

NEXT TO ENGLAND'S.

Germany's Merchant Marine Second in the List—Ship Number 3,993. Germany's fleet now is second only to that of England. In 1875 Germany's merchant marine numbered 4,062 ships, with 1,068,900 registered tons net; in 1895 she had 3,665 ships, with 1,554,000 tons; in 1898, 3,693 ships and 1,555,000 tons. While the number of ships is smaller, the number of tons compared with 1875, has increased 50 per cent.

BEQUEATHS WIFE TO BROTHER

The will of Sam T. Jack, the theatrical manager, well known in New York and Chicago, which has been filed for probate at New York, has one clause therein which reads: "It is my wish, first and foremost, that my brother James and my wife, Emma, become husband and wife."

MINISTER A GOOD FIGHTER.

At the Baptist church at Wylam, a small town seven miles from Birmingham, Ala., where a protracted meeting is being held, a party of young men occupying seats in the rear part of the church have been very boisterous during worship several times lately, disturbing the services.

WON'T BE BURIED AT SEA.

Requests have come to the war department that no persons dying on transports coming to or going from the United States to Manila, shall be buried at sea. The secretary of war has taken this matter up and an order to that effect has been issued.

FIRST OF ITS KIND.

New Jersey Supreme Court Renders Decision in Favor of a Trust.

The New Jersey supreme court has rendered a decision said to be the first in this country in favor of a trust. The decision was given in the suit of the New York Trap Rock company against Brown & Fleming. About two years ago there was a brisk competition between the rival firms and owners of quarries and a trust was formed. Several of the quarries were closed and prices were advanced.

DEAD LETTER REGULATIONS.

The postal officials in charge in Porto Rico have formulated a set of regulations or instructions covering the dead letter work on the island. These instructions follow generally the rules operating at Washington, though they are much briefer.

COTTON FROM PINE SHAVINGS.

Austria has begun making artificial cotton from the wood of the fir tree. The wood is reduced to thin shavings, which are placed in a washing apparatus and exposed to the influence of steam for ten hours. They are then subjected to a strong preparation of sodium lye and are heated under great pressure for 36 hours.

A MAGNIFICENT GIFT.

S. F. Loebm, president of the university trustees is quoted as saying that the property decided to that institution by Mrs. Stanford is worth \$38,000,000 and could be converted into \$15,000,000 cash. The gift to the trustees of 300,000 shares of Southern Pacific stock will not affect the management of the railroad.

WANTS SOMETHING FOR NOTHING.

A New York man wants \$25,000 for the alienation of his wife's affections. In view of the fact that he probably never possessed them, says the Chicago Times-Herald, he must be one of those persons who still cling to the old desire to get something for nothing.

LAKE CITY MUST SUFFER.

South Carolina City Feels Lack of Postal Facilities Withdrawn on Account of Lynching.

Citizens of Lake City, S. C., who killed their negro postmaster, wounded his wife and children and burned the post office, will be compelled to get along without postal facilities for some time to come. In all probability this ban will be left upon them during the present administration.

WHEAT EATERS GROWING.

In several European countries the different forms of edible paste known as macaroni, spaghetti, vermicelli, nouilles, etc., are produced in large quantities. From a small and somewhat local business it has become a large, prosperous and constantly increasing industry, upon which millions of people depend for their food.

FAMOUS WOMAN BOOKBINDER.

Johanna Berkenruth a Favorite with London Society People. One of the most interesting of society trades women of London is Miss Johanna Berkenruth, the royal bookbinder. It is no hobby with her. She loves it and has made it distinct.

FINDS SHE IS HIS SISTER.

Albert Myer came to Cincinnati, O., from New York to marry Gertrude Myers, of Covington, Ky., whom he had met in New York with an excursion party three years ago. Upon meeting they made investigations which revealed the fact they are brother and sister.

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THE DEWEY MANSION.

Question Which Has Arisen Regarding Proposed Gift to Admiral.

In order that it may be clearly understood whether it was Admiral Uphur's intention when he suggested a gift of a residence in Washington to Admiral Dewey that the property purchased should become his personal property and pass to his heirs, or whether it was his intention that it should remain the permanent home of the ranking officer of the navy, to be occupied by Admiral Dewey as long as he remains at the head of the navy and thereafter to pass to his successors as time goes on, the department of history, University of the United States, which has an office in this city, wrote to Admiral Uphur asking for his idea on the matter.

TWO MILLIONAIRES PER MILE.

New Road in Blue Ridge Mountains Has Men of Great Fortunes for Its Owners. Two millionaires to the mile is the average among the money prince owners of an 11-mile railway just completed in the Blue Ridge mountains, rejoicing in the name of the Chestnut Ridge railway.

A PROSPEROUS YEAR.

The annual report of the Pacific Mail Steamship company shows gross earnings of \$4,140,713, against \$4,064,320 last year; operating expenses, \$3,034,377, against \$3,445,077, and net earnings, \$1,116,336, against \$620,243. The balance for the current year is \$318,323, \$298,011 having been deducted for the loss of the steamship Starbuck.

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A VALUABLE RELIC.

Thought to Be a Drawing by a Roman Soldier of the Crucifixion.

"Continuing my examination," said Sig. Marucchi, "I came some time since upon a little drawing, 15x8 inches. It was on the wall of a room in the soldiers' quarters in the house of Tiberius," says Annale's Magazine. "The lines in it were almost completely obliterated. Nevertheless, by the aid of powerful glasses, I thought I discerned a pictorial reproduction of some striking event. There seemed to be two crosses with ladders leaning against them. On one of these a soldier was mounting, carrying something like a tablet. Above the transverse bar of this same cross was another soldier with a hammer. Beneath was a figure dragging another toward the cross. Yet another figure was raising a ladder to the second cross, and on a third ladder a soldier was mounting. Two ropes hung from the cross beams which write the crosses. Names are written near the figures. One is Pilatus or Piletus (written Piletus). High above the drawing is a word resembling Crestus, and near it is a hammer, which, as is known, was the emblem of the crucifixion."

WANTS A NEW RELIGION.

Government of Japan at Present Each Drawn to Everything English. It has been stated on pretty good authority that the leading statesmen of Japan are thinking of making Christianity the established religion of the country, says the Evangelist. When the government of Japan was changed and the mikado assumed his kingly authority one of the first steps taken was the endowment and establishment of the Shinto religion.

JAPANESE ARISTOCRACY.

Undoubtedly the most powerful and at the same time the exclusive aristocracy was that of the Daimos, or territorial lords of Japan prior to the great social revolution of 1868. There were fewer than 300 of these great lords. Their power within their own provinces was almost absolute, and they owed merely a nominal allegiance to the sovereign. Yet in 1869 241 out of less than 300 Daimos voluntarily surrendered their powers and their possessions into the hands of the emperor, in order that a centralized government might conduct the affairs of the empire in a manner more in accordance with those western ideas which the nation was then making up its mind to adopt.

PROCEEDY BEHIND THE SCENES.

Not long ago Mrs. Beerbohm Tree, with Lady Jeune and several other persons, stood in the wings of a London theater watching some very little folks rehearsing for a new stage production. One of the little tots especially interested them and when the child came off Mrs. Tree bent down and kissed her benevolently. "Wouldn't you like to have me get you a sponge cake made in milk, you dear, tiny thing?" she said. "Thanka, dear," replied the infant, "but I've sent out for a sandwich and a glass of port."

GREATEST ACT OF DEVOTION.

Maj. Marchand, the explorer, has received from the French Academy of Moral and Political Sciences the Auferred prize of 15,000 francs "for the greatest act of devotion of any kind." About the same time the French government bestowed upon his daughter, Mlle. Marchand, the right to keep a tobacco shop in the Rue de la Tour d'Auvergne, in Paris.

AMERICAN FOREIGN TRADE.

Remarkable Record of Exports of Last Year More Than Equaled by the Trade of This Year.

Foreign commerce in the fiscal year 1899 will be even more remarkable than that of the wonderful year 1898. Exports in 1898 averaged more than \$100,000,000 per month and were nearly \$200,000,000 greater than those of any preceding year in our history. And this happened when the whole world ailed from the United States was short in breadstuffs and was looking to the United States, with an unusually good crop, for its supply. In 1899, with the world generally well supplied with its own breadstuffs, the United States continues to export at the rate of more than \$100,000,000 a month, and up to this time has exceeded by \$10,000,000 the wonderful figures of the corresponding months of last year. This is the more remarkable because the export price of wheat is now 75 cents per bushel, against one dollar a year ago.

RUBBER TUBE IN HIS LUNG.

It Was Left There by Doctors During Operation Which Took Place Two Years Ago.

J. Holland has lived two years with a piece of rubber tube in his lung and only just the other day was discharged from St. Joseph's hospital, Milwaukee, where two months ago the tube was removed. Even then it was discovered by accident while Holland was undergoing an operation. Mr. Holland was accidentally shot about two years ago, the shot taking effect in his lungs. The wound suppurred, and it was necessary to put in a draining tube to carry away the pus. In some manner, the physicians lost the tube. They thought it was lost outside of the man's anatomy, but it proved to be within. The patient in time was able to walk about, but the wound never healed. It continued to give him so much trouble that it was decided to perform another operation. The lung was collapsed and several ribs removed. When the surgeon opened the pleural sac he discovered the long-lost tube. It was soft rubber, six inches long and about as thick as a man's finger. The doctors say Holland will live a long time yet if no other cause should remove him.

BECAME SLAVE TO THE CHIEF.

James Moody's Strange and Thrilling Experience Among Northern Alaska Indians.

James Moody, who was given up for dead for eight years, has just turned up at his old ranch at Naasi river, B. C., ill and almost starved. Eight years ago Moody was converted by a Methodist missionary, and shortly afterward he disappeared. He was thought to be dead. He says that he started out to preach the Gospel to the Indians, and while laboring among them, was seized and taken into northern Alaska, where he became a slave to the chief. He soon got into the good graces of the chief, however, he says, and married his daughter. When the chief died Moody was himself made chief, and was the means of converting hundreds of Indians. Recently, he says, he was accused by some of the savages of being possessed of a devil, and was compelled to flee for his life. He suffered great hardships before reaching civilization.

FIRE FIRST SHOTS.

Two Nebraska Privates Have the Distinction of Having Struck Hostilities in Philippines.

Privates Grayson and Miller, of the First Nebraska Infantry, are given credit by Col. Stotsenberg, of that regiment, for bringing on the fight in the Philippines by firing the first shots. These men are justified by the colonel, who was laid to rest the other day at Arlington, having lost his life in leading his troops. In his report to Gen. Hale, Col. Stotsenberg said: "Privates Grayson and Miller, of company D, of the First Nebraska, were the soldiers who fired on the Filipino patrol. Grayson was presumably the man who killed the first Filipino. These two privates were part of a patrol on the Santol road, and were acting strictly in accordance with their orders in firing on the armed bands of the insurgents who tried to break the line at their outposts."

FOOLISH NOTION.

A great many men fail to become owners, in the opinion of the Washington Post, because they cling to the notion that they must say something when they talk.

NOTHING WORTH SAYING.

If the various powers get all they want in China the New York Press declares the emperor might as well throw away the key to the "open door."

LIGHT TUBING.

The lightest tubing ever made is of nickel aluminum. Three thousand feet of this tubing weighs only one pound.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

On an average, no less than 200 people are killed by lightning every year.

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