

allows for one-third of the area of the whole Empire being within reach of railway accommodation.

Railways
in foreign
countries.

446. The next table gives particulars of the railways in the principal foreign countries in 1886:—

RAILWAYS IN PRINCIPAL FOREIGN COUNTRIES, 1886.

COUNTRIES.	Miles of Railway.	Number of Persons to each Mile.	Square Miles of Area to each Mile.
Europe—			
Austria-Hungary.....	14,355	2,639	17
Belgium.....	2,763	1,993	4
Denmark.....	1,214	1,622	12
France.....	29,189	1,309	7
German Empire.....	24,197	1,936	8
Greece.....	320	5,373	78
Italy.....	7,268	3,917	15
Netherlands.....	1,584	2,533	8
Portugal.....	1,138	3,821	30
Roumania.....	1,400	3,695	36
Russia.....	16,340	5,349	127
Servia.....	339	5,503	55
Spain.....	5,634	2,942	35
Sweden and Norway.....	5,003	1,332	59
Switzerland.....	1,925	1,478	8
Turkey.....	904	10,262	139
Asia—			
Japan.....	400	92,530	388
Africa—			
Egypt.....	1,115	6,104	11
America—			
Argentine Republic.....	4,216	712	274
Brazil.....	4,955	2,489	649
Chili.....	1,592	1,586	161
Mexico.....	3,849	2,714	193
Peru.....	1,625	1,829	230
United States *.....	148,987	403	20
Uruguay.....	358	1,765	213

* 1887.

Railway
mileage of
the world.

447: According to the American Almanac, 1888, the total railway mileage of the world was 339,028, and of this quantity 148,987 miles, or 44 per cent. of the whole length, was in the United States. Belgium, the German Empire and Switzerland possess the largest amount of railway accom-