THE VERY LATEST FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER.

interesting Items About Our Own Country, Great Britain, Cae United States, and All Parts of the Globe, Condeused and Assorted for Easy Reading.

CANADA.

The Manitoba Legislature has prorogued.

Galt contemplates purchasing its waterworks plant.

Montreal has reduced the tax on bicycles from \$2 to \$1. French-Canadians in Massachusetts vivendi may be agreed upon.

are returning to Quebec.

A rich gold find is reported from the vicinity of Rat Portage.

price of sugar by one-sixteenth cent per pound.

Montreal contemplates purchasing a farm near the city as a home for paupers and beggars. The Railway Committee gave assent

to the bill chartering the Toronto & Hudson Bay Railway. The H., G. & B. Railway shareholders

at Hamilton have decided to issue debentures for \$20,000. The Dominion line steamship Scotsman is the first ocean vessel to reach volunteered in Massachusetts.

Montreal this season.

has caused a material reduction in the closed its doors. cost of packing over the passes. ernment to investigate the manner in way, Pa., on Tuesday.

which licenses are issued there. badly injured in a runaway, the bus in to Rameses Temple of Toronto, owing which they were riding colliding with a to the war.

Trade has passed a resolution favor- 5,000 horses in Canada for war purposes ing an export duty on nickel-copper if needed. ores and matte.

James Lawson, collector of customs at Fort Erie, has been appointed special officer to enforce the alien labour law there.

Gunners Boucher and Paget deserted from "A" Battery, Kingston, and went to the States to take service in the American army.

The report that Mr. Harris, general traffic manager of the Government system of railways, has resigned, is denied at Ottawa.

It is reported at Montreal that the G. T. R. has commenced the construction at their Point St. Charles works of 25 new locomotives.

A number of Italians in Toronto have appealed to the Italian Consul for information as to what route they should take in order to join the Spanish Army.

Councillor Martin, of Woodstock, claims to have been bribed for his vote in the purchase of a steam roller. He has given the money to the

Mayor. Mr. Bicknell, a Napanee cattle buyer, injured at the Lansdowne wreck on the G. T. R., has recovered a judgment for \$5,000 damages against the

company. The steamship Andrew Carnegie, Chicago, brought 230,000 bushels of corn to Owen Sound. This is said to be the largest cargo of corn ever floated on

fresh water. The Kingston City Council has declined to consider the request of the Dominton Cotton Mills Co. asking for a bonus of \$50,000. The amount was con-

sidered too large. Charles N. Daly, United States Consul at Guelph, has served The Guelph Herald with notice of a libel action. The alleged libel was contained in a

dramatic criticism. The Fire Underwriters' Association have presented Hamilton with an ultimatum calling on the city to improve the water service or pay increased insurance rates after June 1.

The MacLeod Gazette says: An Indian named Carrier died suddenly at the Bullhead of heart disease this week. Some \$20,000 in bonds and mortgages for a period of twelve months at the cruisers- glided into anchorage here are reported to have been found on his person.

While the members of the Stratford St. Louis only seven refused to sign. Congregational Church were passing a sympathetic war resolution the pastor of Knox Church in the same city was denouncing such acts as being contrary to the neutrality laws.

granted the Canadian Pacific railway all. all the land required for the enlargement of the grain elevator to one million bushels capacity, with conveyors to five steamship berths.

The Manitoba & North-western Railway Company are seeking to be relieved of their liability to the Manitoba Government, and purpose to hand over sufficient of their land grant to cover the amount due the province.

Hamilton has purchased a Pitts roller for \$3,300, said to be no better than one sold to Galt for \$2,700. The transaction threatens to prevent the passing of the permanent roadways by-law for the expenditure of \$150,000.

The Grand Trunk authorities have decided that all advertisements of patent medicines and other notices must be cleared out of the railway stations and only railway announcements and time tables must adorn the walls.

In view of the war between Spain and the United States, and the possibility of interruption to shipping at United States ports, the Quebec Board of wounded soldiers has donated \$10 - trality is held to give color to this of Trade have issued a circular to the shipping world explaining the advan-

tages of Quebec harbor. About forty United States families have arrived in Toronto during the last few days in consequence of the outbreak of war. Most of them are from the Eastern States, and several ere from Boston. They expect to auxiliary cruisers.

reside in Toronto or other parts of Ontario during the war.

C. W. Graves, Canadian agent of the Wis. Central Railway, has been appointed traveling freight and passenger agent of the Great Northern Railway, with headquarters at Toronto, a position formerly held by H. McMickfice of the Great Northern.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The mail steamer Ireland, said to have been purchased by the United States, has been forbidden to sail from Kingstown, Ireland.

cause of Great Britain's denouncement, at Canada's request, of the Anglo- 000 seals. German treaty.

The London Times says :- "Our sympathies, on the main question, are with the United States, as they are held Montreal refineries advanced the to be in the right. But, on the matter of form, we are not so clear or

unanimous." The suspension of the firm of Sherwood, Thompson & Company, cotton brokers, of Liverpool, is announced. This firm operated throughout the Southern States under the firm name of John Sherwood & Company.

UNITED STATES. Fifty thousand Californians have already volunteered for service. Forty thousand men have already

The Standard National Bank at 23rd The falling off of the Klondike rush and Madison avenue, New York,

Two murderers, Fred Rockwell and Galt councillors have asked the Gov- Patrick Banya were hanged at Ridge-

Moslem Temple, Mystic Shrine, of De-Several London young ladies were troit has abandoned its proposed visit A United States Government official

The Council of the Toronto Board of has made arrangements to purchase Chicago Knights of Pythias have organized one thousand strong to go to

the front. Sixteen hundred policemen also volunteered in that city. The House of Representatives has proposed a bill permitting the purchase

of supplies for the army in the open

market instead of by contract. Governor Hastings, of Pennsylvania, will issue a Colonel's commission to John Wanamaker, who has offered to equip a regiment at his own expense. The application of Rev. Morgan Wood of Toronto, formerly of Detroit,

for chaplaincy in the State troops, is on file with Adjutant-General Irsa, of Michigan. Orders have been issued closing Portland harbor from 8 p.m. to 4 p.m. Patrol boats will also be on duty outside

during the day to guide vessels safely into the harbor. The vessels St. Louis and St. Paul and Harvard, lately New York, have been fitted with armour protection over all their exposed machinery, and have

already received good batteries. Assistant Secretary Meiklejohn, of United States War Department, has issued a statement that only a limited number of newspaper representatives will be allowed to accompany the army. her navy is so thoroughly prepared with flags on Saturday, and it was be with the United States and when

noticeable that in a number of inst- the time comes she will be found ances the British flag found a place tuned up to the concert pitch. The in the display while here and there word of Lord Wolseley, talking of the was the flag of Cuba.

The city almhouse, located three for foreign service, is much talked of miles west of Oswego, N.Y., and con- as an indication. taining 33 male and 19 female inmates, was gutted by fire on Tuesday. The loss is estimated at \$25,000; insured is probably without foundation, that for one half, No one was injured.

fore she will be ready for service.

United States Government arrived at Great Britain is the Kaiser's bitter hat-New York Sunday morning. As soon | red of both nations. as she was moored all hands were paid | The Channel squadron in all its glory | the number of willing volunteers in off. The crew immediately resigned -six first-class battleships and eight case the Government should need the current mercantile marine rates of Saturday afternoon. It was a splenwages. Out of the crew of 420 on the did sight. The ships arrived in double

All the Bessemer pig iron producers of the Central West have agreed | ments. to bank their furnaces for thirty days out of the three months of May, June, and July. A \$25,000 assurance has been The St. John N. B., City Council has given by every interest, about 18 in

GENERAL.

Ecuador is raising a fund to aid Spain

in the present war. French shores in 1896, all but 3 were foretold by the central meteorological tofore. This is probably on account of

office. Many Greeks are presenting themselves at the United States Consulate at Athens, seeking enlistment in the United States forces.

Baron Ito, the Japanese Minister of Commerce, has tendered his resignation, which has been accepted. Count Kaneko will succeed him.

The Vienna Fremdenblatt says the torpedo manufactory at Fiume declined to supply Spain because it had a pressing order from Japan.

A Hong Kong cable says the steamer Esmeralda, chartered by the banking companies, has gone to Manilla to bring away the specie there, as trouble is apprehended.

000 and has opened a subscription for the purpo e of aiding the American and Spanish Red Cross Societies.

Spain according to a despatch from Rome to a London news agency, has bought the Italian Navigation Company's steamers, Sirie, Orione, and Regina Margherita, for conversion into constructed brick house will outlast

The latest advices from Porto Rico are that the excitement there is increasing, and the prices of food are advancing. Steps are being taken to prevent the flight of refugees. There is talk of a revolution at Mayagues.

The Persian Consul-General at Antwerp, a big diamond merchant, states en, now of the Lendon, England, of that the business in his line, with the pended. A great number of cutters have thus been thrown out of work. The sealing steamer Ranger arrived on Wednesday, at St. John's, Nfld., with 6,000 seals. Her crew had to be sion into war vessels, owing to the ex- and naval depot. Large reinforcekept at the pumps for three days to haustion of the \$50,000,000 war fund. ments of troops from Halifax, Bermu-Germany threatens to retaliate be- keep the ship afloat in the storm. The season's total catch will be about 300,-

It is announced that the Argentine Mr. Joseph Chamberlain announced Republic will publish a decree of neuthat the Alaskan boundary dispute trality during the war between Spain at Liverpool of the big American sail- imposing naval strength. Much conwould be referred to arbitration. He and the United States, but it appears added that in the meantime a modus certain that the Government will reserve absolute liberty of action in regard to coal.

The Imparcial of Madrid says:-"All the world now knows that America tried to bluff Spain by war threats which she is unable to fulfil. America, on being called, shows a wretchedly weak hand. Its real strength is exactly known-five ironclads, two belted cruisers, three unbelted, the fastest paign. The report from the construcand most powerful cruisers, and twelve tor in charge shows that the entrance other cruisers. All the rest are theatrical supers."

EUROPEAN WAR MAY RESULT.

Some British Naval Officers of High Rank Express This Opinion.

A correspondent at Gibraltar, telegraphs the following: During last few days I have had many opportunities of obtaining the views of several naval officers upon the present crisis, and in these days naval officers of high position are often placed in situations where immediate decisions of vital importance have to be taken, so finally they become better judges than trained diplomats. Their opinions may be summarized as follows:-

Whatever may be their ideas on the technical procedure of the United States, on general principles they side war could have been avoided and the given more time, and that this matter any formidable resistance. General is going to be more troublesome than the United States imagined, the Spandrawing it out, knowing that every day is enormously damaging the United States.

SPAIN VICTORIOUS AT FIRST.

Another officer, of almost equal importance said, but not to me, that he thought the Spanish would be victori- mail. ous in the first one or two encounters. When asked the reason, he said:-"Because they are excellent sailors, and understand the handling of their

ships perfectly." But more often than any other have I heard the opinion that this is only the beginning of great international complications which England has foreseen for some time past, and for which Philadelphia was gayly decorated Then England's lot must necessarily militia being called out in case of need

INCENSED AGAINST GERMANY.

the German fleet is going to Manilla The cruiser Charlestown is in bad with orders to prevent the blockade shape at San Francisco. Her condens- of Manilla it has aroused naval sentiing tubes were injured by the recent ment still more, and there is not a navearthquake, and it will be necessary al officer here who would not like a to secure new ones from the east be- good lick at them. They see again in Germany's present attitude the hatred promoters of the bill that the insur-The American line steamer New of England. They consider that the ance plan will prove much more satis-York, which has been chartered by the greatest link to-day of America and

line, and the crowds witnessed the spanish Embassy Denies That Ships are mathematical precision ofb their move-

The steamship San Ignacio de Loyola has arrived here from Cadiz, having aboard crews which took the Hamburg-American line steamers Columbia and Normannia, purchased by Spain. They were transferred to the ship Bayer, bound for Bremen.

The Destructor returned to Algeciras Saturday evening, but was out again Out of 34 storms which reached the at five o'clock this morning, keeping up the same sharp patrol work as herethe expected visit here of a merchantman bound to the United States.

GERMANY'S INTERESTS.

That Country May Prohibit the Bombardment of Manilla.

A despatch from Mardid says:-A great impression has been produced here by a rumour that the German Government has issued a note declaring that it will not oppose the landing of troops in the Philippines, but will not permit a bombardment, owing to the important German mercantile interests in all the towns of the islands. The French society for the assistance Germany's omission to declare neurumor.

BRICK HOUSES MOST DURABLE.

It is a mistake to suppose that stone houses are the most durable. A wellone built of granite.

CONGRESS MUST APPROPRIATE MORE MONEY FOR WARSHIPS.

Three New Battleships-General Lee says the Batteries at Maianzas Were Antiquated and Not Very Formidable.

A despatch from Washington, says: ed at the department,

DOCK FOR BIG SHIPS.

The Port Royal dry-dock, according to official information will now be accessible to American warships, even the biggest of the fleet, should they meet with accident during the camto the dock is now dredged and clear. The work of dredging the basin is still in progress. The Board of Bureau Chiefs met to-day to begin the consideration of the plans for three new battleships authorized by the Naval Appropriation bill, and progressed so far that circulars will be sent out tomorrow inviting bids from the ship- and the best apparent way of securing merous secondary batteries.

MATANZAS BATTERIES POOR. General Fitzhugh Lee arrived here late on Thursday after a ten days' visit to his family in Virginia. The general shared the keen public interest in the with the lay of the land and the defences. He said the batteries were same results obtained had America antiquated, and were not likely to offer Lee will call at the State Department to-morrow morning. Being still an official, he asked to be excused from iards having the fixed intention of discussing the war situation, and was very reticent concerning his prospective appointment as major-general.

cable despatch from the Foreign Office at Paris announcing that a decree of neutrality between the United States and Spain has been issued, and that a detailed copy will be forwarded by

IN LIEN OF PENSION.

A Bill lo be Introduced su the United States Congress This Week.

A bill providing for insuring the lives of soldiers and sailors by the Government will be introduced in the It is the intention of its promoters to push it energetically. This measure soldier when he enlists. This policy will provide that a certain amount, While the report published Saturday | policy. It will also provide amounts to be paid in cases where injury has been received, according to the nature of the injury. No premiums are to be paid on these policies, which are pion of humanity. to be issued in lieu of any possible claim the insured may have in the future for pensions. It is believed by factory to the soldiers, and sailors, and to the Government, than the pension plan, and that it will greatly increase

NO LACK OF COAL.

Forced to Stay at Cape Veric.

A despatch from London says:-the bombardment of the Matanzas fortifications is regarded here as a preliminary to the landing of American troops and making Matanzas the base of American operations in Cuba. It is also supposed that Rear-Admiral Sampson desired to judge of the quality of the Spanish gunners, and to give his men something to do to relieve the weariness. The mystery regarding the movements of the Spanish men-of-war is still unexplained. The secretaries at the Spanish Embassy, interviewed on the subject, ridicule the statement that the squadron at Cape Verde is delayed by lack of coal; first, because for a long time the Spanish vessels have been particularly well fitted out, not only with coal but with food and all kinds of warlike material; and, second, because St. Vincent could supply any required quantity of coal.

SUICIDED WITH A STRAP.

A Farmer Near Brockville Hangs Himself While Despondent,

John Gillerlaine, a farmer of Elizabethtown, near Brockville, was found on Wednesday evening by his son stay with the Queen Regent during hanging from the rafters of the hay- this critical period. Austria maintans mow, cold in death. He had been despondent for some time, and committed suicide with a strap. An inquest was held this afternoon, and a verdict rendered in accordance with the facts. Gillerlaine was 57 years old, and leaves a widow and family. 2n dedition.

BRITAIN TAKING EVERY PRECAU-TION IN VIEW OF HOSTILITIES.

Imposing Naval Strength in Jamaica Waters-Best Way to Serve British Interests

Is to Aid the United States. A despatch from Kingston, Jamaica, -The Navy Department has completely says:-The British war authorities are ceased its purchase of ships for conver- converting Jamaica into a big military It is confidently expected that Con- da, Barbadoes, and St. Lucia have been gress will come to the relief, as the sent to the island and two additional department is still in need of auxiliary battleships and three cruisers have vessels. The news of the safe arrival been ordered to augment the already ing ship Shenandoah was gladly receiv- jecture has been indulged in concerning the purpose of this movement. It has been supposed that it had something to do with the trans-isthmian canal question; but now it is clear that the Imperial authorities have taken action in view of the Spanish-American war that to their knowledge had been imminent before it broke out. The trend of official and military opinion is that the War Office, in placing troops on the island, is holding them in readiness to embark for Cuba if needed.

MUST BE PROTECTED

There is no question of hostility to the

United States. Quite the contrary is

believed to be the case. But English

builders. The vessels will be in the this, it is conjectured here, will be to main very similar to the battleshjip aid the United States in the creation Illinois, now building at Newport of a stable Government in the island News. They will be of about 12,500 that will suit all parties concerned. The displacement, 75 feet beam, 231-2 feet accomplishment of this will be no easy depth, 16 knots speed, will be covered task. The Spaniards will not yield to with heavy armour, and armed with it except under the most absolute 13 and 6-inch guns, in addition to nu- stress of armed force. On the other hand, it is almost as probable that the Cuban insurgents under arms will hold out all they are able to for an unconditional recognition of themselves as the masters of the island so soon as the Spanish evacuation is accomplished. In these circumstances the United with America as a sister nation. The shelling of Matanzas. He had visited States may have a stiff piece of work opinion of one of the most able is that that city frequently, and was familiar in hand. To thrash the naval forces of Spain may prove a comparatively easy task. That effected, to drive her military forces out of Cuba would be still easier. But what then? What about the insurgents who hold the island, if they demand their own recognition as the sovereign power as the price of their surrender? This, it is thought, is just where England contemplates joining forces with the Unit-The French Embassy has received a ed States, and having a hand in the method of government of

THE NEW CUBA. It is questionable if American troops, any more than the Spanish, could handle the Cubans. The American troops are unaccustomed to the work of invasion in mountainous tropical countries. They might be no better off than the Spanish troops when contending against Cubans, especially if the latter were aided by West Indian filibusterers. On the other hand the English troops are well versed in such warfare, having been trained in India and Africa. If therefore, it comes to United States Congress early this week. | the saving of Cuba from herself, it is argued here, the United States would be only too glad to have the friendly aid of England. Another reason for provides a department of insurance, England's prompt and early step at and a policy is to be issued to each preparedness for active intervention is said to be this: While the indications point to an easy triumph of America not yet determined upon, shall be over Spain, it is of course a bare possipaid to the beneficiaries named in the bility that such might not be the case. England's sympathies are so strongly enlisted that in such an eventuality she proposes to be on hand to render prompt and effective aid to the cham-

WOLSELEY'S OPINION.

Belleves the U. S. Cause Just and That

the Americans Will Win. A prominent Englishman who belives in the justice of America's cause and who is also of the opinion that the United States will certainly have a walkover, is Lord Wolseley, the commander-in-chief of the British forces. During a dinner party conversation the other day. Lord Wolseley drew a parallel between Cuba and Crete, saying: "While England interfered in Crete on moral grounds, the United States has both moral and material justification for intervention in Cuba. I believe the quality of the American army and navy is so much superior to Spain's that the Americans will have no difficulty in defeating Spain's ships and land forces, which are their equals or superiors on paper only."

AUSTRIA'S EMPEROR.

\$100, 000 Sent to Spain For War Purpose. by Francis Joseph.

The Vienna correspondent of the London Morning Post says:-"Emperor Francis Josephh privately contribut. ed £20,000 to the national naval subscription in Spain, and has further shown his sympathy by recruiting a number of Austro-Hungarian officers to join the Spanish flag. The Archduke Eugene has gone to Madrid to the strictest neutrality, but I am informed from the best source that in the event of a revolution in Madrid the Austrian forces will be at the disposal of the Queen Regent. The Emperor is determined that her Majesty shall have the benefit)of his fullest protection."