GOVERNMENT INSURANCE.

THE disturbed condition of affairs in Europe has evolved a new idea in the functions of government. A war between England and Bussia would St. Charles Hotel, tell heavily on the carrying trade now enjoyed by the former. Russian cruisers could not all at once be swept from the seas. They would fall in unexpected places on richly-laden merchantmen, sailing to all parts of the world.

The effect would be to transfer a large part of the carrying trade to FOR LIVERPOOL DIRECT! some neutral nation. There is no nation competent to pick up the business but the United States. The other nations of Europe have neither the enterprise nor means to enter largely into it. Besides some of them, in the event of a war, are likely to become involved themselves. There was for a long time a rivalry between the United States and England in this matter. We had nearly caught up with that country in tonnage at the time of the civil war. But we fell behind then and have never since been able to recover lost ground.

In this condition of things, it is reported that the English mercantile class, for whom the government is especially conducted and who wield an immense political power, has resolved in the event of war to induce the government to go into the insurance business and issue war risks. The British government has greater freedom of action than ours. It can do anything. Every new departure is an addition to its constitution. The issuing of war risks would eliminate stockholders from the business of marine insurance. The government could, therefore, afford to do it cheaper. Such a policy would enable the British mercantile marine, in case of war, to keep the sea somewhat longer.

But the principle would be a very novel one. It would be that of the whole British people taking the risk consequent on war, which falls to a special class of her citizens. If this principle should be established, there is no knowing where it would finally bring up. There is scarcely any relations in life for extension to which plausible reasons could not be found If such a notion were started in this country it would end in the government paying all the losses sustained by its citizens on the high seas, without compensation of any kind.

It is amusing as well as instructive. says the Chronicle, to note that the Suez canal commission, which is a body consisting of representatives of all the powers interested in the Mediterranean, proposes to dissolve on the declaration of war. The essential condition of the canal is that no men-of-war shall ever pass through it except in time of peace. When General Wolseley sailed his men-ofwar through it last year to attack Egypt from Ismalia, M. De Lesseps shricked his protest from the banks, but it was not noticed that the shrieks made any difference in the speed of the war ships. The commission proposes to save itself the humiliation of protesting in vain. It will dissolve and England will dispatch her ships through the canal as if it were on British territory. It would be so with the Panama canal if it were built, and the question arises, what nation would control it?

THE Chicago Tribune says that a money and territorial pool will soon be formed between the Northern Paeific, Union Pacific and Oregon Short Line. The pool is to be upon all freight and passenger traffic between the east and Oregon and Washington territory, but will not include Sound points which are conceded to the Northern Pacific. The pool will go into effect as soon as the necessary action is taken by the knion Pacific directors. It will be called the Northern railway association.

EVER since the rascals were turned out there has been a dilligent count going on in the treasury department at Washington. The hundreds of millions of dollars have been counted carefully, and on Wednesday last the count ceased. The result is that a deficiency was discovered. Some rascai had been swindling the government. The exact amount of the deficit was \$000,000.02.

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Mrs. BERGMAN. Mrs. PRAEL. Mrs. CHARTERS. Franklin, Pa., provides that "should any of the officials of the Venango National bank become conscience stricken and conclude to return to his executors the \$55,000 they stole from him, he bequeaths that sum to the cemetery."

For the first time in history the current number of Harper's Weekly has a fat government ad. The laborer is worthy of his hire.

"LUCKY" Baldwin of Los Angeles, Cal., has been sued again. This time it is a Miss Perkins, who alleges herself to have been damaged \$500,000 worth. The last one was a Washington Territory miss who shot and winged the Los Angelese.

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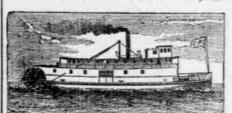
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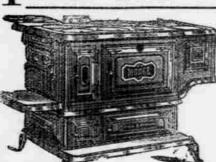
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