

that float fly the British ensign. The next maritime power is the United States, whose consumption of sugar per capita is 67 pounds a year. So the ratio runs down the scale till we come to Turkey, with practically no mercantile marine of her own, and whose inhabitants consume only 7 pounds of sugar per capita per annum.

THE SHIP-CANAL THROUGH SCOTLAND.

A ship-canal is to be constructed through Scotland from the Firth of Forth to the Clyde, at an estimated cost of \$50,000,000. Great advantages, both commercial and military, will be secured by this water-way. The Government endorsed the enterprise, chiefly because of its great strategic advantages. Already Britain is constructing a large naval base on the Firth of Forth for the use of the North Sea Fleet. The Forth-Clyde canal will enable the fleet to reach the Atlantic by steaming through protected waters, a distance of only forty miles. The commercial marine will be saved the exposure of the frequently boisterous passage around England.

INJUSTICE IN THE CONGO REGION.

The British House of Commons recently directed the Foreign Office to correspond with the signatory powers to the Brussels Treaty regarding the wrongs the Belgian Government is said to be committing in the Congo region. It is alleged that Belgium has a monopoly of the foreign trade of the Congo, that the section of the treaty giving all religious denominations equal privileges in the Congo has been violated, and that the worst kind of inhumanity is practised, including forced labour, and brutal treatment of both natives and foreigners.

A NEW DEPARTMENT.

A new department of the United States Government has been opened. It will be known as the Department of Commerce and Labour. It will have control of the lighthouse establishment, the steamboat inspection service, the bureau of navigation, the shipping commissioners, the national bureau of standards, the coast and geodetic survey, the bureaus of immigration and statistics, the census bureau, the bureau of labour, the fish commission, and the bureau of foreign commerce.

The new department is not to exercise inquisitorial powers over large corporations; nevertheless, it is to be watchful of the trusts and help American commerce and business men in every way possible. The President means to make it useful to both business and capital.

ANARCHISTS NOT WANTED.

In one of her recent laws the United States has taken a wise step toward preventing the immigration of anarchists into the country. The law requires the rejection of all future certificates of naturalization which do not set forth that the person naturalized "is not opposed to all organized government, nor affiliated with any organization so opposed; that he does not advocate the unlawful assaulting or killing of officers of government, and has not violated any of the provisions of the act." Neither will passports be granted to naturalized persons except when court records are produced to show that the applicants are free from the impediments set forth in the law. This law is a result of the assassination of President McKinley.

ADORATION.

BY SYDNEY HOPE.

How pure and stainless are Thy mornings, Lord,
 Washed with the dews of night;
 How like a holy incense from the earth, the mists
 Slow rising to Thy sight.

Man's love may wax and wane, his homage cease,
 His touch profane the sod
 Given as his heritage; but Nature never yet denied.
 Allegiance to her God.

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