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AMUSEMENTS. California—'Rosemary'. Orpheum—'Yankee Doodle'. Columbia—'Wholes Within Wheels'.

TO SUBSCRIBERS LEAVING TOWN FOR THE SUMMER. Call subscribers contemplating a change of residence during the summer months can have their paper forwarded by mail to their new address by notifying THE CALL BUSINESS OFFICE.

TRADE STILL ROSY. The end of the long period of prosperity has not yet appeared on the commercial horizon. All business advices report the same large distribution of merchandise, the same firmness in prices and the same confidence which have prevailed with scarcely an interruption for several years.

ANOTHER FAMINE IN SIGHT. BETWEEN Russia and India there seems to be something in the way of a regular alternation of famine years. When there are good seasons in the one there are bad seasons in the other.

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A LOST OPPORTUNITY. ONCE more an Ottoman war cloud, after rapidly forming and darkening over Europe, threatening to involve many nations, has dissipated into a thin mist and passed away.

IN THE DAYS OF OLD. OUR esteemed contemporary, the Baltimore American, was born twenty-seven years before the close of the eighteenth century.

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Since the British have long pretended to believe that Dewet is crazy they will probably not be surprised if he pays no attention to Kitchener's proclamation calling upon him to come in and surrender before the middle of next month.

The paper at its beginning took to itself the title, "Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser." The salutatory did not announce that the paper was started to fill a long-felt want, but the editor did say that he made the venture by reason of "encouragement" received from "many gentlemen."

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LADY CONSTANCE MACKENZIE, WHO EXCELS AMONG THE ATHLETIC WOMEN OF KING EDWARD'S COUNTRY AS A SWIMMER, HOLDING THE TITLE OF CHAMPION FOR THREE YEARS.

FOR three years in succession Lady Constance Mackenzie has carried off the Ladies' Challenge Shield of the London Bath Club, a feat which rivets her claim to the title of the champion swimmer among the women of Great Britain. Her cousin, Miss Chaplin, was second in the last contest, which took place recently in London.

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The French naval budget for 1901-02 provides for an increase of 367 line officers and midshipmen. A new rank, that of Lieutenant commander, is established, with 150 in that grade.

A submarine boat is under construction at Cronstadt. It is said to be on the plans of Lieutenant Kolbassieff, built under the direction of Naval Constructor Koutelnikoff.

The Montpetet water-tube boiler is the latest type of steam generators tried in France. At a private test the rapidity was shown by which the boiler tubes could be removed and replaced.

Austria is building three coast defense ships of 8300 tons, one of which, the Arpad, is to be launched September 11 at Trieste. The other two are the writers of three 84-inch, twelve 6-inch quick-firers and twenty-four smaller rapid-fire guns.

The firm of Vickers' Sons & Maxim at Barrow-in-Furness has come to the front as one of the most important ship yards in the world. In 1897, when the yard was passed into the hands of the present firm, the number of men employed was 5400.

An interesting trial with liquid fuel was made recently on board the Dutch torpedo-boat Ophir with a view of testing Holden's system of oil-burning. A trial was first made with coal, which gave a speed of 24 1/2 knots over a long course.

A writer in the Berliner Tageblatt points out the great advantage which the Italian navy possesses in speed, especially in the battleships Sardegna and Margherita class, the majority of the ships of foreign navies.

An English entomologist, William Watkins, was the first to raise butterflies on a large scale. For a dozen years the establishment which he founded for this purpose has furnished millions and millions of insects to private collectors, and Mr. Watkins himself has established at the Zoological Garden of London a very interesting entomological station, where may be found the most beautiful butterflies of the entire world.

The butterfly farm of Eastbourne, near the southern coast of England and in a place well sheltered from winds, covers an area of 400 square metres. It is a garden filled with flowers and rare trees and surrounded by a very high tree wall and here flutter at liberty many thousands of butterflies of various species.

From all the countries of the world the farm receives eggs, which are submitted to a special mode of incubation. Then the caterpillars, issuing from the eggs, receive nourishment suitable to their evolution. A certain number of the most perfect specimens are preserved and mounted, while the others are asphyxiated and mounted.

SOME of the rarer insects fetch enormous prices. Choice candies, Townsend's, Palace Hotel. Cal. glace fruit 50c per lb at Townsend's. Special information supplied daily to business houses and public men by the Press Clipping Bureau (Allen's), 510 Montgomery street. Telephone Main 101.

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