

# AN AGE OF RAILWAYS

## SUPERIORITY OF THE AMERICAN SYSTEMS.

In What Respects They Are Invaluable Aids to the Life and Extension of Commercial Activity—Used as Models by Other Countries.

In making an address before the International Commercial Congress recently, George H. Daniels, General Passenger Agent of the New York Central and Hudson River Railway and president of the American Association of General Passenger Agents, said:

One of our great writers has said of this closing period of the nineteenth century, that it is an age of transportation. Transportation underlies material prosperity in every department of commerce. Without transportation commerce would be impossible. Those States and nations are rich, powerful and enlightened whose transportation facilities are best and most extended. The dying nations are those with little or no transportation facilities.

Mr. Mulhall, the British statistician, in his work on "The Wealth of Nations," said of the United States in 1885: "If we take a survey of mankind, in ancient or modern times, as regards the physical, mechanical and intellectual force of nations, we find nothing to compare with the United States."

Mr. Mulhall proved by his statistics that the working power of a single person in the United States was twice that of a German or Frenchman, more than three times that of an Austrian and five times that of an Italian. He said the United States was then the richest country in the world, its wealth exceeding that of Great Britain by 35 per cent, and added that in the history of the human race no nation ever before possessed forty-one millions of instructed citizens.

In an address before the New York Press Association, four years ago, I referred to the future of our export trade, as follows: "One of the inevitable results of the war between Japan and China will be the opening to the commerce of the world of fields heretofore unknown, perhaps the richest on the globe," and urged the members of the New York Press Association to do everything in their power to assist in securing to the United States a portion of the great commerce to be developed between the western nations and those two old countries of the world.

At that time we had no idea that a war between one of the old nations of the earth and our young republic would be fought; at that time we had no idea that American manufacturers would be furnishing locomotives to the English railroads as well as to those of nearly every other country on the globe. No one thought four years ago that American bridge builders would go into the open market and successfully compete for the building of a great steel bridge in Egypt; nor that in so brief a time American engineers would be building railroads into the interior of China from her most important sea-ports.

At that time no one supposed that the Trans-Siberian Railway would be laid with steel rails made in Pennsylvania, upon cross-ties from the forests of Oregon, and that its trains would be hauled by American locomotives; nor that this great railway which is to stretch from St. Petersburg to Vladivostok and Port Arthur, a distance of more than 6,000 miles, would be completed two years in advance of the original expectation, as a result of the use of American construction tools and machinery.

In a letter from a friend in Tokio, Japan, written only a short time ago, there was this significant sentence: "You will be interested in knowing that I have hanging on the wall of my office a framed picture of your 'Empire State Express,' and we expect in the near future to be hauling a Japanese 'Empire Express' with an American locomotive." They have now in Japan more than one hundred locomotives that were built in the United States. In Russia they have nearly one thousand American locomotives, and practically every railway in Great Britain has ordered locomotives from this country since the beginning of the war with Spain.

But it is not alone our locomotives that have attracted the attention of foreigners who have visited our shores, our railway equipment generally has commanded admiration and is now receiving the highest compliment, namely, imitation by many of our sister nations. Prince Michael Hilkooff, Imperial Minister of Railways of Russia, has, since his visit to the United States a few years ago, constructed a train on much the same lines as the "Limited Trains" of the New York Central and Pennsylvania.

**SMOKELESS POWDER COSTLY.**  
Half a Million Dollars' Worth Proved to Be Worthless.

The vastly increased expense of a military establishment under the more scientific methods now employed is sharply illustrated in the discovery that about half a million dollars' worth of smokeless powder for seacoast guns turns out to be worthless, through an unexpected deterioration in its quality. Military experts have supposed

ed that the smokeless powder manufactured for the United States army was the best ever made, says the New York Post and a contract was not long ago signed which involved the expenditure of about \$1,000,000 for a supply of it. But it is stated that recent experiments at Sandy Hook showed that the smokeless powder now on hand is worse than valueless. A ten-inch gun was being fired with charges from a supply that had been stored for about two years and a delayed detonation occurred, which burst the gun, a new one, valued at \$30,000. An examination of the powder revealed the fact that it had undergone chemical changes of some sort and all of the supply on hand is supposed to be equally affected. Experts will now try to discover the cause of the deterioration, so as to make the needed change in the formula. Meanwhile the contracts for manufacture must be suspended, and if a war should break out it might be necessary to use the old variety of black powder. Apparently large charges to the profit and loss account must be allowed for in estimating the cost of keeping up with the times in warfare.



Hawaii is said to have more telephones in use in proportion to the population than any other locality in the world.

A newspaper printed on the excursion steamer Ophir published one number in 80 degrees 2 minutes north latitude. It claims to be the paper published farthest north of any on record.

A series of experiments made by Benno Erdmann and Raymond Dodge show that in normal reading the letters are not spelled out separately, and one after the other, but that a short word of not more than four letters can be read off in less time than a single letter.

The Pike's Peak Power Company proposes to develop 3,200-horse-power for distribution for mines in the neighborhood of Cripple Creek, Colo. The source of the water supply is Beaver canyon, and a steel and rock dam will be built having a storage capacity of 150,000,000 cubic feet.

On the principle of the sounding-board, which repeats a sound at so short an interval that the original and the repeated waves impress the ear in unison, a device called the polyphone has recently been applied to the phonograph for the purpose of doubling the volume of sound issuing from that instrument. A phonograph with the polyphone attachment has two horns, each provided with a diaphragm and stylus. Not only is the sound made louder, but its quality is improved.

Lake Superior appears to exercise a greater effect upon the annual amount of precipitation of rain and snow near its shores than any other of the Great Lakes. The average precipitation in a year is about eight inches greater on the southern than on the northern side of Lake Superior. Lakes Erie and Ontario also show more precipitation on their southern than on their northern shores, but the difference is only three inches annually. In the case of Lakes Huron and Michigan, it is the eastern shores as compared with the western which get the largest precipitation, but the difference is not great.

The distances over which birds migrate vary between wide limits, and are often surprisingly great. The bobolinks, which rear their young on the shores of Lake Winnipeg, Canada, and go to Cuba and Porto Rico to spend the winter, twice traverse a distance exceeding 2,800 miles, or more than a fifth of the circumference of our earth, each year. The kingbird lays its eggs as far north as the fifty-seventh degree of latitude, and is found in the winter in South America. The biennial pilgrimages of the little redstart exceed three thousand miles and the tiny humming bird two thousand.

Madame Ceraski, of Moscow, has discovered in the constellation Cygnus a star of between the eighth and ninth magnitude which undergoes wonderful variations in its light. It belongs to the same type of variable stars as the celebrated Algol, but its variation is larger. Its period is four days thirteen hours and forty-five minutes. When at a minimum it is three magnitudes fainter than when at a maximum; in other words, it periodically loses and then regains so much light that at one time it is sixteen times brighter than at another. In stars of this type the changes of light are supposed to be caused by a dark body revolving around the star, and producing eclipses as it comes within our line of sight.

When some people give parties, it is not so much to entertain their friends as for the satisfaction of not inviting their enemies.

There is nothing so trying as a hard day's work once a week. If you work every day, you get used to it.

The real test of a good country is one where worthless men do well.

One of the Michigan food inspectors who has been making a tour of the state, says that Michigan's pure food law is working admirably in diminishing adulteration. He says that, of late years, great quantities of imitation fruit jellies have been sold; these are made of glucose and corn jelly, colored to resemble the desired fruit. In one town the inspector stopped the sale of imitation strawberry jam, which was made of corn jelly and glucose, flavored with strawberry extract, and further improved by the addition of hayseed.

**New Pass in Rocky Mountains.**  
After numerous hairbreadth escapes a party of explorers in the Rocky Mountains stumbled onto a new pass. In a like manner, people who believed dyspepsia incurable are astonished to find that Hostetter's Stomach Bitters used faithfully will make the digestion strong, the bowels regular, the liver active. Try it.

An ordinance has been passed in West Palm Beach, Fla., forbidding females to enter saloons.

American shoe manufacturers can undersell the local producer in South Africa.

My doctor said I would die, but Piso's Cure for Consumption cured me.—Amos Keiner, Cherry Valley, N.Y., Nov. 23, '95.

Lawrence county, in the Black Hills, claims the honor of producing a greater amount of gold ore in a day than any other county in the United States—4,650 tons, valued at \$40,000.

A red-hot poker was used by Harry Hale at Bellefontaine, Ohio, to open a whisky barrel. He pressed the poker into the bung, and the barrel exploded into a thousand pieces, causing fatal injuries to Mr. Hale.

Rev. G. Hay Morison, of Stamford England, is both a minister and a lawyer.

Sponge fruit stains at once with cold water.

Day county, S. D., has produced two crops of oats this season.

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**The Philosophy of Dead Gameness.**

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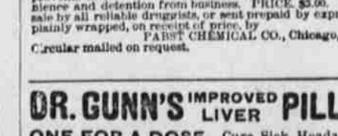
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