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An Hungarian judge and other officials of the Commune were sentenced to three years' penal servitude for terturing prisoners in order to obtain a confession of a robbery laid to their charge,

The National monument of Mr. Gladstone to be placed in the projected thoroughfare between Holborn and the Strand, will be a colossal work. The statue and base will reach a height of thirty-two feet.

At Edinburgh Free Presbytery last week, Dr. Rainy, in answer to a remark from the Rev. D. M. Macalister, said that the consummation of the union, though a moral certainty, was still problematical as to the exact date.

In a new book by Sir Edward Russell it is told that Mr. John Bright always spoke of Mr. Gladstone as if he were on a higher level, "Oh, it is easy for him," he would say. "His mind has everything in it, and he has only to turn on the steam."

There were nearly 22,000 deaths in 1898 from snake bites in India. According to The Medical News, the efficiency of the new serum is now fairly well established, but the price of a bottle, which is \$1, juts it beyond the reach of most of the victims.

Between January 13, 1898, and August 13, 1893, new lines of railway, with a total length of 8,171 miles, were thrown open for traffic in European and Asiatic Russsa. The total length of railways in the whole Russian empire, on August 13, was 30,321 miles.

In 1-90 there were only four insurance companies In Japan, with a capital of 1,6 0,000 yen. In 1898 there were seventy-three registered companies with a capital of 84,720,000 yen. At the same period the thirty-six Japanese companies alone showed an issue of 510,0 0 policies, the value of 120,000,000 yen.

When the Queen last visited Bristol, sixty-nine years ago, with her mother, she entered, so the story goes, a china shop to buy a doll's dinner service. The one she desired was too dear for her childish purse, but after a consultation with her mother, the Duchess consented to lend her the amount wanted until her next allowance should be due.

The first railway in Corea was opened to traffic on September 18. It runs between Seoul and Chemulpo, and the track is now laid to within 5 miles of Seoul. It was built by the American Trading Company, is of standard gage, and is 264 miles long. The Japanese government appropriated \$900,000 for its completion. There are two trains in each direction a day.

The Welsh Calvinistic Methodists are a progressive body. The report of the committee appointed to take into consideration the question of starting a twentieth century fund has been adopted by the North Wales Association. It recommends that not less than £100,000 be raised. Already five members have promised £1,0 10 each, and it is expected that at least ten others will subscribe a like sum.

A doctor and well-known scientist died from the plague in Lisbon. During his illness he was inoculated with the plague serum without effect. Shortly before his death, he said: "The plague is a disease which is not understood by the doctors of to-day. They know no more about it now than in olden times." Deceased had devoted months to the study of the plague, and met his death in the execution of his duty

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