

were the most commodious of anything of the kind before or since. It took a great deal of leg muscle for a tourist to see all of New Orleans in that time."

FIGHTING FORCES OF THE WORLD.

The latest addition to the military census of the world presents some queer figures. At the present time Europe has 3,500,000 men under arms. The following are the figures of the different armies on a peace footing:

	Men.
Denmark.....	10,000
Servia.....	20,000
Holland.....	22,000
Greece.....	25,000
Portugal.....	36,000
Roumania.....	47,000
Belgium.....	52,000
Sweden and Norway.....	57,000
Spain.....	80,000
Switzerland.....	125,000
Turkey.....	180,000
Great Britain.....	200,000
Italy.....	240,000
Austria.....	360,000
France.....	570,000
Germany.....	580,000
Russia.....	896,000
The above armies employ	550,000

horses in time of peace.

In Asia there are about 800,000 under arms, divided as follows: Persia, 25,000; Japan, 100,000; India, 200,000; China, 270,000, and the remainder in the Asiatic countries.

North and South America are set down as least protected, considering the extent of territory. They foot up, on a peace footing of course, only 160,000 regular soldiers, scattered as follows: Mexico, 40,000; the United States, 30,000, and 90,000 in Brazil, the Argentine republic, Chile, Paraguay, Peru, Venezuela and Colombia.

In Africa and the archipelagoes of Oceania there are about 150,000 regulars.

The standing armies of the civilized nations amount to 4,610,000 soldiers, with 700,000 horses. The cost of keeping this military population amounts to about five billion dollars a year.

So much for the armies in time of peace. Now let us take a look at the figures in war paint. Here they are:

	Men.
Turkey.....	700,000
Spain.....	190,000
Servia.....	210,000
Sweden and Norway.....	430,000
Roumania.....	160,000
Denmark.....	60,000
Belgium.....	167,000
Austria (including all reserve forces).....	2,000,000
Italy.....	3,000,000
Russia.....	5,000,000
Germany.....	4,500,000
France.....	4,380,000
England.....	660,000
Japan.....	500,000
South American Republics.....	800,000
China.....	850,000
United States.....	200,000

No doubt the statistician, while wading through the above flood of figures, forgot some of the National Guard of the United States, but one can easily afford to forgive him. His discoveries are interesting all the same.

NEWSY PARAGRAPHS

Monday afternoon the freshmen class of the State school of Mines at Golden, Colo., bolted in a body because of what they claimed was an unjust examination, and one which they had not been told to prepare for.

Not since 1892 has there been so many tourists in California as at present. All the large hotels at the popular resorts in southern California have recently been turning away people for want of sufficient accommodations. It

is estimated by railroad officials that the number of tourists in California is not far from 20,000.

Supt. J. W. Mills of the Pomona, Cal., Agricultural Experiment station has succeeded in a most unique and interesting agricultural experiment—the grafting of a morning glory on a sweet potato vine. As a result both plants attained an unusually large growth. The sweet potato vine produced 21 pounds of potatoes, the average being from 10 to 12 pounds.

Sunday night was the coldest experienced in Spokane, Wash., so late in March since the establishment of the weather office seventeen years ago. The temperature fell to 15 above zero, with a biting wind from the northwest. It is feared the fruit crop on Snake river has been ruined. Reports from that section say apricots and early peaches are killed and other fruits seriously injured.

Julius Bohn, who shot and killed his sweetheart, Victorine Sasselli, near St. Helena, Cal., Wednesday night and then committed suicide, was impelled to his bloody deed by unrequited love, and his murderous plans were carefully laid. The tragedy occurred on the Chiles valley road, about twelve miles from St. Helena.

Immigration Commissioner North and the special board of inquiry have refused a landing to 33 out of the 98 Japanese who arrived at San Francisco recently by the China and the Doric. The remaining 65 were allowed to land. The unlucky 33 claimed to be farmers, visiting California for the purpose of studying agriculture, but the commissioner was convinced that they were coolies.

At Oakland, Cal., Mrs. Sarah J. Church has stepped in to end the romance in the life of her son, Albert A. Church, who eloped with and married Angie Foster in April last. She began suit in the superior court Saturday for the annulment of the marriage, and made both her son and her young daughter-in-law defendants. The case, which is an unusual one, will probably prove a general test as to the marriage of minors at sea.

Joseph H. Moffett, a well-known carpenter of Oakland, Cal., shot and killed his wife Thursday morning and then made an effort to end his own life. The shooting took place about 7:15 o'clock at 570 San Pablo avenue, where the Moffetts have lived for some time. It was not the fault of Moffett that a third victim was not added to his list, for he incidentally tried to slay his stepdaughter, a Mrs. Dana Guernsey.

A shooting affray occurred at Indian Diggings, in Placerville county, Cal., Tuesday night. Lyman S. Bell, with a rifle, shot and killed Richard Murray upon a mining claim of the latter. No one saw the shooting, but before his death Murray made his way to the store of John Kohlert and told of being shot from ambush. Bell is in the custody of officers, but beyond admitting the shooting, makes no statement. Both men are old citizens of that county, between whom ill-feeling has existed for over a year.

Gov. Hastings of Pennsylvania visited the Stanford University, Cal., Monday and delivered a brief address to the students in the course of which he said: "There will be no war with Spain. If I thought there would be I should be at my post of duty. We are too strong to be fought and too powerful to be bullied." The governor was given a reception by the Union League club Monday night. Patriotic speeches were made by a number of prominent citizens, both Republicans and Democrats.

The attorney general of the United States has commissioned E. E. Ellin-

wood of Flagstaff, Ariz., as special assistant United States district attorney to assist in the trial of the case of the United States vs the Copper Queen Consolidated Mining company. This is a suit by the government to recover \$183,000 from the Copper Queen Mining company for alleged timber trespass and is probably the most important case of this nature in the West. It has twice been tried with the result of a disagreement of the jury at each trial.

J. T. Gaddis, a laborer residing in Baden, Cal., was taken Saturday night to the Harbor Receiving Hospital, suffering from injuries which later resulted in death. There were a number of cuts and bruises on his head and body, and the injured man complained of severe pains. Gaddis received the wounds Friday night. He reached San Francisco early in the evening from Baden, and, it is presumed, drank considerable whisky. He drifted to some point on the water front, where, according to his story, he was set upon by several men and beaten until he knew absolutely nothing.

The extent to which opium smoking is practiced by the Chinese in this country may be judged from the fact that the importations of smoking opium at San Francisco last year aggregated 121,401 pounds. The duty, at \$6 a pound, amounted to \$728,406. The drug was in the form prepared exclusively for smoking and not available for any other uses. It comes in rectangular tin boxes, not unlike these in which pepper and spices are put up, each containing about half a pound. So prepared, opium is a semi-fluid, dark brown sticky substance, resembling New Orleans molasses in appearance.

The French bark Alice has arrived in San Francisco port from Swansea looking very much the worse for a 10-days' battle with the elements while off Cape Horn. The storm lasted for ten days. On December 31 a sudden squall tore into shreds the few sails she was carrying, snapped off and carried away her main and fore-top gallant masts and everything attached thereto and a heavy sea washed overboard everything movable on her decks. Some of the damage was repaired when the storm abated, but the Alice was without her two top gallant masts when she sailed through the Golden Gate.

William Hill, a shepherd, is reported to have been the victim of cruel torture at the hands of two men named Jones and Carson, in the vicinity of Grover, Colo., a few days ago. They alleged that Hill had been circulating scandalous stories about Jones's wife, and as a punishment therefor, took their victim, removed his clothing and dragged him across the prairie through cactus and sagebrush, following it up with a terrible beating with cartridge belts. They also rubbed salt in his wounds and otherwise tortured him, leaving him bound and gagged on the prairie.

Within a few weeks work will be begun on some extensive improvements at the Oakland, Cal., mole, the cost of which will be far up in the thousands of dollars. The officials of the operating department of the Southern Pacific company have decided that the proposed twenty-minute service between San Francisco and Oakland, which is to be inaugurated upon the completion of the steel ferry-boat now building at the Union Iron works, makes necessary some extended changes in the arrangement of the tracs at the pier, and work will be begun just as soon as the plans, now in the hands of President C. P. Huntington, meet with his official indorsement.