The report to be presented to the balf-yearly meeting of the Broken Hill Propuletary Company shows that the depreciation of silver and lead has reduced profits from £137,462 to £22,776; equivalent to a fall in profit from a ton of one of 8.60 to 1.68

to 1/8.

A Melbourne firm of lithographers has rearranged the working hours in Es fac-tory with the object of giving employees as much off time in daylight as possible. From September 1st to April 1st work will commence on ordinary days at 7.30 mm, and conclude at 5 p.m., with half an hour off for bunch. On Saturday the day will conclude at 10.30 a.m. The and my wire conclude at 10.30 s.m. The manager was in favour of work commencing at 7 s.m., thus allowing an off day on Saturday, and the firm has signified its intention to arrange the hours on this principle next year if the employees are agrecable.

Female Franchise in Victoria.

A unique deputation, consisting of the Womanhood Euffrage League, formed by men, waited on the Premier (Sir Thos. Bent), who premised to consider the matter with a view to granting women

yotes. (The Brisbane Young Men's Christian opened, Mrs. W. Crib donated £22,000

Well Out of It.

While playing beside the edge of a well at the back of her house, Sydney, Mrs. Raynor's child fell into the water. Mrs. Raynor heard the splash and, Mrs. Raynor heard the splash and, carrying her buby to the side of the well, she jumped down to rescue the older child. The baby, looking for its mother, crawled to the edge of the well and tumbked in. The mother, standing up to her neck in the ice-cold nater, held both chil-dren above her head for an hour until help came, when all three were rescued in

help came, when all three were rescued in safety.

Sir Henry Weeden (Lord Mayor of Melbaurne) has returned from England.
He says the Anglo-French Exhibition was the best and cheapest advertisement Australia ever had. He had heard nothing in England regarding the rumour current in Australia that the King was likely to yisit Australia, and thinks such a visit Improbable.

Contain Columbaum, companders of the

Expression Colpubour, commander of the Quecusland gunbout Gayundah, died suddenly of heart failure after the vessel arrived in Sydney to participate in the welcome to the American fleet. Deceased was woireles. well known in Australian naval

South Australian Politics.

In the Assembly the Labour party succeeded in altering the Constitution Act Amendment Bill against the Government, and in favour of six Ministers with a salary of \$1000 each. At present South Australia has a Ministry of four.

Death of Mr. Crick.

The sudden death is announced of Mr. My. P. Crick, ex-Minister for Lands, from homography. Mr. Crick attended the races last Saturday.

Across Australia in a Motor Car.

Messes. Dutton, Aunger, and Allchurch have arrived at Port Darwin overland from Adelaide by motor car.

Both men and machine are in excellent condition after the long and hazardous journey across Australia, which was accomplished on one set of tyres.

The motorists had some trying experiment of the analysis.

ences among the saudhills.

Improved Queensland Butter.

"Weddel's Annual Review" refers to the remarkable improvement in Queeus-land butter, which is attributed largely to the strictness of grading.

The article advocates compulsory grading, and the stamping of the number of the grade on boxes.

The "Review" considers that the probable average values of butter and cheese during the coming scason will be somewhat lower than last.

The American Pleet in Sydney.

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ame great white flect of the United States arrived in Sydney Harbour on August 20, Admiral Sperry's flagship in the lead, entering the Heads at precisely at the hour arranged, viz., 11.30 o'clock. The coastline was everywhere black with humanity, and the harbour alive with reaft of all descriptions, and it is believed that over 400,000 people viewed the great naval negrent, some estimates

believed that over 400,000 people viewed the great naval pageaut, some estimates giving the figure at half-a-million.

Tramway and other accidents were numerous, many of them being serious. Several sessick passengers fell overboard at the Heads, but were rescued. One man fell from the roof of a train, and was killed. Another man was killed by falling over a cliff at South Head. About 50 persons were treated in the hospitals On Sunday there was a church parade of the Commonwealth naval and military forces in Centennial Park, when the Governor presented the colours to the

Governor presented the colours to the Second Infantry Regiment. Over 70,000 speciators were present, including a num-

ber of American visitors.

Many of the churches arranged special services, extending invitations to the

Over 800 officers and men attended High Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, a sub-sequent banquet being arranged by the Catholic community,

The round of fleet festivities was was launched on Friday, the official landing, public receptions, and procession of the Admirals and their staffs, and a large contingent of sailors from the fleet taking place under perfect weather condi-tions and amid scenes of unbounded en-

thusiasm.

From an early hour people began to gather along the line of route, and long before the march-past took place every inch of space was jammed, balconies, roofs, and every possible point where a view was obtainable being occupied. Business was practically at a standstill. Seldom, if ever, has a larger or more generously demonstrative gathering been seen in Sydney.

The landing of representative units of the fleet, numbering 150, officers, and 2350 sailors and marines, was made at 10 o'clock at Farm Cove and Woolloomooloo Bay.

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The streets through which the procession passed were elaborately decorated, notably Macquarie-street and Martin Place. There was a citizens' avenue in Park-street, an American avenue in Pittstreet, and venetian masts lined the sides of all the streets. Thousands of flags, the Stars and Stripes predominating, fluttered everywhere, and strung from all the side streets were flags, interspersed with shields and other emblematic designs, motiones, greetings, and greenery. Martin Place was a blaze of colour. Tall white plaster columns flanked each side, capped with golden eagles and trowns, long streamers of multi-coloured drapery, roofing the street over, greenery giving a fine finishing effect. Macquariestreet provided a splendid picture, the interweaving of brilliant colouring, greenery, and gleaming white columns, producing fine artistic effects.

The procession of such a large body of the visitors with rifles on their shoulders and their sinart appearance and splendid discipline, raised the enthusiasm to con-

and their smart appearance and splendid discipline, raised the enthusiasm to condiscipline, raised the enthusiasm to concert pitch, and the tramp of the marching feet was constantly punctuated and drowned with rolling bursts of cheering as the bluejackets threaded their way through the sea of people, packed end on end along the route.

Bands stationed at various points discoursed music. The people fully entered into the spirit of the welcome, and everywhere there was enthusiasm and good humour.

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The guests at the State Banquet numbered a thousand. Mr. Wade, Premier of New South Wales, in proposing the King and President, said that the feeling of kinship between the United States and Britain was growing stronger year by year. The British were only too willing to regard their friends across the Atlantic as natural sities.

Mr. Deakin, in proposing the toast of

Atlantic as natural aliles.

Mr. Deakin, in proposing the toast of Lord Northcote, Governor-General, paid a glowing farewell tribute to the departing Governor-General. He described the facet as harbingers of peace, bringing to Australia a message of confidence, and carrying throughout the world an assurance of strength.

No other flag would have received.

No other flag would have received the welcome that was being tendered on this occasion,

Lord Northcote, in his reply, said that

he believed such visits only required de-velopment to become an important factor for the peace and progress of the world. He hoped the time would come when an Australian squadron would be able to re-turn the visit.

turn the visit.

Admiral Sperry, replying to the toast of "Our Guest," said that their welcome had been cordial and enthushatic beyond measure from the people, from their representatives, and the representatives of the King, and back of the all was kinship, common interests, blood, and common Christianity. He hoped the ties, which were strong as steel, would become stronger and more numerous. which were strong as steel, would be-come stronger and more numerous. Admiral Sperry then proposed the

Admiral Sir Richard Poore, replying, attributed the enthusiasm and friendship to their interests being almost identical,

to their interests being almost identical, because each was strong and respected the other's strength, and because of their united efforts to maintain peace.

Mr. Deakin, responding to the toast of the Commonwealth, looked forward to the day when from our harbour would go forth a fleet worthy to be compared with the magnificent squadron which had reached Australian shores.

Lord Northcote sent the following measage to President Roosevelt on Thursday:—

"Australians, hundreds of thousands of whom are gathered on the shores of Sydney Harbour to welcome the bat-tleships of the feet of the United States, at this moment entering the eastern gateway of this continent, unite in cordial greetings to President Roosevelt. The people of the Commonwealth gratefully approximate the continent of th Commonwealth gratefully appreciate the generous response to their invitation by the President and citizens of your great Republic, and rejoice in the opportunity afforded by this demonstration of the might of America's naval power to express their sincere admiration of your sailors, and their esteem and affection for the country whose glorious flag they hope to see always floating beside that of their Motherland.

President Roosevelt replied:-

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"I desire to express to the GovernorUncarl and the Government, and
through them to the entire people of
the mighty Commonwealth of
Australia the appreciation which the
American people feel for their generous hospitality to the American
fleet. The people of this Republic
hold in peculiar esteem and admiration the people of Australia, and it
is a real pleasure to me, on behalf of the nation, to accept the generous hospitality proffered by Australia to the fleet on its voyage of
peace, for the American Navy is a
menace to no Power, but is, on the
contrary, as we believe, an asset of
high importance in securing peace
and justice throughout the world."

THE OLD COUNTRY.

The Lusitania's latest passage from England to America occupied 96 hours 18 min., establishing a record.

The Imperial Colonial Club has been opened in new premises in Piccadilly, with a membership of three thousand.

The estate of the late Mr. George Coper, the well-known English bookmaker and landowner, is reported to be worth nearly half-a-million.

The Hon. Reginald Lister, Councillor to H.M.'s Embassy at Paris, succeeds Sir Gerald A. Lowther as Ambassador at Tangier.

Tangier.

The promoters of the Brewers' Exhibi-The promoters of the Brewers' Exhibi-tion on October 17 offer diploma; in sclasses for wine and one for brandy, open to the products of colonial-grown grapes bottled in the country of origin. Entries close on October 3.

Negotiations are afcot for making the colonial exhibits at the France-British Exhibition the basis of a British Empire Exhibition. All the commissioners favour the idea, because the present show is considered to have been highly beneficial.

So Near Yet So Far.

After awimming many hours Burgess, in his second attempt to swim the Channel this season, was within a mile of cape Grienez when an adverse tide carried him back seaward and compelled him to abandon the attempt.

Dr. Clifford, president of the Baptist World Alliance, presides over a European

Congress of Baptists, which spens in Ber-lin on August 31. Britain sends 506 delegates

An American has purchased Mr. Bald-win's dirigible balloon.

Mr. Haldane's Scheme Unpopular.

The "Spectator" says that it is most And "Spectator" says that it is most humilisting for the State to have to wheedle, cajole, and beg employers to allow their men to join the territorial army. The "Spectator" again urges the establishment of a system of universal william territorial military training.

Success of an Auckland Cadet.

Colour-Sergeant Friar, the New Zealand cadet who came to England to compete at the Empire Cadets' rife meeting, was introduced to Lord Roberts, who presented him with a match rife in commemoration of his visit and his good

shooting at the meeting.

In both the Cheylesmore and Guinness
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cup competitions Friar secured second place, a performance indicating both brilliancy and consistency.

Copeland, and Australian cadet, was ninth in the competition for the Guinness Cup.

Angle-German Relations.

On the ground that the foreign editor of the "Vossische Zeitung" is an old friend of Prince von Buelow (the German Chancellor), and that the newspaper is often utilised to announce events less formally than semi-officially, the London "Daily Telegraph's" Berlin correspondent credits the statement that Sir Chas, Hardinge (Permanent Under-Secretary, for Foreign Affairs) intimated at Crossfor Foreign Affairs) intimated at Crons-berg, where His Majesty King Edward met the Kaiser, that it was the intention of the Government to introduce a bill to arrange a four years' shipbuilding progranime

The Kniscr replied that the step was not regarded with enimosity in Germany, and would not provoke counter mea-

e correspondent adds that the myth of Britain's so-called isolated policy is expleded, and the whole account of the interview points to a fundamental change in Germany's attitude towards Britain.

A Disclaimer.

Mr. Lloyd-George (Chancellor of the Exchequer), in a message to the "Daily, Chronicle," indignantly repels the "Standard's" accusation against Mr. Winston Churchill and hinself, that they are endeavouring to oust Sir Edward Grey from the control of foreign affairs.

He expresses admiration for Sir Edward Grey, and unbounded confidence in his great capacity for dealing with the complex and difficult problems confronting Great Britain.

Good Advice.

Archbishop Cart, of Melbourne, speaking at Mount Bellew, Galway, said that when the Irish were appealing to the civilised world on behalf of Home Rule there should be no crime or outrage.

They ought to show, he said, by the wise exercise of their present powers that they were worthy of larger powers. Then they would win sympathy, and the white bond of union would be preserved, and the supreme rights of the Crown willingly admitted. admitted.

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The material interests of the country would, he added, increase, and a new Ireland would arise, a new spirit come into the country, and its resources would be desclosed. be developed.

Troubled Ireland.

Owing to lawlessness at Macroom, County Cork, civilian officers refuse to act as writ servers, even under a police

The Master of the Rolls at Dublin, in The Master of the Rolls at Dublin, is dealing with an application for the substitution of service at Macroom, declined to transfer the danger of personal violence from the process server to the postnan, and ordered the placarding of write at the police barracks nearest to the residences of the tenants concerned.