

Loup City Northwestern

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This is the open season for ministers in Bulgaria.

It would seem that Patti's other visits were merely au-revoir tours.

Living is high in New York. Even a dog ate \$100 for luncheon the other day.

At this season of the year no boy needs to be told that swimming is a healthful exercise.

A Minneapolis hospital offers to treat a man free. Huh; most any candidate will do that.

The remodeled White House contains thirty-two miles of wire—and several people to pull it.

They are busy in New York just now counting the geese that "Get-Rich-Quick" Goslin plucked.

Bulgaria should join hands with Japan and divide the expenses of the enthusiastic search for trouble.

Any reasonable man will admit that there are two sides to every question—his side and the wrong side.

Mr. Whistler is no more and the gentle art of making enemies is relegated exclusively to our reformers in politics.

What worries the sultan is not that his treasury is empty, but that he has reached the end of his ability to go into debt.

American warships in European waters have been winning peace victories that are no less valuable than those of war.

People who can't get along without borrowing trouble might save wear and tear on their nerves by moving to Paterson, N. J.

Prosperity—among the politicians—is beyond question. The diamond importation has increased 50 per cent during the last year.

It is said that Indians have acquired the divorce habit. Perhaps the real truth is that some of the squaws have decided to strike.

The peek-a-boo shirtwaist may shock us, but it has one great advantage, the dear girl who wears it attracts all the mosquitoes.

The latest bulletin from Jim Corbett's camp proves conclusively that when his "new blow" has been tried out, Jeffries will again be a boiler maker.

Anthraxite coal fields have been discovered in Colorado equal in extent to those of Pennsylvania. The Mississippi valley will now be between two fires.

When an old-fashioned mother wants to say in a back-handed way that her boy is good at school, she says that he likes all his teachers.—Aitchison Globe.

It is hoped that the Fourth-of-July victims have nearly all been accounted for. The automobile accidents continue, however, to be reported in gradually increasing numbers.

Mrs. Corbett has dreamed that her husband will knock out Jeffries in the thirteenth round. But if she wanted to be convincing, why couldn't she make it some other round?

A New York corporation, of which the stock is said to have been "all water," has been declared bankrupt. The company's floating debt did not keep the directors in the swim.

Peace once more reigns in the educational world since the president of the State university of Vermillion, S. D., has been exonerated from the charge of drinking beer and smoking cigars.

Prince Botjjar of Paris calls the Serbian affair an "operetta." Well, it depends, Prince. If you had been playing the star part doubtless it would have seemed a little nearer the legitimate.

Dr. Stiles claims that in some cases the "laziness disease" has been fatal. The only case just now recalled is that of the man who was too tired to get off the track when the train came along.

England complains that we have seized some of her islands. But we have not. It is merely an exchange we gave her William Waldorf Astor, and surely he is worth more than any little bunch of islands.

Jacob Jung and Marie Mosser, aged 37 and 63 respectively, kissed each other in Lincoln park, Chicago, recently, and were promptly arrested. Poor young things! How can Chicago tolerate policemen with no tender sentiments in their souls?

When the theosophist lady and gentleman who stood up before their friends the other day and said they were married want to call it off they will find it necessary to go through a few additional formalities. The law is queer about some of these things.

WHERE THE WORLD'S FINEST SHIPS OF WAR MAY MEASURE THEIR STRENGTH

More ships of war are now watching each other in Chinese waters than were ever assembled before on the Asiatic coast in the history of the world...

In the threatened naval war China, whose very existence as a nation is at stake, can take no part. The naval power of China was blown from the face of the waters by the Japanese guns at the battle of the Yalu river...

It will be seen by a glance at the accompanying illustration that the allied fleets are superior to the Asiatic fleet of Russia in every respect. To get ships from the Baltic Russia would, if war were declared, have to run the gauntlet of England's great Channel squadron...

France, but it does not go so far as that. France does not want a war with England just now and, in fact, is trying to be especially friendly with her.

If war comes it will in all human probability be confined entirely to the East. A British fleet will sail into the Baltic and blockade Cronstadt just as it did in the Crimean war.



other of the Russian Baltic ports may be bombarded and blockaded, but in Western Europe it will be just a case of belligerent nations sitting down opposite to each other and making faces while the real contest is being fought out in Asia and in Asian waters.

The voice of Japan is for immediate war. The struggle with Russia is to the Japanese the "irrepressible conflict." It is an axiom of Japan's policy that Korea must be either under Japanese influence or Japanese, and

ippines. But in spite of all combinations, the land forces of the allies would, in the beginning at any rate, be greatly outnumbered by the Russians. Still, how the Russian troops would stand the shock of actual war is a question.

The Yalu river, where the Russians are concentrating troops, forms the boundary line between China and Korea. A concentration of troops on the banks of the Yalu looks like an intended invasion of Korea, and in case of war the Russians might make that kingdom the battlefield.

The Russian navy is an untried factor. How her sailors would show up in actual war nobody knows; not even they themselves. It is a navy without history and without tradition.

The Gulf of Pe-Chi-Li, where the fleets are now assembled is an oval body of water about as big as Lake Erie. For the most part it is shallow.

HOW PEARLS ARE MADE. Their Humility of Origin is Similar To Diamonds.

As in the case of the diamond, which is only crystallized carbon or black-lead, pearls exhibit a humility of origin which stands out in striking contrast to their intrinsic worth.



all, in case of war, Russia will need all the ships on her Baltic coast which she now has there. Russia's Black sea fleet would be locked up in that body of water if Turkey stuck by her treaty and prevented the passage of the Bosphorus and Dardanelles, as in all probability she would.

The information possessed by Japan relating to the strength and disposition of Russian fleets and troops in the Pacific and on Asian soil is most thorough and extensive. She has been carefully collecting this information by a small army of spies in preparation for just such a contingency as the present.

Russia has only one well-equipped naval station on the coast, that of Vladivostok, but Port Arthur is a strongly fortified port in which her fleet might take refuge, and of late she has been storing naval supplies there and starting the equipment of a dock-yard.

France has in the disturbed waters a fleet consisting of two battleships, three armored cruisers, twelve gunboats and seven torpedo boats.

Russia is threatening Korea. The same action on the part of China made Japan go to war with her.

Russia plays transparently fast and loose, throwing the blame for her acts first on one minister and then on another, ready to disavow any or all acts of her agents, but never refraining from profiting by them, and all the time strengthening her position in Manchuria—doing it every day, while fleets and armies are assembling.

As to the land forces which will be involved in case of war, nobody knows how many troops Russia has in Manchuria. It is claimed her facilities for transportation are so great that more than 1,000,000 men could be rushed into Manchuria within three weeks.



under European drill masters. Japan has an army of 100,000 men ready to throw into Korea or to land in Manchuria. England and the United States could draw smaller bodies of troops from Hong Kong and the Phil-

Formerly it was regarded as a common occurrence that the pearl owed its origin to the presence under the "mantle" of the oyster (the skin which envelops the animal and lines the shell) of some concretion in the shape of a minute grain of sand.

As corrected. The Parson—You wouldn't be so poor, 'nomas, were it not for the fact that you are intoxicated half the time.

Thomas—Thash (sic) not it, parthom. I'm (hic) 'tox'cated half 'th' time, cause I'm (hic) so poor. Shee?"

A FLOAT FOR 350 YEARS.

Ship Anita Retired After Long Record of Slowness.

What ship in the world can boast such a record as the Anita, which has just been sold to be broken up? She was registered at the port of Genoa, and has been afloat almost since the days of Columbus.

She was built in Genoa in 1548, and her last voyage has not long been over. It was from Naples to Tenerife.

It is true she was 205 days on one voyage from Baltimore to Rio de Janeiro, but what is that to a ship which has weathered such countless storms and tornadoes in all parts of the world?

The sturdy old vessel has been engaged in the carrying trade between Spain and the United States. Of course she has been repaired frequently during the many long years of her life, but still her original style has been preserved, and she still exhibits her high bow and stern and lavish carvings of oak.

The schooner Raven of Beumaris is a famous old vessel. She has been engaged in the coasting trade during the reigns of five British monarchs. In fact, her age is 114 years; but the old ship has been taken to Carnarvon harbor to be broken up.

A fine old warship is the old 70-gun frigate Anne. She was crippled and run ashore off Dungeness in Admiral Torrington's battle with the French fleet in 1690. For a full 200 years she has been embedded in the sands there.

She has become visible once more, for the hulk now shows plainly at low tides close in to the shore. Expeditions are being organized to raise some of her old brass guns.

A still older warship is a Spaniard which has been discovered lately under 200 feet of water off Messina. From this vessel six guns have been recovered, including two guns seven feet long.

These bear the date 1662 under the royal escutcheon of Spain—which makes it pretty certain that she was sunk in some naval engagement in the seventeenth century.—Stray Stories.

MADE A DANCING JOURNEY.

Remarkable Feat Performed by Old-Time English Actor.

William Kemp, an English comic actor who flourished during the last years of Queen Elizabeth, and who belonged to the same company as Shakespeare, and "created" Dogberry, danced from London to Norwich, a distance of 114 miles. He was accompanied by a servant, an umpire and a man with a tabor and pipe.

Several tried to dance with him, but none could rival his pace; the most successful were women. Although delayed by a snowstorm, he did it in nine days, and on the way accepted a challenge or two, each time coming off best, except when a Chelmsford maiden of 14 danced till he was "ready to lie down." On his return he wrote an account of it, which ends with a warning to those with whom he had made wagers that if they did not pay up he would publish their names.

Lament of the Lay Brother.

Iona, O Iona! My days go sad and slow. For 'mid your island meadows I hear no cattle low.

Iona, O Iona! My mates are glad of cheer, But I, the Kerry peasant, Dwell sad and lonely here.

Iona, O Iona! The Saint sleeps well, I trow. Nor dreams that one poor brother's Heartbroke to be a herdsboy And watch the cattle feed, And call the cattle homeward Across the darkening mead.

Iona, O Iona! All summer swallows stay About your towers; the seagulls To Ireland take their way, And would, I cry with weeping, The seagulls' road were mine, To hear and see the lowering, The kind eyes of the kine!

Cunning Rats.

The achievements of the rat would be incredible if they were not established on authority beyond dispute. A rat has been seen, for example, to mount a table and upset a box of figs on to the floor for the benefit of twenty waiting rats; and the stopper in a flask of oil has been removed by rats which then dipped their long tails into the bottle until it was dry.

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The August Century.

The August Century will contain the opening chapters of the Hon. Andrew D. White's "Chapters from My Diplomatic Life," dealing with the minister's first mission to Germany, 1879-1881. The ambassador found in those two years that his duties and pleasures gave him experiencesounding almost almost every note from the sublime to the ridiculous, and brought him into close touch not only with such personages as President Hayes, Secretary Evarts, Beaconsfield, Browning, and the Emperors William I, Frederick and William II, but with all kinds of Americans in all kinds of predicaments.

Patti's Real Name.

On her forthcoming tour—the last and final—Madame Patti might use her right and full name, with which Americans are entirely unfamiliar. She was baptized Adele Juana Maria Clotilde Patti. Most of us know her simply as Patti, and a few of us as the Marquise de Caix, Signora Nicolini and Baroness Cederstrom.

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A Crippled Explorer.

Paul Fountain, author of "The Great Mountains of South America," a wonderful book of travel and explorations, has been a cripple from his birth. Yet, as his work shows, he is an intrepid rambler among strange lands and peoples, and no hint of his infirmity reaches his readers through his pages.

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No matter how much a girl fights against a man who tries to kiss her, she can always forgive him for wanting to.—New York Press.

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