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Abraham Lincoln.

If Abraham Lincoln had lived until
yesterday he would have been ninety-
five years of age. It is difficult to
realize that a man who seems to have
lived so recently was born so long
ago, and we might say died so long
ago.

The birthday of Lincoln will grow
more and more sacred with the pass-
ing years. That is true of all men
whose birthdays are worthy of re-
membrance and observance and no
American has ever lived, worthier of
a public observance of the day of his
birth. Once the most hated of men
by a large section of his country, there
is perhaps no man produced in this
country whose memory is so generally
revered.

It would be waste of words to speak
of his public services for any school
boy of sufficient age to understand
them who is not familiar with them
should be debarrd from a perusal of
the history of his country. But Lin-
coln's triumph over the most ad-
verse circumstances must be encour-
aging to the youth of the country. He
who had grown up in a drifting and
almost illiterate, shiftless society, who
had no education save that which he
had been able to pick up in hours not
devoted to bread-winning, who had
been for years a mere country lawyer
with a narrow horizon, directed a
foreign policy of dignity, strength and
honesty. Lincoln came out of rough,
shiftless poverty stricken stock, but
through inexplicable gifts he wielded
in a democracy and with the full con-
sent of the people, a power as great as
that of the czar.

Lincoln's most marked characteris-
tic was the accuracy with which he
understood the American people. He
was wholly honest; he thought fairly
and never as a bigoted partisan. He
conquered by the power of truth. This
love for truth, his infinite patience and
his hard thinking seem to have guided
him unerringly in every great problem
he had to solve.

The Turk's Opportunity.

The engagement of Russia in the far
east affords Turkey an opportunity to
evade a duty and break a promise
made under compulsion—that of carry-
ing out the Macedonian reform plan
forced upon her by Russia and Aus-
tria.

The status is naively put by the dis-
patches from Vienna. "In the present
situation of affairs in the far east the
Porte considers it unnecessary to bur-
den itself with the carrying out of the
principal measures of the plan of re-
form, etc." That is something that
would hardly be said of any other na-
tion in similar circumstances, but the
neglect of the sultan to perform a ser-
ious obligation at this time is some-
thing to be naturally expected.

The outlook for a bloody season in
the Balkans is, therefore, most prom-
ising. While the whole world is inter-
ested in a betterment of conditions in
the Balkans there are only two nations
to whom it is of great political inter-
est, Russia and Austria. Of all the na-
tions of the world there is only one of
whom Turkey is in so much fear that
she would undertake to do something
which she does not wish to do, and
that one is too busily employed with
more important matters just now to
insist that Turkey shall carry out a
solemn promise which brought about a
cessation of the recent troubles in the
Balkans.

In those troubles Bulgaria held itself
aloof as a government, but it could not
entirely restrain the sympathy of its
people. Now that Turkey finds her-
self with a free hand it may reasonably
be expected that there will be another
outbreak which will make the previous
troubles seem of little importance.

The want of morality of Turkey in
this case offers another reason for the
removal of that country from the map.

The Missouri mule is wondering what
part he will have to play in the strug-
gle between Russia and Japan.

Senator Burton, of Kansas, announ-
ces that he is serving his last term.
Not if the St. Louis grand jury can
have its way.

As we pointed out at the beginning
of the war, there has been confusion in
the transmission of news. The war is
considerably less than a week old, yet
there have been reports of enough en-
gagements to have occupied the con-
tending forces night and day without
any intermission. All this news has

now been bled down into descriptions
of two fights

The Link last night contained a head
line, "Dog Gets Coffee Pot on the
Brain." We have known men and
newspapers to have things bigger and
more unlikely than coffee pots on the
brain.

CURRENT COMMENT

SOME USES OF WEALTH.

Mr. Whitney's fortune, estimated at
\$25,000,000, might perhaps have been
twice as large had he followed the
practice of many men of great wealth
of accumulating money for its own
sake. In his wise estimate he regard-
ed riches not as an end to themselves
but as a medium of exchange for pos-
sessions of greater value.

He lived lavishly. He spent a small
fortune each year in entertaining his
friends. He bought art treasures, built
mansions, maintained country estates,
kept a racing stable, and in general,
from the safety deposit millionaire's
point of view, put his money to ex-
travagant and unproductive uses. His
wealth was never hid away in a strong
box awaiting a stringency in the
market to be loaned out at usurious
interest.

He endowed no libraries and built
no hospitals. Yet his abundant dis-
tribution of riches was in effect a form
of philanthropy which found its way
into the stable-boy's home, helped the
struggling artist, encouraged many
business activities and eked out mul-
titudes of small incomes. From such a
source of supply a fructifying stream
of wealth goes out into the industrial
world the abrupt cessation of which
would be felt as a serious loss.

In the multitude of millionaires whose
chief ambition seems to be to see how
big a pile of dollars they can heap up
there is surely room for here and there
one who acts on his belief that the
best use of superfluous money is to
spend it with discriminating prodigality
for his own enjoyment, for the
pleasure of his friends and the benefit
of his fellow men.—New York World.

RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE.

One of the most dangerous positions
which one can hold in the public ser-
vice is that of a railway mail clerk.
The possibilities of losing life or limb
are greater in this employment even
than in the army or the navy. In the
last fiscal year eighteen mail clerks
were killed, seventy-eight were seri-
ously injured and 385 were slightly
injured. The total number of casual-
ties, counting every accident which oc-
curred, was 1,337. There was not a
month, hardly a day during that time
in which there was not a wreck on a
mail-carrying train.

This chronicle of casualties has in-
terested, however, to the extent that
provision has been made in the last
two annual appropriations for the
payment of \$1,000 to the legal repre-
sentatives of every clerk killed in the
line of duty. No objection has been
raised to this benevolent attitude of
the government. The postmaster gen-
eral, however, recommends that the
donation in case of death should be
limited strictly to the dependent relatives
of the deceased clerk. The words
"legal representatives" are too broad a
term and allow distant relatives
who perhaps are not acquainted with
the clerk to become his beneficiaries.
The number of the clerks employed
and the risk they run in the service
call for a generous but also cautious
and impartial treatment by the gov-
ernment. More privileges and advan-
tages cannot fairly be given to one
class of public servants than to another,
risks and hardships considered, but
it certainly ought to be the duty of the
government to investigate the causes
of the dangers which railway mail
clerks are subjected to, and to do
whatever may be possible and proper
to remove them. There are 10,555 em-
ployees in the railway mail service.
They handle an average of 27,300 miles
of railroads and electric and steamboat
lines; and last year they covered in
their tours of duty 344,892,127 miles.
Their work was heavy. They handled
8,654,147,650 pieces of first class matter,
7,345,654,950 pieces of second, third
and fourth class matter, and 29,897,962
packages, cases and sacks of registered
matter. Of the enormous amount of
mail, only 1,387,664 errors in distribu-
tion were charged against the railway
postal clerks.—Kansas City Journal.

OILING WESTERN RAILROADS.

People who have suffered from the
alkali dust in traveling through south-
ern Arizona, New Mexico and Texas
find the old plague has practically
disappeared. This has been accom-
plished by sprinkling the track with
oil. The principal reason why the oil-
ing of the roads have proved more suc-
cessful in the west than in the east is
that the California oil has less odor,
is much less volatile, and contains a
larger amount of asphalt than the
Pennsylvania oil, and therefore forms
a more perfect crust of asphalt and
sand. When this work was first taken
up three years ago, many difficulties
were experienced in handling the thick,
sticky, crude oil, but at present it is
possible to distribute it the full width
of the ballast on the roadway and, that,
too, while running at the rate of about
ten miles an hour. From four to six
thousand gallons of oil are used to the
mile. It has been found necessary to
allow the first application of oil with
subsequent sprinklings from six
months to a year and a half, depending
upon the amount of rainfall and the
character of the ballast. In sandy re-
gions the oiling must be repeated after
any extensive working on the track
which breaks the gummy crust.—New
York Commercial.

ANOTHER SORT OF WAR.

While Japan and Russia are grow-
ing and snarling over Korea and Man-
churia the Central European Econom-
ic alliance, with headquarters at Ber-
lin, is preparing to wage war against
the products of the United States
unless they are kept out of Germany.
No less a personage than the Duke of
Schleswig-Holstein, has been elected to
the presidency of the alliance, and its
latest meeting showed representatives
from the kingdoms and Dukedoms
making up the German empire and
from Belgium, Holland and the Scan-
dinavian countries. Noticeable among
the countries, not represented are

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France, England, Switzerland, Italy
and Spain, the first and the last named
officially declining to take part in the
proceedings.

The alliance is confronted with a
most serious difficulty at the very out-
set, with several difficulties, in fact.
Before the ability to wage a successful
war against the products of the United
States can be maintained, the coun-
tries represented in the alliance must
be able themselves to produce goods
of the character, the quality and the
cheapness of the American product.
Mere sentiment will not work to the
exclusion of the American product.
When the German or the Scandinavian,
or the Belgian or the Dutch merchant
goes into the market for the goods and
wares suitable to his trade he is just
as devoid of sentiment as the merchant
of any nation on the globe. Not all the
appeals of the Economic alliance can
make him otherwise, not take from
him the mercantile instinct to buy of
the best and of the cheapest, and of the
most suited to his trade.

The protection of European produc-
ers, the avowed object of the alliance,
is all right and eminently patriotic,
but neither right nor patriotism will
convince the European merchant that
he is doing right by himself or by his
customers in rejecting the American
locomotive, the American harvester,
the American hog, or the cotton of
America, simply because it is Ameri-
can. He will demand a better reason.
When the value of the European prod-
uct equals the value of the American
product sentiment may cut a figure,
but not until then.—Cincinnati Com-
mercial.

ROYAL ENGLISH PHYSICIANS.

King Edward of England is a fellow
of the Royal College of Physicians,
also of the Royal College of Surgeons,
having studied medicine and surgery
a good deal while Prince of Wales.
Two of his predecessors on the English
throne, Henry VIII. and Charles I.
were also physicians. Frode says that
"Bluff King Hal" was one of the
best doctors of his time, an assertion
which is not perhaps entitled to over-
much consideration, but the first
Charles was really an intelligent and
helpful patron of the healing art.

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Burnett Young Tiffany, who is suing
to get his full share of the Tiffany
estate on the ground that he cannot
live on the income now allowed him,
itemized his annual expenses as fol-
lows: Rent, \$1,500; three servants and
a man, \$1,600; insurance, \$150; car-
riage, \$3,000; clothing, \$13,000; table
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Johnny—"No, it wasn't, mamma. I
heard it."—Chicago Tribune.

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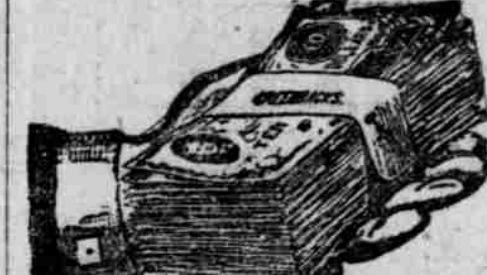
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