, near Wash-ington Hollow, Duchess county, as-physiated by coal gas from a parlor stove. Sweet was the owner of the horse El Capitan.

A Colorado estate of \$2,000,000 has been bequeathed to Bartholomew county heirs. The vast fortune was left by Imbly Clarke to his descend-ants, and George Clarke and Maria Hook, who reside near Columbus, Ind., are probably the only living heirs. Both are aged, and in destitute cir-cumstances cumstances.

Georgio Forino, while intoxicated on Saturday night, drank a quart of whisky to win a dollar bet. He died the next morning. The saloonkeeper and bartender of the saloon in which the whisky was sold, Nicholi Mendol and Pasqualo Menoni, were held in \$1,000 bail for examination on the charge of selling liquor to an intoxica-ted person. ted person.

ted person. Rev. R. T. Heims, of West Virgfnia, has been designated by the President for appointment as a chaplain in the navy. He resides at Cameron, Wetzel county. He was indorsed by the West Virginia delegation, and Governor At-kinson came to Washington and saw the President a couple of times in his behalf. He will have to undergo a rather severe examination before he is finally appointed. John H. Lemens and Baylor Walton.

finally appointed. John H. Lemens and Baylor Walton, two wealthy cattle men, were playing cards in a saloon at Marathon, Tex., Wednesday night when a dispute arose. Both men drew their pistols and began firing at close range. Each fired five shots. Walton put two bui-lets into Lemens' body, killing him. Lemens' aim was bad and Walton es-caped without a scratch.

#### Law Makers Hiot in Paris

The Dreyfus affair was the cause of a warm debate in the Chamber of De-puties at Paris last Saturday. Members called one another liars and cowards. The president was obliged to leave the chair. Soldiors were called.

Enforcement Impossible. Major Williams, a special agent of the United States Treasury Depart-ment, has been in London for a week, looking for information to assist the department in the enforcement of the scalakin exclusion. He said: "I have come to the conclusion that it is im-possible to enforce the law in its pres-ent form, and that it is necessary to amend it. It is impossible to identify many of the skins after they have passed through the hands of the whole-sale dealers, as most of the rotallers, for the sake of selling, would guaran-tee that the skins were not caught in prohibited waters."

#### President Dole Welcomed.

President Dole Welcomed. President and Mrs. Sanford B. Dole of Hawaii, were welcomed to Chicago Sunday morning. Every attention which can be bestowed upon the guests of the nation, they are receiving The President of the island refused positive-ly to discuss annexation. He admitted that the island was in no manner threatened by Japan. The party are on the way to Washington.

#### CAPITAL OLEANINGS.

De Lome, the Spanish minister at Washington, confirms the report that the Cuban capital has been captured. the Cuban capital has been captured. Had the House passed the Cuban bel-ligerency bill, President McKinley would have vetoed it. The president is determined not to interfere with Spain's attempt to establish peace on the island. The bill providing for the issue of currency notes in India against gold, was adopted on Friday. The bill has already relieved the stringency of the money market.

money market. Pension Commissioner Evans is pre-paring a new list of rules governing the practice of attorneys and the ad-judication of claims. They will pro-vide that a claim acted upon by one administration shall be regarded as scitted unless evidence of fraud in its prosecution shall be developed suffic-ient to justify a reopening.

In accordance with the agreement reached last week, the nomination of Attorney General McKenna to be jus-tice of the supreme court was taken up by the senate in executive assession Friday. The vote was overwhelming-ly in favor of confirmation.

Mr. McCall of Massachusetts intro-duced a joint resolution in the house appropriating \$163,000 to meet the defi-ciency in the free delivery of the post-office department for the current fiscal year. The appropriation is to be im-mediately available. If it is to offset the threatened reduction in the number of latter carriers and delivers in many cities.

uld probably mean the resale of Austrian securities to Vienna so accon-tuating the rise. Therefore, it is not impossible that a portion of the gold accumulated may be expected. Such prospects I believe will not be without effect in determining the German bank rate, which is expected to decline soon. Action on the matter was deferred.

#### NEW ATTORNEY GENERAL

Gov. Griggs of New Jersey Nominated by the President.

President. The president Saturday sent the nomination of John W. Griggs, of New Jersey, to be attorney general. John William Griggs is a native of Sussex county, N. J., where he was born in 1849. He graduated from La-fayette college in 1868 and was licensed as an attorney in 1871, and later be-camea member of the firm of Tuttle & Griggs. He was elected to the House of Assembly in 1875. In 1882 he was elected to the State Sonate and served two terms, in 1885 being elected to the presidency of that body. He is the first Republican governor New Jersey has had for 30 years. has had for 30 years.

### Tonnage on the Lakes.

Tonnage on the Lakes. At the annual meeting of the Lake Carriers association, which convened in Detroit at the Hotel Calillas Wed-nesday, the report gave the tonnage enrolled in the association as follows; 1894, 590,000 tons; 1895, 618,000 tons; 1896, 722,863 tons; 1897, 687,237 tons. Regarding the projected deep water canal from the lakes to the sea, the re-port quoted the statements of Maj, T. W. Symonds, United States engineer, who, after a preliminary examination, reached the conclusion that large ves-sels, either of lake or ocean type, could not be operated economically through a long, narrow waterway containing many locks. Secretary of War Alger and Senators McMillian and Hanna were thanked for the interest and ef-forts in behalf of improvements in lake waterways. waterways.

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wished to save amounted to 260,000 tons. Great Britain's own sugar imports amounted to \$1,500,000 tons, and it seemed unscientific to benefit the for-mer by injuring the latter. "Therefore," he said. "the govern-ment has decided to exhaust every al-ternative before having recourse to such a drastic measure; and the chan-cellor of the exchequer has consented to propose to parliament a very large grant in aid to the West Indies."

#### King Oscar's Speech.

King Oscar's Speech. The Ricksdag, or Farliament of Swe-den, was opened Tuesday by King Os-car in a speech from the throne. His Mnjesty expressed his pleasure at the manifestations of Swedish attachment on the occasion of his jubilee and at the cordial relations existing with all the Powers. The budget, which was submitted Tuesday, provides for an ad-ditional grant of 50,000 crowns to the al-lowance of the Crown Prince, Gustave, to replace a similar amount which the Storthing, or Parliament of Norway, deducted. The total estimated expend-iture is 124,000,000 crowns.

### CABLE SPARKS

M. Razin, of Paris, who invented the so-called roller steamboat, is dead. The steamship Mariposa sailed Mon-day from Sydney for San Francisco

(via Auckland), carrying 450,000 soverigns.

Seven men were killed by an explo-sion in a mine at Zaborze, Germany, and it is feared that 25 others have been cut off from escape.

In the parliamentary election in Dublin, J. M. Campbell, Unionist, was elected by 138 votes over George N. Plunkett, Nationalist.

A victory by the Germans in the communal election caused serious rioting in Budweis, Bavaria, which was quelled by soldlers. The master engineers of England have granted a delay of a week to the strike managers, when the trouble will probably be settled.

A special dispatch from Cairo says a party of friendly natives has captured the dervish post of Sarfich, taking ten prisoners and obtaining possession of quantities of supplies.

While a cargo containing fifteen miners was being hoisted in the shaft of the Bonne Esperance mine at Was-nes, in Hainault, Belgium, the cable broke and the occupants of the cage were dashed to pieces.

The plonic tendered by President Zel-aya to the Nicaragua Canal Commis-sloners of the United States and the members of the American syndicate of capitalists and contractors on Jinotega Mountain was successful.

Oriental mall advices received at San Francisco state that Russia is keeping up her policy of aggression in Corea. The appointment of a new Russian minister to Corea was taken advantage of by the czar's government. First the military power of Corea brought un-der its superintendence. Then in ad-dition to the coaling station she now possesses, Russia is now making afforts dition to the coaling station she now possesses, Russia is now making efforts to obtain another on an island opposite Fusan. A perinsula in front of Wosan will also be occupied by Russia, when she will make it either a settlement or coaling depot. It is also said that Rus-sians are going to be ergaged shortly as customs house officials and there is to be a great Russo-Corean bank. Fur-ther, it is stated that the Russian minister is employing Coreans on the Russian frontier in various situations and that the railway in a certain part of Corea will be built by contract in co-joint work with Russia.

RUSSIA ABSORBING COREA.

Slowly Getting Clutches on Every National Institution.

MAY SPEND \$100.000.000

year

New York's Budget Shows Signs of Increas-ing Considerably. The consideration of the budget for the greater city has begun in earnest by the board of estimate. It foreshad-ows an enormous total-perhaps \$100, 000,000, and that the cost of government would be immensely increased, instead of decreased, as expected, by the act of consolidation. To the mayor's office, the first item taken up, there was an increase from \$25,000 to \$26,000. But the extraordinary increase in patronage, caused by the charter, began to be seen when the fig-ures for the local legislative assembly were presented. It was first thought the budget would not reach over \$75,-000,000. the bu 000,000.

500,000. Shot by His Jilted Girl. Polleeman Richard J. Halloran was fatally shot with his own pistol at 1 o'clock Friday morning by Nellie Man-gan, who, according to one story, then put a bullet in her own head. The shooting followed a quarrel, during which Halloran refused to marry the girl. He walked the beat on which she lived, and had recently broken an en-sagement to marry her. Both are dying in the hospital, but, while she admits that she shot Halloran, she says that she did not inflict her own wound. Halloran's story corroborates that of the girl as to the details of the shooting. There is another woman in the case of whom Nellie Mangan was jealous. jealous.

#### Insurance to be Paid.

Insurance to be Faid. The famous Hillmon insurance case, which has been fought through five frials, was settled Friday so far as the surance Company is concerned. Hill-mon was insured in this company for bio,000, but the amount of the settle-ment was not given. It was the re-turned to settle the Hillmon claims, upon which Insurance Commissioner Me-Nail based his action in revoking the iterases of the three interested com-panies last March, and now they will be allowed to do business again