

CAR SHORTAGE EXPECTED.

Railroad men are repeating their warning of last year to northwestern dealers and consumers to place their orders for coal as early as possible in order to safeguard themselves against delays incident to a congestion of traffic, with incidental shortness in the car supply. They had reason for their warning of last year, despite the fact that business for months previous had been discouragingly light, but this year they have what amounts to almost assurance of difficulty ahead in the fact that traffic in all departments of the carrying business is increasing rapidly. There are 260,000 idle cars in the United States, Canada and Mexico at the present time, but orders for rolling stock are compelling the utilization of these cars so rapidly that managers are becoming nervous in regard to the coal trade. Indications point to an exceptionally heavy movement in grain during the months in which delayed orders for fuel must be filled in order to obviate suffering during the first cold weather of winter, and those who wish to avoid anxiety and trouble are advised to place their orders as soon as possible.

Paul Morton's plan of keeping money in the country by levying an export tax on American heiresses who marry foreigners and go abroad is based on patriotic feeling, but the notion is not new—in fact it was embodied in a bill introduced in the recent congress by Representative Sabath of Illinois. Mr. Morton is not alone in thinking it a pity that Americans should fall down and worship titles. When his rage is excited by the spectacle of a splendid American girl with a rich father throwing herself away upon a decadent sprig of European aristocracy, he is in the same state as thousands of other free Americans witnessing the same sorry spectacle, says the Milwaukee Wisconsin. If a practical remedy for the evil can be found it will be widely welcomed—but more especially if it be not inconsistent with the fine old American principle of individual liberty.

It is a graceful act on the part of the British government to order an entire squadron of cruisers to this country to take part in the Hudson-Fulton celebration this fall. The affair will be distinctly American. Nevertheless it will have significance for the entire world. The discovery of the Hudson led ultimately to the development of a region that has become one of the most important on the globe, and Fulton's experiment marked the beginning of the era of steam navigation, of which the mighty navy of Great Britain, part of which will be present at the commemoration, is an outgrowth. Ships of other nations also will be on hand, and one of the greatest features of the pageantry will be the display of steam vessels indicating the growth in that direction since the Clermont made her epochal trip.

The test of Hiram Percy Maxim's noiseless cannon of large bore is to be made at Hartford, Conn., where he is at the present time. In October he will go to Europe for the purpose of demonstrating his invention. Mr. Maxim's patents for noiseless weapons protect him in Japan as well as in the countries of Europe. Invention of death dealing devices, however, continues active there as well as here. From Berlin comes reports of the application of principles of wireless telegraphy to the setting off of mines. An electric wave, transmitted from the operating point, produces a spark in the apparatus connected with the mine. Both army and electrical experts declare that the invention will revolutionize modern warfare.

The government bulletin reports the average condition of cotton at 63.7 per cent of normal, and on this basis the total output will be about 10,250,000 bales, whereas the yield last year was 13,800,000 bales. The world's consumption of cotton is placed at 13,500,000 bales annually. These figures convey their own comment as to how closely the supply will approximate the demand. Certainly there seems to be no need of restricting cotton growing next year in order to avert the accumulation of an embarrassing surplus.

The Flusser is a flyer. The Flusser is a little torpedo boat just built for Uncle Sam's navy, and in the standardization trial made 33.7 knots an hour, which is three knots better than any other American warship has done. The Flusser must be about as speedy as the torpedoes themselves.

The reported uprising of the Seminole Indians is proved baseless. The "Seminole Defiance" remains as a fact merely between the covers of the popular readers and recitation manuals.

WHO ARE THE WORLD'S REAL QUEENS?

"Has any queen a greater chance to make her individuality felt than we, each in her home?"

Mrs. Edith McCormick, daughter of John D. Rockefeller, in the pride of motherhood, put the question in a recent expression of her opinion as to the dignity of motherhood and the often-quoted sacrifice maternity entails.

With it she touched nearly upon another question, and one which has done as much in the swaying of the empires as all the statesmen and politicians of the past have been able to accomplish with the prestige of monarchs and the force of mighty armies:

Who are the real queens of the world? Does it, indeed, lie, in any power, except those of birth and prerogative, to invest a woman with the essential attributes of a queen, omitting only the title and the crown?

THERE is much to be said for the contention of the daughter of the world's most famous millionaire, that every worthy mother is a queen among women—every thing, except this: That she isn't.

For to be a queen, a woman must rule, by whatever means she can command, over a whole people, not over a family or a few individuals merely; and over her people her sway must endure undisputed.

Such pre-eminence and such rule, while it does eliminate the simple matriarch, remains far from debarring from admission many a woman who can never wear a crown. And it does shut out not a few who wear crowns to-day.

For there are queens who are obvious nonentities on their august thrones, even as there are untitled women whose sway is as potent, and as broad, as that ever wielded by the most tyrannous of kings over the most subservient of peoples.

In the first group appear a number of the reigning majesties of the present, foremost among them the queen of the most stable kingdom and the empress of the most extensive empire the world now knows and in all its history has contained—Alexandra of Great Britain.

In Praise of Alexandra.

She is famed for every attribute of beautiful and admirable motherhood; she comes of the most widely enthroned royal race; she is all that is lovely and excellent and gracious.

Yet her power, her real power, as a ruler remains practically nil. Her husband, after a career which British loyalty, reminiscent of his princeliness of Wales, finds it impossible to forget, and under a constitutional era that ties such monarchs to the innocuousness of automata, has proved himself a king in the full reality of the cunning and ability in which Carlyle discovered the origin and significance of the title.

It is a strange anomaly; a son, succeeding a mother whose dominant spirit kept his gray beard almost a mockery of his destiny to power, and

with which a consort like Alexandra hears the flattering title "queen."

Far worse the case of the czarina of Russia, whose whole existence is one series of terrors for the safety of her husband and her children; and no more queenly, although much happier, is the station of the empress of Germany, relegated practically to the office of hausfrau, a basis on which every other German wife and mother is fully her equal.

These are the three most mighty thrones in the world to-day, and these the women who are, in reality, least among queens. For the real queens, enthroned in the possession of real power, the quest must turn to the fester kingdoms, where the head that wears the crown need but nod to compel obedience.

Such a real queen is Wilhelmina of Holland, the only woman living to-day whose maternity earns her the royal rank Mrs. McCormick has so futilely claimed for all her lovely sex. Upon the ability for motherhood in Wilhelmina, the Dutch realized, their national existence depended; and to her they give, with the acclaim of rejoicing independence, the staunch loyalty which implies all the power a modern queen can covet.

Portugal's Unfortunate Queen.

So, too, does little Portugal own a queen, Amelie, whose courage crowned, amid the tragedy that made her dowager queen, the force of character with which she long combated the weaknesses of her husband, Carlos, Portugal, for all its ferocious socialist plotters, realizes that it has a genuine queen; amid its sullen growth it whimpers under her remnants of power. And Italy, after a period of distrust, accepted Queen Helena amid the chaos she so devotedly faced in the ruins of Messina.

But there ends the brief listing of the real queens whose crowns are more than gowaws; for the greatest, most genuine of them all, the modern Semiramis of power, who made all plotting China bend before her will and wielded the scepter of her irresistible might while she gasped in the agonies of death, has vanished, with

millions of Hetty Green as she sits in her decent black dress in her modest office in the Chemical National bank.

The Real Monarchs.

Every statesman in Europe, and every monarch confesses that the actual kings, with power to make and forbid wars, are the Rothschilds, whose immense wealth controls the treasuries that are war's vital sinews. If, by some unbelievable turn of fate—such a one, for instance, as befell Samson of old—Hetty Green were moved to abandon all her alliances, call all her loans, and try her strength, just once, the whole United States would feel that a giant's strength was shaking the pillars of its finance.

No queen, that silent old woman who was once New England's toasted belle; but no queen, except her contemporary in distant China, has, in the century past and present, so made men bend before her in tribute to her rule.

While riches are power—and the power most sensibly felt abroad as well as here—they do not afford the sole domain that is open to the leaders of mankind. Both the intellect and the emotions serve as foundations for allegiance often more staunch and more extensive than can be won by the anointed queens.

Disraeli's Course.

If, before a jury expert in weighing of evidence, the relative powers, of

throned queens, and history has glamoured them with romance in every tint with which it limns their careers. Duse, for the sake of one treacherous devotee, neglected her audiences and dragged her sublime talents into the oblivion of his dull stagecraft. She survives to-day, a possibility of the future, but, for the present, a queen in abdication who gave her all for love.

The Regal Melba.

The irresistible sway over the emotions, which constitutes on the stage a more potent royal power than all but a few of those who wear the crown can exercise, extends to music. Every age brings its queen of song, some wondrously gifted creature on whose parted lips the thousands hang entranced. Like the actress, no origin is too low, no birthplace too distant, to keep her from destiny.

Australia gave to the world the regal Melba; but multitudes the world over have testified to her power over the senses and the emotions of the peoples.

With the one exception of Wilhelmina of Holland in which her people's gratitude for their rescued independence remains still warm, there lives probably not a queen whose passing from her throne would so move to anxiety or mourning the very subjects who protest allegiance as would the loss of one of the uncrowned queens of this modern day.

That is because this modern day ac-



practical efficiency, pertaining to Queen Alexandra and Mrs. Humphry Ward could be submitted for trial, nothing but the notorious lip loyalty of the Englishman could give the verdict in favor of the reigning queen.

With Victoria, of course, the dispute would have been too unequal, for she was an imperious young lady and old lady; and all the literary lights of her era—except, perhaps, Thackeray—fall to show so pronounced an impression as she made on the manners and morals of her times, while India became her empire because Disraeli, as her prime minister, comprehended how much she longed for the title, albeit Great Britain already enjoyed the substance. Yet that very title, manufactured from thin air to add another crown, has in the end served to rivet the chains of ownership upon half a continent in Asia.

But, as things go soberly at present, the odds of power all lie with the woman novelist, whose influence all England admits freely.

As things go, too, in France, the drama gives to the world another queen, whose dominance no one dares deny. Sara Bernhardt can still lay her slender hands upon the inmost souls of men and hale them forth until their owners are her humble slaves—and this by no wiles of beauty and no ravishment of form.

Her Position Won.

She won her distinguished position through such mazes of rivalries and cabals as few queens, excepting those of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, have encountered—deeply laid schemes of astute schemers, whose hatreds did not flinch at the most detestable attacks. She has endured, and is now more prized by her republican compatriots than are the queens of Europe by their nominally loyal subjects.

Italy has its stage queen as well as France, a woman whose whole life has been a romance, her rise to greatness having been marked by as impressive a discrepancy as that which attended the beggar maid whom King Cophetua loved.

Until the titular queen of Italy boldly conquered the affections of her subjects by braving death and sustaining injury after the terrible Sicilian earthquake, there was small doubt as to the woman to whom the bulk of Italy's allegiance was passionately given, and that in spite of the equally passionate manner in which the famous actress, Duse, had for some years been repelling her compatriots' devotion for the sake of her affection for the ingrate d'Annunzio.

It is rarely, very rarely, that the stage queen enjoys, like Bernhardt, a life tenure of office. Usually her subjects fall away with the decadence of her beauty. But sometimes, among the charming dolls of the theater, there appears the woman of genius, like Bernhardt and Duse, the inspiration of whose divine flame compels loyalty to the last. That has been the endowment of some few of the ep-

cepts its kings very much on tolerance, its queens only as inevitable attachments, and its real leaders in thought and art as rare possessions it cannot afford to lose.

What Austria Celebrates.

Every nation in the civilized world apparently can find in the record of 1809 something to "centennialize" this year. Even Austria, which in 1809 underwent terrible humiliation at the hands of Napoleon, is no exception, for if its regular armies were defeated, its irregular patriots, the Tyrolese under Andreas Hofer, won such victories over the Franco-Bavarians that it was only diplomacy that ruined them. The Tyrolese, who had in 1805 been made Bavarians against their will, endeavored, on the renewal of the war between France and Austria four years later, to rejoin their country to Austria. Even after Austria had been compelled to yield they kept on fighting. Under the leadership of Hofer and his associates, who had had no other experience in war than what fell to their lot as militia officers, they inflicted crushing defeats on French marshals and were finally overcome only by force of numbers. Hofer, who was captured, was shot by Napoleon's order after a perfunctory trial. His name is still great in Tyrolese song and story and history justifies its greatness. The events of 1809 are being commemorated at Innesbruck this week in the presence of Franz Joseph.

Work to Suppress White Plague.

During the year ending September 31, 1909, 37 out of 40 legislatures in session considered measures relating to tuberculosis. The enormous sum of nearly \$3,500,000 was appropriated for the suppression of the white plague. Fifty-six laws pertaining to the prevention of consumption were passed. Eight new state sanatoria were provided for; six states passed laws permitting the erection of county tuberculosis hospitals, and eight states adopted laws requiring the careful reporting and registration of tuberculosis. In addition to these provisions made by the various states, the federal government granted nearly \$1,000,000 for the maintenance of its tuberculosis hospitals in Fort Bayard and Fort Stanton, N. M., and Las Animas, Cal.

Saw Husband's Apparition.

A remarkable case attributed to telepathy is reported from Capua, Italy. A woman woke up one night recently in a state of delirium. Calling together her friends and neighbors she told them that she had just seen an apparition of her husband, who for two years past had been absent in New York. He appeared to her to be lying in a hospital with one hand covering his breast, and he told her that he had been gravely wounded. The day after she received a cablegram from America informing her that her husband was dying, having been stabbed by an emissary of the Black Hand.

SWEETLY PUT.



Myrtle—And you never tire of pushing my board walk chair?

Jerome—No, indeed. On the contrary, I feel like I am carrying everything before me.

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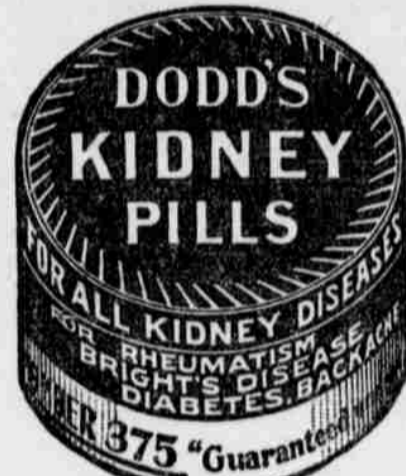
Mars the Next Field.

There are many who will part from the north pole with regret. All their lives it has seemed the one unconquerable salient of nature's fortress, the very synonym of the impossible goal of human endeavor. With the pole itself succumbing, the world is no longer the same, and everything seems within the realm of mortal achievement. We must now think of talking with Mars with more respect. The professor's mirrors may prove any day a reality.

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