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cently brought to Seattle by the steamer Humboldt from Skagway. The story was to the effect that the launch Aquilla struck a rock on Healy Bar in Yukon, and that all on board perished. They were Sidney R. Hibbard, Maurice M. Marsden, both from London; Captain Jack Lawrence, Amiel Crafton, and P. Seelye. In telling of the accident, Mayor Quarre, who has arrived here, said: "The men were all safe when I left them some days after this occurrence. I cared for them after the accident. They were thrown into the water, but all were rescued."

The Lawton Going to Alaska. WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—The transport Lawton which is to bring back destitute Americans from Cape Nome, will sail from San Francisco about the 15th inst., taking on supplies at Seattle and then going direct to St. Michael. It is probable that she will carry about 400 tons of freight for the troops in Alaska.

**OUTLOOK IN CHINA.**  
Nothing Can Be Done Until a Foreign Government is Established. NEW YORK, Sept. 5.—George Jamieson, a British subject residing at Shanghai, in New York, on his way to China, by way of Vancouver. Mr. Jamieson is one of the best-known authorities on Chinese affairs, and has made a study of the finances of the empire.

**FROM SCHURZ AND GAGE**

**TWO OPEN LETTERS ON THE EFFECT OF BRYANISM.**

**Election of Democratic Candidate, Says the Letter, Would Menace Commercial Interests of Country.**

**BOLTON LANDING, N. Y., Sept. 5.—**

Hon. Carl Schurz has written the following open letter to Secretary of the Treasury Gage: "Dear Sir: The newspapers of August 26 published an interview with you in which you were quoted as saying that 'there is no doubt Mr. Bryan (if elected President) could order his Secretary of the Treasury to make payment in silver of all the public debt payable in coin, and for current disbursements of the Government as well, which amount to \$1,500,000 per day; and that he would give such an order, too, in any emergency which would occur in 1898.' You went on to say that although Mr. Bryan 'would have great difficulty in doing that at once,' owing to the small silver resources of the Government, yet he might accomplish it in time, as the mere announcement of such a purpose 'would stop the inflow of gold, or at least very largely diminish payments

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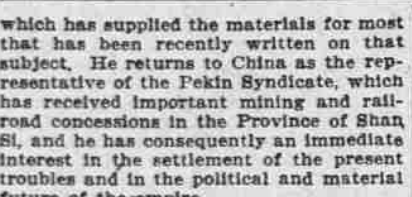
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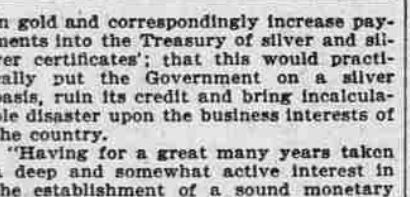
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Mr. Jamieson is one of the founders and an honorary secretary of the China League, an organization recently formed in London for the purpose of implementing the work of China as soon as possible by educating the public mind of the United Kingdom in regard to the magnitude of the commercial and other interests dependent upon the 'open door' in China. Following the work of the league, Mr. Jamieson said: "Its purposes are similar to those of your American Asiatic Association, with which I hope it may establish close and friendly relations. Like the latter, who know anything about this subject, we are impressed with the importance of China as an open market for our manufacturers and with the immense possibilities which the whole country presents as a legitimate field for these enterprises. We think we have some reason to take exception to the lack of a definite line of policy on the part of our Government in its dealings with China, but we recognize the fact that the absence of a strong popular sentiment on the subject may be held to excuse much of the hesitancy which has been apparent in English diplomatic action."

"Mr. Hay very properly insisted in his communications to foreign governments a year ago that a reform of the administrative system of China was absolutely essential to the preservation of the integrity of the empire. But there can be no such reform under the rule of the Emperor Dowager and her corrupt ring of advisers. If the Russian proposal means anything, it means a return to the status quo ante, to the state of things under which the Boxer movement was promulgated and encouraged, and the life of every foreigner in China was placed in jeopardy. There are great many things yet to be explained in regard to recent events in China, but this much is certain, that had the Emperor Dowager and her satellites been allowed their own way, the whole country would have been in a state of anti-foreign insurrection today, and the fact that the powers are not at war with China would have had to be abandoned."

"It is true that we must have some kind of responsible government with which to make terms for the settlement of the future of China and of the status of our foreign interests there. There is no such government in China at the present moment, because the Emperor, if he is still alive, is under duress and the Emperor Dowager can answer for nothing except the perpetuation of the blind and ignorant policy of the foreigner which she and her advisers cherish in common. It may be to the interest of Russia and Li Hung Chang to make easy the restoration of the authority of the Emperor Dowager, but it is certainly not to the interest of any power that wants to see China preserved from dismemberment and launched on a career of peace, progress and prosperity."

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**ST. PAUL, Minn., Sept. 5.—With**

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