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Military Activity Continues to Increase in Volume at Ports of the Black Sea.

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Probabilities of Departing Vessels Ever Reaching Destination, Made Subject for Wagers.

New York, Jan. 23.—Military activity at the Black Sea ports continues on a more extensive scale than ever, cables a Russian correspondent of the Times. Men are arriving for shipment on transports for the far east. The railways are gorged with military stores. Private freight is sidetracked in order to expedite shipments of supplies. Five more transports, carrying 25,000 tons of cargo and a large number of troops will be dispatched as soon as possible. The transports will take guns and munitions which are needed at Port Arthur.

The Russian officers are wagering on the chances of this or that transport reaching its destination in advance of the opening of hostilities.

Congress of Young Students.

Rome, Jan. 23.—The first congress of students to be held in Italy for the purpose of discussing moral and religious questions, is in session here. The most numerous representation to the congress is derived from universities throughout Italy and Sicily but influential delegates are present from France, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland and Belgium. J. A. Mott of New York, secretary of the World's Student Christian Federation and organizer of the student movement in different countries in Europe made the opening address, in which he sounded the keynote to forward the religious movement among young men of the Latin race. Over two hundred delegates have come to Rome to attend the congress which is regarded here with deep interest.

Fails to Commit Murder.

New York, Jan. 23.—Apparently because his wife and son had deserted him on account of his intemperate habits, Frederick T. Thrush, a lithographer, has attempted to murder his wife and son Frederick, 17 years of age, in the vestibule of an apartment house in East 54th street. There was a terrible struggle between Thrush and his son, the latter endeavoring to protect his mother.

Immediately after the shooting Thrush ran into the street as if to escape, but suddenly halted and fired a shot into his own head, causing death. Mrs. Thrush and the boy probably will live.

Corporation Man Dead.

New York, Jan. 23.—James Clark, founder of the James Clark Leather Corporation of St. Louis, Mo., is dead at his home in Plainfield, N. J., from pneumonia. His wealth is rated at \$16,000,000, consisting mostly of St. Louis real estate.

Presidential Election in Doubt.

New York, Jan. 23.—The result of the recent presidential election in Colombia is still uncertain, according to a Herald dispatch, from Bogota by way of Panama. Affairs generally are reported to be quiet.

SUNDAY MORNING THOUGHTS FOR USE THROUGH THE WEEK

In our relations with oriental people it is of the first importance that gentlemen of the different races should meet on terms of friendly fellowship. This especially important in China, on account of the late difficulties there, and the too frequent annoyance of Europeans in their dealings with the Chinese. A good work in this direction, initiated by the Rev. Gilbert Reid, was interrupted by the Boxer outbreak and has lately been begun afresh. Mr. Reid has been engaged in a special mission to the higher classes, and is now organizing in Shanghai an international institute, the object of which is to build a sort of club house where intelligent and wealthy Chinese and foreigners can meet on friendly terms. There will be a large hall for lectures, small class rooms, a library and commercial museum, the building to cost \$60,000, of which \$20,000 are provided by Chinese men of means, and our Wu Tung-fang was the first subscriber there, and William C. Low is president of the New York associated committee.—Independent.

True peace of mind does not depend, as some seem to suppose, on the external incidents of riches and poverty, of health and sickness, of friendships and enmities. It has no necessary dependence upon society or seclusion; upon dwelling in cities or in the desert. Let the heart be right, let it be fully united with the will of God, and we shall be entirely contented with those circumstances in which Providence has seen fit to place us, however unpropitious they may be in a worldly point of view. He who gains the victory over himself gains the victory over all his enemies.—Parish Visitor.

The crown jewel of character is sincerity. On that depends our ability to believe what people say, not only, but to interpret fittingly their actions. An

insincere person is like a flawed crystal, fatally marred, and every other brilliant or fine quality is rendered worthless by the shocking defect in the grain, which no excellence of another kind can condone. In our own lives, in speech, in deed, in thought, a prime endeavor should be to cultivate a noble candor, an unshrinking fidelity to truth, and an unbroken sincerity. Temptations come in social intercourse to be politely acquiescent in what we do not approve, to make excuses which we only half believe, to violate the truth; and we suffer insincerity to eat into our souls, as a corroding rust. Truth need never be brutally spoken. The Bible speaks of the union of truth and love in our conversation. It is worth much effort, humility and prayer to attain sincerity in all things.

How can any one use the scriptures irreverently? We might think that the slightest realization of what they contain would check every attempt at making merry with its words or incidents. We are not considering now that irreverent use which indicates utter unbelief and hatred, and which becomes shocking, but simply the quotation of the words and incidents of the scriptures to point a jest and raise a laugh. In many instances no harm is intended, but harm is done all the same. Without going very far into the subject, and without the many reasons against this species of irreverence, let it be said that if there were no other reason for omitting it, it would be sufficient to know that when ludicrous association is made with a text or an incident it is apt to stick to it. Whenever you think of the text the other is recalled. Let it be part of our reverence, then, to treat the sacred scriptures as containing God's revelation of truth and life to men.—S.S. Magazine.

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