By HUGH M. WHITE.

: : ILLINOIS. WNERS GROVE,

# CURRENT TOPICS

THE AUSTRALIAN BILL. The amendments offered to the Ausralian federation bill in the House of Commons seem to be reasonable enough from the point of view of the imperial government. The colonies of Australia and New Zealand have inited in a federation. The relations of the colonies toward one another are lescribed as much the same as those subsisting among the states in the merican union. The central government is much the same in its functions and formation as the federal government of the United States. In recnition of the authority of Great Britain the constitution of the federated ionies has been submited to the imperial government for approval. In musing upon the measure the government now objects to the constitution because it makes final the findings of he Supreme Court of the Australian federation. Hitherto an appeal from the several colonies to the imperial privy council at London has been possible. The act of the federation seeks to cut off this right of appeal without the consent of the imperial governent. The effect of the amendment is to mullify that provision of the consti-I STREET TO S THE PARTY OF THE

SEEKING FOR INFORMATION.

The owner of a few shares of the stock of the American Sugar Refining Company, otherwise the "sugar trust," has begun suit against that corporation to get some information which he thinks he is entitled to as a stockolder. He wishes to know, among ther things, what amount of the captal stock of \$75,000,000 of the company is invested in refineries and real estate directly owned by it, how much in the stock of other companies, and what their names and locations are. This inquisitive stockholder would like to see the balance sheets of the company at the close of each year's busisens since the date of incorporation and also the balance sheets of the comsanfes owned or controlled by the deendant company. He would also like know what has been done with the millions of surplus the latter had on and on Jup. 1 last.

MORGAN AND THE CANAL. In the Senate Friday Mr. Morgan, halrman of the committee on intersanie canals, offered a resolution diseting the committee to make an inestigation sweeping in its character of the dealings of individuals with a wiew to monopolizing a ship canal at Panama or in Nicaragua, and whether the individuals or corporation prosomes to obstruct the United States in the construction of the isthmian canal. Me. Morgan stated that the "object of the inquiry proposed is to enable the President of the United States to back and destroy a conspiracyconded in fraud and corruption and arrogance against the highest rights and privileges of the people and gov-

EXPORT WITHOUT CONCLUSIONS. The report of the industrial comdasion on matters connected with interstate commerce appears to be inconclusive. Apparently the congressional body leaves things exactly where it found them. Though it deals with many subjects, including pooling, rate discrimination, combination, axation, labor organization, etc., is not prepared to submit to ongrees specific recommendations with regard to any one of these topics. This, we are told, is due to the incomdeteness of the inquiry, but no iny of the bewildering scope underken can ever be complete. It is ain that the commission is confused the conflict of testimony and opin-

esolution was referred.

The commercial relations of San rancisco with oriental countries are

PLAGER IN SAN PRANCISCO.

direct that the appearance of the nic plague in that port was inevi-Indeed, it has been a matter of r that more cases have not been ered in this country. The pubmay reasonably expect to hear of aths from plague in other American ties before the close of the summer.

The New York Journal has just won decided victory for the people which, mgh local in character, will be of read interest. The history leadng to this condition is emphasized by concession of the ice trust to the e indignation of the people of York, which has consented hereto sell 5-cent pieces in the tene-

TOR TRUST IN BRATEN.

The last steamer from China brings r a weird story concerning the malty passed upon the murof Missionary Brooks, The m sentenced to die, so runs -which comes from Pipeland bired substitutes, dissolute villing to die in order that lies might be provided for orthy stitude. The story of the corrobound of the Ko-Ko's execution of

LATEST MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Spring wheat—No. 1 northern, 64%, 666c; car lots, f. o. b., about 65%, 666c; No. 3 spring, 649,64%; No. 4, 546,63c.

Winter wheat—Firm; No. 2 red, f. q. b., 70%, 671e; No. 3, 686, 70%; No. 2 hard, 65%; No. 3, 626, 64%; No. 4, 586, 62c.

Corn—Car lots, 146, 16 lower; No. 4, 316, 26c; No. 3, 36%, 637c; No. 3 yellow, 36%, 637, 62; No. 3 white, 376, 38%; ears, 40c.

Oats—No. 4 white, 24%, 624%; No. 3 white, 24%, 625, No. 2 white, 24%c.
Millstuns—Bulk bran sold at \$12.50, sack

at \$13.50, f. o. b. Cattle-Native steers, \$4.60@5.70; stockers and feeders, \$1665.55; butchers', cows and helfers, \$3.40@4.15; canners, \$2.75@ 3.40; fed western, \$4.35@4.90; Texans, \$4.15 @4.65. Hogs-Heavy. \$5.20@5,30; mixed, \$5.10@6.20; light, \$5@5.12½; pigs, \$4.85@4.95. Sheep-Choice to prime wethers, \$5.50@ .70; medium to choice mixed wethers, \$5.15@5.40; good to prime western muttons. \$3.25@5.60; plain ewes and coarse ots, \$4.6005.10; culls, bucks and poor stock, \$3.25@4.50; good to choice yearlings. \$5.75@5.90; poor to fair yearlings. \$5.40@5.70; lambs, poor to fair, \$4.75@6.00; lambs, good to prime, \$6.10@6.55; thin to choice feeding lambs (nominally), \$5.00@ .90; fat western lambs in fleece, \$7.25@ .40; spring lambs, poor to fancy, \$6.00@

Poultry-Iced stock: Turkeys, hens, &c; gobblers, 607c; chickens, 808%c; springs, 15018c; roosters, 5%c; geese, 506c; ducks,

Potatoes-Old, 20@34c. Butter-Creamery, extra, 191/2c; dairies, ancy, 16c; packing, 131/2c. Cheese-Full creams, Young Americas, new, 8%69%c; twins, new, 8%69%c; skimmed, poor to good, 2071/4c. Eggs-At mark, cases returned, 10%c. Apples-Choice, \$3.50@6 per large brl; fair to good, \$263.50

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

Dr. Jenkin Lloyd Jones of Chrcago tells the congregation of All Souls' church that religion is dying out and that the bicycle is competing successfully with the church.

Victor Lipecki, an amateur actor, Chicago, died from lockjaw caused by an accidental wound received during a -- - 1 a . . . . 4 marries as

Statement is made that coffee from Brazil suspected of being plague-infected was used in Chicago.

It is reported that steps are being taken to consolidate the Pressed Steel Car company and the American Car and Foundry company. A committee of railroad men is con-

sidering the subject of getting better water for use of locomotives. Illinois in the lead for western col-

lege baseball pennant. Two Princeton sophomores, one an Evanston, Ill., lad, were drowned in

attempt to shoot rapids of swollen Milistone creek. Clark of Montana hired six detec-

tives to prevent reporters from witnessing or getting details of his daughter's wedding. Capt. Charles E. Clark of Atlantic

City presented with medal for saving 654 persons from drowning. Tom, bad elephant in Central park, under absent treatment of Christian

lowing message:

"Fight Monday. All right."

After this the burghers settled down

to a bombardment which lasted almost

reached by the relieving forces. After

a few weeks of shelling and waiting a

Boer messenger with a white flag ap-

for a surrender. Baden-Powell was

aleeping when the messenger arrived.

He was awakened at once, and after

giving the Boer an excellent luncheon

he told him to return to General

Cronje. "Tell Cronje," said the un-

daunted colonel, "that when we have

had enough we will send out to him

and let him know." About this time

Reuter's correspondent wrote: "Col-

onel Baden-Powell is always smiling.

When the people see him walking

down the street whistling they take

After the return of their man the

Boers were inactive for several weeks.

Then the colonel sent them this mes-

sage: "You can't take us by sitting

Scientists. San Francisco Chinese protested to consul against inoculation for bubonic

plague. Joseph McGrath of New York, aged 102, wanted to box with a reporter.

Nearly 10,000 immigrants, mostly from Italy, are on their way west. National congress of mothers in ses-

sion in Des Moines. Fishing season in Wisconsin opens

Illinois General Congregational association's convention in session. Detroit pastor resigned to accept

place as first mate on a lake steamer. The pope did not discuss "Americanism" with Archbishop Corrigan, Convention of American section of

Theosophical society began, Dr. N. D. Hillis said church unity is certain to come.

Strike tied up all Berlin street cars. erament of the United States." The Numerous riots led to forty arrests. Grand Vizier's death removes check upon French absorption of Moroeco. Colombian revolt spreading. Paper dollars selling for 5 cents' each,

> Russia paid last of Crimean and Turkish war debts. Sergeant-at-Arms Martin says Kan-

sas City convention will be ready on At his professional debut in Newark

Frank Kramer defeated fast cyclists. Harlem will charge entrance fees in condition races for poor horses.

Brooklyn Handicap field is remarkable for numbers more than class. Oberammergau passion play re-Sousa played his marches in Berlin.

Sultan is reorganizing his army. American exports to Asia are four times as great as eight years ago. German firm has ordered 100,000

tons of Alabama coal at \$2.50. Foreign banks seek loans in Chi-

United Mine Workers voted to boycott Chicago merchants who oppose Building Trades council.

J. M. Flynn of San Francisco says Russia is promoting an international wheat trust.

Exports for 1900 will break the German press surprised at absence of American threats of reprisals in

case of passage of meat bill. Radicals and socialists may defeat it. French war office dissolved its bureau of information partly because of

Dreyfus case. King Humbert signed decree for new election of Italian deputies. Radical and socialist gains likely.

charges of suborning witnesses in

Electric motor running thirty miles an hour to be used in London underground road.

Staten Island citizens want to be severed from New York city because of increased taxes. Lew Wallace's royalties for six

months of "Ben Hur" as a play are Swift & Co. bought plant of Chicago

Packing company for \$250,000. Western Unitarian conference elected awrence Conover of Hinsdale, Ill.,

Every favorite lost at Lakeside. Mrs. Dewey now says she doesn' want the admiral to become president strain would be disastrous t

#### RELIEF OF MAFEKING.

After 217 Days of Hardships the British Column Comes to the Rescue.

Mafeking's remarkable siege and de- | inflicted some damage with their bayfense lasted just 217 days. The town and its story will furnish one of the most interesting episodes of the history of the war. Gatacre's reverses, Buller's failures and Kimberley's famous mines did not divert attention from the gallant defense made by the handful of men at Mafeking under the command of Col. Baden-Powell. The little half-British, half Bechuana settlement in the north on the Transvaal border was in reality hardly worth the siege or the defense to either side. But it was attacked vigorously and defended valiantly. On Oct. 12, only two days after the arrival in England of the Boer ultimatum, the burghers crossed the Transvaal border forty miles south of the town and cut off railway and telegraph communication. From that time the people in the place were compelled to subsist upon the stock of provisions in Mafeking at the beginning of the war. Baden-Powell's scouts and runners brought news to the outer world occasionally telling of attacks and repulses, of the sufferings

onets. The children became so accustomed to shells that they watched for them to burst and then fought for possession of the fragments. On Dec. 26 Mafeking prepared a sortie and carried death up to the very trenches of the enemy. Capts. Vernon and Sanford were killed and Lords Edward Cecil and Charles Cavendish Bentinck were wounded. On Jan. 6 word came from Baden-Powell: "We are making up our minds to stick this out as long as need be, and have food for another three months." Colonel Baden-Powell must have figured in his horses and mules as available food supply, for Mafeking had soon to begin dieting on that kind of fare. Meanwhile Colonel C. O. Plumer started with a formidable body of horse from Tuli in Rhodesia, and his long march south to the relief of the brave little town has been one of the most interesting features of the war. Toward the end of February the people of Mafeking began to feel the pinch of hunger, and to realize what a slege really means. On Feb. 19 it was reported that the garrison had been placed on the shortest possible rations. By this time the besieged were growing accustomed to horse meat, and that, too,in small quantities.

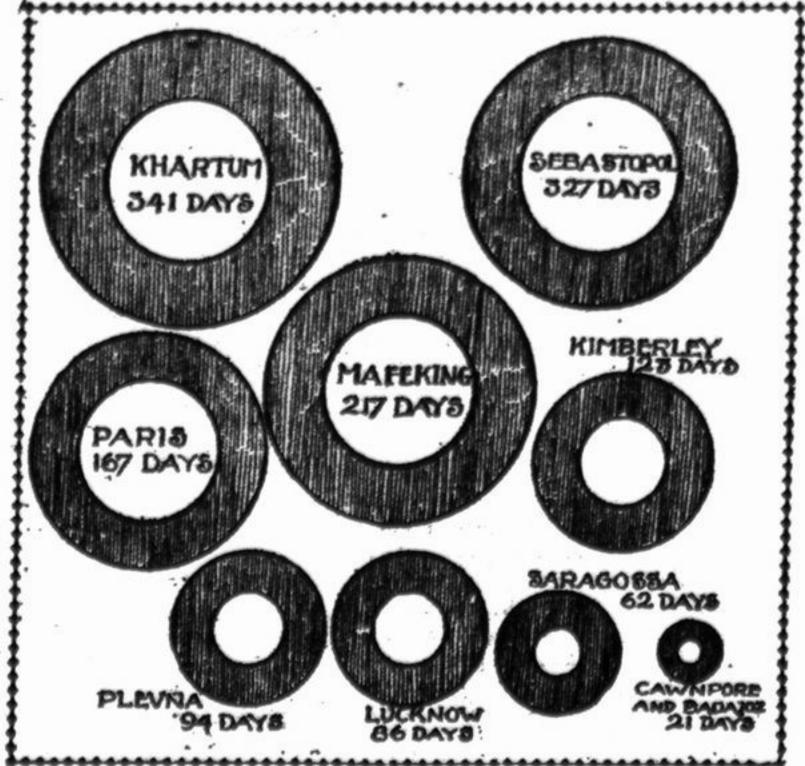


Everybody was fed, but nobody was surfeited.

In spite of their short provisions, several sorties were made by the garup to the very day when the town was rison, some of them successfully. Plumer's column reached the vicinity of the town early in March, but his attempts to relieve his friends within the proached the British works and asked works were futile. He was outnumbered by the Boers. With March came the scourge of fever, but even disease could not shake the courage of Badon-Powell. On April 15 came Lord Roberts' dispatch, in which he asked the commander of the garrison to hold out till May 18. Then began several relief movements toward the town, with the chief and successful one marching from the south. The last attempt of the Boers to take Mafeking was made on May 12, when they were repulsed with severe loss.

Oncen's Girlish Feetings.

Gossip has it that pretty Queen Wilhelmina is by no means free from down out there. Why don't you come girlish feelings. Formerly she was in and get us?' This started up the too strictly controlled to be able to inbombarding again. Week after week dulge in her natural curiosity in her the shells shricked over Matcking. The | neighbors, but now she has a keen deconvent was hit, the botel hurt a lit- light in hearing from her ladies in tle, and the famous dog was killed, but | waiting all sorts of pretty details of no British. Early in the siege Baden- the lives and affairs of her courtiers Powell's men made a few sorties and and subjects. <del>^</del>



GREAT SIEGES OF THIS CENTURY.

Connecting Brussels and Antwerp. A company has been formed in Brussels, Belgium, with a capital of way between Brussels and Antwerp, almost 28 miles long, and it is expected that the distance between the two towns would be covered in 35 minutes. It is proposed that the railway should be connected up with the electric street railways in Brussels and Antwerp, and that the company should also undertake the working of

Bugs Scare & Town.

A cloud of bugs was responsible for the calling out of the Trenton fire de-\$4,000,000, to construct an electric rail- partment last night. The bugs were gathered around the steeple of the Fourth Presbyterian church in such numbers and at such a distance from the ground that a passer-by mistook them for smoke and sent in an alarm. When the fire department arrived on the scene Chief Allen, with the aid of a field glass, discovered the mistake, and the fire companies returned to their houses,-Philadelphia Times.

PRESBYTERIAN ASSEMBLY.

Daily Proceedings Before That Body in St. Louis.

Creed revision came before the general assembly of the Presbyterian church at St. Louis Friday afternoon with as little ado as if it were a matter of little importance whether the constitution of the Presbyterian church remains as it is, is amended, or is shelved to make way for a new creed.

The overtures from the twenty-five or thirty presbyteries ask for varied lines of action. Some desire a revision of the Westminster confession of faith. while others ask for a new creed. Others still would like to have the old creed revised and a new doctrinal statement added, which they are pleased to term a working creed, but it is understood that a majority of the overtures ask only that the question of a revision or a new statement of the confession of the church shall be considered, leaving the assembly free to determine what form of action i shall take.

Thirteen special committees sub mitted their reports Friday. Several were adopted and the rest placed on the docket for consideration later in the session. The Sunday question, like the temperance question, seems to stir all the blood there is in the assembly, these two topics, which touch the family life of the nation most deeply, seeming to cause more friction than any others.

The assembly Monday adopted an overture disfranchising those not in pastorate or not with institutions under control of church.

#### SLAYER AMUCK ON A STEAMER

Kills Seven Persons and Wounds Pive

After a Robbery. Philip Nordlund, after committing a robbery on the steamer Prinz Carl plying between Koping and Stockholm. Sweden, murdered seven persons and wounded five others on the steamer. From cabin to cabin the slayer ran in a frenzy, shooting and stabbing al who fell in his path, until, exhausted by his madness and exertions, he clambered over the side of the vessel into a lifeboat, in which he escaped to land. Behind him the murderer left confussion and terror, so that much valuable time was lost before pursuit was begun. Women and men, forewarned by the screams of fellow passengers who were victims of the vicious attack, locked themselves in their staterooms, and in one instance several passengers trapped in the smoking-room were targets for the homicide. The man escaped in the lifeboat.

### MISSOURI REPUBLICANS.

Flory of St. Louis at the Head of the Ticket.

The republican state convention of Missouri at Kansas City Wednesday nominated the following ticket: For governor, Joseph Flory of St. Louis; for lieutenant-governor, E. F. Allen of



JOSEPH FLORY

(Nominated for Governor of Missour by the Republicans.)

Kansas City; for secretary of state, E. L. Porterfield of Springfield; for state treasurer, W. F. Fleming of Webster Grove; for auditor, W. F. Bloebaum of St. Charles: for attorncy-general, Samuel O'Fallon of Oregon; for railway and warehouse commissioner, C. C. Crouse of Pierce City; chairman of state central committee, Thomas Akins of Humansville; delegates-atleague to the national convention a Philadelphia, D. M. Houser, D. P. Dyer, James L. Minnis, C. G. Burton. alternates-at-large, Louis Woods, J. C. Chastine, O. M. Wood, H. H. Walker: electors-at-large, J. W. Moore, Joseph Black. The plaform favors the maintenance of the gold standard and indorses McKinley.

F. M. Spawn, a youth of 19, a school teacher at Alto Pass, Ill. has exploded all physiological theories regarding the capacity of the human stomach by eating and drinking in one

Has a Cold-Storage Stomach.

evening, in addition to his regular supper, one can of tomatoes, one can of peas, one can of sardines, seven glasses of soda water, and two quart bottles of temperance drinks. This is only one of many like achievements by which he has astonished his acquaintances.

Receiver on Michigan Bank.

The banking house of Nielson & Co., at Pentwater, Mich., failed to open its doors Monday morning and the circuit court has been asked to appoint H. H. Bunyea, one of the heaviest depositors, as receiver. The liabilities are estimated at \$75,000 to \$100,000.

Smallpox at Lockpyrt, Ill. Lockport (Ill.) physicians report two genuine cases of smallpox there. The patients are a son and daughter of Henry Woock, living in Fifth

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FERTILE COLORADO.

The Denver & Rio Grando railroad has just published a second edition of "THE FERTILE LANDS OF COLO-RADO," which gives a concise description of the vast area of agricultural, borticultural and grazing lands located on its line in the state of Colorado and the Territory of New Mexico, and full information as to the stock interests, the sugar beet industry and farming by irrigation. It is a truthful representation of the numerous and wonderful products of the soil in that portion of the country and in of especial interest to all who are interested in agriculture or kindred pur-

Copies of this book will be sent free on application to S. K. Hooper, C.P.A., D. & R. G. R. R. Denver, Colo., or any official of the Denver & Rio Grande railroad.

Kopjes to the Front.

A "kopje" now bobs up as a center of contention in Korea as well as in South Africa. Thus in the euphonious terminology of ructions is the universal brotherhood of human speech pro-

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Indiana Charity.

Of the persons who received outdoor relief in Indiana last year, 48,837 were natives of the country, 1,400 were Irish and 2,852 were Germans.

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The objection to aggressive persons is not so much that they are aggressive, but that they are transgressive.

# THE HEALTH OF YOUNG WOMEN

Two of Them Helped by Mrs. Pinkham -Rend their Letters.

"DEAR MES. PINKHAM:-I am sixteen years old and am troubled with my monthly sickness. It is very irregular, occurring only once in two or three months, and also very painful. I also suffer with cramps and once in a while pain strikes me in the heart and I have drowsy headaches. If there is anything you can do for me, I will gladly follow your advice."

-MISS MARY Gomes, Aptos,

Cal., July 31, " DRAB MES. PINEHAM: -After receiving your letter I began the use of your remedies, taking both Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Blood Purifier. I am now regular every month and suffer no pain. Your medicine is the best that any suffering girl can take."-Miss MARY Gomes, Aptos, Cal., July 6, 1899.

Nervous and Dizzy " DEAR MRS. PINKHAM :- I wish to express my thanks to you for the great benefit I have received from the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I suffered constantly from terrible sideache, had chills, was nervous and dizzy. I had tried different kinds of medicine but they all failed entirely. After taking three bottles of Vegetable Compound and three of Blood Purifier I amailright. I cannot thank you enough for what your remedies have done for me."-MISS MATILDA JENSEN, BOX 18. Ogdensburg, Wis., June 10, 1899.

