

Three ships at New York are now used as sea hotels. Each evening they put out to sea and are back at the wharf at 6:30 a. m. The charge is \$1, with an additional 50 cents for a table d'hote breakfast. Bunks line the upper deck, which is protected by a watertight awning. During the day the bunks are converted into seats. On the main deck there is a handsome apartment for women and a smoking room for men. A tug tows the ships to sea and back. State-rooms with bathing facilities are provided for those who want them. This novel fleet has been organized by Mr.

At the conclusion of Wu Ting-fang's address at the Fourth of July celebration in Philadelphia, one of the young women seated on the platform passed a small American flag to the distinguished Chinese diplomat, with the request that he write his autograph on one of the white bars. A fountain pen was forthcoming, and Minister Wu graciously complied. The incident was witnessed by others, and in a short time a perfect avalanche of small flags poured down upon him, with similar requests from their owners. Wu took it good naturedly and for quite awhile was kept busy in-

profits to charity. The Saturday evening boats remain at sea until Monday morning. In case a passenger is disorderly he is taken to the tug and confined.

Assistant Secretary of State Adee, who is very deaf, has a unique device for appraising him of the intrusion of a visitor. He has a teapot slung over the back of his chair by a string, the end of which is tied to the doorknob. When a visitor enters, the door, swinging open, raises the teapot to a level with the assistant secretary's head. As the visitor advances, the door, closing, lets the teapot swing down till it touches the floor with a crash. The visitor usually gives a leap of surprise and fear, and the assistant secretary state, apprised by the crash, looks up with a glad smile, extends his hand, and says to the unnerved visitor: "What can I do for you?"

Texas is becoming very gay. State Geologist Dumble has disclosed to the people of that state sources of mineral wealth that are astounding. He says that in one county alone, that of Cherokee, there are 60,000,000

that in east Texas, as a whole, there are 3,000,000,000 tons. And by the side of this ore lies all the coal necessary to work the ore into shape. The geologist makes the flat statement that "no country in the world has cheaper material for something iron than east Texas."

Ours must be, not "a nation of amateurs," but a nation of professionals, if it is to hold its own in the coming struggles—struggles not merely for commercial dominance, but for the supremacy of political and moral ideals, says the Atlantic. Our period of national isolation, with all it brought of good or evil, has been out-lived. The new epoch will place a heavy handicap upon ignorance of the actual world, upon indifference to international usages and undertakings, upon contempt for the foreigners. What is needed is, indeed, knowledge, and the skill that knowledge makes possible. The spirit with which we confront the national tasks of the future should have the sobriety, the firmness, the steady effectiveness, which we associate with the professional.

Advice against speculation is sensible but unavailing, truly observes the Washington Star. People who won do not need it and those who lost have no more money.

At Wichita a small boy went into the studio of a photographer and said he wanted his picture taken. "I want it taken on my horse," said the boy, and jokingly the photographer answered: "All right, bring your horse up." The boy disappeared, but in a minute there was a smash and a bang on the stars that almost shook the building, and in came the boy leading his saddle pony. The photographer was game, however, and, finding his bluff called, he mounted the boy on his pony and took his picture.

At a revival meeting in a Georgia town a man arose and said that he was the wickedest man in the city. "I'd go to perdition if I should die tonight," he concluded. Immediately an old deacon started the hymn: "If you get there before I do, look out for me—I'm coming, too." Then the deacon wondered why everybody laughed.

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