

ODD NEWS STORIES PICKED UP ABROAD FOR FARMER READERS

Stockholm, July 4.—The campaign for an alliance between Norway and Sweden continues without a dissenting note. Prominent politicians of all parties are advocating such a course on the public platform and in the newspapers. The movement, however, still lacks any official action.

The canal government has gone out of the railroad business through the transfer to the Panama Railroad of practically all of the tracks and transportation facilities which were operated in connection with the canal building. The only facilities not given up are the tracks on the locks, required for towing locomotives, and a few isolated stretches about Balboa.

STUDY IN COMPARISONS

Wonderful Possibilities of the Foreign Trade of the U. S.—Our Railroad Mileage One-Third of World's Total.

Washington, D. C., July 4.—In the basic elements of economic progress the United States ranks high among the nations of the world, being one of the five countries only which have an area in excess of 3 million square miles, and the only nation of the western world (except Russia) having a population of over 100 million.

That our present foreign trade is far short of the immediate possibilities of the nation is evident from a comparison with that of other leading countries, as set forth in comparative table published in the "Statistical Abstract of the United Kingdom, 1913," compiled by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Department of Commerce.

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The Turkish government has issued orders against posting notices in Hebrew upon the dead walls of cities of Palestine. The action is believed to indicate concern on the part of the authorities over the remarkable revival of the Hebrew language.

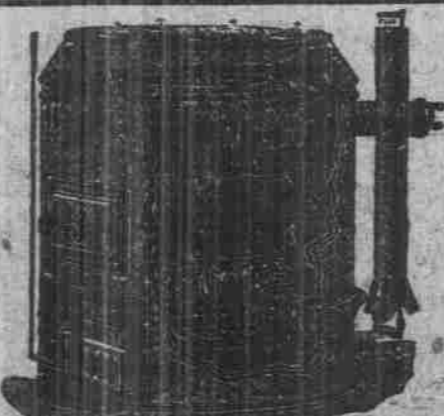
The revival of the pure Biblical tongue has been, in a measure, forced on the Palestine Jews for reasons apart from the sentimental admiration from other parts of the world, particularly of the 18,000 Yiddish speaking Jews from Russia some years ago, made a common means of communication necessary.

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HOME BUILDERS CHOSE FINE SITES IN BRIDGEPORT

Substantial Increase in House Building Marks City's Growth.

Contractors Get Many Permits And Expect Banner Year.

Conditions are brisk in real estate circles with the increase in the amount of work to be done this summer. While it is not claimed that the market is unusually brisk, sales are frequent and well up to any year of the past.

At present many homes are being erected and from present prospects it is expected that this will become one of the most sought after districts. On almost every street homes are being pushed to completion and the construction work going on in the city should the present growth continue it promises to become one of the most thickly settled parts of the city.

REAL ESTATE MEN CONVENE PITTSBURGH, July 6.—The National Association of Real Estate Exchange will open its 7th annual convention here Wednesday.

THIRTEEN IN LAUNCH DROWNED AT SKAGWAY

Skagway, Alaska, July 6.—Thirteen persons expired to the fourth day of celebration were drowning Saturday by the capsizing of a gasoline launch which, while bound from Skagway for Juneau with 20 persons, was struck by a heavy gale.

A PERFECT CATHARTIC. FAIRFIELD

The Fairfield chapter, D. A. R., held their annual celebration at the town green on Saturday morning. E. J. Hill of South Norwalk, addressed a large number, while the Wessler Wilson band of Bridgeport, gave a concert.

The town was well protected during the Fourth. Sheriff Elwood had a number of men doing special duty. The automobile owned and driven by Samuel Dierstein of Spring street, struck a tree while the owner was driving along the turnpike on Saturday morning.

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