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THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Foreign.—It is reported that Port Arthur has been taken; another dispatch says that the Japanese have met with a reverse there. The czar's funeral train reached Kharkoff; elaborate preparations have been made for receiving the body in Moscow to-day.

Domestic.—Football games were played between eleven of many colleges; at Trenton Princeton was defeated by the University of Pennsylvania 12 to 0; at Cambridge Harvard defeated the Chicago Athletic eleven 36 to 0.

The permit granted yesterday by the Commissioner of Public Works to the Thirty-fourth Street Railroad Company to lay a double line of tracks along Thirty-fourth-st., between Sixth and Lexington aves., will meet with widespread approval, tempered, however, with regret that the line should be restricted within such narrow limits instead of extending right across the city from river to river.

The present year promises to furnish many surprises to the football world. The new rules have worked wonders, and if the young men who officiate as referees and umpires will insist upon a strict interpretation of them the game will be further benefited.

It was on Thursday last that General O. O. Howard brought to a close a long and honorable career in the Army, while yesterday morning Rear-Admiral Bancroft Gherardi hauled down his flag for the last time at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and severed his connection with the sister service of which he has for some time past ranked as the senior officer on the active list.

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the face of the sun yesterday. As a cloudless sky and clear atmosphere are essential to successful planetary observation, it is doubtful whether any of those taken yesterday at Columbia College will prove adequate for practical use, and it is to be hoped that better results have been obtained elsewhere in this country. For it is anticipated the data thus secured will prove of the utmost value both as a basis from which to check astronomical calculations now on record, and also as an aid to the solution of a number of interesting questions relating to the rotation of the earth.

NEARING THE END IN THE EAST.

The news that the Japanese have captured Port Arthur may or may not be true. It matters little; for in the latter case the report only anticipates the occurrence. Port Arthur has for some time been completely invested, both by land and by sea, and its fall has been as well assured as anything could be in military affairs. It is true, the place should be well-nigh impregnable. Nature did her share toward making it so, and the best European science in the employ of the Chinese Government years ago added its efforts toward the same end.

Admiral Fremantle has declared that the fall of Port Arthur will end the war. He is a good judge of the situation, and his opinion should be correct. Indeed, it is difficult to see how the Chinese can hold out any longer after such a catastrophe. Their entire fleet is gone. Their strongest and best-equipped naval station and dockyard is in the hands of their foes. Their only well-organized and efficient army is routed. What remains, but to sue for peace?

They will be able to do so. Whether they actually will do so or not is another question. There is reason to believe that they would rather not do so if the war can be satisfactorily ended without it. This is not a war of conquest. Japan has no desire either to become master of China or to break up the Chinese Empire. Indeed, she would regard the breaking up of that Empire as a most serious disaster.

NEW AMERICAN LINERS.

The launch of the merchant steamer St. Louis to-morrow in Philadelphia is an event of National importance, and justifies the presence of Mrs. Cleveland with the conventional bottle of champagne. We observe that certain total abstinence zealots are importuning the Cramps to substitute water for wine in the name-giving libation, but surely the superstitions and traditions of the sea may be respected when an American-built ocean liner enters upon its career of competition with the finest steamships afloat.

There is nothing foreign about the St. Louis and her sister ship. American materials alone have been employed in their construction. They are of American model and design and original in many respects. They have been constructed with American labor and skill from truck to keelson. With an extreme length of 554 feet and a gross tonnage of 10,770, they will be the largest ocean liners with two exceptions, and with engines capable of developing 20,000 collective horse-power they will certainly be 20-knot ships, and it is not improbable that they will be record-breakers, although the American Line has emphatically disclaimed any expectation of surpassing the Campania and Lucania in speed.

It is in the record of the country neighborhoods. In the cities, a term which includes all towns with more than 1,500 inhabitants, the social functions, indicating a spirit of gaiety almost frivolous, are too numerous to be noted. Pretty nearly everybody in Topeka, for instance, is getting married or is helping to celebrate somebody's wedding anniversary. The amount of rice thrown at happy couples—and they are all exuberantly happy—is affecting the rice quotations in the market; and the number of teas given to returning brides and grooms, bewitching bridesmaids and charming fiancées is said to be doing more to increase the price of tea than the war between China and Japan.

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ship and go in at once. The double bottom is also a safeguard against injury by grounding as well as a means of preventing detention in entering port. There are many other new devices and ingenious arrangements in these American-built steamships, which characterize them as home-made products of original Yankee skill.

THE HORSE SHOW.

The tenth annual Horse Show, beginning to-morrow in the Madison Square Garden, is certain, barring accidents, to be the most brilliant and interesting of the series, which now seems destined to stretch onward indefinitely into the future. The number of entries is far larger than ever before, and the increase is due not to any sacrifice of quality, but to a more widely diffused ambition to capture the ribbons of distinction and a corresponding multiplication of animals fit to compete in such company.

The Horse Show has won immense popularity and success by deserving them. Its history has never been defaced by a scandal, and the managers have been responsible for perhaps not a single error of judgment which they have not practically applied to the advantage of the exhibition in succeeding years. It was surmised that the show might lose its power of attracting the populace when its novelty had worn off, and eventually become too great a financial burden for the projectors to bear.

It is in truth a wonderful exhibition, and worthy of the enthusiasm which it arouses long in advance of its coming and holds until the last hour of a gay and stirring week. If the horses now gathering for the greatest event of their year could exchange confidences before they disperse, they might possibly agree that they were not the chief part of the show. If they were quite candid, they might acknowledge, with a shadow of chagrin or perhaps indignation in their beautiful eyes, that the bipedal entries in the contest of grace and beauty and fashion attracted relatively more attention than they deserved.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH CONGRESS.

The sixteenth session of the Episcopal Church Congress will meet in Trinity Church, Boston, on Tuesday of this week, and will continue in session for four days. The Congress is clothed with no official power whatever. It is simply a free parliament for the discussion of questions of the day; and no limitations are placed upon the expression of views by those who take part in it, except such as they themselves recognize as imposed upon them by their membership in the Church.

But, strangely enough, that very catholicity of the Church Congress has arrayed against it the leaders of the Anglo-Catholic school of thought in the Church. They have refused, in some cases with considerable indignation, all invitations to take part in its discussions. They have, in fact, gone much further. They have openly denounced the Congress as subversive of the doctrines and teachings of the Church; and from their point of view it must be said they are entirely consistent in doing so.

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teams that are locally believed to be mightier than those of Princeton or Yale. The announcement of a game attracts thousands, and for their transportation the railroads are obliged to provide special football trains. The great Missouri Valley, where, according to the social philosophers, the people ought to be living in a stratum of miasmatic gloom, is on a continuous holiday. Everybody is visiting everybody; and everybody is having a glorious time. The old folks are swapping droll stories of the days when they were young; and the young folks are making love as young folks have done ever since the days when this old earth itself was young.

NEW PARKS FOR BROOKLYN.

Mayor Schieren, Park Commissioner Squier, and other public-spirited citizens of Brooklyn have not been blind to the possibilities opened by the annexation of Flatbush, Gravesend and New-Utrecht for providing the city with a series of parks in the annexed territory while land there can be secured at moderate prices. The matter has been under consideration for some time, although it was only recently brought to public attention.

It is clearly wise to take this matter in hand betimes. While the improvement of the city in other directions may be hindered by a lack of resources, it happens that there is a law under which park lands may be acquired, to be paid for by the issue of county bonds. That law must be taken advantage of soon or not at all, since on the 1st of January, 1896, the county and city will be coterminous, as the last remaining town, Flatlands, will become a ward of Brooklyn at that date, and thereafter there can be no county bonds apart from city bonds.

THE TALK OF THE DAY.

An English working girl on an emigrant ship wrote thus to her former mistress in England: "Dear Madam: I hope this finds you well as it leaves me fearfully hot. It is in a terrible state of melting all day long. But, honored madam, I know you will be pleased to hear that I am still a member of the Church of England."

At last accounts the deepest political excavations in Wisconsin had not reached the lower levels of the avalanche drift where William F. Vilas is supposed to have been deposited.

Half of the bicycle pathway for the benefit of the wheelmen and wheelwomen of Brooklyn has been completed, but the sum which the bicycle-riders agreed to raise in order to provide a proper finish for the path is not yet all in hand.

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ing, and the papers to be read will undoubtedly attract general attention.

PILGRIMS AND SHRINES.

Pilgrimage is as old as man, existing in some form in all ages, commonly associated with the religious sentiment, but also with the desire of change, the satisfaction of curiosity, and sometimes the spirit of commercial gain. Some shrines, still existing and to which the pilgrims still journey, are older than any record, reaching their roots into the unknown ages and exercising what seems to be a permanent and undiminishing spell upon the imagination of mankind. The pious wanderer still journeys to Jerusalem, tarrying in the shadow of walls which have outlasted the twelve persecutions and the battering-rams of Pompey and the torch of Titus, outdating the captivity or any inscribed memorial; and he forms a link in a professional chain of unknown beginning, and of which the end cannot even be conjectured.

In this country the spirit of pilgrimage manifests itself variously, taking on, perhaps, its most striking and ambitious aspect under the auspices of such masters of ceremonies as Cook or Raymond, whose journeying cohorts carefully guarded from the spoliation of the local Barabbas, and from the hunger rapacity of the local Publican may be found all over the world notebook in hand, eager, alert and penetrating, leaving no base or labyrinth of curiosity unexplored and no shadowy deep of Old World mystery unillumined. They are to be found amid the ruins of Rome and Memphis, and they pitch their tents beside the pillars of Persepolis and the fallen friezes of Palmyra, where the bark of the jackal and the roar of the desert lion have drowned the voices of the bath-flooms of Cyrus and the flutes and timbrels of Zenobia.

Besides these world-girdling groups of travelers the spirit of association develops itself among domestic tourists, and they visit interesting places near by in company, the railways making concessions which invite and encourage such excursions. The cities, the watering places and all accessible localities of interest are thus visited in multitude, constituting slight annual pilgrimages, which may broaden into solemnities as the years advance, as like journeyings have done in other lands and among other peoples. The mood which impels them is a native impulse of the human spirit which the centuries do not extinguish, and which in our time and locality low railway fares and convenient travelling arrangements tend to promote.

PERSONAL.

The money for the bust of Dr. William Pepper, to be presented to the University of Pennsylvania, has been subscribed, and Carl Ritter, of this city, is now at work on it.

Mr. Henry Mosler, the artist, whose picture of a Breton interior was the first work from an American brush to be received into the Luxembourg gallery in America the other day, after six years of twenty years. He is to settle in New-York.

The Boston Transcript says that "Cy" Sullivan, the Republican member-elect of Congress from the 1st New-Hampshire District, will be a criminal lawyer, in politics first a Democrat, then a Greenbacker and lately a Republican, he has lately been a devotee in the ranks of the Salvation Army, and recently married a Salvation Army captain. He is six feet six inches in his socks and an earnest and able talker. He served as a member from Manchester in the State Legislature.

The director of the German Theatre of Budapest has begun a civil suit against the King of Saxony for the payment of \$1,000 owed him by one of the King's officers.

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measures and new constitutional provisions for the interdiction. The question may not be so pressing in or about Agra, nor the labor associations so hostile to the idea of the prisoners themselves earning their living, but they are a heated lot, behind the age in everything except carpets, in which they must be admitted to have carried off the honors from the Axminster, Wilton and Aubusson weavers and all others on this side of the world. Perhaps when a sufficient number will put a stop to jail industry, leaving the prisoners in enforced idleness, as has sometimes been the case in this country. But it would not be a good notion, nor a humane one, and it is not here.

The London workhouses develop an entirely new disease, to which the doctors have given the name of geriatrics exfoliativa, which is probably found by the sufferers to be more burdensome than the malarial itself. For a workhouse patient to have to explain to a sympathetic visitor that he was afflicted with such a scientific and multi-syllable disease would be to overtax his articulation and perceptive powers, and put him in serious danger of a relapse. In the break up of Tammany some like injection may perhaps be looked for among its dispersed multitudes, symptomatic of the depressed condition in which the order has been since the Lexow Committee convened and Croker resigned and fled; but if so, the doctors ought to give it a popular and easy name, so that the leaders, if not the rank and file, can spell it and make a pass at its pronunciation. It will undoubtedly be an obstinate malarial, but that is no reason why it should have a refractory name.

The kaleidoscopic Thurber would better go back to Michigan. Apparently his native State resents his absence at the court of the Consecrated One. All that his partner, Dickinson—Don M., of the flowing whiskers—claims to have saved from the wreck of the Governorship, the Legislature and Congressional delegation is two members of the State House of Representatives, and even these are in doubt. Surely Thurber is needed at home.

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Emile Luce has become a lover of the bicycle. A recent issue of "La Bicyclette" contained his picture in the costume of a wheelman.

The first colored woman to receive the degree of M. A. in the United States was Miss Mary Patterson, who was graduated from Oberlin College in 1862. In speaking of her, "The Woman's Era," of Boston, says: "The schools of the district have sustained an irreparable loss in the death of Miss Patterson, who for twenty-five years rendered valuable service as a teacher. When Oberlin College opened its doors to women, she was courageous, indeed, a devotee in the ranks of the cause, and what was commonly called the gentleman's course, on the principle that it belonged exclusively to the lords of creation and no women need apply. Only young women of the loftiest ambition and the keener thirst for knowledge presented themselves as candidates for the degree of A. B. Miss Patterson was among the first to prove to the world that Greek and the higher mathematics could be mastered not only by young women of the favored race but by their sisters of the oppressed race as well. Nothing better reveals the fine spirit, the results of her education, than her decision to take and complete the classical course at that period."

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