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America Ahead of Europe in Handling of Mail

PARIS, Jan. 18. — From investigation into the operation of the English and Continental railway mail service it may be doubted if Americans have yet realized the advantages of a parcels post or form any adequate idea of the demands that will be made on your mail service. If Americans take hold of the idea as the Europeans have done it will be necessary for the Postoffice Department to not only extend its present facilities and introduce new one wherever possible, but to replace hand labor with automatic machinery wherever conditions permit.

The French authorities are deeply interested in an American automatic system for the exchange of mail between trains running at high speed and the stations. Moving pictures of a demonstration of this system before the American postal officials have been exhibited in Belgium, Germany, Austria Italy and Spain, and France, and will be shown in England and South America.

M. Ma on, chief of the Bureau de Correspondance Internationale says that the French authorities have clung to the old system of exchanging mail by hand, with the train proceeding scarcely faster than a walk, because tests were made with devices heretofore presented have been very unsatisfactory on account of failure to work and destruction of mail. This sounds very much like the catch-arm system of the United States, which has been in operation forty years. Another feature of the French postal system that would operate

against an automatic system of mail exchange is that a receipt is given every time an exchange is made.

In 1898 there were no exclusive mail trains in France; now there are three such trains—Paris to Lyons, Paris to Lille and Paris to Equennes. Comparatively little newspaper mail is carried on these trains. The most important is the Paris to Lyons train which makes but three stops, though it passes through about sixty towns. All international trains de luxe carry mail but give the minor towns the go-by.

The same system is in use in England that has been in effect since 1848, with little improvement or alteration. This is known as the Dickier apparatus, a combination of ropes, chains, posts and bars. There are in Great Britain seventy-three traveling postoffices, composed of 226 especially constructed carriages, 159 of which are fitted with mail catching and delivering apparatus. The number of stations equipped with this device is 245.

There are two exclusive mail trains of ten cars each. These are the "up" and "down" specials. They run between London and Aberdeen, about 400 miles. No passengers are carried and there is only one apparatus carriage to each train.

No attempt is made to deliver newspapers or parcels on these apparatus cars; only first class mail is handled; newspapers and parcels wait for the local trains. No more than four pouches are exchanged, and set from this number.

Bulgar and Turk Owe Much to Americans

CONSTANTINOPE, Jan. 18.—Americans and English together helped Turkish soldiers out of the deathtrap which the indolence and utter stupidity of their officials prepared for them. Chief among the little band of men who began quietly and unobtrusively to work in that appalling shambles which was the cholera camp of San Stefano was Major Ford.

Like most men who do big things, he has a little voice and an unobtrusive manner. One finds him in a corner of the club smoking room with a half dozen junior American attaches and students trying (and failing) to get him to tell the story of those first three ghastly days in the Greek school at San Stefano—days when the utter stupidity of the Turkish officers crowded sick and wounded together into an inferno from which, had there been no foreign help, not a man could have escaped alive. Men lay in heaps about the room, and if they had no strength to crawl to the door where a frightened orderly set a basket of bread sometimes and a pitcher of water less often still, they just died of hunger and thirst.

Kismet and Stupidity.

When a newspaper correspondent asked Major Ford if the Turks simply relied as usual on Allah and declared that if fate willed so the men would die and if fate willed otherwise they would live, so there was no use in

worrying, he answered that he supposed fatalism, as usual, played some part, but he believed that the worst fault was pure stupidity—sheer inability to organize even relief work.

The correspondent remarked that it is reported that when a detachment gets cholera the Turks simply shut sick and wounded up together, knowing the whole lot would be useless for further fighting, and so give them all a chance to die and save transport.

The Major smiled grimly and said: "That would mean isolating whole detachments, and if the Turks ever did as much as that there would be some hope. They have not got as far as that."

To an inquiry how the American arrangements were progressing the Major replied that a part of his work had now been taken over by the British Red Crescent organization at Scutari, Col. Surtees having sent a detachment to San Stefano to open a hospital. He suggested that there was some difficulty at first in getting the Red Cross units to interest themselves actively in the relief of the cholera patients. Of his own work and experiences in the first days the Major appeared unwilling to talk; in fact he did not appear to think that there was anything unusual in the efforts he made to step in where hitherto every regular organization had been wanting.

CHURCH NOTES.

Presbyterian Church
 John B. Stevens, Pastor.
 Morning services at 11, subject, "The Holy Spirit, Today's Counselor and Comforter." Evening service at 7:30, subject, "Why Society Needs the Church and Why the Church Should Commend Itself to Society." Two special numbers of music by chorus of men's voices. Sunday School meets at 12.

Methodist Episcopal.
 R. C. Blackwell, Pastor.
 Services morning and evening at 11 and 7:30 o'clock. Sunday School at 12. Young People's meeting at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting, Thursday evening. Meeting of the Woman's Social Union at Mrs. Sabin's, Friday at 2:30 p. m.

Christian Science
 Christian Science service will be held Sunday at 11 a. m., in the Christian Science hall. Subject, "Life." The public is welcome. Literature and information of Christian Science can be had Wednesday from two until five at the reading room.

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AT THE ORPHEUM.
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 Louise—Sailed Dec 27.
 Norman Sunde—Sailed Jan. 12.
 Volunteer—Out.
 Vesta—Sailed Jan. 9.
 Valkyrie—Out.
 Xanthus—Sailed Dec. 19.
 Waife—Sailed Jan 5.
 White Star—In port.
 Lister—Sailed Dec. 26.
 Olympic—Sailed Dec. 10.
 Dick—At Sitka
 Dolphin—Sailed Jan. 15.
 Halley's—Out.
 Alameda—Out.
 Annie—Sailed Dec. 30.
 Uranus—Out.
 Pollux—In port.
 Cedric—Out.
 Theima—Sailed Jan. 9.
 Alvida—Sailed Dec. 14.
 Comet—Sailed Dec. 21.
 Solkol—Sailed Dec. 30.
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