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OUR MERCHANT MARINE.

American ship owners and builders are speculating as to the results that the impending war between England and Russia may have upon American shipping interests. At present England controls nearly one-half of the carrying tonnage of the world's commerce on the high seas. The sea-going merchant fleets of all nationalities aggregate about \$6,000, with a tonnage of 23,000,000 tons. The following tables show the preponderance of England as compared with competing nations:

	Tonnage.	Vessels.
Great Britain.....	11,200,000	22,500
United States.....	2,700,000	6,600
Norway.....	1,800,000	4,200
Germany.....	1,400,000	3,000
France.....	1,100,000	2,900
Italy.....	1,000,000	2,300
Russia.....	600,000	2,300

In the matter of steam vessels England's supremacy is still more striking, as the following figures will show:

	Tonnage.	Steam Tonnage.
All nations.....	9,232,000	7,784
Great Britain.....	5,919,000	4,649
France.....	667,000	458
United States.....	601,000	423
Germany.....	308,000	420
Spain.....	168,000	135
Italy.....	155,000	127
Holland.....	149,000	194
Russia.....	149,000	194

Her steam tonnage is almost ten times as great as that of France, ten times as great as that of the United States, and forty times as great as that of Russia. Nearly two-thirds of all the ocean steamers afloat sail under the British flag. In 1880 two-thirds of the foreign trade of the United States was carried on American bottoms, now five-sixths of it is carried in foreign ships. One half of it is carried by English vessels, one-sixth by American vessels, and the remaining two-thirds by vessels of other nations. Since 1850 England has trebled the tonnage of her merchant fleet; she took advantage of the war which embarrassed American commerce, and gained ground which she has continued to improve ever since. Should war between her and Russia be declared, and assume the proportions which the great power of both of those nations would lead to believe it will, perhaps America, with judicious management and wise legislation, may regain some of her lost prestige on the ocean. Similar causes to those which sent much of the commerce of the world from American to British bottoms twenty-five years ago may send it back to American vessels when the Titan contest begins.

Everybody will be glad to learn that the workmen in the employ of the great McCormick reaper company, at Chicago, have come out victorious in their strike against starvation wages. To ask skilled mechanics to work for \$1.38 a day, and offer laborers from eighty to ninety cents, while lavishing scores and hundreds of thousands of dollars upon philanthropic institutions was to challenge—and merit—the censure of every right thinking man in America. The workmen struck rightly and resolutely, and their moderation has been rewarded by complete success.

Peter K. Foust, a distiller of Randolph county, indicted for the murder of N. P. Williams, a government storekeeper, but acquitted at the last term of Randolph court for want of sufficient evidence to convict, hanged himself in the attic of his house last Sunday morning.

England's ultimatum to Russia was said to be to "recall Komaroff or fight." But Russia not only declines to recall Komaroff but shows fresh honors upon him.

Drunkness is on the increase in Mexico. The building of railroads has made the importation of Cincinnati whiskey an easier matter.

It is said that the people in Eastern North Carolina have lost over a million dollars by the Norfolk bank failures.

It is estimated that the coming wheat crop of the North will be about ten per cent. short of last year's crop.

Secretary Lamar has invited a Mississippi lady, a Mrs. Miller, to become his private secretary and she has accepted.

During the past few years twenty men have contributed nearly \$25,000,000 to the cause of education in this country.

There is a movement on foot in Macon, Ga., to erect a monument to the memory of Sydney Lanier, the poet.

The Confederate bazar in Baltimore has realized nearly \$15,000 in five days up to Sunday.

J. D. Fish, the winding president of the defunct New York Marine bank is a bald headed man.

In three days the New York World's Bartholdi pedestal fund has reached \$24,000.

IN WANT OF MONEY.

It is thought that Russia's financial condition may make her hesitate about going to war with England, which she would very readily do if she was financially heeled. At present she is in need of money, with scarcely enough to develop her home resources even in time of peace. Her currency is paper and that is at a discount of thirty per cent. Her debt is large and troublesome, and she does not find it easy to effect loans except at a very heavy discount. England on the other hand can command money as well as men. But all this does not seem to throw any damper over the people of Russia who seem to be eager for war, nor does it make the Russian government seemingly anxious to placate England by repudiating Komaroff's attack on the Afghans, which has caused so much alarm and called out for such vigorous protests from the people of the "light little island." Perhaps Russia has a money lender behind her who keeps in the shade for the present.

A FIENDISH FATHER.

He is Struck Down by His 15-Year-Old Son While Trying to Kill His Daughter.

The family of Julius Schmid, a middle aged pocket-maker, living at No. 237 Market place, a small street running west from Second street, below Lombard, were seated at dinner yesterday, when Schmid, a man who is ordinarily dignified and irascible, ordered one of his sons, a boy of 13 years, to clean out his tumbler. The lad was slow in obeying, which enraged his father, who drew a huge pocket-knife and rushed at him, the boy escaping into the upper part of the house. Schmid had hardly re-seated himself at the table when another of his sons aged 16 years, had named Charles, exclaimed: "I've had enough of this and I'm going away tonight and ain't coming back."

"All right, go if you choose," answered his father, "but if you do come back you'll find 'em all dead." Pointing to his wife and three little children, "for I'm going to stick this knife into 'em just as I stick it into this table," and as he spoke he buried the blade deep into the pineboard before him.

At that moment Schmid's daughter Julia, aged 15, entered the room and asked: "What's the matter?" "I'll show you what's the matter," replied the man with a growl, and he sprang from his seat, grasped the boy by the throat, and thrust him into a corner and brandished the knife before her face. The terror-stricken girl screamed, and the boy Charles, grabbed up an ax that stood beside a wood box by the stove, rushed to her assistance and struck his father on the head, the blade of the ax making a deep wound in the back of the head. The man reeled backward, and as he staggered toward a second doorway, which cut entirely through the floor of the skull and was followed by a jet of blood that splattered all over the floor and wall. He then fell to the floor, fainting from the loss of blood, and was struck several times more with the ax while in that position.

By this time the mother and the rest of the children were all screaming, and the alarm being given an officer arrived, who arrested the boy and took him to the second district station house, on Second street, above Christian. The wounded man was removed to the Pennsylvania hospital, where he died in a few hours. The injuries were pronounced to be dangerous, but not necessarily fatal. One of the doctors said that, although two of the five blows struck had cut entirely through the skull, the brain had strangely escaped injury, and that although several pieces of broken skull had been removed from the back of the man's head, the danger lay in the probability of erysipelas setting in.

ADVICE TO SMOKERS.

The Sound Advice of a Wise and Experienced User of the Weed.

The deadly illness of General Grant is ascribed to cancer and is said that the cancerous growth was caused by excessive smoking. The distinctive character of the patient has made the case conspicuous, and many veteran smokers have already discarded the use of tobacco.

We believe that the poison of cancer is distinct from the poison of nicotine. There are, however, a few simple rules commending themselves to every physician which will tend to make the use of the weed less injurious than when it is taken without care at this particular time.

In the first place smoke light color cigars. They are less strong than the darker shades. Second, do not smoke cigars and Colorado Claro and avoid those marked Maduro or even Colorado Maduro.

Secondly, never smoke on an empty stomach. Smoke after luncheon or after dinner or supper, but do not smoke long after you have taken food or early in the morning. A light cigar after a hearty meal frequently aids digestion, but if one smokes just before eating, the appetite will be lessened and food will lose its relish.

Thirdly, do not smoke the whole of the cigar. Sacrifice a fourth or a fifth, because a fourth or a fifth of the nicotine of tobacco becomes concentrated. Fourthly, do not smoke more than three or four cigars a day. And in the last place, after smoking cleanses the teeth, and thus avoid their discoloration and impregnation with the fumes of tobacco.

A moderate and careful use of tobacco does not harm the teeth, but when excessive it causes the gums to recede and covers the teeth themselves with the blackening oil of the leaf.

These rules are few and simple, but if followed they cannot fail to be of lasting benefit to every smoker.

What You Say.

"There are so many friends advertised for the hair, you say, so here are, but Parker's Hair Balsam is not one of them. It will not wash out, clean, but it will do better service for your hair than anything else you can use. Restores natural color, cures dandruff, gives new growth. Elegantly prepared. Do not get a cheap one."

"Wells' Health Renewer" for dyspepsia, debility, "Rough on Pain" for Rheumatism, etc.

TALMAGE ON ROLLER SKATING.

Let the Old Remember that They Were Once Young—Dangers of the Rink.

The Rev. Dr. Talmage said in the Brooklyn Tabernacle Sunday that roller skating eclipsed coasting, croquet, football, lawn tennis, and anything by moonlight on a pond. It had an advantage over the gymnasium in that it was more exhilarating. It was good for all men to take one or two rollerskating parties. It was good for the women of America to take a vacation from mending and darning and go roller skating. It would bring back light to the eye and vigor to the body. It drove away neuralgia and nervousness.

"But let us have," he continued, "no more the vulgar and immodest of young girls going alone along the streets. They should be chaperoned by mother, father, brother, or one who has a right to do it. If a young man tip his hat to a young lady in a rink and is not acquainted, with her he should be respected as a stranger from the front door. If those well-dressed devils we see on the streets and sometimes at church doors should get justice done then there would be more respect for each other's merit. Let not brilliant lights and exciting music tempt to prolong exercise. At the door of every place of every amusement stands a group of young men, waiting to escort you to the sepulchre. Flirtation is damnation. When in Broadway, New York, or in Fulton street, Brooklyn, I see at the evening hour dozens of young men, each of whom whose conspicuous behavior is intended to attract masculine observation, a horror goes through my soul. If I had a voice loud enough to reach from the front door to the Rio Grande I would say flirtation is damnation. "Meanwhile, let the old people remember that they were once young. Rheumatism is incompetent to give law to solid anatomy. People who have the taste of the old before they reach thirty years bore the life out of prayer meetings, and disgust the world with the cant of religion. God made boys and girls, and gave them tastes to be gratified. Their bodies need strengthening."

Co-operative Journalism.

A novel and comprehensive scheme which it is understood propose to bring under one practical working management three daily newspapers of this city of different politics and purposes, and the execution of which is said to be assured, is the prevailing sensation just now.

The three journals referred to are the Morning Post, democratic, the Morning Republican, republican, and the Evening Critic, free lance. The Post and Republican have for some time been issued side by side from the same building, but each journal having its own editorial, editorial, reportorial and working force, and machinery and separate counting-room. The plan is understood to be to move the Evening Critic establishment into the same building with its morning brothers, that each establishment shall have its separate counting-room and its own force of special editorial and political writers as heretofore, and as far as is desirable each paper will be edited by its own compositors, but that the three shall have practically a joint reportorial force, and where it can be effected joint arrangements for all other departments. The printing of the three papers will be entrusted to a joint character, done on the same press and done by the same set of hands. The Hoe cylinder press, which belongs to the Post, is the highly favored one which has been selected to serve all the contracting parties to the alliance, offensive and defensive, and it is so constructed that the two morning papers can be printed at the at 10 o'clock, and the evening paper, which is printed at 10 o'clock, can be printed at 10 o'clock.

A CARD.

To all who are suffering from errors and indigestion of youth, nervous weakness, early decay, loss of manhood, etc., I will send a recipe that will cure you of all these troubles. This great remedy was discovered by a missionary in South America. Send self addressed envelope to Rev. JOSEPH T. SMITH, Station D, New York, N. Y.

A WILLING "GOD BLESS YOU!"

An Extraordinary Case of Cure by the Mrs. Joe Person Remedy.

The following letter, dated January 14, 1885, has just been received, and will be shown to any person who is interested in the subject. Names and dates are withheld for obvious reasons:

"Mrs. JOE PERSON: "Madam—On the 20th of last May my boy child was born in every respect, was born in this city, but the "King of Terrors" was upon him about his little heart, and notwithstanding its plump and vigorous constitution the poison in the blood soon began to manifest itself in the medical term known as "Erysipelas" or "Strepococcal Taint." Some old mothers concluded the child had the "yellow throb." Yet whatever the disease it was certainly a stubborn master for the doctor.

The mother took the little sufferer to the country, hoping that the pure fresh air might be beneficial, and Dr. J. C. Lambertson, was called to treat the case. He pronounced the child to be all he could for it, but to no purpose, any more than to check the fever which the disease subjected the child.

"At the first foot the victim was again removed to the city, and immediately Dr. — was called and he pronounced the disease "Erysipelas," and prescribed accordingly, feeding up the disease on iron and other minerals until the baby's mouth became so sore that for two weeks it did not nurse, a friend suggested as a last hope and resort:

"MRS. JOE PERSON'S REMEDY."

"All means of procuring any more help or medicine had failed, and in the most desperate moment of the poor mother's woe and the child's agony, I had the remedy, because she did not have the money to pay for it. She purchased her bottle, and within 24 hours the child was cured."

"When she gave the child the first dose, three weeks ago to-day, the little fellow was a mass of sores from the tips to the knees and at several points the old mother bore the weight of his feet. To-day, by the help of God and a faithful administration of the Remedy, the child is well and strong in the legs, and last Sabbath morning while the mother was weeping at the necessity of drying up her breast, he took hold and nursed as strong and vigorous as any child of his age. The mother and the baby are still kept up to effect a complete cure."

"Believing in its efficacy I have prevailed upon Mr. — to take it for Infants' Erysipelas."

A Blessing to Humanity.

ROCKY MOUNT, N. C., Feb. 28, 1885.

My first order for Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy was for one dozen, the demand increased until I had to order by dozens, and the results are very satisfactory. I have cured many cases of Erysipelas, and I have seen many bottles and great has been its improvement. His cries and sobs are thrown aside, and he is as healthy as a horse. I have seen many bottles and great has been its improvement. His cries and sobs are thrown aside, and he is as healthy as a horse. I have seen many bottles and great has been its improvement. His cries and sobs are thrown aside, and he is as healthy as a horse.

JOHN P. ARLINGTON.

Congressmen Who Smoke.

New York Graphic.

Governor Curtin smokes six imported cigars a day, which cost him seventy-five cents.

Congressman Glascock, of California, is the cigarette fiend. He smokes three packages a day.

Senator Blackburn, of Kentucky, smokes the strongest kind of three for a quarter cigar.

Congressman Hayes, of New York, uses a mesochanna cigar-holder which he has owned for eighteen years.

Congressman Deuster, of Michigan, always changes his brands. He is fickle in his tastes. He smokes nothing but cigarettes.

Congressman Cassidy, of Nevada, always has a cigar in his mouth, and he smokes at 1 a set a dozen a day, which cost him about fifteen cents apiece.

Congressmen Tom Bayne Arnott and David Paige smoke the very finest brands of imported cigars, but they are abundantly able to stand the expense.

Leopold Morse, the millionaire Jew Congressman of Boston, smokes imported cigars and lots of them. His favorite attitude is with his hands in his pockets and one of these cigars in his mouth.

Tom Ochiltree never uses tobacco. William Walter Phelps and Judge Kelley do not smoke. Ferry Belmont neither smokes nor chews. Ben Lefevre chews constantly. Reagan, of Texas, likes good fine cut, and Speaker Carlisle is fond of the chewing tobacco known as "peach blossom."

Worth Remembering.

Never eat between meals. Never eat a very heavy supper. Never stand long at a corner of a street. Never fret, it will only shorten your days.

Never abuse one who was once your best friend. Never reply to the epithet of a fool, or a low fellow. Never speak in a contemptuous manner of womankind.

Never anticipate too much; disappointment is not pleasant. Never taste an atom when you are not hungry; it is suicidal. Never spend many of your evenings away from your family.

Never speak of your parents as the old man or the old woman. Never seek to create a laugh at the expense of religion or the Bible.

Many a Lady

is beautiful, all but her skin; and nobody has ever told her how easy it is to put beauty on the skin. Beauty on the skin is Magnolia Balm.

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