A BATTLE OF GIANTS.

Western Union to Attack the Bell Tele-

phone Company.

New York, Sept. 8.—The World says
the Western Union Telegraph company and the American Bell Telephone pany are about to engage in a legal battle in which millions of dollars and the good name of a former United States judge are involved. By an agreement between the two corporations the telegraph company was to receive 20 per Sent. of the receipts of the telephone company for certain concessions. In 1883 the Western Union discovered that certain receipts were not subjected to the 20 per cent deduction and began an action for an accounting, involv-ing \$7,000,000 or \$8,000,000.

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The suit by the Western Union was begun in the United States Circuit court for the district of Massachusetts, and Judge Nelson appointed ex-Judge John Lowell as referee to hear the evidence. Judge Lowell made his report a few months ago. He decided that the Western Union is not entitled to the accounting asked for. Since that report was made the Western Union that report was made the Western Union experts have searched the receives of the Bell patents and the previous accisions of Judge Lowell in Bell telephone cases.

Now the company will move to reopen the case on the ground of newly discovered Should the motion be disallowed they will move to set aside Judge Lowell's report on the ground that a sur-prising number of his near relatives hold large amounts of American Bell Telephone stock, and largely increased their holdings while the decision was pending, and that Judge Lowell's father advanced \$100,000 to the men who controlled the stock while the question of the value or worthlessness of the stock was pending before his son. The Western Union will make its first motion in the United States court in Bos ton some time this month.

Ex-Judge John Lowell is a cousin of the late James Russell Lowell, and has the best blue blood of Boston in his veins. He is very eminent in his profession, and has written two volumes on bankruptcy which have become standard authority.

What President Green Says.

NEW YORK, Sept. 8 .- Norvin Green, president of the Western Union Telegraph company, was asked for a statement in regard to the published report that the company would move to set aside an adverse report of Master in Chancery John Lowell in the suit against the Bell Telephone company for certain moneys claimed to be due the telegraph company. Dr. Green said that so far as he knew no such report had been made by ex-Judge Lowell. Should an adverse decision be filed, it would be fought by the Western Union with every weapon at its command. Be wond this he would say nothing.

IN ONLY TWENTY DAYS.

A Great Mail Record from Yokohams

to England. NEW YORK, Sept. 9.-A cablegram from Queenstown announces the arrival there of the steamship City of New York at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. She was five days, twenty-two hours and fifty minutes crossing the Atlantic, equaling the fastest passing ever made from New York to Queenstown.

The City of New York had on board the

famous record beating Japanese mail that the Empress of India, the Canadian Pacific Railroad company and the New York Central Railroad company brought from Yo kohama to this city in fourteen days. The letters contained in these mail bags were read in England ten days before the usua time for the arrival of the Japanese mail Just twenty days from the time the let-ters left Yokohama they were in England

For an Eight Bour Day.

NEWCASTLE, Sept. 9.—The proceedings of the Trades Union congress now in session here, and representing the interests of over 1,500,000 skilled and unskilled workmen of Great Britain, are attracting widespread attention. A resolution in favor of an international

eight hour law was carried by a vote of 232 to 163 amid great cheering.

The resolution declares that the British government should endeavor to bring about such a law in conjunction with all foreign governments, and demands that an international conference be convoked for the purpose.

Seligman on the Hirsch Fund.

NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—Jesse Seligman, one of the trustees of the Baron Hirsch fund, said today: "Not one dollar of the Baron Hirsch fund has been used to pauperize labor or to bring over penniless emigrants. It is largely used to educate the children and to forward deserving Hebrews to various parts of the country. We have aided no paupers to come to this country. The money is used here for the assistance of those who have already ar-

The Shenandeah Church War.

SHENANDOAH, Pa., Sept. 9.—The warring factions of the Greek Catholic church here have combined and resolved to oust Rev. Andrukoviozo, the parish priest. The latter has been suspended by the Archbishop of Lemberg, Galicia, but refuses to surrender until he is paid \$1,000 which he claims he invested in the church property. He has enlisted a corps of special police, armed with Winchester rifles, and declares he will hold the church, come what may.

Five Firemen Burned.

NEW YORK, Sept. 9.-The immense five story storage warehouse of R. C. Layton, at 63 and 64 South street, was gutted by fire. Five firemen were burned, two of them seriously. At least fifty business houses had goods on storage in the building, and among the contents were chemicals, drugs, jute, teas, spices, shellac and a variety of general merchandise. The loss is estimated by R. C. Layton at \$250,000.

Counterfeiters in Newark.

NEWARE, N. J., Sept. 9.—The police of Newark captured three Italians who had passed many counterfeit coins last night. They were Michael Tiazzo, of 76 Mulberry street, and Dominick Patzello, of 97 Worth street, New York, and Frank Zerosso, who refused to give his residence. In Zerosso's possession were found seven counterfelt dollars.

Ex-Senator Platt's Wife IIL ROCHESTER, N. Y., Sept. 9.—Ex-Senator Thomas C. Platt, who is here to attend the Republican state convention, has received a cablegram informing him of the serious illness of his wife in Ostend, Belgium.

Hon, W. L Scott Pailing. PHTISURG, Sept. 9—A special dispatch to The Times from Newport says: Ex-Congressman William L. Scott is in a very critical condition. There is no doubt that Mr. Scott is failing rapidly.

In Honor of the Czur. Paris, Sept. 9.—A general rehearsal of "Lobengrin" was held last night. It will probably be produced on Friday in honor of the Car.

#### CAPTIVE BALLOONS.

THE IMPORTANCE THEY MAY HAVE IN NAVAL WARFARE.

Interesting Experiments Made by the Prench Authorities - Observations That Were Made at a Height of 1,500

A recent dispatch from London states that German military aeronauts have gone to the island of Heligoland to experiment with captive balloons, with a view to making use of them for naval

The idea of employing balloons for purposes of reconnoissance at sea originated with the French navy. The suc-cessful trials on land of captive balloons for army use led to the experiment being tried of utilizing them for service on board ship, and the French naval authorities instituted a series of practical experi-ments in 1888 with this object in view.

The first captive balloon with which experiments were made was of the ordinary spherical shape, and was made of Chinese pongee silk, covered with several coats of waterproof lacquer. This bal-loon was manufactured at Chalais Menden, just outside of Paris, at the works of the Central Aeronautic establishment, where the war balloons are made. It was inflated with hydrogen gas and held captive by means of silk rope about 1,500 feet in length. In order to accustom the sailors to handle so large an object in the narrow and confined space offered by a ship, a platform was erected in the park of the manufacturing grounds of the shape and form of a ship's deck, with mast and rigging complete, and on this deck the men were exercised. Everything being in readiness, the bal-

loon and fittings were placed on board the gunnery ship L'Implacable and then inflated. The ascent from the ship at anchor on a calm day was successful in every way. The officers who went up reported that they had no difficulty in making out with the aid of telescopes not only the movements of all the ves-sels visible to their extended horizon, but that they could even discern their nationalities and the courses they were steering. All the information obtainable from their lofty station the officers transmitted to L'Implacable by means of a telephone, the wires of which were stopped up alongside of the rope that held the balloon captive.

The practicability of perfectly communicating between a captive balloon and a ship at anchor being thoroughly established, the French government proceeded to try the efficiency of such . mode of obtaining information from a ship under way. To accomplish this the balloon and apparatus were placed on board another ship, L'Indomptable, se-lected because she had very little rigging to interfere with the balloon on deck. The vessel then steamed out from the roads at a moderate rate of speed. The day was clear and calm. Long after the big black hull of the armored ship had sunk below the horizon of those watching within the harbor the balloon remained plainly visible, and to the observers in the balloon the harbor and the shipping movement remained in sight for a long

Further trials were continued on board the flag ship Formidable, and are thus described: "Several officers of the ship made ascents and ascertained that in clear weather all the details of the coast from Marseilles to the extreme point of the Islands of Hyeres were plainly visi-ble, and that no building nor ship for 20 to 35 miles round could escape the notice of an observer in a balloon." These ob-servers also reported that they could see vertically downward toward the bottom of the sea to a depth of nearly 100 feet, the water from their height appearing transparent.

In the exercises described the behavior of the balloon was all that could be desired. Going at the speed of 10 knots, with quite strong winds, the Formidable found no difficulty in towing the balloon with nearly 200 feet of line. To finally demonstrate this fact the balloon was made fast to a torpedo boat that towed it with perfect ease with 200 feet of ropo for two hours, in which time 21 miles were made.

This is as far as captive balloon experiments on board ship have been carried. There are many uses for balloons at sea if they can be cheaply and easily made and handled, and the Germans intend thoroughly to go into the matter.

A Pretty Fellow's Attire.

A century and a half ago the dress of a pretty fellow was a matter of constant study and care. Embroidered coats, laced waistcoats with gold worked button holes, and black velvet breeches, were his delight. For the last mentioned garments black velvet was for years the extremely fashionable material. In describing a beau a satirical writer of the time says, "In black velvet breeches let him put all his riches;" and another satire of the same time puts the unanswerable question, "Without black velvet breeches, what is man?" Fine Mechlin lace to adorn the shirt bosom and wrists, red heeled shoes with bril-liant buckles, and gold clocked stockings rolled up over the knees, were also essential parts of the costume of the pretty fellows. Perukes with very long queues were the fashionable wear. They were heavily scented and powdered:

"Mix with powder pulvil, And then let it moulder away on his shoulder." Not only the peruke, but the whole attire was heavily scented. Musk, orange flower water, and civet shed their fragrance on the air. In the fob of the laced waistcoat was a gold watch. The macaroni of a latter day was accustomed to carry two watches, which seldom agreed-"one to tell him," as Walpole said, "what o'clock it was, and the other what it was not." A sword and a snuff box were necessary parts of our beau's equipment. A hilt adorned with rich filigree work, and an elegant sword knot with gold tassels, set off the weapon that no pretty fellow was ever man enough to

There is a grate future for the nutmeg. -New Orleans Picayune.

DEADLIER THAN DEATH VALLEY. A California Pool That Gives Off a Gas Fatal to All Life.

"Talk about Death Valley," said Gavin McNab to a San Francisco Chronicle reporter, "I know a spot in this State where no living thing can exist five seconds, and the place is within 30 feet of

a traveled country road."

Tell us about it," said the gentlemen

clustered around the speaker.
"Well," said Mr. McNab, "I will, but if I did not know there was a superabundance of proof concerning the story I am about to relate to you I would hesitate to tell it. Along the foot of the Mendoicino Mountains, in the county by that name, runs a much traveled road, which leads from the town of Hopeland to Ukiah. The road is on a bench, or shelf, above a valley created by the Russian River, which, like nearly all California streams, is constantly changing its channel, and hence it is sometimes within a hundred yards of the road at the nearest point and again a half mile away. When the annual overflows occur it spreads over the whole valley, and is a mile or more wide. I mention this in order that you may understand the nature of the valley. It is a dry river bed, all sand and gravel, with here and there a bunch of scrubby willows.

"In a clump of these stunted trees, at a point about three miles from Hopeland and about 30 feet from the road I have mentioned, there bubbles a spring of the clearest sparkling water you ever saw, The only thing peculiarly noticeable about the spring from a distance is the loud hissing sound it makes as it gushes up out of the gravelly soil. It sounds more like boiling water, with occasional jets of steam escaping, than it does like the ordinary purling of a stream.

"Approach it and you will be startled to see lying around the spring the skeletons of hundreds of birds, scores of small animals, such as coons, foxes, and the like, and nearly always there will be a body or two of birds or animals in a more or less advanced state of decomposition near the edge of the spring. If a man is wise he will be content with an inspection of the unattractive spot from a dis-tance, more especially if there happens to be the carcass of a steer lying beside it with the nose an inch or two from the water. The fact is, gentlemen, that there rises constantly from the spring a gas so noxious and so deadly that one whiff of it is sufficient to extinguish life.

"The terrible character of the spring." continued Mr. McNab, "is well known to all who reside in the neighborhood, and they tell some horrible stories concerning it. One day the little 6 year old daughter of a farmer living near the spring wandered away from home. Her absence was not noticed for an hour or two, and then the parents went in search of their child. They found her lying dead beside the spring with a little dead bird clutched in her hand. She had evidently seen the bird lying beside the spring, and, being attracted by the bright colors of its plumage, had tried to pick it up, and in so doing had inhaled the gas rising from the water and died with the hind with the bird.

"Another time, " said the narrator of this strange story, "a squaw who was supposed to be recovering from a spree wandered down by the spring. She probably started to the river to get a drink, when she discovered the spring and knelt beside it, dying in that position. The strangest thing about it is that, well known as is the deadly character of the spring, there is absolutely no warning posted, no fence around it, nor protection against it of any kind other than a few limbs of trees and bushes thrown over rmore to keen their of away from it, and the last time I saw the place even the brush had been scattered until the spring was uncovered. A venturesome man once held his breath and nostrils and leaned over the spring to hear the noise it made, which he described as something terrible.

"The water is thought to be comparatively wholesome, but nothing is known positively about it, as it has never been analyzed. There can be no doubt, however, that the spring is certain and instant death to every living thing that approaches it."

The Bride Must Be Fat.

A Tunison girl has no chance of marriage unless she tips the scales at 200 pounds, and to that end she commences to fatten when she is 15 years old. She takes aperients and eats a great deal of sweet stuff and leads a sedentary life to. hasten the process. Up to 15 she is very handsome, but at 20 what an immense unwieldy mass of fat she becomes.

She waddles or undulates along the street. Her costume is very picturesque. especially if she be of the richer class. They are clothed in fine silks of re-splendent hues of bright yellow or green, and wear a sort of conical shaped head dress, from which depends a loose white drapery. Turkish trousers and dainty slippers, the heel of which barely reaches the middle of the foot, complete the costume.-Pittsburg Dispatch.

Pineapple Cure for Diphtheria. One of my children was down with diphtheria and was in a critical condition. An old man who heard of the case asked if we had tried pineapple juice. We tried it, and the child got well. I have known it tried in hundreds of cases. I have told my friends about it whenever I heard of a case and never knew it to fail. You get a ripe pineapple, squeeze out the juice, and let the patient swallow it. The juice is of so corrosive a nature that it will cut out diptheritic mucus, and if you will take the fruit before it is ripe and give the juice to a person whose throat is well it makes the mucous membrane of his throat sore.—Chicago Tribune.

The largest vessel on record in the old times was one built by Ptolemy Philopater, king of Egypt. She is said to have been 430 feet long, 56 feet broad, 72 feet high from the keel to the top of the prow, and 80 feet to the top of the poop. She had four helms of 60 feet, and her largest cars were 56 feet long. She had largest oars were 56 feet long. She had

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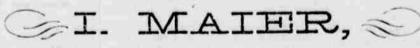
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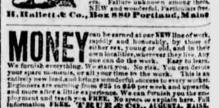
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