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LESS ACTIVITY IN TRADE. IN comparison with the phenomenal activity of the past three or four years, trade is quiet all over the country. All lines seem to share the general lull. The Pacific Coast is now doing the best business, but even here there are increasing complaints of diminished activity.

MILLINERS AND BIRDS. REPORTS come from New York to the effect that the Millinery Merchants' Protective Association and the Audubon Society of the State of New York have reached an agreement which will result in the absolute withdrawal from the millinery trade of the species of birds which the Audubon Society and the American Ornithologists' Union have been working to protect for a good many years past.

RUSSIAN ACTIVITIES. RUSSIA holds to-day the foremost place on the broad stage of world politics. Her Czar is a feeble man in comparison with the Kaiser. Her position with relation to the world is narrow and disadvantageous in comparison with that of Great Britain.

THE AUSTRALIAN STRIKE. THE socialistic troubles of New Zealand are extending to Australia. In the large island the Government runs the railways. The employees work for the Government. They number thousands, and by affiliation with the labor unions become subject to orders from union headquarters, which conflict with their obligation as public employees.

the wisest course they could have pursued. They have brought over to their side a force that hitherto has been more or less antagonistic to them, and obtained an ally of great importance. The fight now will have to be made against only a small class of more or less unscrupulous tradesmen, and it would seem that victory for the allied forces ought to be easy and complete.

Just before adjournment the Pennsylvania Legislature passed a bill raising the salary of chaplains from \$3 to \$6 a day, and the newspapers say the raise is none too much, considering what a tough job it is to pray for such men as make up the Legislature.

Her various railway and commercial enterprises, however, constitute only a portion of her activities. She has set about internal reforms of all kinds and on a most extensive scale. Canals, railroads and good highways are being constructed for the purpose of opening and facilitating communication between the various parts of the empire, and provinces once remote from the markets of the world will be brought into speedy communication with the trade centers.

Every form of governmental aid that statesmen can devise and despotism confer is extended to manufacturing industry. Enterprise of all kinds is stimulated to the utmost and the sluggish nature of the Russian is roused to an unwonted industrial activity. Political reforms have been decreed upon a plan calculated to further encourage individual initiative and ambition.

As a result of these various activities we shall probably have in the next twenty-five years something very much like a new Russia, at least so far as outward appearance goes. There will remain as much truth as ever in Napoleon's saying, "Scratch a Russian and you will find a Tartar," but it will not be so easy to do the scratching. The veneering of civilization will be thicker and the inner Tartar more carefully hidden.

Recently a young woman was arrested in New York for driving her automobile too fast. The newspapers describe her as the owner of a million and the heiress of further millions, a magazine editor, playwright, theatrical manager, amateur actress, daring horse-woman and one of the best chauffeurs in America.

The recent municipal election in Baltimore appears to have been satisfactory to neither side, and now alarmists are asking one another, "Is Baltimore trembling on the verge of a political revolution?" There is no answer to the query, but it seems agreed that if the new administration should proceed to investigate things, as was done in St. Louis, there would be occasion for a good deal of trembling on the verge of revelation.

Russian diplomatists are said to be showing some irritation because of the frequency with which they are questioned concerning their intentions in Manchuria. It never seems to occur to them that they might rid themselves of all such annoyances by making up their minds to act as they talk and quiet saying one thing and doing another.

It is an ill wind that blows nobody good, and the Chinese in Chicago are said to be so well pleased over the strike of the laundrymen in that city that they are thinking of passing a vote of thanks to the unions, and burning punk sticks on their behalf before the biggest joss in the city.

By way of posting the country on the proper pronunciation of her name as an American city, the authorities of St. Louis inform the public that it is not to be pronounced Saint Louee, or Looee, nor even Saint Lewis, but "Sint Louiss." So there you are.

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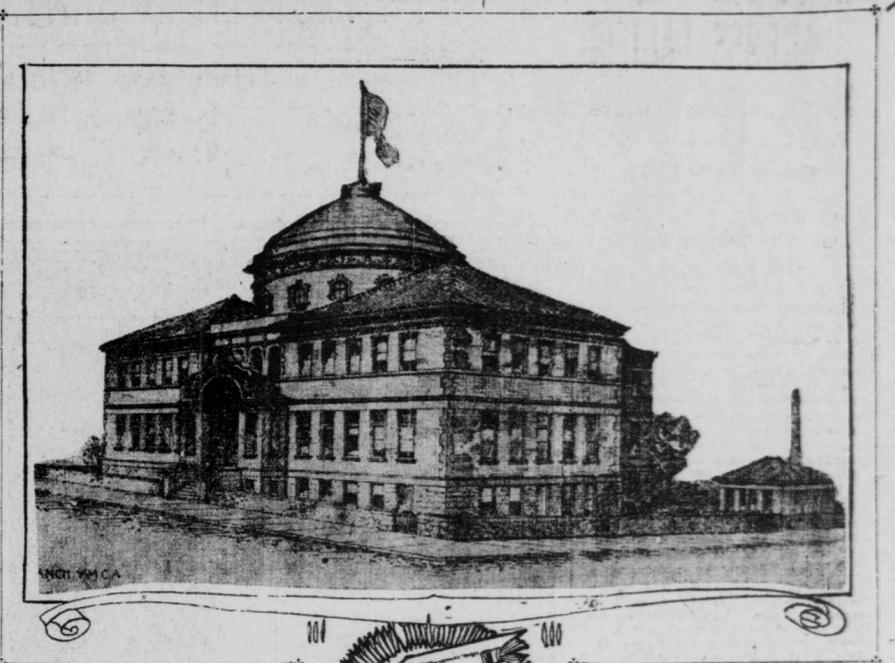
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There has just been organized in the East a syndicate to finance the founding of no less than fifty towns along the line of the Arkansas, Missouri and Kansas Railway. The railroad company will grant the sites and the syndicates will do the rest.

A sociological expert who has been studying the tramp problem says the only cure for the hobo is to set him to work, and now if he will devise some sure means of effecting that object he will deserve a medal.

CLUBHOUSE TO PROVIDE PLEASURE FOR BLEEJACKETS AND MARINES



DELAY DUE TO MISMANAGEMENT IN SHIPYARDS

The Galveston, building at Trigg's yard, Richmond, Va., will probably be turned over to the Norfolk navy yard for completion. The vessel, which was contracted for December 14, 1899, to be completed and delivered at this stage since the beginning of the present year.

There is no navy in which greater attention is paid to the welfare and comforts of officers and crew than that of the United States, and the causes which prompt men to desert is not on account of insufficient or poor food.

A prominent London paper recently suggested that a national challenge be offered to subscribers for by the public and offered for annual competition among gunners in the navy.

Periodical complaints are made in the British press that the dockyards are expensive to create, costly to maintain, and because of faulty administration do not give results commensurate with the outlay.

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SOME ANSWERS TO QUERIES BY CALL READERS

VIOLIN-R. Sonora, Cal. To determine if the violin you have is a genuine Cremona the instrument would have to be submitted to an expert.

CARNEGIE-A. O. S. City. The address of Andrew Carnegie was published in The Call's Department of Answers to Correspondents May 12, 1903.

DOG HOSPITAL-A. M. A. City. If this correspondent will send a addressed and stamped envelope this department will mail the address of a dog hospital. It does not advertise private concerns.

ROOSEVELT-H. M. City. Theodore Roosevelt was a candidate for the office of Mayor of the city of New York in 1888 as an independent and was endorsed by the Republicans, but was defeated in the election.

ROOSEVELT AS A LEGISLATOR-D. B. F. City. Theodore Roosevelt was a member of the Assembly branch of the Legislature of the State of New York in 1882, 1883 and 1884. That was the first public elective office he held.

OLD-TIME MURDER-Subscriber, City. James Dobson, a sporting character, was shot and killed by John Tyler, one of his own ilk, near the Capital saloon on Montgomery street, between Bush and Pine, in the afternoon of July 20, 1870.

ELECTRIC CURRENT-T. R. E. City. The amount of electricity that a person can take for curative purposes depends entirely upon the condition of the individual, and that can be ascertained only after consultation with some one who makes it a practice to administer electricity.

A CHANCE TO SMILE

Mother-"You naughty boy! You've been fighting." Little Son-"No, mother." "How did your clothes get torn and your face get scratched?" "I was trying to keep a bad boy from hurting a good little boy." "That was noble. Who was the good little boy?" "Me."-Pittsburg Bulletin.

"Are you capable of shooting a man down in cold blood?" said the stage hero, taken at a disadvantage, but looking him fearlessly in the eye.

"If I'm not," howled the villain, cocking the property pistol and advancing upon him, "what do you suppose the old man is paying me \$20 a week for?"

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