

Items of Interest.

The greatest length of England and Scotland, north to south, is about 608 miles.

France has kept 200,000 tons of coal stored at Toulon since 1893 to be ready in case war should break out.

Li Hung Chang had 300 badges of various classes and grades of the order of the double dragon manufactured in London, which he distributed among persons who had helped to make his tour agreeable.

WHAT IT COST TO BURN THREE ENGLISHMEN.

The bill for burning the three eminent martyrs of England has turned up in the British Museum and is as follows:—Charge for burning the bodies of Graumer, Latimer, and Ridley: For three loads wood fagots, 12s; item, one load fagot fagots, 3s 4d; item, for carriage, 2s 6d; item, a post, 2s 4d; item, two chains, 3s 4d; item, two tables, 6d; item, laborers, 2s 8d; total, £1 6s 8d. It must be admitted the charges were moderate for such an important piece of work.

H. M. S. ILLUSTRIOUS.

The new armored first-class battleship Illustrations was successfully launched from the Chatham dock yards on the 17th September. The Illustrations is of 14,900 tons. Her engines will have an indicated horse power of 12,000 and she will carry 16 guns.

PENSIONS IN ENGLAND.

The total amount paid out for all kinds of pensions in the United Kingdom for the year ending March, 1892, was £7,588,802. Then pensions for the civil lists amounted to £2,101,687; for the army; £3,714,673; for the navy, £1,742,812; and for the survivors of former distinguished naval and military men, £29,720. The whole number of recipients of all classes is 162,040.

LARGE FIGURES.

The English General Post Office report, shows a profit of £3,632,122 (\$18,160,610), the most prosperous year in its history. A grand total of 3,030,000,000 pieces of mail were delivered. The value of property found in letters which were collected in the Dead Letter Office is £580,000 (\$2,400,000), the transmitted postal orders were £54,000,000 (\$270,000,000), 78,839,610 telegrams were sent and there was deposited in the savings bank departments £445,000,000 (\$2,225,000,000), of which amount £347,000,000 (\$1,735,000,000) was checked out.

ENGLAND'S WATERWAY.

Every year the returns of the Suez canal traffic prove the increasing value of that waterway to England and provide a strong argument for her control over Egyptian affairs.

For the year ending June 30, 3,434 ships, with a tonnage of 11,838,637 passed through, of which 72 per cent. was English. German vessels numbered 314, French 278, Dutch 192, Italian 78, Austrian 72, Spanish 33, Norwegian 57, Russian 39, Turkish 36, and United States only 5, while English vessels numbered 2,315. Of war vessels England sent through 32, France 21, Italy 12 and Germany 9.

The time now required to traverse the 37 miles average 18 hours and 44 minutes.

YOUNG MAN'S INFLUENCE IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

It is not infrequently the case that even deterioration contains within itself the seeds of its own recovery. writes Dr. Parkhurst in September Ladies' Home Journal, in an article on "The Young Man as a Citizen." "It is a lesson that has many times been taught in the course of history, that decadence has to reach a certain point before its symptoms are sufficient to arrest effective attention. That attention is now, to all appearances, being arrested. Notwithstanding all the wily manoeuvring that is being practiced by our political tricksters there is growing up among our young men an amount of serious thinking and of quiet observation that contains the possibilities of large effect. Personally, I have never known the like of it. The politicians may love their country for what they can wring out of it, but there are thousands of young men in our cities, and hundreds of thousands of young men in the country at large, who have souls as well as pockets, and who, if wisely directed and felicitously united, can, as a very easy thing, wrest our institutions from the hands of the spoilers and devote them to the behests of the people."

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Any further information will be cheerfully given by the undersigned. JOHN W. CARTER, Grand Secretary, Shaftesbury Hall, Toronto, Ont.

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Englishmen consume in a year \$250 worth of food; Germans, \$216 worth; Frenchmen, \$212; Italians, \$110, and Russians only \$66.

During the last two centuries the wealth of Great Britain has increased fortyfold.

Lord Roberts says he has under his command in India 14,000 British soldiers pledged to total abstinence.

The amount of gold actually in circulation in England is estimated to be £110,000,000 sterling, or about 865 tons.

The longest underground thoroughfare in Great Britain is in Central Derbyshire, where you can walk seven miles upon a road connecting several coal mines.

Every shilling turned out by the English mint shows a profit of nearly three pence. On every ton of penny pieces taken out from the mint there is a profit of £382.

Although Blenheim palace is practically the property of the Duke of Marlborough, it is held from the Crown on a peculiar tenure—namely, the annual presentation of a French flag to the reigning monarch. The Dukes of Wellington likewise pay the same tribute for Stratfieldsaye.

At a recent military tournament in London, Mr. Barrett, Gunnery Instructor of H. M. S. Excellent, performed a feat which is without parallel. Two sailors having lighted their clay pipes, he put a bar of lead across from stem to stem and then with a swift stroke of his sword severed the bar of lead without any damage to the pipes, and without interfering with the regularity of the "puffs" of the blue-jackets. The feat was received with "thunder" of applause.

A Liverpool chimney sweep, while cleaning an ovenflue, found £40 in coin in a bag. When he told the lady of the house of his discovery, she fainted. She herself had placed the money there years before, but, forgetting the fact, had accused her son of stealing it. He had indignantly deserted his home, and had never returned.

Dean Farrar has called upon Englishmen and English-speaking people for contributions to repair Canterbury Cathedral. The structure is 1,300 years old, and is yielding to the elements so rapidly that £20,000 (\$100,000) are needed immediately to preserve it. Canterbury was the seat of the first Christian English school, as it was the first city under Christian control in England.

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