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Yesterday marked the end of Astoria's Eleventh Annual Regatta. The enterprise has been a great success in every way and special credit devolves upon the small body of men who have managed it. The regatta has been less pretentious than previous ones and to this, in a great measure, is due the cause of its success. There is money in the regatta treasury sufficient to pay all obligations and it is strongly possible that when all affairs are closed up a very good surplus will remain. Congratulations are in order and we are indeed pleased to be in position to extend them to the officers of the regatta company.

If the demand for a military reform in Russia that shall do away with the employment of about 50,000 soldiers as the personal servants of officers is complied with, and an allowance made to the officers for servants, it is difficult to see just how the situation will be improved. The country will continue to bear the expense and the servants will be civilians instead of soldiers. Judging from the reports that have become current at one time and another as to the lavish entertainments given by Russian officers, it would seem that they were able to pay servants out of their own funds. Of course, soldiers are supposed to fight and not to serve, and if the question of dignity is involved, the reform demand is easily understood, but if it is a matter of national expense, the proposed change does not remedy the evil.

It is hoped that the sale of Lincoln's birthplace in Kentucky and with it the little 11-acre farm, for the very modest sum of \$3,600, may be the means of starting a movement for the purchase of this historical spot, either by the United States government or by some patriotic society, to be forever set aside as an American shrine. Happily, the Mount Vernon home of Washington is now practically the property of the people of the United States. First after Washington stands Lincoln in the hearts of the American people, and the soil that gave him birth, however poor it be, and the scenes upon which first fell his youthful eyes, should be held as too precious for meaner uses than a place of patriotic pilgrimage. The cost would not be great of converting the place into a pleasant park and erecting a fitting memorial on the site of the rude cabin where Lincoln was born. Congress, at the next session, will appropriate money to a hundred less worthy ends.

cago dispatch states that prices as The Chicago packers do not seem to be frightened much by the indictments that have been found against a number of them. They go right on cornering the market and raising prices. So far they have been operating secretly under the cover of a dull market, but a Chicago they now appear on the blackboard, show pork is selling from 50 cents to \$1 a barrel higher than it was a month ago. In the same time lard has advanced nearly 50 cents a hundred pounds, and ribs are selling anywhere from 75 to 85 cents a hundred pounds advance. Other products have been enhanced proportionately. There do not appear to be any legitimate reasons for such abnormally high prices, unless simply greed can be considered a just cause. "It is to be hoped the pending prosecutions will be vigorously and relentlessly pushed. Only the prospect of prison bars and convict stripes will ever make the monopolists reasonable.

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New York, Aug. 31.—The Swiss government has sent two experts to the United States to study electric railway methods in this country. These experts are W. Wyssling of Zurich, secretary-general of the Swiss commission for the study of the electrification of railways and commissioner of the Swiss government for electric railway studies; and Charles Wirth of Berne, Swiss government engineer. The significance of their visit is apparent when it is said that the Swiss government plans to electrify all of the government lines, and to operate these lines from waterpower plants, utilizing the mountain streams as a source of energy.

Messrs. Wyssling and Wirth, who arrived here on Tuesday, are at the Belvidere. They have been busy since coming in looking over the local street railway lines and power plants, and preparing their itinerary. As now arranged their route of travel will include Boston, Schenectady, Buffalo, Detroit, Chicago, Cleveland, Pittsburg, Baltimore, and other places. In addition to their inspection of railway plants and study of operating methods, Messrs. Wyssling and Wirth will visit the works of the large manufacturing concerns. At Schenectady a careful inspection will be made of the works of the General Electric company, where are building the new electric locomotives for the New York Central. In Pittsburg the Westinghouse works will be visited and an inspection made of the Westinghouse Interworks railway, which is a single-phase line.

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