

THE PACIFIC OCEAN TRADE

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Pacific trade has already attained vast proportions. Japan has become one of the great shipping nations, with more than a thousand steamships of her own and with two million tons of foreign shipping in her ports each year.

Great Britain is a great Pacific Ocean power, and she aims at maintaining her supremacy in commerce in those waters. That is why she built a railroad across Canada and is planning to lay a telegraphic cable from Vancouver to Australia.

Educating the Indian.

Captain R. H. Pratt, Tenth United States Cavalry, superintendent of the Indian industrial school at Carlisle, Pa., has sent out the fourteenth annual report of the school.

The topic with its sixty-eight names of different tribes, each representing a different language, shows that this school is exceptional, not only for the United States, but for the world. I venture the assertion that in no other institution in existence are there as many different nationalities and languages as are gathered here.

Pumping Oil From the Sea.

The oil spot in the world where oil is pumped from the sea is on the Pacific coast below Santa Barbara, Cal. The oil-bearing strata reaches out into the ocean, and the drill is boring, looking like windmills without the wheels, fringed nearer and nearer the edge until finally many of them were planted in the water.

The caribou, or reindeer, of Newfoundland roam over an area of some 25,000 miles of unbroken wilderness. They are magnificent creatures, some of the larger stage weight from 500 to 600 pounds.

A PEARL PIRATE

A Sketch of the Buccaneers of the Spanish Coast.

Frank R. Stockton, in contributing to St. Nicholas, under the title of "The Buccaneers of the Spanish main, tells the following adventure:

One of the adventures who set out about this time on a cruise after gold-laden vessels was a Frenchman who was known to his countrymen at Pierre Francois and to the English as Peter Francis.

Every year, at the proper season, a dozen or more vessels came to this pearl bank, attended by a man-of-war to protect them from molestation. Pierre knew all about this; and as he could not find any Spanish merchantman to rob, he thought he would go down and see what he could do with the pearl fishers.

When he reached the coast near the mouth of the river, he took the masts out of his little vessel, and rowed quietly toward the pearl fishing fleet, as if he had intended to join them on some entirely peaceable errand; and, in fact, there was no reason whatever why the Spaniards should suppose that a boat full of buccaneers should be rowing along that part of the coast.

The pearl fishing vessels were all at anchor, and the people on board were quietly attending to their business. Out at sea, some distance from the mouth of the river the man-of-war was lying becalmed. The native divers who went down to the bottom of the sea to bring up the shell-fish which contained the pearls, plunged into the water and came up wet and shining in the sun, with the fear whatever of any sharks which might be swimming about in search of a dinner; and the people on the vessel opened the oysters and carefully searched for pearls, feeling as safe from harm as if they were picking olives in their native groves.

But something worse than a shark was quietly making its way over those tranquil waters, and no handiwork ever descended from Spanish mountains upon the quiet peasants of a village equalled in ferocity the savage fellows who were crouching in the little boat belonging to Pierre of Toruaga.

This innocent looking craft, which the pearl fishers probably thought was loaded with fruit and vegetables that somebody from the mainland desiring to sell, was permitted, without being challenged or interfered with, to row up alongside the largest vessel of the fleet, on which there were some armed men and a cannon.

A Bridal Episode.

At a recent fashionable wedding not a thousand miles from Chicago some very picturesque features prevailed. Bowers and flowery terraces decked the grounds of the handsome residence of the bride's father, yachts with gay pennants flying were anchored at the foot of the garden, flower girls and chorus girls led the way to the little neighborhood church, singing and strewing roses in the path of the lovely bride, and all was delightfully decorative as high Chicago society art could make it.

"Bertha," he said, "for heaven's sake, kick the bottom out and walk; it'll look just the same."

Bisons on a Wisconsin Farm.

Albert and Charles Huber, living a few miles south of Durand, Wis., have a herd of about twenty-five full-blooded bison and some eighteen crossed bulls and heifers, bison and native cow. About six years ago they were hunting in the western part of North Dakota and succeeded in capturing alive three young bison, a bull and two cows, and these they brought to their farm here. The animals grew and thrived amazingly, and are pastured in an enclosure of about 400 acres, running down to the Valley or Rose Creek, where they have ample room and shelter.

ABOUT MARRIAGE

Does It Tend to Prevent Insanity?—What an Indiana Justice Says.

Two men reasoning from entirely different standpoints agree in an article in a New York paper that marriage is not only the happiest but most healthful state of existence. Justice Ephraim Keigwin, of Jeffersonville, Ind., who has married 8,600 couples in thirty years, says:

"Marry young, is my advice. If you cannot marry young, marry as young as you possibly can, and, above all, marry. Most marriages are compromises, anyway, a matter of give and take, and as a whole it is better for a man and a woman to be married, even if they do quarrel occasionally, than it is to remain single. I believe that married life makes people better. It has more restraining influence, which is found in no other relation. It throws a responsibility on men and women which few shirk wholly. There is more genuine, saving religion in the marriage ceremony than in any other ceremony performed by men."

Cupid has found another strong champion in the person of Dr. Edward Foote, of New York city. This physician gives facts and figures to show that 90 per cent of the inmates of our insane asylums would not be there to-day if they had been married at all, or if their parents had been married at the proper time. Dr. Foote thinks that a law should be passed making it compulsory for all young people to marry between the ages of 19 and 25. Speaking of his views Dr. Foote said:

"We have no means of getting at the exact figures on insanity in the United States at the present time, but we have a good criterion in the figures compiled on the same subject for Great Britain. This report shows that at every age from 19 up to 65, and even upward, the chances of a single man becoming insane are six times greater than the chances of a married man going mad. Between the ages of 20 and 24 the odds against the single man are something like 77 to 10, although they become slightly smaller as the ages increase."

Who Are the Greeks?

In everything the modern Greek does or says, there is to be detected a glance out of the corner of his eye to see if the rest of the world thinks he is acting as his ancestors would have acted. No nation believes that so much is expected of it as does modern Greece, and no nation could strive harder to fulfill those expectations. The modern Greek believes that the world is constantly comparing him to the ancient Greek, and is expecting him to take the same commanding position in modern civilization to everybody that brings back outward symbol of the ancient life is hailed by his as if it brought back the spirit of the ancient life. The revival of the Olympic games is more to him than a successful war. Every recollection of the modern language to ancient usage, every substitution of an ancient word or construction for a modern one, is a matter of more gratification than the appearance of some literary masterpiece in the modern language. He looks forward to a time when once more Greece shall be a light to the nations, an eventuality whose crowning word of praise shall be not that Greece leads in the modern world, but that she resembles and equals her ancient self.

With his intense pride in the past of his nation, with his every thought turned toward it, more grievous than the loss of provinces would be the successful demonstrations of the theory that modern Greece is a changeling, a superstitious child, a cuckoo of Servian, Gothic, Venetian descent.—W. A. Curtis, in Lippincott's.

How to Live Long.

Sir James Sawyer, a well-known physician of Birmingham, Eng., has been confiding to an audience in that town the secret of longevity. Keep the following eighteen commandments and Sir James sees no reason why you not live to be 100:

- Eight hours' sleep. Sleep on your side. Keep your bedroom window open all night. Have a mat to your bedroom door. Do not have your bedstead against the wall. Exercise before breakfast. Eat little meat and see that it is well cooked. (For adults) Drink no milk. Eat plenty of fat, to feed the cells which destroy diseased germs. Avoid intoxicants, which destroy those cells. Daily exercise in the open air. Live in the country if you can. Watch the three Ds—drinking water damp and drains. Have change of occupation. Take frequent and short holidays. Limit your ambition; and, Keep your temper.

Quaint Superstition.

About wedding and betrothal rings there are many quaint superstitions, says The Standard Designer. Centuries ago the wedding ring was placed, as now, upon the fourth finger of the left hand—the thumb being always counted as the first—for the reason, as some ancient manuscripts assert, that a nerve was supposed to reach from this finger to the heart. The shape of the ring, too, was of special import, the plain circlet, having neither beginning nor end, signifying eternal fidelity while the gold of which it is made signifies purity. The betrothal ring of the ancient Egyptians was made of iron, indicating sacrifice of liberty.

"Pickled."

A Memphis young lady, who recently studied in Germany, tells a good story of a German lady who was studying English, and who used to write letters in English to her parents. One day the German lady handed a letter to the Memphis lady, saying: "Here is a letter which I have written to my mother. I want you to read it over and see if it is properly written." The letter was all right, excepting the closing phrase, which read as follows: "God pickle and keep you." An investigation proved that the young German woman, in looking for a synonym of "preserve," had come across "pickle."—Memphis Scimitar.

Foreign Possibilities Affect Speculation—But Activity in Industrial Production Continues Without Hindrance.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says:

Foreign possibilities have much affected speculation and caused hesitation in some large business operations, possibly accounting in part for a check in the rapid advance of wheat, but industrial production continues larger than ever, a few more works being added to the active list with a decrease in the number of hands on strike and renewed evidence that the volume of business is larger in February than of any previous year.

Nor is there any symptom of a senseless craze based on rising prices. The legitimate export and domestic demand presses closer to the capacity of works, and though there is no flighty advance in any line, and in all narrowness of profit is a matter of complaint, new business for this dull season is unprecedented.

Wheat continued its progress upward until \$1.08.75 was reached on Monday, but declined 3/4¢ later, as if there were fear that Spain would somehow stop British vessels from taking wheat across the water. But there is no abatement of foreign demand. Atlantic exports were 1,968,814 bushels, flour included at wheat, for the week, against 1,326,444 last year, and Pacific exports 1,576,376, against 1,364,464 last year.

In iron manufacture there is more demand for products and slightly better prices for Bessemer pig, which has advanced to \$10.40 at Pittsburg, with gray forge unchanged there.

Failures for the week have been 235 in the United States against 296 last year and thirty in Canada against fifty last year.

Fighting Force.

Of Four States, According to Report of Adjutant General of the Army.

According to the annual report of the adjutant general of the army, just transmitted to Congress, the total strength of the militia of Pennsylvania last year was 8,521. The State of New York's total was considerably larger, being 13,894, but the number of men available for military duty in Pennsylvania is given at 878,394, while the New York available strength is only 800,000. The summary of the Pennsylvania organized force is given as follows: Generals and general staff, 198; cavalry, 195; light batteries, 233; infantry, 7,895.

Delaware's militia is summoned up as follows: General staff, 9; infantry regimental field and staff, 9; company officers, 29; non-commissioned officers, 111; musicians, 17; privates, 283; aggregate infantry, 449; total officers and men, 658. The number of men available for military duty, unorganized, is given at 28,080.

The New Jersey militia force is summarized as follows: Generals and general staff, 57; cavalry, 130; machine gun battery, 122; infantry, 3,941; hospital and ambulance corps, 47; aggregate, 4,297. The number of men available for military duty is given as 385,273.

The Maryland militia force is as follows: Generals and general staff, 25; infantry, 1,652; total liable to military service, 150,000.

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Sam Small on Newspapers. The Rev. Sam Small knows something about the good newspapers and is disposed to give them credit for it. He is fearless and says just what he thinks, no matter whose corns may be pinched. He recently had some remarks to make about newspaper sensation as follows: "I have been a newspaper man twelve years, and if I wanted to get a right square judgment I'd rather go into a newspaper office than a court of justice. No man whose life is pure and just is afraid of all the newspaper presses in America. They are the best detective force in the country to-day. They have punctured more shams, and so far as I am concerned I say take the bridges off and let 'em go. The only one that will be hurt will be the shams and frauds. And if you think the newspaper prints too much of a sensational kind don't you read it, and they will quit printing it. The papers need to be reformed but the people have got to be reformed first. Newspapers are printed for money and to suit their patrons. If you don't think they are run as a moral platform like Mr. Barnum's circus, why just reform yourselves and the newspapers will follow suit.

The recent opening of valuable mines in the west and northwest will give a stimulus to industrial enterprises generally in the country and relieve the gorge of money in the older cities. Profitable investments will be found in mining and manufacturing throughout the Rocky mountain region. These will draw from the east millions of dollars, which will be applied for mutual advantage to the investors and to the thrifty and industrious western workers who use it.

An English paper has made a discovery, which it announces to the world. It is that Emperor William of Germany is not so foolish as he seems.

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