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WITH almost unflinching periodicity some European statesman or sociologist discovers the "American peril" and loudly calls on all Europe to unite for self-defense.

The Trade in Imaginary "Perils"

ago Count Golochowski, the Austrian premier, had this bee in his bonnet and there was a loud but ineffectual buzzing as a consequence.

The yellow peril is altogether secondary. Our imperial cousin in America is the greater danger. The dollar is bigger and it will annihilate the shilling and the mark unless Europe sets up its Monroe doctrine for Europeans.

In case of a European war America would be tertius gaudens for Europe and Japan for Asia. The cause of this war will not be the recovery of Alsace-Lorraine, but the supremacy of the sea and the world markets.

War in Europe or elsewhere means a portentous waste of capital and consequently of purchasing power. The Boer war crippled England financially for a time and helped materially to bring on the panic of 1907.

THE case of "Typhoid Mary," mentioned in the dispatches printed Sunday, attracts national attention and is, in fact, without precedent in medical history.

"Typhoid Mary's" Unhappy Plight

Erlanger Saturday ruled that the risk of discharging Mary Mallon from the Riverside hospital is too great for the court to assume. It is believed that she harbors typhoid germs in her person and is consequently unsafe to be at large.

The latter condition constitutes the celebrated case of "Typhoid Mary," an honest, sturdy and efficient domestic servant, who has been isolated by the health authorities of the city of New York.

THE necessities, real or supposed, of the lighthouse keeper on Goat island appear to have assumed a more or less national importance and are matter for discussion, not always grave, in Washington.

The Lighthouse Keeper And His Cow

Senator Perkins suggests by way of alternative that if the nation owes a living to the lighthouse keeper's cow he might profitably transfer to Point Arena and provided with a sea cow.

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Senator Aldrich in An Awkward Position

SENATOR ALDRICH finds himself in an awkward position. By astute and unscrupulous trading and combinations he has been able to put through the senate a revision of the tariff which does nothing to relieve the burden on the necessities of life, nothing to help the ultimate consumer, already oppressed by the excessive cost of living.

Of course, people in Washington do not whisper the awful word "veto" even below their breath, but that is what the statement issued by the president means if the president's promises of downward revision are not fulfilled.

It certainly would be a lamentable thing if after four months of consideration by the congress we should fail to pass a bill revising the tariff, and yet, for myself, I can say that I believe that worse things than that might happen.

It is the observation of the anniversary of the adoption of the American flag by congress, June 14, 1777. The date has been observed all over the United States since 1898, at the instance of the American Flag association, organized February 17, of that year.

INAUGURATION—C. Eureka, Cal. Why was the 4th of March chosen as the date on which to inaugurate the president of the United States?

From the days of John Adams, the second president of the country, inaugurated March 4, 1797, that date has been fixed as the day on which the president-elect should take the oath of office.

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Answers to Queries

TIDE AT EUREKA—S. Lincoln, Cal. What is the rise of the high tide at San Francisco and Eureka? Does the tide any effect at any time on the river at Sacramento?

AREA OF THE STATE—P. South Dos Palos, Cal. What is the area of the state of California in square miles and in acres?

FLAG DAY—H. E. N., East Oakland, Cal. What is flag day, and how long has it been observed?

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The Insider

Tells how the noted sun dance of the Ute Indians was photographed by a playwright without molestation until one of the bucks stopped his operations by reflecting the sun's rays into the camera with a mirror

Worker with Camera EDWIN MILTON ROYLE, the New York playwright who came out to San Francisco with the expectation of coaching Florence Roberts and the Alcazar company for the production of "The Struggle Everlasting," told me the other day of an interesting incident that shows how the Indians of the plains are becoming versed in modern tricks.

"While in Utah last week I was fortunate enough to attend a sun dance of the Ute Indians, and I availed myself of the opportunity of photographing the dancers until one buck put an effectual quietus to my activities," said Royle.

"Formerly the Indians would not submit to being photographed, but now they have grown accustomed to the camera. However, they still resent the photographing of their ceremonies. As the forty-six dancers kept up their three day dance in worship of the sun I secured my photographs. I noted that one buck among the spectators grew surlier each time he heard my camera click.

"The sun dance of the Utes is still a wonderful exhibition in which the dancers seem to hypnotize themselves for three days. Some of them are dancing all the time during the three days, but none of them eats anything until the ceremonies are concluded. The dancers are no longer required to pierce their bodies, as was their custom before the white man's civilization was thrust upon them."

Fast Vessel Taken "Come down to the door, captain; there's a bet of \$100 and you are to decide it." In response to this hail Captain Thomas H. Barber, port agent of the bar pilots, went to his front door at 10 o'clock the other night, and was asked:

"Was Tom Hyer ever in San Francisco?" "Yes," replied the captain. "He arrived here in the New World on July 11, 1850. I brought him ashore at Clarks point (Broadway) at 11 o'clock at night. Country McCluskey, another prize fighter, was with him."

The wager was paid without further parley. The incident inclined the seafaring men to talk of the New World and how the famous river boat on the Sacramento happened to come to the bay of San Francisco.

She was a brand new boat in New York, but was under attachment of some kind and in the keeping of a deputy United States marshal. It was represented to the authorities having charge of the vessel that the machinery of the boat would not be serviceable unless it was turned over, hence the owners were allowed to give the craft a spin, the deputy to remain aboard.

At Staten island the owners said to the deputy United States marshal: "You can go ashore here, if you desire, and go back to New York or stay with us and go to California."

The deputy went ashore and the New World came here, coaling at Rio de Janeiro and Valparaiso. At Panama she took on many passengers, among them Tom Hyer and Country McCluskey.

The New World was one of the speediest boats on the Sacramento run and earned money galore for the owners. Other river boats that came to San Francisco through the straits of Magellan were the Confidence, Wilson G. Hunt and the Antelope. The Senator was a sound boat. The Cornelia came out as a three master schooner. The New World was brought out by Captain Ed Weightman.

Orator Puzzled by Address in French Though it is understood that he lays claim to none of the blood of La Belle France, Daniel M. Ryan was one of the principal speakers at the exercises commemorating the fall of the bastille, held at the Auditorium the other evening.

Ryan made a fervid and eloquent address, but on several occasions, notwithstanding the warmth with which his remarks were greeted, the able orator was completely at a loss. These occasions were the few perspiring moments immediately preceding and following his talk.

Ryan confided to me before the exercises began that he did not understand a word of French, but it was noticed that during the progress of the speeches made by Felix Santallier and Consul General Merou, both of which were entirely in French, Ryan applauded rapturously whenever the audience did so.

Finally Santallier arose and presented Ryan in a few well chosen words—French words. The native son stepped up to the rostrum, and here Santallier was seized with a desire to say more, and launched into a speech which lasted several minutes.

"The Merry Widow" "The Merry Widow," they tell me, has struck its note in the heart of Chinatown. Mayo has in his service one of the brightest young Chinese cooks on the coast.

The ticket was bought and sooner than subject the celestial to the usual jokes and witticisms at his expense that might result from a seat in the gallery a place was found for him in the bald headed row.

Next morning a trip to Chinatown was the result and a gorgeous new robe of brilliant hue was purchased, trimmed with yards and yards of Chinese mourning braid. Gayly attired in his garments of festivity Gun attended the evening performance of "The Merry Widow."

"Why, what's the matter, Gun?" asked the captain. "Oh," Gun ejaculated, "you go see 'Merry Widow'! Him fine—hip fine!"

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR—E. H., San Luis Obispo, Cal. How many Christian Endeavorers are there in the world?

STAMPS—Subscriber, City. Please publish a list of persons in San Francisco who deal in stamps.

PATENTS—Subscriber, Oakland, Cal. Where can I obtain a list of persons who deal in patents in San Francisco?

TRACT OF LAND—J. C., City. If a large tract of land, which is community property, is donated to an institution, is the title valid without the signature of the son? (2) Can the heirs of the son recover the father's interest? (3) Where can the records be found if not burned? Not knowing the conditions, an answer can not be given. (2) This question will have to be submitted to an attorney as this department does not give legal advice. (3) If the records were not burned they will probably be found where such are usually kept.

FRENCH REVOLUTION—Subscriber, City. What book or set of books best describe the history of the French revolution? The one who wants to study the history of that revolution, must read many books, among them: Histoire des Girondins, by Lamartine; The Life of Maximilien Robespierre; The Reign of Terror, and many other books along the same lines, the names of which you can obtain in the reference room of the free library in Hayes street, near Franklin.

COUNTIES—C. P. C., Punta Arena, Cal. Where can I obtain a list of all the counties in the different states of the union? Consult a modern atlas and in the descriptive part of each state you will find a list of every county in the particular state.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE SUGGESTION FOR WOMEN Editor Call: We will have thousands of visiting girls in the city during the next few days and all next week. I beg to suggest that every woman in town be urged to wear purple and white ribbons, just to show the Best People on Earth that they are welcome. JOHN A. JORDAN. San Francisco, July 13.