

ONE CENT A WORD ACROSS SEAS

Most of the world has long since ceased to wonder at any advance it the development of wireless telegraphy the general conviction being that its practicability is bound to be established in some way-and that very soon-and that we may as well content ourselves right now in a belief that the wireless method is to be the chief, and the cheapest means of communication in the future.

"We are under contract," said Signor Marconi in his address at the complimentary finner given him at Sidney, N. S., a few nights ago, "to transmit mesages for 10 cents a word, but you need not be surprised if in the future messages are flashed across the Atlantic at a cost of a cent a word."

Nor will anybody be surprised. All the success, all the surprise, incident to wireless telegraphy have long ago H. W. CYRUS. - Mgr been discounted. When we wake up some fine morning in the not-distant future and find that we can talk with London or Paris at a cent a word, we shall simply take up the cross-seas conversation as a matter of course.

As the great Italian inventor has pointed out, the ocean cables serve only the rich, as a general thing. After nearly 40 years of operation cross-seas telegraph tolls have not been materially reduced. The occan cables are still beyond the reach of the masses. It is only in cases of the most extreme necessity that the middle classes ever send such messages. But all classes -rich and poor alike-use the land telegraphy and telephone lines with rapidly increasing frequency. The supply of these means of communication can hardly keep up with the demandfor the sarvice is cheap. And cheapness alone will make the wireless service popular and profitable. The cost of establishing a trans-Atlantic wireless telegraph service is less than \$250,000 while it costs \$4,000,000 to lay Insurance Commission and Shipping an Atlantic cable. So right on the start the interest charge on the wire less investment is vastly less than that on a cable line.

As the arrival of Watt or Brunel or Stephenson or Fulton clothed the land and waters of the two hemispheres LEAVE with new enchantment and new values, so Marconi is about to add to both.

The Hilnois state board of health recommends that the legislature of that state establish a home for consumptives. It is believed that mortality from tuberculosis can be reduced greatly by segregating sufferers from the malady and providing better hospital cure and treatment. The state could thereby save or prolong the lives of thereby save or prolong the lives of Goble with all Northern Pacific trains thousands. The Chicago Tribune. to and from the East and Sound commenting on the recommendation.

Gen'l Freight and Pass. Agent says that the proposition "will be listened to more respectfully than it would have been had it been made a few years ago. The nature of tubercuslosis is better understood. It is known to be an infectious disease, and the desirability of the segregation of patients is appreciated. It is conceded that by proper treatment the mortaliity from a disease which causes oneseventh of all the deaths can be greatly reduced. A community which tolerates a preventable mortality is lacking in intelligence and humanity, Much progress has been made by medical men of science in almost every department. However, says the Tacoma News, while many of the worst scourges from which mankind suffered up to a century or less ago have been successfully combatted and controlled. St. PAUL, DULUTH, MINNEAPOLIS, CHICAGO AND POINTS EAST. comparatively little has been done to stay the ravages of tuberculosis. Smallpox, typhus fever, cholera, and vestigated and discoveries have been J. W. PHALON, made either of measure to remove the cause or to render the persons immune from contagion. -Sanitation has wrought a great change in conditions under which the diseases flourished. It has been said that municipalities owe no greater duty than to keep the air and water pure and to secure good drainage. But while water supplie

improved and rendered sanitary the air

asleep cannot be so easily regulated. The lungs would not become diseased so easily if purer air were breathed. Difficult as is the problem with referwould be possible to secure better air to breathe where men and women are employed. Prevention is better than cure, and the breathing of pure air would reduce the number of cases of

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> TUCSON, Arts., an. 8.-Information to the Star from the office of the secretary of state of Hermosillo concerning the plague situation is as follows: The strictest quarantine is maintained at Guaymas against Mazatlan. A cordon of soldiers has been established from tidewater on the bounadry line between the state of Sonora and Sinalcs, the soldiers being stationed within sight of each other along the entire distance, with instructions to shoot any one endeavoring to pass the line. The strictest kind of patrol is kept up along the coast. No passports are issued to ships to clear from Guaymas and no ships are allowed to enter from any point.

The most thorough system of fumigation and sanitary regulations has been adopted. Lime and sulphur is issued daily to the poor people and streets and yards are cleated daily. Tovernor Isabel has been piace. hi complete charge by the federal government. Governor Isabel brands the reports of the last few days to the effect that the plague had secured a foothold in Guaymas or in any of the border towns between Guaymas and Sinaloa

DEALERS MUST PAY LICENSE.

Changes Recommended in Conduct of Match Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 .- The municipal explosives committee has sent to Mayr Low for his approval the regulations which they propose for governing the sale and use of matches in this city. The mayor will give a public hearing on them on January 14. The commis sion proposes a license fee of \$50 for the sale at wholesale of matches by firms or persons owning private brands and the granting to retailers and others by the fire commission of a permit on the payment of a fee of \$1000 for the storage and sale of matches. It is stipulated that a retall store may carry its matchinen's grosses or approximately 50 gross of boxes. which hold 100 matches or less; that a wholesale dealer may carry 2500 gross and the manufacturer or his agent 250,000 gross. The last named must store his goods in a brick building Other regulations proposed are for the use of strong boxes and stems; the abolishment of the "fuse" match and the prohibition of the sale to children under 10 years of age. The commission also recommends the use of the safety match.

HAULS DOWN HIS FLAG.

Rear-Admiral Retires From Coast Defense to Asiatic Station.

NEWPORT, R. I., Jan. 8 .- Rear-Ad-Iral Cooper's flag was hauled down on board the Constellation at the training station here yesterday, and as this van done a salute of 12 guns was given. The admiral retires from the command of the coast defense of this sec ion and is ordered second in command of the Aslatic station.

HEREW VETERANS ORGANIZE.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 8.-The Hebrow veterans of the war with Spain have incorporated to promote social intercourse and fraternity between vetrun soldiers and sailors of Hebrew faith who served in the United States army and navy during the Spanish-American and Philippine wars. The principal offices will be in New York

ESCAPED FROM TURKEY.

Old Tailor Dies in Indiana Who Formerly Worked for the Sultan.

CHICAGO, Jan. 8 .- Joseph Swoboda, an old tailor, is dead at Terre Haute, Ind., says a dispatch to the Tribune. He was tailor for the sultan of Turkey for a number of years and escaped from Constantinople at a time, 30 years go, when the sultan was condemning o death persons suspected of complicty in a political conspiracy.

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