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## NEW RAILWAY ROUTE FROM MUNICH TO TRIESTE.

The tunnel opened on Monday last by the Emperor Francis Joseph forms part of a new railway through the Alps. This railway, says the *Morning Post*, is a matter of no small importance to traders and to travellers, especially to those of Austria and of Germany. The new route runs from Munich to Trieste by Salzburg, Gastein, Spittal, Villach, Rosenbach, and Assling. The distance by this route from Munich to Trieste is about 338 miles, so that Trieste is now the nearest seaport to Munich, to which it is nearer than Venice, distant by the Brenner route 355 miles. Trieste therefore becomes eligible for the trade of a considerable area of South Germany, including the valley of the Danube from Regensburg to Passau, and the whole region between Nuremberg and Stuttgart, including the important cities of Augsburg and Ulm. The industrial region of Saxony will also henceforth have its shortest route to the Mediterranean by the new line, which will enable Trieste to compete with Genoa for the traffic of the whole country to the north of a line from the Lake of Constance to Mainz. This means a great addition to the trade of Trieste and, what is more, it makes Trieste a sharer in the trade of Germany, which hitherto could reach the port only by the great circuit through Vienna or by the Italian line passing through Ponteuba. The new line is not entirely new. It has been made by tunnelling the Hohe Tauern above Gastein, the length of the tunnel being rather more than five miles from near Gastein to Malnitz on the southern side of the range. The summit level is as high as 3,800 feet, so that the working expenses of the line will be considerable. But as it joins places hitherto hardly connected with one another except by very circuitous routes, and opens a way through a great Alpine area not hitherto penetrated by any railway from north to south, it will attract not only goods but passengers. The shortening of the distance from Munich to Trieste will bring Trieste within practicable distance of Western Europe and make travellers going to the East from England consider the question of taking steamer at Trieste rather than at Marseilles, Genoa, or Venice. This consideration will with many German travellers be much more weighty and will add to the importance of the Austrian Lloyd Fleet. Trieste has hitherto been an almost purely Austrian outlet, Hungarian traffic being sent by preference to Fiume.

The most interesting effect of the Alpine railways is perhaps their influence on sea traffic. The railways through the Western Alps have revived the trade of Genoa, and the Brenner line has done something to postpone the lingering decay of Venice. The Gastein tunnel will give a fresh impulse to Trieste, which will, however, find a formidable rival when political conditions admit of full use being made of the route from Belgrade to Salonika, the greatest natural North and South route that exists between the valley of the Rhone and the Bosphorus. The railway opened on Tuesday will give a stimulus and offer a new channel for German eastward enterprise, which already has more pathways than British observers fully realise. For German trade and German travellers have long been moving not only through the plain of Hungary to Bucharest and Sofia, but have the advantage of a great through railway on Austro-Hungarian territory along the north of the Carpathians to the Rumanian port of Constanza, whence there is a line of fine steamers to Constantinople.

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### THE AMERICAN TARIFF BILL.

Although two highly contentious amendments to the Tariff Bill have yet to be disposed of by the Senate, Mr. Aldrich is confident—according to the New York correspondent of *The Globe*—that the Bill will go through by the end of this week. One of the amendments referred to provides for an increase in the internal tax on tobacco, which the Trust is fighting strenuously, while the other is directed against the establishment of a Customs Court, which also is being opposed by very powerful interests.

President Taft is said to be directly responsible for the proposed new legal tribunal, and he is accused of a desire to provide comfortable berths for certain prominent supporters in this city. American business men as a whole welcome the suggestion as affording a prospect of putting an end to a system which causes endless delays in the settlement of Customs disputes. An effort was made on Saturday to impose upon the President an obligation to appoint an equal number of Republican and Democratic Customs Court judges and officials, but this was defeated by decisive majorities, and it is pretty certain that the clause will be accepted as drafted.

The proposed increase in the internal tobacco tax is also likely to go through, for it cannot be denied that the Trust can well afford to pay the additional impost, its profits being prodigious. Mr. Taft is greatly pleased at the decisive majority, just two to one, by which the Senate has passed the clause authorising the President, after ninety days' notice, to apply the maximum tariff rates against any country deliberately discriminating against the United States. He believes that this reserve power will be of immense use in future commercial negotiations.

It is expected that the Tariff Bill will be signed by the President on July 19th.

### FLOODS IN AMERICA.

**Denver, July 7.**  
 Inundations in Colorado, Ohio, Missouri, and Mexico have caused damage amounting to hundreds of thousands of dollars. So far as is known as yet, three lives have been lost. Pattensburg, in Missouri, and Hidalgo, in Mexico, have been destroyed. Hundreds of people are homeless. Relief trains will endeavour to reach the flooded districts.

### THE CRETAN QUESTION.

**Constantinople, July 7.**  
 The joint Note of the four protecting Powers on the Cretan question will be handed to the Porte tomorrow. It is said that the delay which has occurred in the delivery of the Note is due to the fact that the Porte, which knew through its Ambassadors what the contents of the Note would be, requested that certain alterations might be made in it. The British Ambassador and the Russian Chargé d'Affaires had had interviews with the Grand Vizier on the subject.

### THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

**London, July 7.**  
 To a question put by Mr. Lonsdale, Conservative member for Mid-Armagh, whether the Admiralty had made use of the power given to it in the Naval estimates of this year to order guns and other material, preparatory to the building of four contingent "Dreadnoughts," the First Lord of the Admiralty replied in the negative.

### ENGLAND AND GERMANY.

**London, July 7.**  
 At a meeting of Bishops held today, a report was read of the recent visit of British clergy to Germany, and much was said in praise of Germany and German institutions. The Bishop of Salisbury dwelt on the great courtesy and patriotism of the German people. What welded Germany into a patriotic whole was, he said, conscription. The meeting unanimously adopted a resolution expressing the urgent wish that the bonds of union between the two peoples might be maintained and strengthened; and confidence that the late visit and future proofs of friendship between the representatives of the Christian faith in both countries would contribute in an increasing degree to bring about that happy result.

### THE £300,000 FOR NATIONAL OPERA.

The donor of the munificent gift of £300,000 for the endowment of English National Opera reported yesterday is (the *Daily Mail* is informed) Alderman Joseph Beecham, J.P., of St. Helens, son of the head of the firm producing the well-known patent medicine, "Beecham's Pills." Mr. Beecham, on an enquiry being made of him at his residence at Liverpool, would neither confirm nor deny the statement.

### THEFT FROM THE GREAT EXHIBITION, BERLIN.

**Berlin, July 7.**  
 A marble statuette, about 14 inches high, representing an Imperial eagle, was stolen from the Great Exhibition last night, although it was fastened to its stand with wire.

### PRINCE EULENBURG'S CONDITION.

**Berlin, July 7.**  
 The condition of Prince Eulenburg had so far improved yesterday evening that he is in no immediate danger. He will soon return to Liebenberg.

### THE TURKISH NAVY.

**Constantinople, July 7.**  
 The Chamber has voted the supplementary credit of £167,000 asked for by Admiral Gamble, the English officer charged with the duty of reorganising the Turkish Navy; and discussed the subject of revising the appointments of officers of the old régime.

### THE TSAR TO VISIT KIEL.

**Kiel, July 7.**  
 The Emperor of Russia will arrive here on the evening of the 12th or the morning of the 13th instant, on a return visit to the German Emperor.