THIS IS UNUSUAL NEWS.

The Fact That the Government Has Made a Remarkable Decision Regarding Whiskey.

Under the new revenue stamp law, whiskies are exempt from special taxation, but medicines are taxed. It is a noticeable fact, however, that one whiskey is compelled by the government to use the proprietary stamp on the ground that it is a medicinal preparation. This solitary exception is made in the case of Duffy's Pure Mait Whiskey. Its peculiar medicinal qualities being thus recognized by the government, as it has been recognized by hundreds of thousands of people who have experienced its curative qualities. This fact has long been known to the medical profession, viz.: that Duffy's Pure Mait Whiskey is a medicinat whiskey prepared especially for the use of invalids and for the specific treatment of all diseases where a tonic is desired.

CARBONDALE.

IThe Carbondale correspondence of The Tribune has been placed in the hands of Mr. J. M. Forbes. All complaints as to irregular delivery, etc., riso news items, should be addressed to Roberts & Reynolds, news agents.)

A MYSTERY CLEARED.

Michael Moran, the city's famous detective, added another victory to his long list vesterday when he discovered Miss Emelia Gardosia, a Wilkes-Parre lass of tender years. Her parents reside at Wilkes-Barre, and were distracted over her absence. Mr. Moran found her at Simpson, where he accidentally happened to see her, and he immediately recognized her from the description he received from the Wilkes-Barre police. He took her to this city, where she is detained awaiting the arrival of har parents.

AN ICE BICYCLE.

Some time ago this paper exclusively mentioned that T. A. Walsh had invented a bicycle that would run on sonw and ice. Yesterday Mr. Walsh received papers from Washington stating that his invention had been patented. John Swigert, of Cottage street. helped the inventor perfect the model, which Mr. Walsh himself has ridden some miles. He has received a number of offers from capitalists, but has

FOOT BALL TODAY.

The Indian foot ball team had arranged for a game with the eleven representing St. Thomas' college eleven, of Scranton, today, but the game will not be played, owing to the latter team backing out. Instead, the Indians will line up against the Cottage Athletic club and an excellent game may be anticipated. The game will be called at Alumni park at 4 o'clock. The High school team will go to Honesdale this morning and will play that hamlet's team this afternoon.

GIVEN A HEARING.

William Slatee, of Honesdale, was before Alderman Jones on the charge of trying to stab one of the trainmen on a Delaware and Hudson passenger train. The trainman would not allow Mr. Slatee to pull the bell cord and it was for this that Slatee tried to knife him. The defendant's bail was fixed at six hundred dollars, which, on account of being unable to furnish, he was committed to the county jail to await trial by jury.

PAINFULLY INJURED.

received some painful injuries while at Uniondaie, where he acts as fireman on an Erle pusher. Mr. McAndrew fell off his engine while it was stopped and received several severe cuts in his head and face and was otherwise badly bruised. Dr. John Niles dressed the wounds and found it necessary to take several stitches in one over his left

KENNEDY PLAYERS.

The favorite troupe, the Kennedy players, will open a week's engagement on Monday night at the Grand opera house, when "The Hand of Fate" will be presented. The company is well balanced and each one especially adapted to his or her part. The sale of seats opened with a rush vesterday at Revnolds', and from present appearances the house will be crowded on Monday

ON A STRIKE.

The driver boys at No. 3 mine are again on a strike. A young fellow named Deegan was discharged for misusing his mule and the rest of the number went on a strike on this account. They refuse to go back to work unless Deegan is re-employed. The mine was idle Thursday and Friday as a result of the strike. The company officials say they will not take back the derelict employe, and the matter will be watched with interest.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Major and family have returned to the city after a season's stay at Crystal lake.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Creveling have returned to their home in Plymouth, after a week's stay with their son, S. R. Creveling, of Seventh avenue. The Trinity church choir will be pho-

tographed this afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Louis Geiger are in Hawley, where they attended the funeral of the latter's father yester-

Senator J. C. Vaughn was the guest of J. F. Reynolds, Thursday.

W. R. Cleft, of Dickinson street, ir enjoying his vacation in New York and Philadelphia.

Mrs. H. A. Brown, of Peckville, spent yesterday as the guest of Mrs. S. S. Hards. Mrs. William Stevenson is seriously

ill at the home of her father, Jonathan Dawson, on New Cemetery street. The many friends in this city of Charles Horn, of Scranton, will pained to hear that he is seriously III. Mrs. Elizabeth Ayers is confined to her home on Dundaff street by illness. Mrs. L. S. Cariton, of Wayne street.

PRICEBURG.

There will be an entertainment and drawing for the benefit of William J. Oliver, in Foley's hall (formerly Fadden's), on Saturday evening, Oct. 22. Doors will be open at 7 o'clock; entertainment to commence at 8 o'clock. 25 cents. The following articles will be disposed of: Parior chair,

parlor lamp, 50 pounds of flour, silver castor, boy's suit of clothes, smoked ham, copper metal kettle, table cover, comforter, set of flat irons, lamp, box of cigars and an umbrella.

James Maryetson was a Scranton visitor yesterday. Miss Grace Shafer and George Wood, of Albert street, were married Wed-nesday by the Rev. W. H. Holder.

Both parties are prominent young peo-

TAYLOR NEWS.

ple of this place.

New District President-Installed Officers - Church and Personal

Mr. William Nyhart, a former resident of this place, and a member of camp No. 492, Patriotic Order Sons of America, received his commisjon as Tuesday as the new appointed district term as district deputy has expired.

The Rev. Autin Griffin, D. D., the newly appoint al preading elder of the Wyoming diacest will preach in the M. E. church tomorrow morning. The services of the day will be as follows: Love feast at 9.30; preaching at 10.30; followed by the Lord's supper; Sunday school at 11.45. All welcome.

The coming entertainment of the Liberty council, Daughters of America. which is to be held on October 13 promises to be a grand musical treat. They will also hold a social after the tenrtainment. The programme will aptear in this column in the course of a

day,
Mrs. Peter Jones, who has been spending the past few days in Pricebur, has returned to the home of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Davies, of North Main street.

Lackawanna council, No. 54, Daughers of Pocohontas, installed officers at heir meeting in Redmen's hall on Thursday evening. The officers were installed as follows: Propitus, Mry L Howells: Pocohontas, Mrs. Martha Taylor; wenona, Mrs. Beecher; Poatan, John K. Jones; first scout, Mrs Hurst; second scout, Mrs. Noakes; first warrior, Mrs. Jenkins; second warrior, Mrs. Morris; third warrior, Mrs. Rossar; fouth warrior, Mrs. Howells: first councilor, Mrs. Thomas; second councilor, Mrs. Mapleson; first runner. Jones; second runner, Mrs. Harris; guard of the forest, Mrs. Evans; trustee, 18 months, Mrs. Anna Evans.

Mr. Thomas King, Jr., of Glenwood, has accepted a position in the Laffin store of the Glenwood coal company. The third quarterly conference will be held in the M. E. church this even-

Miss Sallie Price, of Dunmore, was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Price, of Ridge street, yesterday Services at the Calvary Baptist church tomorrow will be held at the usual hours. Rev. Dr. H. H. Harris will officiate. Morning service at 10.30 o'clock, Sunday school at 2 p. m., evening service at 6 p. m. Rev. D. S. Jones, of Wales, will occupy the pulpit at the morning service.

Mr. James Howells, of Providence, was the guest of his parents in this

Temple of Love lodge, No. 7. True Ivorites, will meet this evening in Services tomorrow in the First Welsh

Baptist church will be held at the usual time. Pastor Rev. J. M. Lloyd will occupy the pulpit. The Tribune branch office in Taylor s in the Cobleigh building.

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Rogers have been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. James, of Providence, for the past few Preaching in the First Welsh Con-

gregational church tomorrow will be held at the usual hours. Pastor Rev. Ivor Thomas will officiate. services at 10.30 a. m., Sunday school at 2 p. m., evening service at 7 p. m. Everybody is cordially invited.

Machinists are kept busy placing the ooms in the new woolen mill. Messrs. Renard and son, owners of the factory, say that it will be second to none in the country when completed.

Taylorville lodge, No. 668, Independen Order of Odd Fellows, will meet this evening in their rooms on North Main street.

Mrs. John E. Davies and daughter Mrs. David S. Price, were the guest: of relatives in Plymouth on Thursday. Services in the Presbyterian church omorrow will be held at the usual ours. Sunday school will be held imdiately after the morning service. Rev. L. R. Foster will officiate.

Mrs. Peter Jones was the guest of relaives in Priceburg on Thursday.

AVOCA.

The Delaware and Hudson train, due here at 9.44 p. m., struck and instantly killed John Eustace at the Stark's erdssing on Thursday evening. He was employed as agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance company, and was returning home from Scranton after settling some accounts with the company. Deceased was 42 years of age and is survived by an aged mother, wife and two children, Georgiana and James. He was an active member of No. 35, Ancient Order of Hibernians. The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon. Interment will be in St Mary's cemetery.

Homer Warner, of Moosic, attended the Christian Endeavor convention at

Harrisburg this week. James and Peter Walsh, professional clarionetists accompanied Bauer's hand to Lebanon this week.

Mrs. M. A. Flock is doing business in Philadelphia. Work on the foundation of P. D. Landon's new house was begun this

week. The St. Aloysius and Father Matthew societies of this town will participate in the parade at Wilkes-Barra on Monday.

A requiem mass will be celebrated on Monday morning in St. Mary's church for the repose of the soul of the victims of the Mud Run disaster. Dr. Lees, of Pittston hospital, and

Howard Fear, of Pittston, spent Thursday evening at the Snyder residence. Miss Nellie Whalen, of Wilkes-Parre, is a visitor at the Whalen residence. A. H. Smith, of the Avoca Argus, isited the Montrose fair this week. The funeral of Jacob Smith took place yesterday afternoon. Services were conducted at the family residence.

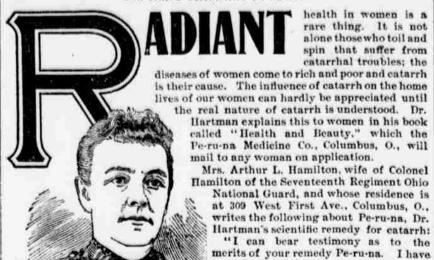
Autumn services in the Methodist Episcopal church, beginning Sunday, will be conducted as follows: Oct. 9-10.30 a. m., sermen, paster: 3 p. m., Sunday school rally and anni-

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by a friend. I have taken one and a half bottles and am to-day well and hearty. I shall always praise Pe-ru-na, for I feel it saved my life." Miss Belle Gunsalis, No. 208 Seventeenth Ave., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, writes to Dr. Hartman: "Your medicine cured me of chronic catarrh affecting the head, nose and throat, which I was afflicted with for five or six years, growing worse all the time, until I began taking your Pe-ru-na. Independent of curing my catarrh, Pe-ru-na has wonderfully improved my general health."

versary; address, Rev. D. Y. Smith. 7.30 p. m., sermon, pastor. Monday, prayer, song and praise service, led by George W. Shales. Tuesday, Oct. 11-7.30, sermon, Rev. John Humphries. Wednesday, Oct. 12 -7.30, sermon, Rev. E. L. Santee. Thursday, Oct. 13-7.30, sermon, Rev. J. W. Price, Friday, Oct. 14-7.30, sermon, Rev. William Frisby. Sunday, Oct. 16-10.30, session of Sunday school; 2 p. m., third quarterly meeting; sernen, Rev. Dr. Austin Griffin, presiding elder: 7.30 p. m., Epworth League rally and Vesper responsive services. Mrs. Graham, of North Main street, suffering from a severe attack of

rheumatism. Mrs. John Snyder, of South Main treet, is seriously ill. There will be a special meeting of

Division 9. Ancient Order of Hibernians, tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

PECKVILLE.

Peckville Baptist church, Rev. J. S. Thomas pastor. Services tomorrow at 10.30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning sub-ject "Is the God of the Christians a Evening subject "What Do We Myth." Know of Heaven?" Sabbath school at 11.50 a. m. All cordially invited. Services in the Presbyterian church omorrow at 10.30 a. m. and 2.30 p. m. Morning subject "life of the Father and the Son." Service for rallying day in the evening. Subject "The Twen-tieth Century Movement," by Rev. S. H. Moore, D. D., pastor.

Ex-Clerk of the Courts W. G. Daniels, cranton was a caller in

erday. The squash that was raised by Coun ilman James W. Smith this season is now on exhibition at the green grocery market of W. T. Jayne. It weight is 133 pounds.

Miss Grace Chivers is visiting friends at Taylor. About 3 o'clock yesterday afternoor

the fire alarm sounded for box No. 12. The fire was in a large pile of slabs and lumber in the Sturgess saw mill. The Wilson fire company quickly re-sponded to the alarm and soon had two streams playing on the flames, which had come dangerously near the mill. By the hard work of the firemen the mill was saved from destruction. Taps were not sounded until 6 o'clock Mrs. P. F. Connor is ill of typhoid ever.

Wallace Barber leaves today to at tend the funeral of his stev-sister. Mrs. B. R. McCumber, who died Thursday at Stearnsville, Pa-W. B. Stevens and Stenley Newton

returned vesterday from Lebanon. Merchant Elmer Roberts is in New York city purchasing a new stock of fall goods.

O. S. Johnson has disposed of the ownership of the Lackawanna Coal company to Mr. E. B. Sturges, of Scranton. Mr. Sturges will assume control on November 1. Mr. Sturges son, C. B. Sturges, will be general manager. F. E. Platt, who recently resigned the treasurership of the New York and Scranton Coal company, will be the treasurer of the new company. Many changes and new improvements

will be made in the near future. Services as usual in the M. E. church omorrow at 10.30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Preaching by the pastor both morning and evening. Subject for the morning "Our Example." In the evening the sermon will be specially for the young men. Subject "A Young Man with a Purpose." Special music will be rendered by the choir and all young men are cordially invited to be present. Rev. S. C. Simpkins, accompanied by his wife, will leave for Philadelphia next Monday morning for the benefit of Mrs. Simpkins' health. It is earnest. ly hoped by her many friends that she may be benefitted by her vacation, Rev. John Marley, pastor of Dundaff, visited Rev. Simpkins this week.

-CLARK'S GREEN.

Martin Churchill, of Nicholson, spent several days among old acquaintances here the early part of the week. Mrs. Matlack and four children,

Wilkes-Barre, spent Sunday with her parents here Brenford I. Akerley, one of the marines of Nipe notoriety and a resident of this vicinity, is home on a furlough. He arrived here on Friday night of last

Mr. and Mrs. B'. F. Sprague and son, Edward, of Sevanton, spent Sunday with the family of Edward Lutsey. Mrs. Boos and daughter, of Stroudsburg, are also visiting Mr. Edward Lutsey,

Mrs. A. L. Potter is visiting friends a Scranton. Mrs. James Snover, of Halstead, is isiting the home of herf ather, Mr. J. B. Austin.

Daniel Stevens is a great sufferer rom a severely strained wrist. Mrs. John Hockman, of Taylor, visited her daughter, Mrs. James Ribble, this week

Charles Wilson, a member of Com-

pany A. Thirteenth regiment, spent a week home and returned to camp Wednesday last. Mrs. Thomas Phillips, of the West Side, spent several days here with her son, Frank L. Phillips, and returned

home on Tuesday last. MOSCOW.

Mrs. Kate Gillner, of Sterling, called at the home of Mrs. C. H. Clouse Mon-

Brink has returned home from visit with friends in Carbondale. Mrs. F. T. Pelton was in Scranton Monday.

Mrs. Caroline Schinegar, of Scranon, spent Saturday last with relatives Albert Hathrill is improving his

nouse with a new coat of paint. Rev. Madison will occupy the pulpit in the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday. Mr. Madison was pastor here about fifteen years ago.

Mrs. Barrows is spending a few days at the Central hotel. John Decker is home from camp Meade on a ten-day furlough. Mrs. M. F. Miller, of Scranton, was

the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. H. Travis. Friday. Agnes Watts returned home Tuesday after spending a few days with her aunt at Elmhurst.

Mrs. E. N. Swartz called on friends n Scranton Saturday last.

GREENWOOD.

Ebeneezer Davis and Howard, of Eynon street, Hyde Park, called on igar and Elmer Davies, of this place, Henry Evans visited friends in Scranton last night.

Sunday services will be held as usual at the Presby erian church Sunday school at 10.15 a, m., preaching services at 3.30 p. m.

Mr. Elias Davies met with a slight ceident at the No. 1 breaker of the den wood that company, having his hand painfully bruised.

RAILROAD RUMBLINGS.

It is said that the Lehigh Valley is preparing for a new and radical departure about December or January ! n its freight department by having direct instead of line representation. Very little is known about the plan, but f it is what rumor says a large numer of clerks and agents will have to look for new positions. As an illustration of what is understood to be done. t is said the present large force of the New York Broadway office will be reduced from nineteen to six. All this will be another nail in the coffin of fast freight lines as they have been conducted for many years. The rail oads have been learning an important as well as costly lesson in regard to fast freight line methods and their management. The day has come for the cutting off of soft berths for a number of individuals, however worthy personally and competent to get business Railroad managers understand as they never did before that this sort of thing cannot go on any longer without serious trouble, and while the lines' offices have afforded an opportunity to provide places for friends, stockholders have grown tired of reduced revenues and chief executives equally weary and disgusted by rate demoralization that could be traced to the evils of the fast freight line way of doing business .-Philadelphia Times.

A committee composed of Louis Fitzgerald, Edward R. Bacon, Henry Budge and William A. Read, advisory committee of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, has announced a plan of reorganization of the Central Ohio tem, which will efface it completely after the proper adjustment of the bonded indebtedness, and turn over all of its railroad properties to the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, of which it will in future form a part. This plan means the absorption by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad of the following railroads. comprising the Central system: Central Ohts railroad, Sandusky railroad, Mansfield and Newark railroad, Columbus and Cincinnati Midiand railroad, Newark, Somerset and Straitsville railroad and the Pittsburg Junction railroad. Under the plan as proposed the Baltimore and Ohio will ac quire these railroads by issuing in exchange for their securities, bonds and stocks of the Baltimore and Ohio sys-

tem. The compound engine which has caused much interest among railroadamong the most powerful, for the amount of fuel used, that has yet been built by the Richmond Locomotive Works. Its number is 2427, and it is known as the "tramp engine," so called

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marvelous work. The engine has been in Ashley for the past two weeks pushng heavy trains up the back track and has proved a wonder. On Saturday this engine started from Mauch Chunk with several hundred tons over the tonnage drawn by other locomotives and came through on schedule time. Mr. Pugh, who has charge of the engine, is from Richmond, Va.-Wilkes-Barre Times.

Frames, all hand work.

AROUND THE COAL MINES.

The length of the harlege of the irside plane at the Dodge mines recently necessitated the lengthening of the tail rope. The change has already proved beneficial and lessened the work | the possessors of the earth. of man and animat.

Avondale colliery near Plymouth is to have a new outside foreman in the person of B. C. Green, jr., of Bellevue. Mr. Green has capably filled the position of assistant outside foreman to his father at Bellevue for several years. His new position is a responsible one.

The operations for the sinking of the present Mt. Pleasant shaft from the Clark to the Dunmore vein are under way. The opening of the new vein greater ones. Uncle Sam swall liery's capacity or output, but will even up in the sense of quality and quantity where the output falls off in the

Jermyn and company's Jermyn No. 1, colliery at Rendham, will probably resume operations on or about October Three months this colliery has been idle and in that time the shaft has been retimbered. From the Balt imore into the middle vein openings have been made and the plant throughout put in an almost perfect state.

Further operations toward getting the coal from the two new D., L. W. shafts in Hanover, Luzerne county are under way. The shafts are each 1,700 feet deep, have been sunk for some time and new air ways and branches are being driven. breaker to prepare the output of both shafts for the market will soon be

An electric motor for inside haulage has been placed in the Woodward colliery, at Kingston, by the General Eleccompany. This is the second one in this colliery. It will displace ten mules and eight drivers and runners in point of capacity. It weighs twelve tons, has seventy horse power and its length of haul is 2,700 feet. The colliery is owned and operated by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company and is fast becoming filled with all the latest modern machinery.

All arrangements for the reopening of the Sloan colliery, owned and operated by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company have been nearly completed. The shaft was recently deepened to open the Dunmore vein. New hoisting engines were put in and a new engine house built. Many other minor changes have also been made in and about the colliery. No definite information as to how soon operations will begin seem to be forthcoming, however.

William T. Smyth, of Wilkes-Barre, has taken charge of the Parish colliery at Plymouth, owned by the Parrish coal company, as superintendent Mr. Smyth has long been recognized as a prominent mining man. He was for years superintendent of the Lehigh and Wilkes-Barre Coal company and of late years has been at the head of the Williams Coal company, at Pottsville, of which Hon. M. B Wil- tions, as follows: liams is the chief stockholder, previou to which, he was interested in and had charge of coal mining in the west, Mr Smyth is financially interested in some companies as well.

A hospital for sick and injured mule may be a strange institution but apparently is a possibility. step is now under consideration b the proper officials of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western mining comers hereabouts and which is said to be pany. The replacing of sick, injured and over-worked mules in and about their several collieries hereabouts is in this locality, will leave this even- no small item of expense. Often times ing in charge of the engineer, J. L. a saving could be made if proper care Pugh, for the lower division of the and attention by veterinary surgeons New Jersey Central. The engine was could be given the faithful animals. A large building for the above purpose will in all probability be erected by the company upon available space on because it has traveled in four years the Seal farm in Keyser valley, near through every state and territory in Jackson street, and the experiment the Union, giving exhibitions of its promises success.

OWNERS OF THE WORLD

In Point of Territory the United States Ranks Only Fifth at Present-How the Earth Is Parceled

From the Times-Herald.

In extent of territorial possessions incle Sam ranks fifth among the great landlords of the world. Britain, Russia. China and France each own a larger portion of the globe than that belonging to the United States. al expansion" will have to accomplish considerable before we can better our position, judged by area alone, among The whole world is in the hands of ome sixty owners. For while there

are several times sixty different countries yet most of them are only dependent states; not owners, but mere ten ants, so to speak, of the face of the earth. Sixty national landlords are not many for a world having 52,000,000 square miles of land surface, yet the tendency of the times is to make the number smaller rather than larger. Since 1815 there has been a gathering in of large areas under few govern ments. Small sovereignties have combined or have been swallowed up by one the other day. During the last te

years especially the greater nations

have shown an almost insatiable greed

for territory. At last they have turned

to rend one of their own number. China

that for thousands of years has owned

so large a portion of the globe, is about to be dismembered and absorbed and ts name dropped from the list of the world's owners. To partly take the place of the nations that are losing their hold upon earth some new sovereign landholders may appear. Independent Cuba is already announced to fill the gap in the list left by Hawaii. But the times

herself, not yet quite born as a republic, is already half christened as a colony of the United States. Striking boundary lines as well as ossible we find that the greatest landholding nations, those having terra ry Austria-Hungary exceeding one million square miles, a 🤏

are against these newcomers. Cuba

as follows:11.371.391 British Empire tussian Empire 8.660,384 'hinese Empire 4.218,401 French Republic Inited States 3.600,650 Brazil Brazil Argentine Republic 3,209,57N These nine nations own over threefourths of the world. The figures given for the United

States include Hawali, but not the yet indeterminate territory we are to acquire from Spain. Hawaii did not bring with her a very large portion of the earth. Yet 6,640 square miles make good-sized stepping-stone for Uncle Sam on his way to the Orient. As to Spanish territory, if we take the minimum proposed. Porto Rico and the vicinity of Manila, the acquisition will be only about 4,000 square miles. If Porto Rico and all the Philippines be retained the United States will be larger by about 118,000 square miles. other words, our recent territorial gains through peaceful annexation and by conquest have a total area somewhere between that of Massachusetts and that of New Mexico. If we anti-

area gained becomes about that of California. All this expansion does not change our position in the list of great landnolding powers. We yet stand a little

cipate a little and add Cuba the total

below France. If we make a next smaller group of countries, placing in it those having areas from half a million to a million square miles, we again have nine na-

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can territory Spain will drop out of the group altogether. The nation that once owned more of the world than almost any other will have shrunk to less than twice the area of Texas. Another nation in this group which Americans are interested is

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Venezuela. The figures given indicate er share of the world as she claims it. But Great Eritain claims a large part of the same territory. The intervention of the United States in the dispute led to the appointment of a commission whose decision, if in favor of Great Britain, may reduce the figures for Venezuela some fifty thousand

square miles. The remaining one-eight of the earth is divided among the other forty-odd sovereignties in portions ranging from nearly half a million square miles in Feru to eight square miles in Monaco, Among these owners of small holdings are some of the important countries,

201, 204 Denmark Switzerland Belgium In the foregoing each nation mentioned has been credited with as much of the earth as its flag covers, no account being taken of comparative worth of heldings or nature or title, But in world property, as In any other, there are gilt-edged corner lots and

there are out of the way pieces. And

as important as the thing held is the

nature of the hold. Taking these mat-

ters into account, the nations in the

groups given at once begin to shift

their places. We can follow here but one of them. The United States moves upward. It passes France, China and Russia. upon the ground of better territory better held. As to France, most of her ossessions, outside the nation proper, have but little of the French impress upon them. Much of her territory she owns only in the sense that it lies within the French "sphere of influence." As to China, she has but a weak hold upon her share of the world, and it lies upon the wrong side of the globe. As to Russia, while she owns over twice as much of the earth as does the United States, she has a less desirable world property. Latitude is against much of it, and topography against all. It is

an inaccessible piece of the globe, for

with its vast stretch of coast line it has scarcely any available seaboard. This brings the United States to second place in the matter of the ownership of the world. Whether she properly stops there or can successfully compete with Great Britain for first place is a question for national real estate experts. The British empire covers enough of the earth to make three such countries as the United States and have half a million square miles left over. But this territory is scattered all over the world, much of it is decidedly unimproved and unimprov able property, and much of it is held in a very uncertain grasp. Regardless of England's power to hold the empire intact, it is doubtful if she would in all cases attempt to do so. If Canida were to insist upon her independence tomorrow she would stand a good chance of obtaining it without trouble. The United States, on the other hand, has its vast portion of the globe mainly in one piece, of good quality, well located, and thoroughly in the possession of one people and one gov-

ernment. Uncle Sam need not wait for territorial expansion before laying claim to the possession of the finest estate upon earth and to the foremost position among the owners of the world.

Spain's position on the list is a precarious one. Hefore the war she stood better, just below Persia. The figures given show her size after the loss of Cuba. They will shrink some further in the hands of the peace commissioners. If the Philippines become Ameri-