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|  |  | It is reported that a movement is on

toot, with its headiouartere at Pittsburg,
to girdle the earth with a series of reto girdle the earth with a series of re-
ligious conventions on the Treoth anniversary of the Christian era. A gre.
expedition will start out, numbering, is thought, some 1,000 persons, who will
go entirely around the world holding rousing religious servicee at (every important stopping place. The first sor-
viee will be held in san Francisco,

the last in New York. Bombay, Jerusa-
lem, Rome and London will be taken in on the way. The serviees are to be en-
tirely non-ectarian. Several weeks will
elapse between ealculated that the expedition will take will cos
$\$ 1,000$. Professor Joseph B. Witherbee, writ-
ing in the Popuiar sceence Monthy,
for universal reform in penmanetip.
He says tor universal reform in penmanship.
He says the demand among business
men now is for style of penmanstip can be written ryapidify and that can be
easily read. The preeent fashion, with amally read. etters, intecent farkion, wing from meeting
it sloping leter
these requiremente that commercial No husband and wifurs in Japan exfirms complain boye now do not begin to write so wel
tion ago did. The kadad of hand that will fill the bill
Professor Witherbee finds in the straight ap and down atyle, the letters being
written without tendency to ellant in any direction. He claime that this is the
natural style, und tha: the slanting natural style, und that the slanting
chirography is only obtained after long
and painful effort on the part of the pupil. The vertical handwriting is muci
more easily read than the sloping one
just as the plain letters of ordinary print are more easily read than itaiics.
In England the reform has so far pro-
greseed that the civil service examiners require the upright writivg on the part of applicanta and will accept no other
This $i s$ on account of ity greater legiblity. eentical atylished in England, and on th whole we may look upon this an the
handwriting of the future. The application of power through
tripe eseress in large shipa is an innova-
tion, and ite resula in the Columbia are watched with intense interest by the en-
tire eivlized world. Fasentially and
avowedly a commerce destroyer, and not a fighting ship, the armament of the
Colambia will be comparatively light
The Columbla has been in a specian The Columbia has been in a special
degree the work of Enginear-in-Chief $G$.
W. Melville, U. S. X., of the bureau of team engineering, under whone direc-
tion the designing of her machinery was done. When the estimates were made
for this ship, the speed fixed was trenty hill was paseed, it was found that in en lerencs the speed had been raised to
wenty-one knots, and Mr. Melville dided that the ship shouid have from began to lay ont the engines and boil t moon became apparent that twin screw
agines would not do, becaute of their ize and the fact that they would be ve
axtravagant in the use of steam at the ordinary ouchinery was restricted, and wonld Mr. Mr. Melville then decided that riple serew engines were the only one
hat woold do, snd at once ent abont the heliminary design. Through the coarse mehinery carefally, and watehed the snecesa A well known writer turned from India, wexpresees great fear for the tuture of Eaglieh and American women. He apprehends that they wil region above the Brahmapootra Valley, with whom be has had dealings. There, he asserte, the women are supreme. of the $\quad$.al control the af irs of the home and the nation, prop-
descends through them ; but, note
 vomen on the face of the earth. Cliver women have posesesed for a long time
the permisaion to be ugly, and sometimes, it must be admitted, they rather abue this privilege. Bat, while many taiente may choke out beanty with diswoman gains intellectually by higher edncation the losee in beanty and grace
oupht to be relinquished. The woman of the fature is going to be ciever and
beautiot, too. she will bring her



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