

to a position in the Toronto Customs House.

The Minister of Public Instruction in Russia, has approved the use of moving pictures in all the higher schools of the country. They will be used for teaching geography, history and the sciences.

There is a woman in Oregon who is City Attorney, Chief of Police, and Mayor of her town. She is Clara Cynthia Munson of Warrenton. She went into office last January, the first woman Mayor on the Pacific coast. Miss Munson has five men for her council, whether they have approved a woman Mayor or not, they have given her the respect and support due her office. The result has been an unsensational and constructive administration of the town. Miss Munson says: "I am only trying to give my city an economical and businesslike administration."—New York Post.

Henceforth the sewage of great cities, instead of being a continual source of abomination and perplexity, may be transformed to positive usefulness. A United States citizen has, by a clever invention, found a means of saving, deodorizing and distributing the malodorous mass so that it may be used as a fertilizer. The system is now in use in Santa Monica, California. Oklahoma City, and Santos, Brazil.

Bulgaria's announcement that she could fight no longer because her money was done and she could get no more, did not, perhaps, surprise the world. Her total expenditure in money during the period preceding the signing of the Treaty of Bucharest was \$480,000,000 with a loss in killed alone of 140,000 men. The total estimate for the Balkan war, has been placed at \$1,264,000,000, with 338,000 killed. This total, notes Literary Digest would be vastly increased if one could include lives lost by massacres and epidemics, the value of the private property destroyed and of the farming and other industries suspended.

Lord Beresford, speaking in New York some time ago, declared that if all the English-speaking countries of the world were to unite to prevent war, they would be successful. These countries, he pointed out, are pre-eminently the trading countries of the world. In connection with his remarks the following table, showing the gross expenditure on war and per capita tax for warlike purposes, of the leading nations of the world, may be of interest:

|                       | Gross Expenditure. | Per Capita Tax. |
|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Great Britain .....   | \$310,000,000      | \$7.50          |
| Germany .....         | 250,000,000        | 4.00            |
| France .....          | 200,000,000        | 5.00            |
| Russia .....          | 250,000,000        | 2.00            |
| Austria-Hungary ..... | 110,000,000        | 2.50            |
| Italy .....           | 80,000,000         | 2.00            |
| United States .....   | 240,000,000        | 4.00            |
| Japan .....           | 45,000,000         | 1.00            |
| Total .....           | \$1,500,000,000    |                 |

"This enormous sum," remarks London Advertiser, "is merely the expenditure for army and navy appropriations in time of peace, and represents about 40 per cent of all taxes paid. When will the world wake up and shake off the hypnotic spell of the armament lobbyist? The great nations are to-day treading the peaceful paths of industry. Why should they go about armed to the teeth, regarding one another as foot-pads? The amount spent upon armaments would pour a fertilizing stream through all the channels of trade, or if wisely spent upon schemes of social amelioration, would remove a mass of poverty and human misery. Some day the many will refuse to bear the burden longer to play the game of the few."

After a forest fire the vegetation which springs up in the burned district is generally quite different from that before the land was burned over. In this connection some interesting data have been gathered by a British scientist who has worked in Australia.

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