

The Vanderbilt family now possesses the snug little sum of \$274,000,000 and an annual income of \$13,854,000. It is estimated that in 25 years this sum will have rolled up to \$1,000,000,000.

The storm of last Saturday evening did a great deal of damage in the United States. At Long Branch the sea cut thirty feet into Ocean Avenue in front of the Howland Hotel. The railway track at Highland Beach was torn up for nearly a mile. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

Count Aawe, Marquis Malda, and three under officials arrived in New York recently. They were sent by the Emperor of Japan to examine the military and naval systems of the United States, and will visit all the principal military and naval stations there before they return to Japan.

We are in receipt of *Once a Week*, (P. F. Collier, 104 to 110 Attorney St., N. Y., \$4 per ann. in advance) a high class periodical of large size, finely printed on good paper, and well illustrated. Its serials are evidently very good, and it has the merit of giving long instalments of them.

A novel business enterprise has been started in Rochester, N. Y. It is a church insurance company, and its originators are Methodist ministers and laymen. The Methodists of this conference have lost many churches by fire lately which were not insured. The company proposes to insure any protestant churches.

The *British American Citizen*, (7 Bromfield St., Boston) extends the following offers.—Ten dollars for the best Essay on any of the following subjects: 1st.—"Nova Scotia's Mineral Resources as an Investment for Capital." 2nd.—"The Maritime Provinces and their Possibilities for Farming and Fruit Growing." 3d.—"The Development of the Fisheries of the Provinces, and their worth as an Investment." 4th.—"The Early Settlers of the Province from New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut." For young people: Five dollars for the best Essay on either: 1st.—"The Botany of the Maritime Provinces." 2nd.—"The Salt Water and Fresh Water Fishes." 3d.—"The Common Birds and their Habits." All must be in before May 1st.

The Czar will visit Emperor William at Berlin in April.

Sixteen torpedo boats intended for the German Navy are now in course of construction.

Count Von Bersham, Under Secretary of State, will represent Germany at the coming conference concerning Samoa.

Russia demands the exclusive right to navigate rivers flowing into the Caspian Sea, and to build railroads throughout Russia.

Ex-Queen Natalie of Servia will soon make application for the annulment of the decree of divorce granted to her husband ex-King Milan.

The Czarewitch is to visit Darmstadt in May for his formal betrothal to the Princess Alix of Hesse, daughter of the late Princess Alice of England.

Private letters report the serious illness of Lord Tennyson. His repeated attacks of gout are dangerous at his age. If he sufficiently recovers he will take a voyage to Madeira.

The recent Liberal victory in Kennington, a south-east suburb of London, which converted a Union majority of 400 into a Liberal majority of 600, is regarded by both parties as highly significant.

It is said that relief is coming in from all sides for the great distress in North China caused by last season's flood, but nevertheless it is feared that many thousands of people will perish during the winter.

Steamers pay smaller duties in Irish ports than do sailing vessels. A deputation of gentlemen recently waited on Sir Michael Hicks Beach, and represented the matter to him. Sir Michael promised to see that the regulations are modified in favor of the sailing vessels.

The Colonial Institute celebrated its twenty-first anniversary, in London, on the 13th inst., by a large and representative dinner. There were 270 guests, the Prince of Wales presided. Canada was represented by Messrs. Colmer, McLeod, Stewart, Dupont and Kidd. The Prince of Wales referred to his visit to Canada, and said the changes and immense development since were such that he should not know the country now. The services of the Canadian voyageurs on the Nile would never be forgotten.

The management of the Paris Exposition have set apart space free of charge for the proposed American exhibit of Indian corn. The intention is to build a handsome corn palace in which the different kinds of corn will be exhibited. American cooks in attendance will prepare corn for food in all the various ways known to the American housewife, and samples will be freely distributed to all who visit the exhibit. The promoters of this display believe it will prepare the way for a greatly increased demand for the American cereal in European markets.

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