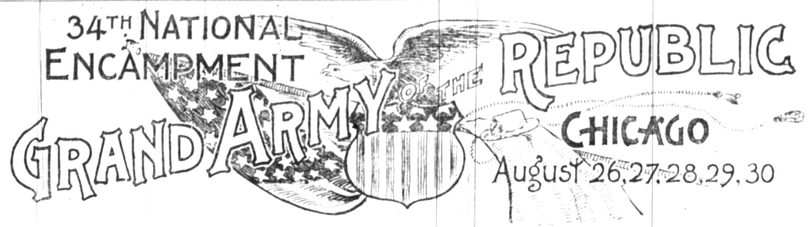

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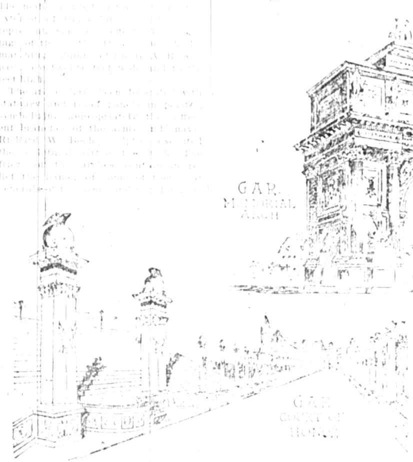


Max Nordau, Zionist.

MAX NORDAU.

... 1849. He was educated at the university there, and set ... in the practice of medicine ... from the city by ... then settled in Paris ...

Friendly With Germany.

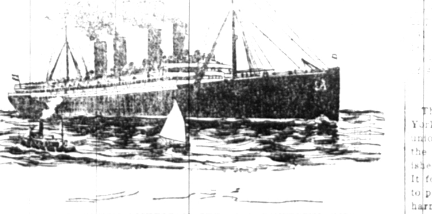
Electricity and Noise.

Consul John Fowler.

Deutschland Wins the U. S. Mail Prize.

The coveted prize ... carrying the mails from New York ... London ... belongs to the ... American ... Deutschland ... fine ship ... record ... has surpassed ... dented record ... North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse. When it was announced that the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse had broken all eastern records by steaming from Sandy Hook to Cherbourg in five days, nineteen hours, and forty-four minutes, its many admirers thought it was the winner. But a few hours later came the news that the Deutschland had made the journey from Sandy Hook to Plymouth, England, in five days, eleven hours and forty-five minutes.

The Deutschland traveled at an average speed of 23.32 knots per hour and its highest day's run was 552 knots. This is the best time ever at-



THE HAMBURG-AMERICAN STEAMER DEUTSCHLAND

Sets an Example.

The Building Trades Council of New York city, an organization of labor unions similar to that existing under the same name in this city, has abolished its board of walking delegates. It found that this board tended more to promote strikes than to bring about harmony between employer and employe.

FARM AND GARDEN.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AGRICULTURISTS.

Some Up-to-Date Hints About Cultivation of the Soil and Yields Thereof—Horticulture, Viticulture and Floriculture.

Horticultural Observations.

Illinois horticulturists are delighted at the success of the Illinois apple exhibit at the Paris exposition, where it obtained first prize. The varieties of apples exhibited were: Ben Davis, Grimes Golden, Jonathan, Salome, Stark, Willow Twig, and Winesap. The principal exhibitors from Illinois were S. G. Soverhill, H. M. Dunlap, Arthur Bryant, Fred Shaw, F. S. Phoenix, L. R. Bryant and L. F. Dintleman. This award is said to be the fourth successive first prize won at Paris by members of the Illinois State Horticultural Society. Illinois has ... possibilities as an apple growing state ...

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... Michigan ... proven her adaptability to the Merino. The Merino was brought to Michigan probably as early as 18.. and from that time until the beginning of the depression in the wool industry the Michigan Merino was well and favorably known all over the world. The successful breeding of Merino sheep is therefore assured; and if the adaptability of the Merino to Michigan's conditions is proven, and no one will deny it, then successful wool growing in Michigan cannot be questioned. We speak of the Merino, more particular-ly in connection with the wool industry, because the Merino has always been recognized as the standard wool sheep of the world. The Merino has been bred and fed for the production of quantity and quality of fleece for generations.

A very large percentage of the wool produced in the United States is cross-bred wool. That is, of the wool reaching our markets, but a small percentage, relatively speaking, comes from pure-bred sheep, even if we take the total product from all the breeds of sheep having recognized registry associations into account.

The fleeces of wool which are graded by local dealers or commission men are seldom opened. The sorting process is a much closer and more accurate method of classifying wools. Before the wool is scoured it is generally sorted. The expert wool sorter opens the fleece and removes a portion of it here and there and throws it into separate bins or baskets. The number of sorts of wool in fleeces varies greatly, ranging from two or three to five or six sorts from the same fleece. It has been found that fleeces from pure-bred sheep do not, as a rule, have as many sorts of wool in them as those taken from grade and cross-bred sheep.

Fleeces uniform in quality and length of staple are most desirable for manufacturing purposes. Consequently ...

According to the Mark Lane Express the average yields of wheat in the principal countries of the world are: United Kingdom, 32.75 bushels; Germany, 22 bushels; Canada, 18 bushels; Roumania, 14 bushels; Austria-Hungary, 13.2 bushels; United States, 12.30 bushels; Russia, 10 bushels; India, 9.30 bushels; Australasia, 7.36 bushels.

Promising men are so numerous that it is a great pleasure to meet a man who has actually done something.

HUMOROUS

To Myself at Six Months.

Young rascal, with your bland surprise;
Your corrugated, lofty brow;
The look of marvel in your eyes,
As asking, "What is coming now?"
I know not if you're he or she—
Your clothes say naught. No doubt it's true
They called you "it." Please speak to me—
Whose wondrous prodigy are you?

They claim that you are I, are I!
I' faith this portrait bears attest
(A fact that I will not deny)
The first edition is the best.
And I was cunning, "cute" and sweet?
And did I bleat "goo-goo," "goo-wah?"
And kick my tootsies now but feet?
And thrill with pride my fond mamma?

Deep nestled in your wayward brain,
What thoughts were hid so none might know?
Or were your bounds the counterpane,
A rubber ring, a new found toe?
Did phantoms of another life
You just had left still dwell within?
Or were those movements meaning rife
Aroused by some obtrusive pin?

WHY HE WASN'T WHIPPED.

"Say, Tommy, did yer ma lick yer?"
"Naw, she wanted to, but she was 'fraid I'd holler so loud I'd wake the baby."

The Man Who Had the Vote.

From London Tit-bits: The following is an unreported incident before one of the commissioners appointed to inquire into a certain election petition.

"What is your name?"
"George Jones."
"Well, what do you know of this?"
"On the day of the election I went to the Spotted Dog."
"What did you there?"
"I see'd a man."
"Well, what did he do?"
"He gave me 5 shillings and said as how I was to vote for ——."
"Well, and did you vote for Mr. ——?"
"No, sir."
"What did you do then?"
"Went to the Pig and Whistle."
"Well, there?"
"There I see'd another man."
"What did he do?"
"He gave me 5 shillings and said I was to vote for ——."
"And did you vote?"
"No, sir."
"What did you do then?"
"I went to the Red Lion."
"And there?"
"There I see'd a man, too."
"And did he give you 5 shillings and tell you to vote for Mr. ——?"
"He did, sir."
"And did you?"
"No, sir."
"Why here, on your own admission, you have obtained 15 shillings to vote for one of the candidates; did you vote at all?"
"No, sir."
"Why not?"
"Because I ain't got no vote; it's my father, George Jones, who's an elector."

Wealth and Early Rising.

"Do you think that early rising helps a man get rich?"

"I don't know," answered the man who makes careful distinctions. "I should say it depended on whether he's the one who starts the first street car or the iceman."—Washington Star.

The Leisure Class.

Lord Silyvan De Lyvres—Ah! but your leisure clawss in this country have no title.

Miss Sharp—Nonsense! What the ... "Weary Willie," ...—Philadelphia Press.

An Excuse.

His Intentions.

COMMON CAUSE FOR WAR.

He—There are the Smiths over there.
She—Sh—h! We don't speak now. We have changed servants.