FORM AN ALLIANCE

ENGLAND AND JAPAN UNITE TO AID CHINA AND COREA.

Fast Growing Power of Russia in the ence of the Chinese Empire and Adjoining Regions.

London, Feb. 13 .- An important parliamentary paper was issued tonight, giving the terms of a practical alliance between Great Britain and Japan for the preservation of Corea and China. The paper covers a dispatch sent by Lord Lansdowne, secretary of state for · foreign affairs, January 30, to the British minister to China, Sir Claude Macdonald, and comprises a signed copy of the agreement. In explanation, the paper says the agreement may be regarded as an outcome of the events of the past two years. Throughout the Boxer troubles Great Britain and Japan had been in close, uninterrupted communication, and actuated by similar of the building by jumping from the showed their when the regular morn-

downe, "that the integrity and inde- ground floor through the front door. quo, in China or the adjoining regions."

policies were identical resulted in each in their hands, but others were not party to the agreement expressing its fortunate, losing everything. desire that their common policy find expression in an international contract MINDANAO GOVERNOR RESIGNS. of binding validity.

Lord Lansdowne further says that the British government was largely influenced in entering upon this important contract by the conviction that it contains no provision which can be regarded as aggressive or self-seeking. He says it is concluded merely as a measure of precaution, and that it in no way threatens the present position or legitimate interests of other powers.

His majesty's government trusts that the agreement will be of mutual advantage to the two countries, and make for the preservation of peace, and, should have the effect of restricting the area of

SWITCHMEN'S STRIKE.

Pickets at Missoula Turn Back Crews Sent to Take Their Places.

Missoula, Mont., Feb. 13 .- The striking Northern Pacific switchmen have posted pickets along the line, and today succeeded in turning back two crews, one from Helena and the other from Butte, sent by the railroad company to take the place of the strikers. Freight has been badly congested in the yards eral Davis to release the prisoners in as a result of the trouble. Brakemen and conductors still refuse to make up trains unless the regular yard crews do was committed before the passage of the switching. The strike has assumed the law of sedition makes a grave aspect, and unless the officials tion in the matter improbable. Genof the company recede from the posi- eral Chaffee deeming it inadvisable tion they have taken a strike along the itary commission entire system is probable.

charging of two men who refused to election when he was called upon to accharging of two men who related to work with a road engine without side-count for \$4,000 of insurgent funds. board attachments. The switchmen declare they are violating a state law in complying with the order of the rail way company. The statute in question provides that trainmen and yardmen who are injured while working in the yards on an engine without sideboards are alone held responsible for such injuries, and can collect no damages from the company.

\$1,400,000 IN OHIO CITY.

Twelve Great Manufacturing Plants in Springfield Burned.

Springfield, O., Feb. 13 .- The largest fire in the history of Springfield broke out in the Champion Chemical Company's plant of the East street shops yesterday, and in an hour and a half 12 manufacturing plants were in ruins.

The estimated loss is \$1,400,000. The fire started in some chemicals in the Champion chemical plant. The companies were greatly handicapped by the light pressure of water. Ten firemen were caught in one building and had a very narrow escape from death. A company of the National Guard is now on duty to keep away crowds and maranders. Four freight cars were totally destroyed and many others rained.

Hundreds of buildings in the vicinity of the fire were in imminent danger. The firemen, owing to the high wind, were unable to check the spread of the

flames. The total number of men employed by the different concerns located in the

building was nearly 900. The insurance is \$130,000 on the contents and \$110,000 on the buildings-a total of \$240,000.

Dust Explosion in a Mine,

Bon Air, Tenn., Feb. 13.-Over 15 were resened and all will probably recover. About 100 men are employed.

Is a Hopeless Wreck,

Japan, is regarded as a hopeless wreck. sheriff's posse.

ELEVEN MEET DEATH.

Fatal Fire in a St. Louis Hotel-Several Dangerously Injured.

St. Louis, Feb. 12.-An early morning fire which destroyed a large three story dwelling house occupied by men fronciad Agreement intended to Check the exclusively, caused the death of 11 persons-10 men and one woman-and Far East, Also to lasure the Independ. dangerously injured seven others. A dozen or more who had narrow: escapes

from death received less serious injuries or were frostbitten. It is estimated that between 35 and 40 persons were in the building at the time the fire broke Roosevelt, Jr., the eldest son of Presiis nominal. It is thought that \$10,000 tonight. The boy is seriously sick, but will cover the damage to building and are for his recovery. This was the contents, which were totally destroyed. statement issued by George B. Cortel-

The fire started about 3:30 A. M., when few people were abroad, and gained much headway before it was dis- Lambert, the family physician of Prescovered and the alarm given. There ident Roosevelt, who arrived here from was considerable delay in turning in an New York at 6 o'clock tonight. alarm, and when the engines finally reached the scene, the whole front of windows or climbing down ropes made "We each desire," said Lord Lans- of hedelothes. A few escaped on the pendence of the Chinese empire should Several escapes were very narrow. be preserved, and that there should be Every one who got out suffered some injury or was frost bitten. Some barely no disturbance of the territorial status had time to get out when aroused, the main China or the adjoining regions." flames had spread so rapidly. Some "His temperature is higher," said
The discovery that their far Eastern saved their clothing, which they carried Mr. Cortelyon, "and his respiration is

Military Officers Would Not Recognize His Authority.

Manila, Feb. 12 .- The governor of the town of Cayagan, in the province of signed, declaring that the military authorities there do not recognize his authority in refusing to receive his writs boy's physique. of habeas corpus. Some months ago many of the leading officials of Misamis peace unfortunately be broken, it will tendered a banquet to an insurgent colonel, and because it was proved that they had also contributed funds to the in-Davis, commanding at Zamboanga, island of Mindanao, requested that the province be transferred from civil to miltiary control. The military authorities in Misamis refused to allow the prisoners to be represented by a lawyer Manila for that purpose, holding the delirium. At this hour it is stated arrested officials as prisoners of war. Lately General Chaffee instructed Genquestion, and notified the civil authorties when and where they could arrest them. But the fact that their offense further ac-

Senor Lerma, the newly elected gov The cause of the trouble was the dis- ernor of Bataan province, fled after his Much Hard Fighting-Losses on Both Sides

REPUBLICANS MEET.

State Central and Second Congressional Committees Fix Date of Convention.

state central committee and Second dis- grist of munitions and livestock. trict Republican congressional committee met Saturday in the Chamber of Commerce building and fixed April 1 a point 30 miles from Beaufort West, as the date for the meeting of the con- Cape Colony, the enemy swept down on gressional convention and April 2 for the donkey wagons and cut up the conthe state convention. Both committees voy before assistance arrived. declared in favor of a reapportionment of representation in the conventions engagement the British lost two officers based on the average vote for presiden- and 11 men killed and one officer and tial electors at the last national election. Considerable discussion preceded the adoption of the motion in the state of 100 men of Colonel Doran's column, central committee, two amendments when the British lost three officers and being offered. One was to fix the basis seven men killed and 17 men wounded. on the vote cast for supreme judge at the last state election, and the other for a continuance of the present apportionment, which is based on the vote cast for T. T. Geer four years ago. In the congressional committe there was no discussion whatever, and the vote in fayor of the reapportionment was unanimous. Contrary to expectation there tion a day previous to that named for

the state convention. Portland, no other cities asking to be designated. The state central committions on March 29.

Raided by Outlaws.

Alamagorda, N. M., Feb. 11.—News men were injured by a dust explosion has been received here of a raid on the in the main entry of mine No. 15. All store of the Pew Mercantile Company, here Saturday, when the president of at Fort Sumner, by a gang of outlaws, the senate and the chamber of deputies supposed to be the same that recently presented to her addresses of gratitude a Hopeless Wreck.

Feb. 13.—The British Rosa. One of the employes of the store expressed the best wishes for the sucsteamer Knight Companion, from Port- was killed and \$400 in cash taken. cess of the young king. The replies of sun Dec. 13 and a total eclipse of the land, Or., for Hong Kong, which went ashore at Inudoye, on the coast of mountains and is being pursued by a ing terms. King Alfonso was present

TEDDY, JR., WORSE

HE IS SERIOUSLY SICK WITH DOUBLE PNEUMONIA.

Prominent New York Physician in Attendance-Word Is Given Out, However, That the President's Son Is in No Immediate Danger-Disease Has Strong Hold of Both Lungs

Groton, Mass. Feb. 10.-Theodore out, and it is believed that all have dent Roosevelt, has double pneumoniabeen accounted for. The financial loor Otherwise his condition is unchanged it is too early to say what the chances you, secretary to the president, at 9 o'clock tonight, and it was made after a careful examination by Dr. Alexander

President and Mrs. Roosevelt spent a long anxious day in the infirmary, awaiting the crisis of the disease, which the building was in flames and the in- this morning appeared to have taken terior was a seething furnace. By that such a strong hold of their son. The time all who escaped death had got out change for the worse in the boy's condishowed itself when the regular morning examination was made by Dr. Shattuck and Dr. Warren. Secretary Cortelyou, who is the only means of communicating with the sick room, made the announcement this morning of the patient's serious condition, although he said then it was not alarming.

'His temperature is higher," said weaker than yesterday, but his pulse is better. He also said there was no immediate danger; only the natural progress of the disease. He announced that the disease had spread and involved both lungs.

This sudden and unfavorable turn warned the president that the most skillful medical treatment was necessary, and tonight he called to the aid Misamis, island of Mindanao, has re- of Drs. Shattuck and Warren his family physician, Dr. Alexander Lambert, New York, an eminent practitioner, and a man well acquainted with the

Groton, Mass., Feb. 11, 2:30 A. M. -The condition of Theodore Roosevelt, province were arrested because they Jr., at this hour is apparently very serious, for lights can be seen in the in-firmary and nurses and doctors are moving around. For the last half hour the voice of the boy calling for water could surgent cause. At that time General be heard on the street. Nothing could [5] be obtained from the house, but it is believed the patient is delirious.

Groton, Mass, Feb. 11, 3:30 A. M .-The excitement in the infirmary has subsided, and it is understood that the patient is now resting easily. An hour ago he complained of difficulty in sent by the civil commission from breathing, and the pain caused some that the patient is no worse than earlier in the night.

Prince Henry May Defer His Visit.

Washington, Feb. 12.-Unless there shall be a decided change for the better in the condition of the president's son before the end of the week, it is probable that Prince Henry of Prussia may be compelled to defer his visit to the United States until later in the year.

WAR WEEK IN TRANSVAAL.

Heaviest for Some Time.

ondon, Feb. 12.—A report received from Lord Kitchener at Pretoria shows medium for an advertiser unless it ton's Beauty are always in demand. last week to have been the liveliest week, with the heaviest losses on both ides, for several months past. Lord Kitchener gives the Boer casualties a have learned to expect to find meat soils King and Newtown Pippin thrive, total of 69 killed, 57 surrenderd and 574 taken prisonrs. The British captured Portland, Feb. 11.—The Republican 480 rifles, one pompom and the usual

The most serious British loss during the week was the capture of 60 donkey wagons, convoyed by 160 troops. were able to remove only 12 of the men wounded, while the Boers lost 24 killed and 45 wounded.

The Boers also rushed a detachment Von Donep surprised Potgieter' laager near Wolmarstadt, Transvaal colony, killing three Boers and capturing

Blew Open a Safe.

36, as well as 25 wagons and livestock.

Aeworth, Ga., Feb. 12 .- Safe blowers forced the vanits of the Lemon Banking Company here early this morning, se was no opposition to the plan of setting curing \$500 in gold, a \$5,000 Georgia the date for the congressional convenstate bond and a large amount of stock certificates. Between \$45,000 and Both conventions will be held in \$50,000 in stock certificates and bonds were hopelessly mutilated by the exignated. The state central commit-recommended that the primaries be bills was destroyed. A box filled with held March 22, and the county conven- \$20 gold pieces escaped the notice of the robbers.

Queen Regent's Last Reception.

of Spain held her final official reception twice as large as Paris, and three times at the reception.

MORE LINCOLN STORIES.

He Always Had on Anecedote to Illustrate His Point.

Many of the anecdotes in a recently published book about Abraham Lincoln have to do with Mr. Lincoln's remark thic faculty of telling a story to il instrate a point. At one time a friend emplained to the President that a certain Cabiner officer was administering his office with unusual energy with the hope of securing the presidential nomination.

"That reminds me," said Mr. Lincoln, That my brother and I were once plowing a field with a lazy horse, but but at times he rushed across the field o fast that be could hardly keep up with blm. At last I found an enormous hin-fly on him, and knocked it off. Now I am not going to make that mistake a second time. If the Secretary has a chin-fly on him I am not going to knock it off, if it will only make his department go."

When it was complained that in tak-Phelps had issued a bombastic procla-

"I feel about that a good deal as a man I once knew felt about his wife. He was a meek man, and had the gen-One day, when his wife was switching him out of the house, a friend came to him and remonstrated with him concerning his lack of dignity and

burt me any, and you don't know what power of good it did Sarah Ann."

What to do with Jefferson Davis, should be be captured, was a problem that was puzzling the government. In trouble. speaking of it to General Grant one day, the President remarked:

"There was once an Irishman who had signed the Father Mathew temperance pledge. Going into a saloon to get a glass of lemonade to quench ils thirst, he leaned over and whispered to the barkeeper:

" 'And couldn't you put a little brandy in it unbeknownst to meself? "So," continued Mr. Lincoln, "let Da-

vis escape all unbeknown to yourself



Scientific advertising is a development of the last half century.

Almost everybody is in some manper interested in advertising. Strangely enough the simplest part of success- the flying fluid another way and drive ful advertising is least understood. The | the machine full speed." advertiser who is a thorough going success may be set down as one who, lacking in smoothness and rhetoric, "Western" Bea Davis are usually specnever allows them to remain until the ified as bringing the highest prices reader tires of their sight and sound. paid for that variety, while "Maine"

constantly improving as mediums of cellence in either case. We would publicity. The buying public must get advise Eastern farmers to stand by used to seeing advertisements in a pa- the old sol's that have done so well per to make it profitable to the adver- by them when they have been well lation a paper may have, it is not a good Greening, Snow, Jonathan, and Sutcontinuously carries a goodly number and grow well in all the Northeastern of good advertisements. People go to States. So for early fruit do the Red a butcher's shop for meat because they Astrachan and Gravenstein. In some there. Just so they look for advertise- but not in all, the latter doing better ments in a newspaper in which they in the Middle States. They are all have been accustomed to read adver- good enough for table use, sell well, tisements. The country press is all and when sold the buyer has an apperight.-Western Advertiser.

An Oriental Wit.

The Ameer of Afghanistan, of whom they are still telling anecdotes, was a man of great shrewdness and strength of character. And he was not without not grow a decent apple, if there is a dash of humor, which found its vent such a place, and let some hundreds wagons, and burned the rest. In this in illustrating stories, which he related as opportunity presented.

When the amount of the British subto a great number of requirements, he Cultivator. answered:

"This reminds me of an old Persian story. A man took a piece of cloth to tailor, saying, 'Make me a morning died by the lightning rod agents, paydress out of this, and an evening dress coat as well.' The tailor discharged for them when they thought that they his obligation as successfully as possible, but when he took the clothes to tain amount of rod, which would be size! What more could be do with the it at the end of a certain time. But insufficient cloth?"

Oblivion Averted. "What have you ever done to make

yourself remembered by posterity?" asked the reproving friend. "Given the lawyers something

fight over when my will comes up in the Probate Court." answered Senator Sorghum, promptly.-Washington Star,

Boundaries of Vienna.

The Austrian Government has enlarged the boundaries of Vienna to such an extent that the metropolitan Madrid, Feb. 12.-The queen regent area is now half as large as London, larger than Berlin.

Eclipses of the Current Year. There will be a partial eclipse of the moon July 3, an annular eclipse of the moon Dec. 25.

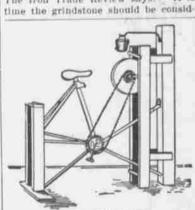
Disinterested enthusiasm is a good thing if a man knows how to work it.



A Grindstone.

Some one writes to the American Blacksmith to tell how he used a dising possession of Ship Island General carded bleycle to drive a grindstone-He removed the top brace of the frame mation freeling the slaves, Mr. Lincoln and stapled the front to a stout post. The near support was constructed from 2 by 4 inch timber, and the frame braced below. The sprocket of the rear wheel was removed by cutting its eral reputation of being henpecked, spokes, and then mounted on the same shaft as the grindstone. To do this be filled the hole in the stone with a piece of wood, and bored a hole in the latter of the same size as that in the sprocket. Of course, his axle would then fit both. 'Now don't!' said the man, 'It didn't It appears that the chain be used was made up of two. One was not long enough. The axles were mounted with ball bearings, and the stone can be driven at lightning speed with little

> While discussing this general subject. The Iron Trade Review says: "It is



A GOOD GRINDSTONE.

ered a machine tool, with good light; no meagre, miserly driblet of water, trickling from a toy pail, on its honest and homely face, but a steady stream that pours at the point of tool application. I have had it on very good authority that grindstone should not run fast enough to spatter the water around the machine, but it is better to provide for

Adapt Fruit to the Locality. We notice in our reports of the fruit

though his announcements may be trade and the apple export trade that Ordinarily speaking, the same adver- Baldwins rank above Baldwins from tisement should never appear more any other section. Now Ben Davis are than once or twice,-Press and Printer, grown in Maine, and Baldwins in some of the Western sections, but they The smallest weekly journals are do not attain the highest degree of ex-No matter how great a circu- cared for. The Baldwin, Rhode Island taking it off the nose and pulling. tite for more just like them. Let the Southern and lower Middle West have a moropoly of the Ben Davis, the Black Twig and the Arkansas Black if they wish. Let the Russian varieties go to the far North, where they canof other varieties go where the wood may serve as fuel, and then give more care to pruning, fertilizing, thinning sidy came up for discussion, and the and spraying what are left, and get envoys insisted that he must live up more profit from less labor.-American

The Lightning Rod, Hundreds of farmers bave been swin-

ing for the rods much more than a fair -and while I think of it, a working price, and in some cases giving notes were only signing a receipt for a certhe man-behold, they were of doll's moved if they were not satisfied to keep this does not disprove the efficacy of the rod to protect from lightning when it is properly put on and connected with the moisture of the earth. A lightning rod or a conductor should run from every wire fence about once in fifteen or twenty rods, going six or seven feet into the earth, as the electricity often follows the wires for a considerable distance, and when it leaves them may go several rods along the surface of the ground to reach man or beast.

> Why the Creamery Pays. In the days of our forefathers, when

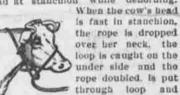
creamerles were unknown, the milk was set in cold water or the cellar, and the cream allowed to rise. Most of the cream used on the farm to-day is the hog business a great deal depends obtained by this method. What causes upon the ability of the breeder and the cream to rise is a difference in feeder. specific gravity or weight of it and separator centrifugui force is used instead of gravitation. The force applied in the separator bowl the manu- opens.

facturing companies claim to be seven hundred times as great as the force of gravitation, and thus you see why the skim-milk from the separator contains smaller percent of butter fat than the skim milk from which the cream has been allowed to rise, and this is one reason why it is more profitable to patronize a creamery than to make the butter on the farm. Another thing to be considered is that the creamery man, being skilled in the art of making butter, is able to make a better article than as a rule is produced on the farm, and then he can ship it where it will command the bigliest price, while the farmer has to sell at local prices, which is usually several cents below creamery prices.

Ensilage or Roots. The cost of growing corn, cutting it

and putting it in the sile, has been variously reported at almost all figures from \$1 to \$3 per ton. We do not doubt but that it has been done for the smaller sum when the land has been made rich and well cultivated, and the most modern improvements were at hand to do the work, but we think a fair average would be nearer double that with the ordinary farmer, even in a favorable season. But there are not many who would like to grow roots for feeding to stock at that price. Certainly we know of none who would grow them to sell at that price, and few who would care to grow them at \$4 per ton if they could grow other crops and find a ready cash market for them. As regards the value of them an average of the various roots show that the same amount of each fed with equal rations of hay and grain resulted a little in favor of the roots, but this was more than offset by the two facts that the roots cannot be kept in as good condition for late spring or summer feeding as can the ensilage, and that there is more apt to be a crop failure from drought or other causes with the roots than with the corp. The droughts of the past two years have led many to believe that having ensliage to feed in the summer when pastures are growing poorer is of almost as much importance, and some say more, than having it in the winter.-Massachusetts Ploughman.

Helps the Dehorner. Clark Braly, in Hoard's dairyman, describes a tie for holding a cow's head at stanchion while dehorning.



placed around the nose up far enough to not shut off her breathing; then pull the rope back to a post at side of stanchion, take one turn around post, A man can hold the end and by placing his weight on rope hold the cow's head quite solid while her horns are removed. The rope is quickly removed by

Rye for Pigs.

In Germany they tested rye as food for pigs in comparison with barley. In some cases the pigs refused it altogether, and when given in large amounts it was not eaten readily. As a single ration it should not be continued long, and it ought in all cases to be sonked or carefully ground. It gave best results when fed with other feeding stuff that has a larger percentage of fibre, more protein and less of the carbohydrates. It is not a good concentrated food for young cattle or

Farming on a Big Scale.

In no locality has modern steam farming machinery been applied with such effectiveness as upon the grain ranches in southern California. On one ranch the engine used to draw the machinery is of 50-horse power, and has drive wheels eight feet high. It consumes 12 barrels of oil every day, and its operation requires the services of seven men. In plowing, 55 furrows aggregating 40 feet in width, are turned at one time.

Get Rid of Poor Cows. If you have an unprofitable cow, the sooner you get rid of her the better. It is a losing business to feed a cow that will not pay for her keep.

Hints About Hogs. It is better to try to prevent disease than it is to try to cure it.

To be successful in swine growing the hogs should be kept improving. It is not necessary for a man to slop

als overalls every time he does his hogs. These items are not written with hog pen, but by experienced gained through

Corn is all right as a staple food for the hogs, where the trouble comes in is in making it the only food.

Any number of farmers have made a success out of the hog business. What one man has done another man can do.

If he be so inclined. To make a financial success out of

The early buyers secure the tops. the rest of the milk. In the cream They always get their pigs early and have them acquainted with their new homes long before breeding season