

CANAL FOR FRANCE

ONE PROPOSED FROM ATLANTIC TO MEDITERRANEAN.

Gigantic Enterprise Which Would Make Gibraltar of Little Value to England—To Take Eight Years to Build.

France is getting ready to lift up her shipping to the first rank, double the force of her navy, and cause the Mediterranean to cease to be an "English lake" by nullifying Gibraltar.

One of the queerest things about it is that the canal exists already for canal boats and small coasters.



CANAL ACQUEDUCT OVER GARONNE RIVER.

(How Locomotives Will Draw Warships Through the Canal.)

minister of public works, has sent his own commission to make final studies of the scheme, and its conclusions are to be submitted to the lower house for action.

The modern engineers have a Titanic task before them to enlarge the Bordeaux-Narbonne system to a deep sea ship canal—a ship canal that must climb and descend a mountain water shed!

Eight years will be required. The cost is estimated at a minimum of \$160,000,000, although an early commission set it at \$200,000,000 and still another at \$350,000,000.

The present estimates foresee 300,000 workmen, guided by 30 chief engineers and 200 overseers, with digging and tunneling machines driven by 60,000 horsepower.

The route is straight from Arcachon to Agen on the Garonne, 86 miles of easy cutting, without a single lock.

The waters of the Garonne are to be reinforced from many a torrent of the Pyrenees—which will save Toulouse and other towns from the periodic inundations that now trouble them.

From Toulouse to Castelnaudry, the route is along the old bed of the canal of Languedoc, of Clara Ward's ancestors-for-marriage.

The old canal abounds in locks. To mount to the lock of the ocean, where begins the upper race, it ascends a gradient of 206 feet by means of 17 locks in a distance of 32 miles.

The upper race is 3 1/2 miles long and terminates at the lock of the Mediterranean. To descend to the Mediterranean the work of Riquet extends over 114 miles, descending a gradient of nearly 600 feet by means of 48 locks.

French commerce waits upon the canal for its restoration. While the French coasting trade is reduced to 2,000,000 tons a year, that of Great Britain is over 120,000,000 tons.

The French deep-sea carrying is less than that of Italy or Norway. German boats touch at Cherbourg to take American freight; and English lines to the west calmly make Marseilles their western stopping place.

Over 80 per cent. of French exports are carried in foreign bottoms, making a gift of \$50,000,000 annually to the English, Germans and Italians.

When this canal is built, England herself will either have to pay toll to the French or lose a lot of her own trade, and so on for the other commercial peoples to-day passing their stuff through the straits of Gibraltar.

From Malta to Ushant, for example, there will be an economy of more than 800 miles by the canal; from Genoa to Ushant, an economy of 1,150 miles. Bordeaux and Nantes, on the Atlantic, will become almost Mediterranean ports.

From Bordeaux to Malta by Gibraltar is now 2,308 miles. By the canal it will be only 1,000 miles.

Gentle Warning. Clarence Callow—Did you notice that automobile just then. Well, it ran over a calf the other day and the chauffeur had to pay \$50.

Neighbors. Two desperate-looking tramps were arraigned before a police magistrate. "Where do you live?" asked the latter.

"I have no residence." "And you?" "Oh! me? Why I live on the floor above him."—Royal Magazine.

FOR THE BRIDE'S TABLE.

Suggestions for Decorations at a Wedding Feast—About Arrangement of the Tables.

Table and house decorations just now are very much in the minds of the many prospective brides who will have home weddings and receptions within the next few months.

A pretty arrangement and adornment of the tables have everything to do with the room's good appearance. Small ones, set out in horseshoe shape, make an outline that some brides favor for the good omen of the arrangement.

A glass vase completely wound with white satin ribbon and filled with white sweet peas, giant white sweet alyssum and maidenhair ferns makes a lovely and unusual centerpiece for the table given up to the wedding party.

Again, for the bride a triple array of flower baskets is charming, and the same decorative scheme can be carried out in single baskets on the other tables.

Something in the hair is again one of the must haves. For day wear the black velvet ribbon is beginning to rival the elaborate set of combs.

A bunch of little curls intermixed with a puff or two is the fashionable knot, and it is done at an exaggerated height and in the evening is tied around with a colored velvet ribbon to match the gown.

Another arrangement of curls shows them at the back of the head under the hat.

It is a fact that many women dress their hair solely with a view to meeting the exigencies of their hats. With the expert milliner the hat is tried with reference to the profile, and next in order the back is scrutinized, while the front is passed over with a brief glance.

The wreath is still worn for the theater. Velvet bows mixed with a circle of roses or leaves with natural cherries or a circlet of miniature holly leaves and red berries has a black sequined bow for the front.

Loosely made rosettes of soft satin are popular and are put on with one pinned in front toward the right, and the other at the nape of the neck, but on the hair.

This is a style particularly affected by young girls, with whom the large bow of black or white satin or taffeta continues to be worn.

For any gown on the empire order the osprey is worn, and one of the most becoming angles, particularly with this style of dress, is to set it horizontally.

Gauze ribbons tied in a twist and finished with unstanding bows, the quill tied in with ribbon loops, are among the pretty things seen in the shops and are also furnished by the best costumers to go in with evening gowns.

For the putting in of algerettes there is a new ornament, it comes in a little jeweled crown or half moon comb.

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WOMAN'S ILLUS—2124.

DISASTER ERASES CLASS DISTINCTION

EARTHQUAKE AT SAN FRANCISCO PLACES RICH AND POOR ON SAME LEVEL.

SIDELIGHTS ON THE GREAT CATASTROPHE

Millionaire and Pauper Now Friends—Business Being Conducted Amid the Ruins—Heir to Wealth Born on Sidewalk.

San Francisco, Cal.—This town is "on the level" in every sense of the word, writes Richard Barry. You can stand on Tar flat and see Telegraph hill with no obstruction but a few skyscraper skeletons.

Yet these smashed buildings and desolate streets do not present the significant leveling. The material loss is great, but it does not stagger the imagination.

Here are a few random incidents picked from the edge of the cataclysm: Fillmore street, a third-rate metropolitan artery, has become for the moment the business center of the town.

Not Fair Shake; Start Again. Young men who can swing a small capital to-day will be millionaires in a few years.

Rescue Insane People. Many stories of heroism lie buried in the ruins, but some tales that make the heart tingle are slowly filtering through official sources.

Odd Quarters for City Officials. You can see the chief of police in San Francisco as easily as you could see the sheriff of the most backwoods county in Arizona.

New Buildings Are Planned. The work of rebuilding San Francisco will proceed rapidly.

To Ask Loan of Congress. Congress may be asked to appropriate \$100,000,000 to rebuild a new metropolis on the Pacific coast on the site of the devastated city.

10,000 Acres Burned Over. A well-known Oakland engineer states that the area devastated by the fire in San Francisco approximates 10,000 acres, or about 15 square miles.

England After the Turks. London.—The cabinet on Friday lengthily considered the dispute with Turkey regarding the Tarbush boundary and resolved to dispatch the second-class cruiser Minerva to El Arish, with instructions to investigate the report that the Turks have removed the frontier pillars at Rafanear and El Arish.

Loss of Life Exaggerated. If further proof were needed of the swelling character of conditions in night have been seen yesterday afternoon, when "Mike" De Young, of the Chronicle, millionaire and political leader, stood in front of one of these little offices.

Resurrecting a Dry Goods Store. From another cigar stand white-haired, esthetic Raphael Weil is resurrecting the most fashionable dry goods store in the city.

Salinas Has Been Severely Shaken Up Since the Great Disturbance. Los Angeles.—A long distance telephone message from Salinas, 120 miles south of San Francisco, states that three more very heavy earthquake shocks were felt there Thursday night.

While Injured Will Not Exceed One Thousand, Says Secy. Metcalf. Washington.—Secretary Metcalf has wired the president a complete summary of the San Francisco situation.

Took Poison by Accident. New York.—The young woman who swallowed two poison tablets at the Hotel Belvedere Thursday night, is Mrs. Edgar R. Dumont, wife of the junior member of the rubber brokerage firm of Taylor & Dumont.

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The British portion, \$55,505,000, of the Russian loan has been covered.

Agrarian troubles have commenced at Nizhni Novgorod, Russia, and troops have been summoned.

A Belgian trading ship foundered off Prawie point, near Dover, England. Her captain and 33 men were drowned.

Taylor Flick, populist candidate for governor in 1900, and a Nebraska pioneer, is dead at Broken Bow, Nebraska, aged 73 years.

One hundred armed men drove the working men from the Pinedale washery at Tamaqua, Pa. Protection has been requested.

A dispatch from Port Said to the London Daily Mail reports that Turkish troops have occupied El Arish, on the Egyptian-Syrian frontier.

Speaker Cannon hazarded a guess last week that congress would adjourn some time "between the middle of June and the first of August."

Will Brown, a negro, was lynched by citizens, who hanged him to a railroad trestle for killing W. J. Johnson, a railroad contractor of Corinth, Miss.

The new loan has been so largely oversubscribed in Russia that subscribers have been notified that they will receive only one of twenty shares subscribed.

The Royal Insurance company of Liverpool has learned by cable from its San Francisco manager that the catastrophe involves the company in a possible liability of \$6,750,000.

At Czenstochowa, in Russian Poland, a bomb was thrown at the carriage of the chief of police when he was returning from a funeral. The missile exploded, killing a policeman.

The annual meeting of the imperial council of the Mystic Shriners which was to have been held in Los Angeles May 7 to 14, has been indefinitely postponed on account of the calamity in San Francisco.

Religious frenzy characterized the fighting at Les Nosbles on April 22, between Catholics and Metriavits, when ten persons were killed and seventy-seven were wounded. Four priests were terribly mutilated.

The Nelson-Herera fistie battle has been postponed until May 25 by consent of all parties concerned. This action was taken on the presumption that the Shriner meeting and the Fiesta would not be held at Los Angeles.

Governor Pardee has announced that he will call a special session of the legislature for the purpose of taking action on the San Francisco situation. The date for the session will not be set until the excitement has subsided.

A great scandal has been caused in St. Petersburg, by the premature publication of the draft of the new "fundamental laws," or constitution of Russia. The emperor has ordered an investigation to determine how the news leaked out.

The senate committee voted a favorable report on Benjamin B. Barnes for postmaster at Washington, D. C. A motion to investigate protests against Mr. Barnes was circulated, the Democrats voting for it and the Republicans against it.

The Democratic congressional campaign committee will maintain branch headquarters at Chicago, with Congressman Lloyd of Missouri in charge, during the approaching congressional campaign. The principal office will be in Washington as usual.

A serious outbreak of the plague has occurred at Jammu, in Kashmir, northern India. There have been many victims among the members of the imperial service troops. Two hundred and eighty-five deaths occurred during the past week.

Rev. W. S. Matthew, presiding elder of the Methodist churches of California, says the estimated losses of the Methodist churches in San Francisco is \$500,000. He declares that the work of rebuilding will commence as soon as the funds are collected.

A telegram received from Krasnoyarsk, Eastern Siberia, reports that two-thirds of the city of Yeniseisk has been flooded by the rising of the Yenisei river. The people have taken refuge on the roofs of their homes. Hundreds of houses have been damaged.

A map just published at San Francisco of the burnt district shows an area covering 453 city blocks, 111 of which are south of Market street and 342 at the north end. It is estimated that the buildings destroyed will be in the neighborhood of 60,000.

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