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The Russian and Japanese plenipotentiaries are to be conveyed to P... mouth, N. H., on separate war vessels. Is this the personification of etiquette or a manifestation of the fear that Baron Komura and M. Witte may become belligerents if placed on the same warship?

Secret service officers are at present engaged in a delightful chase through the wilderness in an effort to apprehend the nephew of Congressman Williamson, Ernest Starr, wanted as a witness in the Williamson-Gessner-Biggs case. Starr has not been subpoenaed. The chase will develop into one similar to that after the goose.

If the efficiency of modern sanitary methods amounts to aught New Orleans will successfully cope with the threatening epidemic of yellow fever. This battle with the germs of disease should be faithfully watched by every community in the country—it offers a splendid object lesson and much is to be gained in knowledge of sanitation as a result of it. No city is so good its sanitary regulations or equipment may not be improved.

The Russian press comments sarcastically upon the interview of M. Sato, spokesman for Baron Komura, the Japanese plenipotentiary, saying "Japan had better present her bill to those who furnished the sinews of war rather than to a nation which was forced into fighting." Forced, yes, but when—after Russia, for a period extending over half a year, had treated Japan's attempts to peacefully settle the Manchurian difficulty with unseemly indifference.

Cardinal Gibbons in an interview for the Associated Press vouchsafes his opinion on the present status of the financial world. He declares that fear of publicity, the dragging in the mire of a respected name, due to possible exposure in the metropolitan press, is the counter-balancing element in corporation corruption. It would seem that the unstinted mental ramifications of Tom Lawson and of Ida M. Tarbell have discomfited John D. Rockefeller, the peer of "frenzied financiers" but little.

THE REGATTA.

The regatta this year is assured. Thanks to the untiring efforts of a number of citizens the regatta fund has been swelled until it aggregates more than \$3500. The committee has again taken hold and in a few days, the full program for the event will be announced. It is gratifying that the regatta will be under the management of a representative body of business men—this assures the judicious expenditure of the money appropriated, the intelligent selection of attractions and the success of the project. This, however, should not result in the belief that the obligations of all other persons in the city are necessarily removed. It is everybody's hope that this regatta will be more successful than any previous one. To gain this end the widest publicity is necessary. In addition to the efforts of those in charge every person in the city should assist in interesting outsiders in the coming event. There are many who go to Portland or cities nearer to Astoria. Until the regatta has become a matter of history the enterprise should be the foremost thought in everyone's mind. While the virtues of these individual efforts may not be easily perceived they will be productive of good results.

MONUMENTS TO IMPOSTORS.

The raising of monuments to the memory of men who did something for the good of their fellow men, or to the advantage of their country, that deserved to be remembered by posterity, is losing much of its significance in these degenerate days when any impostor, political or religious, who has a sufficient number of deluded followers, who are willing to give up their hard-earned money for the purpose, can have a monument raised to him. Prophet Joseph Smith, whose grand son has just issued a propaganda to convert the Mormons of Utah to the principles of the church as enunciated by him and quot-

ing authorities to prove that Brigham Young led the people away from the teachings of the prophet, is to have such a memorial in the Vermont town where he was born, the farm on which he lived as a boy to be converted at the same time into "half-way station," a "mecca" or resting place for Mormon missionaries on their way to and from Europe to make more dupes and for Mormon worshippers. It was only recently that a monument was erected to Jefferson Davis, the biggest political fraud of the nineteenth century. The monument to Smith can only perpetuate the deeds of the man who succeeded in a monumental degree in leading people astray with false doctrines and inculcated a form of religious belief which is a travesty on Christianity and sanity as well. The monument to Davis will commemorate an unsuccessful attempt led by him to destroy the only true people's government the world ever saw, by means of the most unholy war ever waged. Of what real benefit to history, or to humanity can such monuments be? They are at once a mockery and an insult to an intelligent people and cheapen the whole spirit of monumental raising. It is monument raising gone mad.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Most of our games at cards are of Spanish origin.

The first glass tumbler used in England was made in the year 600 for Abbot Benedict.

Maine has a lobster fisherman's union.

Under the California marriage law the contracting parties must swear they are not insane.

A black horse is considered unreliable as a racer.

New York is the noisiest city in the world.

English will be the language spoken at the Russo-Japanese peace conference at Washington.

The value at the mines of the coal produced in the United States last year was \$485,000,000. The cost to consumers was about one billion dollars. The weight of the coal mined in the United States last year was 319,000,000 tons.

Poison may be present in the white of a new laid egg. This is the danger in eating raw eggs.

Chief Justice John Marshall used to pitch quoits in the yards of the inns where he happened to be standing.

NOTES OF NOTABLES.

Admiral Togo's salary is said to amount to only \$3,000 a year.

The Rev. Dr. Ryan, rector of St. Patrick's college, Thurles, Ireland, has been commissioned by the Vatican to visit the Philippines with the view of establishing Irish ecclesiastics there.

The first volume of the unpublished writings of the late Theodore Mommsen has been prepared for publication by Prof. Otto Hirschfeld, the literary executor of the deceased historian.

"Bombita," the greatest of the Spanish treasure hunters, has retired at 30 years of age with a fortune of \$400,000, without counting jewels worth about \$80,000 more, presented to him by admiring enthusiasts.

The Prince of Monaco is rendering to aerial navigation a service more valuable than the invention of flying machines. He is making a really systematic study of the air currents in the upper atmosphere.

The Diamond Cure.

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An Incident in Which Miss Anna Dickinson Figured.

Miss Anna Dickinson traveled everywhere independently and saw human nature in all its lairs. Writing to a woman friend once, she described a reception given by wealthy Chinamen in a restaurant kept by Chi Lung in San Francisco, and she was the guest of honor. She said that she saw a servant coming toward her with a box divided into many compartments, with different kinds of nuts and candies in the smaller trays. She picked out half a dozen or more and laid them on the arm of the chair, which served as a table. As the attendant passed on to others she saw that each took only one bonbon, and she was much embarrassed.

But when the servant approached the chief Chinaman, the one who had originated the reception, he took a large handful, and those after him did the same, and then Miss Dickinson felt relieved. She wrote:

"After I learned that I must have shocked all of those educated, cultured Chinamen as much as you or I should have been shocked if we had invited a Chinaman whom we respected to dine with us and he had taken a whole fried chicken and torn it limb from limb at our table. In such an event would you or I have had the tact and courtesy to have taken other chickens and thus dismembered them?"

RUSSIAN WOMEN.

The Many Restrictions to Which They Are Now Subjected.

It is difficult for an American to understand that freedom as we know it does not exist in Russia. There the legal position of woman is far from satisfactory. She hardly ever belongs to herself, but is always under the tutelage of some one.

As a daughter the Russian woman is under the entire control of her parents. Her coming of age does not alter her position. She simply changes the authority of her parents for the no less rigid authority of her husband. As the Russian statute puts it, "One person cannot reasonably be expected to fully satisfy two such unlimited powers as that of husband and parent."

The unlimited power of the parent is withdrawn and that of the husband substituted. She cannot leave her lord even to visit a neighboring town without a "pass" from him. He names the time she is permitted to stay, and at the end of that time she is bound to return to get the pass renewed.

A husband may appear in a court of law as a witness against his wife, but a wife is not allowed to appear against her husband. A woman's evidence in Russia is always regarded as of less weight than that of a man.—Harper's Weekly.

DEFY HARD LUCK.

A Few Bits of Wholesome Advice For the Pessimists.

Don't talk about your hard luck. Refuse to recognize it. Refuse to believe in it. Scorn to wrine about it.

Get the whine out of your voice, or it will stop the development and growth of your body. It will narrow and shrink your mind. It will drive away your friends. It will make you unpopular. Quit your whining; brace up; go to work; be something; stand for something; fill your place in the universe. Instead of whining around, exciting only pity and contempt, face about and make something of yourself. Reach up to the stature of a strong, ennobling womanhood, to the beauty and strength of a superb womanhood. There is nothing the matter with you. Just quit your whining and go to work.

If you continually talk about your bad luck and moan about your ill fortune, you create for yourself an atmosphere of misfortune which will certainly overwhelm you unless you stop in time.

The man or woman who persistently fears that such and such a thing is not going to turn out well is enlisting powerful forces against success.—Boston Traveler.

English and French Police.

No comparison can fairly be made between the police of London and Paris without due consideration of the fact that the French law admits an interference with the liberty of the subject which would not be tolerated in Great Britain. And it must also be remembered that the existence of octroi duties makes it difficult for a Frenchman to enter or quit Paris without being the subject of closer observation than he would encounter in an English city.—Solicitors' Journal.

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