

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Buenos Ayres, Argentina, via Galveston, Texas, May 10 (Special)—The Argentine Congress has reopened. The most salient feature of the President's message consists in his comments about the results of the elections in March. He said it was not true that the triumph of the naturalized citizens and recalls the number of votes in order to show that the naturalized would have had a majority without the naturalized citizens.

Moreover, he declared, the presence of socialists in the Senate Chamber does not endanger Argentine institutions, as is shown by France, Germany, Italy and other countries. He denied there was any reason to hamper the rights of foreigners, but admitted the necessity of modifying the naturalization law in order to give citizenship only to sound elements.

The financial situation is good, but the President recommends prudence in order to avoid anything liable to disturb the national economy. Foreign commerce is increasing, the imports for 1912 showing an increase of \$15,000,000 and the exports an increase of \$15,000,000.

Four destroyers sold to Greece will be replaced by four with oil furnaces and other improvements. Cordial relations exist with foreign governments.

LONDON, May 10 (Special)—From a society point of view, the third court of the season, which was held in Buckingham Palace was a far more brilliant affair than either of its predecessors. Rarely, if ever, have the dresses and ornaments been more attractive. Owing to the illness of the Duchess of Connaught, the royal circle was necessarily small. The total attendance was about eight hundred.

King George wore the uniform of the Colonel in Chief of the Coldstream Guards. The Queen wore pale blue, soft satin embroidered with silver ornaments, pearls and diamonds, with rows of pearls, and wore the order of the garter and the family orders. Accompanying the sovereigns were Princess Christian, Princess Victoria, of Schleswig-Holstein, Prince and Princess Alexander of Teck and Prince Albert of Schleswig-Holstein.

Four Americans were presented by Mrs. Irwin B. Laughlin, who herself wore a beautiful dress of white gold brocade satin with a train of purple and gold brocade, a diamond diadem in her hair and a diamond necklace.

BRINDISI, May 10 (Special)—Advices from Avlona say the situation there causes the greatest anxiety, as the army of David Pacha, encamped a few miles to the north of the town is starting.

The Greek army is encamped three miles to the south and ready to take the slightest pretext to attack the city, notwithstanding assurances by the Greek government that it does not intend to move against Avlona.

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THRIFT IN FARMING

Too Much Land Taken up in Roads and Fencing

An agricultural writer says that the country roads are too wide; that 220 acres in each township is devoted to roads which it made into a farm would yield some one or two hundred dollars. He says farmers should set their fences out twenty and one-half feet. Upon this the Emporia Gazette makes the comment that farmers do not utilize all the land they have enclosed. There are, it says, numerous and sundry patches which, if cultivated, would add materially to his income.

"Suppose he gets after those wastes before he goes in for turning the beautiful wide lanes of the prairies into mere courts."

Both these suggestions are signs of a change in agricultural methods. In the United States, as in Canada, farming has been done with careless prodigality. For this the farmer is not to be blamed. There was plenty of land, and therefore, no apparent need to husband its resources or restore its fertility. In the early history of the United States, the farmer moved from place to place, tapping the wealth of new regions, very much as miners flock to a district where gold has been discovered.

Although this involved waste, it was not altogether evil in its influence. It fostered the pioneer spirit, hastened the development of the country and the building of railways.

But how it is perceived that the resources of the country are not being exhausted. Although all the land has not been occupied, there are no new and vast regions to attract the pioneer. Conservation of resources becomes a watchword. Desert lands are made fertile by irrigation. Attention is paid to the Southern States which so long lay under the blight of slave labor.

In France every foot of soil is utilized, and wonderful results are achieved. A country not as large as Texas produces a third as much wheat as the United States, large quantities of other grains and roots, while there are nearly four million acres of vineyards yielding grapes which are manufactured into 627,000,000 gallons of wine. The whole country presents the appearance of a garden.

Of course the United States and Canada are a long way off from this stage of agricultural development, which is due partly to thrift, partly to necessity. But we are bound to move in that direction.—The Star.

Cat-like Animal

A huge cat-like animal was killed recently on the bush farm of Joseph Sauder, Puslinch Township, Ont., by Aaron Ziegler. It was discovered that some mirauding creature was stealing meat hung up in the kitchen, and burrow under the building was accidentally disclosed, extending 100 yards back to the swamp. At the entrance to the burrow a dead owl was "nest" worked to a chum. The captive animal was despatched with a crowbar. It was pronounced by Mr. Herbert Wales, Galt, taxidermist, to be a genuine catamount or mountain lion. It weighed 38 pounds and measured 5 feet 4 inches from nose to tail tip.

Tortoiseshell From Florida Coast

The finest of tortoiseshell is said to be that which comes from the Indian archipelago, although much of that obtained on the Florida coast is of the very best quality. There are three rows of plates on the back of the animal, called "blades" by the fishermen. In the central row are five plates, and in each of the others four plates, there are 25 small plates around the edges of the shell, known as "scutes" or "noses." The biggest turtle does not furnish more than 16 pound of shell. Formerly the undershell was discarded as worthless, but now it is much esteemed for the delicacy of coloring. Sometimes imitation of tortoiseshell is made from the horns of cows.

Real Pearl Toilet Powder

Some of the most beautiful women of Europe use a face powder that is made from pearl dust; that is, real pearls ground to a powder, according to a current newspaper report. It is far more expensive than the so-called poudre de perles sold in shops, which is merely mother-of-pearl crushed. The real pearl powder originated in the East. At a certain pearl merchant's place in the Levant, several girls were employed to bore holes through the gems for the purpose of stringing. Some of the girls noticed that a few of their companions were acquiring brilliant complexions. For some time they could not induce them to tell what they were using, but at length the secret was out, and pearl powder thereafter became in great demand as a facial beautifier.

Poverty Unknown in Serbia

Though the progress of Serbia has been disappointing, said to be due in a considerable measure to the fact that the country has been afflicted with two native dynasties, yet poverty is almost unknown. The peasantry is prosperous, almost all being small land-owners and quite well-to-do.

Horse Nineteen Hands High

Battle Creek, Michigan, boasts a giant horse. It is 6 feet 4 inches high. It is seven years old and a good traveller, but no attempt will be made to mate it for double harness, for it would be a fruitless task.

Gas Men Killed

Four gas operators, all residents of Calgary, employed of the Western Canada Natural Gas Company, were asphyxiated in the Nanton Gas Plant. The men were sent down to Nanton to repair a leak in the pipes of the Nanton plant. With considerable difficulty nooses were passed over the bodies of the men and they were dragged out of the building. All were dead.

MAN AND WIFE FIGHT A DUEL

Tragedy Follows Jealousy in the Fencing-room of a Moscow Institution

Great excitement was caused in Moscow by a fatal duel between a man and his wife. Nadja Putokin was the wife of a fencing-master, and was herself exceedingly clever with the foil. She had won the first prize in a fencing competition, and this fact made the fencing institute that she and her husband ran more popular than ever. Export fencers considered it a great honor to have a few bouts with the beautiful swordswoman. The harmony between Putokin and his clever wife was disturbed by the appearance of an officer in the fencing-room. The officer paid more attention to the woman than her husband liked. The fencing-master became jealous, and at last the officer challenged him to a duel. A remarkable thing now happened. When the fencing-master arranged with the officer's seconds he received a visit from other seconds who had been sent by his wife. The woman considered that she had been insulted by her husband's behaviour and sent him a challenge. She insisted that he should fight with her before his meeting with the officer. At first the fencing-master was not inclined to accept the challenge, but he eventually accepted it in the hope that it would lead to a reconciliation between them. But instead of the reconciliation a tragedy resulted. Putokin faced his wife, and the order "Allez!" was given. The wife attacked fiercely, but the husband drew back, contenting himself with parrying the lunges and letting it be seen that he was not fighting earnestly. While it was clear to the spectators of the duel that Putokin had no thought of wounding his wife she fought with only one object in view—to vanquish her husband. In the third bout she sprang upon him and plunged her weapon in his breast. It was the end of the fencing-master.

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Thrilling Experience of an Edmonton Young Woman

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Man's Body in Cement Block

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Prof. Sargent of Harvard says their figures are changing to resemble more those of men: More height, deeper chests, smaller hips.

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Breeding Hedgehogs for Bounty

In Vermont, United States, a bounty of 30 cents is paid for every hedgehog killed. Some farmers have added considerably to their income by raising hedgehogs, and the Legislature will probably be asked to repeal the Hedgehog Bounty Bill. The bounties paid per year amount to \$30,000 representing the killing of about 100,000 hedgehogs.

RUSSIA BUYS AUTOMATIC RIFLE

ST. PETERSBURG, May 10 (Special).—Mr. Barclay S. Warburton, son-in-law of Mr. John Wanamaker, has left for Paris after closing successful negotiations with the Russian government for the purchase of a supply of the air cooled automatic rifles invented by Lieutenant Colonel Isaac N. Lewis, late of the United States Coast Artillery.

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