

267. The public debt of some of the principal foreign countries are given below. Public debts in foreign countries.

PUBLIC DEBTS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

COUNTRIES.	Year.	PUBLIC DEBT.		
		Amount.	Per Head.	Multiple of Revenue.
		\$	\$ cts.	
Europe—				
Austria-Hungary	1889	1,599,892,000	40 35	5 26
Belgium	1889	374,367,004	63 34	5 78
Denmark	1890	29,162,000	13 37	1 90
France	1890	6,160,387,266	146 22	10 61
German Empire	1890	302,156,000	6 14	1 12
Greece	1890	143,638,666	65 67	6 46
Italy	1890	2,349,154,000	75 91	7 53
Netherlands	1890	432,019,000	94 95	8 72
Norway	1890	31,190,250	15 60	2 29
Portugal	1889	571,364,635	121 35	13 74
Roumania	1891	173,506,400	32 28	6 89
Russia	1889	2,740,477,085	29 80	6 53
Spain	1889	1,221,585,596	69 63	7 84
Sweden	1890	70,002,200	14 63	3 00
Switzerland	1891	13,840,800	4 74	1 03
Turkey	1887	522,293,530	56 30	7 09
Asia—				
China	1890	24,333,333	0 06	0 61
Japan	1890	301,260,180	7 89	3 72
Africa—				
Egypt	1889	516,249,211	75 72	10 81
America—				
Argentine Republic.	1891	372,965,631	91 27	5 10
Brazil	1891	509,571,200	32 11	6 59
Chili	1890	90,000,000	35 61	1 90
Mexico	1890	110,576,000	9 52	3 00
Peru	1888	259,000,000	96 00	41 27
United States	1892	1,588,464,144	25 61	3 73
Uruguay	1891	106,000,000	134 90	6 75

268. The public debt of France is the largest in the world, and no two estimates agree as to its exact amount. The figures in the table are taken from the Statistical Abstract for Foreign Countries, 1890, published by the Imperial Government, while the latest estimate, made by a French writer, places the amount on 1st January, 1893, at \$6,959,072,733. The debt of the German Empire is the federal debt only, exclusive of the debts of the several states, which amounted in 1890-91 to about \$2,344,336,000. There are, however, considerable investments and a large amount of Government property held as a set-off both against the federal and state debts. Next to that of France, the public debt of the United Kingdom is the largest, followed by those of Russia, Italy, Austria-Hungary, Spain and British India, in

Debt of France.

Debt of German Empire.