

FOR FLOUR COMBINE.
Man at the Head Claims for Ultimate Success.
 SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 14.—Attorney William Thomas, who has been in charge of the negotiations looking to the formation of a flour combine, to include the leading interests in that industry on the Pacific coast, is confident of the ultimate success of the plan in view of the fact that all the options secured by the promoters of the scheme have expired. He said: "An important meeting of the interests will be held on the 21st of this month when the question of a renewal of the options will be passed upon and I have no doubt favorably. The basis of the new concerns will be such that it will not counter to the laws of trusts. Its operation will be beneficial to local consumers and net them a larger profit from their Chinese trade."
 The proposed flour combine is capitalized at \$22,000,000, and includes the Sperry Flour company, the Port Costa Milling company, the Stockton Milling company, the Portland Flour Mill company, the Centennial Milling company and the Puget Sound Flour Mill company.

KNIVES DID THE WORK.
Body of an Italian Found in a Chicago Park.
 CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—The dead body of a man, apparently an Italian, was found last night in Jackson park, and the police believe that they have another Mafia case to deal with. The man had been stabbed to death with knives, there being seventeen cuts in the body. One of the hands was clenched and faddy cut, as though the man had attempted to grasp the knife used against him and it had been drawn through his hand. Beneath the body was found a revolver fully loaded, but bearing no evidence of having been recently discharged.
 There were no papers or distinguishing marks by which the identity of the man could be learned. No attempt at robbery had been made, as a small sum

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of money in the pockets had been left undisturbed. The man was well dressed and was not a laborer.
WANT MANEUVERS.
 Pacific Coast Desires That Government Have Display There.
 SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 14.—An attempt is being made to have the government hold the great annual maneuvers between the army and navy on the Pacific coast next year. It has been learned from a reliable source that the secretary of war and of the navy are to be communicated with in regard to the matter and a request backed by what are deemed excellent reasons is to be made that the officials order the great military war to take place off the coast of California. Army officers here are enthusiastic over the proposition and will do everything in their power to bring the matter to a successful issue.

THAT STEAMER COMBINATION
Leading Spirit Comes Out and Says a Few Things.
 LOUISVILLE, Jan. 14.—Captain Edward Howard of Jeffersonville, Ind., has confirmed the report from Cincinnati that he is the leading spirit in an effort to effect a combination of all the boat building interests on the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, the company to be capitalized at \$5,000,000. He said an organization had not yet been perfected, but would in the near future. It was not contemplated at this time to absorb anything but the yards between Cincinnati and Paducah.

BANDIT IDENTIFIED.
After Killing Four Men Samuel Morley Is Slain by Marshals.
 SOUTH MALESTER, I. T., Jan. 14.—The body of the bandit killed in the fight with United States marshals at Spro, after he had slain Deputy Samuel Sarreb, has been fully identified as that of Samuel Morley, for whose capture \$2000 reward was outstanding. Morley had murdered three men before his last battle. At San Antonio, Tex., several years ago he killed a butcher; at Chickasaw he murdered another man, and recently he murdered Sheriff Jacob Hartman of Elreno, Okla.

GUNBOAT ARRIVES.
 NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The Colombian gunboat, General Pinzon, has arrived here from Baranquilla, according to the Herald. She brought a special committee which left Bogota during the latter part of December with official documents for Governor Mutis Duran.

POPE FAVORS IRELAND.
High Honors Will Soon Be Accorded Famous Archbishop.
 NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—In the Vatican world, says the Rome correspondent of the Tribune, the appointment of Mgr. O'Connell to the rectorship of the Washington Catholic university is considered a revolution. Mgr. O'Connell was the trusted and authoritative lieutenant of Archbishop Ireland at Rome. Loyalty to his leader and his support of so-called Americanism secured for him a persecution led especially by the Cardinals Ledochowski and Casca, both of whom are dead. Mgr. O'Connell was dismissed from the rectorship of the American college here and lived for seven years at Rome without an appointment. The two American factions, which are recognized here as chiefs in the United States, Archbishop Ireland and Corrigan, have now as corresponding leaders in Rome Cardinals Satolli and Martinielli.
 Archbishop Ireland got ahead through Governor Taft's coming to Rome to negotiate the Philippine question, and Cardinal Martinielli tried to get even through the intrigues of Mgr. Chapelle during his six weeks stay lately at Rome. The present appointment of Mgr. O'Connell shows decidedly which side the pope favors.
 Old residents at the Vatican say that the real inwardness of the appointment of Mgr. O'Connell is that Archbishop Ireland will soon enter the sacred college.

EUCHE PLAYERS GALORE.
Dozen Bands Played and \$10,000 Was Realized.
 NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—The largest crowd of euche players ever assembled at one sitting, it is declared, was gathered last night in the Fourteenth regiment armory, Brooklyn, where 7500 persons played the game. There were 125 tables. These were arranged in sections so that there were 40 players in each section. A band of music was assigned to every 20 sections. The

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AMERICA IS THE CAUSE
OF PRUSSIA'S HARD TIMES
 Strong Words are Used by Finance Minister While Explaining Cause of Present Distress.

BERLIN, Jan. 14.—Finance Minister von Rheinbaben explaining the financial position of Prussia to the diet today, said it was due to very hard times. Railroad receipts for the current year had fallen off \$17,000,000, agriculture was in a bad way, and manufacturing industries were nearly as bad. "America, in my opinion," he said, "is the dark spot in the haven of our industry."

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Stormy weather kept him bar-bound for over a month.
 Frank Warren left for his Nehalem ranch Wednesday.
 J. H. Ross and family returned to Tacoma Wednesday.
 Frank Sweeney of Portland was in Warrenton on Monday.
 Mrs. C. H. Dean has gone to Portland for medical treatment.
 Frank Cline has gone to Markham Wash., to work for P. F. Halferty.
 Mr. DeForce is cutting off the blubber of the whale and converting it into oil.
 The whale is still on the sands, but is not sought after now as the odor is very loud.
 The workmen will give a masquerade ball in their hall in Warrenton next Saturday evening.
 Rev. Wm. S. Short was over Wednesday evening and held services in St. Thomas' chapel.
 Wm. Dean has gone to Markham Wash., on the launch Clam. His family will move over soon.
 A. J. Hill will start in a few days for southern Oregon to look for a place to locate in the cattle business.
 Mrs. J. F. Bowers is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. F. Kindred, during the scarlet fever epidemic in Astoria.
 Mr. Grounds of Washington has been engaged as teacher in the Warrenton school and entered on his duties Monday.
 At the town meeting in Skipanon on Monday Wm. Morrison, A. J. Hill and H. Gray were elected directors; R. J. Abbott, recorder, and Frank Wilkenson, marshal.
 Mrs. A. J. Hill went to Portland Sunday morning and will remain as her sister, Mrs. Powin, is ill at the Good Samaritan hospital.

SUBSTITUTES FOR COAL.
 Necessity is the surest promoter of invention. The recent coal strike causing the price of coal to advance to almost beyond reach has resulted in the granting of over 4000 patents on machines to burn either oil or gas. The necessity for a family medicine that could be relied on absolutely in cases of stomach, liver and kidney ailments led to the introduction of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters 50 years ago. Today it is world famed as a cure for loss of appetite, insomnia, nervousness, flatulency, indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation and biliousness. Try a bottle and be convinced of its value. It contains nothing that will injure the most delicate system and is therefore specially adapted for restoring strength to those who have become weak from long sickness or those in need of a tonic. Don't accept a substitute.

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