

FOREIGN NEWS.

A Hungarian lawsuit has just been settled after having been in the courts for 470 years.

The Sultan has given to the King of Italy several Arab horses and other valuable presents.

The Servian Government officially denies that it is trying to make a match for the 14-year-old King.

The Bulgarian Government is about to expend fifteen millions of dollars upon the construction of railroads.

The State railways in Italy, according to official estimation, increased \$34,000,000 in their value during the last two years.

It is reported from Constantinople that Murad V., the predecessor of the present Sultan, is dying of softening of the brain.

King Menelik of Abyssinia has received from the King of Italy a magnificent crown of gold set with emeralds and pearls of great value.

By the death of Count Andrassy, Lord Salisbury and Prince Bismarck are left the only two great statesmen who took part in the Berlin Congress.

Dr. Brown Sequard is still engaged on his youthful elixir at Paris, and persists in believing that his experiment will at last be successfully established.

A match is already being arranged for the young King Alexander of Serbia, who is not yet 14 years old. The proposed alliance is with a Grand Duchess of Russia.

It is said that the French War Office is discontented with the new Lebel rifle, and has sent to a foreign firm for advice as to certain alterations proposed in it.

A man who recently fell ill in Warsaw begged his doctor to accept an old lottery ticket in place of fee, and the doctor did so. The ticket has just drawn \$40,000.

There is an extraordinary increase of suicide and duelling in high military circles in Russia. The fashionable duel is fought at five paces with cavalry revolvers.

An old Alsatian soldier named Zimmerman has just committed suicide through grief at having been retired from the army against his wish on account of his age.

The Prince de Sagan has just driven from Paris to Cannes in a mail coach drawn by five horses. The Prince was driving himself and accomplished the journey in thirty days.

M. de Freycinet, the French Minister of War, has published a decree forbidding surgeons in the French army to make use of hypnotism in their practice, or to experiment with it.

A Russian has invented a luminous projectile to be fired from a gun. It is claimed that it will be extremely useful for discovering the movements of an enemy in a naval contest at night.

Several sailing vessels, loaded with oranges and lemons, left Italy and Spain in January for American ports, and, owing to their non-arrival, the owners are fearful that their precious cargoes have perished.

A marriage has been arranged between Prince William of Nassau and the Countess Elisabeth of Lippe-Weissenfeld. The first marriage of the Prince was with the Princess Elisabeth of Schaumbourg-Lippe.

Admiral Albini of the Italian navy says the man-of-war of the future will have screws and a rudder at each end, so as to turn around without losing any ground, he says, will be unarmored.

The engineer at the head of the Russian railway for the Russian Empire, says that the whole of the railway is at an expense of 1,500,000,000 rubles.

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At Baku, Russia, the waiters have just formed a co-operative union which has procured its own silver, linen, and other table accessories, and does catering of every sort at prices diminished by the usual profit of the hotel keeper, caterer, or other middle man.

A recently devised French method of testing the purity of drinking water is to put a drop of solution of permanganate of potash in a glass of water; if the latter becomes yellow, it is not potable; if it remains clear, it may be drunk.

Prof. Roskoff, a French mesmerist, is turning an honest penny out of the affairs Gouffo by giving lectures at which he demonstrates by experiments upon other persons that Gabrielle Bompard may have been under magnetic influence when she acted as an accomplice at the murder.

In Romania recently the cold has been very intense, and the wolves have been driven in very close to the towns. One postman has been killed by them on his route. His horses were also devoured, and even the leather post bag was torn to pieces, but many of the letters were recovered.

Paris public schools are overcrowded, and the authorities propose to help to remedy the difficulty by forbidding the attendance at them of children of foreigners. There are 60,000 foreign children in the city, and at least 5,000 of them are getting a French education free at the public schools.

The Landgraf of Hesse is about to contract a marriage with a young and beautiful actress of the Frankfurt Theatre. The lady is of noble descent and the daughter of a distinguished officer. The Landgraf is an accomplished musician and much beloved in society. He has been totally blind from his birth.

The French output of coal last year was 24,583,880 tons, 1,983,986 tons more than in 1888, and 3,300,000 tons more than in 1887. The increase would have been still larger but for strikes among the miners in the largest district. The French are making a greater effort to take from English miners the Mediterranean trade.

M. Ville, a professor of chemistry at Paris, announces that he has discovered a new compound, consisting of a mixture of phosphate of chalk, carbonate of refined potash, and sulphate of chalk, which, placed around the roots of the vines, will defy the attacks of the phylloxera, and will at the same time increase the abundance of the crop.

The number of gondoliers at Venice has been much diminished since the introduction of steam launches in the canals, which form its thoroughfares. The few gondoliers left in service, however, are not complaining, as they receive better wages, through lack of competition in their own special line, and their sculling is much in demand by visitors.

A soldier was court martialled last month at Venice for breach of discipline and condemned to six months' imprisonment. When informed by the court that he could appeal, he contemptuously tore off his number and other insignia, threw them on the floor, and shouted: "Cursed be your army! You are a lot of assassins!" For this he was condemned to seven years' close confinement in prison.

According to the *Lyon Medical* the inquiry made by the Administration, in order to carry out the new law giving certain advantages to fathers of more than seven children, has shown that in France at present there are 2,000,000 households in which there has been no child; 2,500,000 in which there was one; 2,300,000, two children; 1,500,000, three; about 1,000,000, four; 550,000, five; 330,000, six, and 200,000, seven or more.

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influenza at the Charity Hospital in Paris, has left \$200,000 for founding in Paris a polyglot gazette, \$40,000 for erecting a monument in Paris to testify the gratitude of the Poles to France, and a large sum for continuing the Polish dictionary begun by Lind. There are other legacies amounting to \$70,000, and more assets it turns out than will suffice to pay these different bequests.

At a competition by the Chinese Y swift-built cruisers Chih Yuen and Cling Yuen, the former, while steaming at a speed of eight knots, hit a target of 2,000 square feet superficies, distant about a mile, eight times out of thirteen, the Ching Yuen making eight direct hits in nine rounds. The guns were 8-inch 12-ton Krupps. On the same day two other ships, Chen Yuen and Ting Yuen, fired their 12-inch 37-ton Krupps, making twelve direct hits in twenty rounds. With their 6-inch guns they made twenty-one hits in forty-three rounds.

There have been landed at Granton by the Danish mail steamer Larna, from Iceland, 222 cases and casks containing over 7,500 brace of Iceland ptarmigan, which are really white grouse, valued only at \$1,200. During the severe snow storms of winter the ptarmigan come down from the mountainous regions of Iceland to the seacoast in quest of food, where they fall easy victims to the huntaman's gun. Except during the nesting season, there are practically no restrictions as to the killing of game. A considerable number of white hares were also imported.

The law courts at Tiflis have before them the suit of a man to recover from a professional assassin the sum of \$163. The man hired the assassin for \$75 down to kill an enemy, and promised \$75 more when he should receive proof of the death in the shape of the enemy's ear. The assassin brought around an ear and received the \$75, with \$15 added for a trip. A few days later the man met his enemy, alive and entirely whole as to his ears, upon the street. An investigation showed that the assassin had also received \$1000 from the enemy as a reward for having betrayed the plot to him.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the London "Times" tells as follows how they treat strikes and strikers in that part of the world: "A strike in Russia is a revolt, and is treated as such. Russian workmen are the most ignorant and unreasonable beings in the world, and would be utterly unmanageable without the summary and extra judicial methods of the authorities. A case occurred only a month ago. One of the large mills had to reduce its production and discharge several hands who were no longer required. A raving crowd of semi-savage workmen surrounded the managers of the establishment, and insisted that work must be found for the usual number or else they would lay rough hands upon the masters, all the more so as the latter were hated foreigners. A valuable machine was at the same time secretly broken. The police soon settled the matter, and during the night fifteen of the ringleaders were quietly spirited away, no one knew where or how.

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