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Uncle Sam's New Possessions All More Naturally Tributary to Columbia River than Elsewhere.

San Francisco Chronicle. A new shipping and transportation company has been organized to operate between San Francisco and Honolulu. The prime mover in the enterprise is Will M. Campbell, who left this city over a year ago to engage in business in the islands. The necessities of his own business interests led to the formation of the company. Mr. Campbell came here a few days ago to secure a large quantity of building materials, and was surprised to learn that he would have great difficulty in securing its rapid transportation.

The work of organizing the company has occupied the attention of its promoters to such a degree that they have not yet had time to give it a name, but that will soon be announced.

While the present plans of the company are of sufficient importance to make its advent a subject of conversation in shipping circles, it is the ultimate scope of its operations that may prove of interest to San Francisco. It is intended by Mr. Campbell and his associates, now that the business of ocean freight carrying has been thrust upon them, to extend the scope of the company until it shall have ships plying between this port and the ports of China, Japan and the Philippines.

## DANGER IN THE "GROUND SEA"

Sailors Refuse to go to Sea Though Landmen See No Danger. Many visitors to the coast at this time of the year are sorely puzzled when a boatman either refuses to put off from shore or at most to go far from land on a day when there is no sign of an approaching storm and the water is only moved by a long and gently rolling swell. Argument is of no avail, and if the old salt is pushed for a reason, he will only reply with some cryptogrammatic remark about "the ground sea," the questioner then retiring more bewildered than before.

It is hard to understand how such a gentle swell can present danger, but to experienced eyes it gives a warning that must be heeded. All along the west and parts of the south coast of England and Ireland as well as on the west coast of Scotland uncounted tales are told of ships which on a perfectly calm day have been within a few hours first caught by a gentle roll of the water and finally thrown on a rock-bound coast by the dreaded "ground sea."

## three, each successively wave being larger than its predecessor, the slight being an imposing one.

The farther they progress the smaller they become in height, but this is compensated for by the fact that their motion is communicated to the mass of water below, until the roll can be detected fully 50 feet under the surface. This gives them the name of "ground sea."

In this peculiarity their danger lies, for when a becalmed ship is caught in them her draught, the registering power that enables her to ride out a storm, becomes the fulcrum which the liquid mass uses to hurt her onward to destruction.

As the "ground sea" advances it pushes a certain amount of water before it. This also forms into ridges, like its pursuer, but of less height and approximately no depth.

## MURDER MYSTERIES IN NEW YORK

## SCENE IN A STREET CAR

Supposed Murderer Caught With the Head of His Victim Crossing Brooklyn Bridge.

A striking picture of every-day life in New York, with some idea of the continual and sustained excitement resulting from every-day murder mysteries which, according to the residents of that screaming, jostling place, make life livable, is given in one of the funny true stories published from time to time by the New York Sun.

## EARNERS OF THE VICTORIA CROSS

## GALLANT BRITISH SOLDIERS

Laing's Nek and Majuba Hill Afforded Some of the Greatest Examples of Valor in the Record of War.

The memory of the Boer war of 1881 is so bitter amongst the English people that they are apt to forget that, in spite of Majuba Hill, Laing's Nek and the Ingogo Heights—all of which were disastrous to the British troops—the Victoria Cross was awarded on no fewer than six occasions in the Transvaal in the campaign of 1880-81. Majuba Hill itself, a reverse that will never die out of the recollection of the present generation, afforded its example of that British valor which has made

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point sticking out there is the nose most likely. "Perhaps he means to go out on the platform and throw it into the river when we get to the middle of the bridge."

"It's horrible to be right in the same car with such a monster?" Moutaine, a small, sharp-eyed man who sat about a yard away from him on the same side of the car, had been gradually edging up and now he thrust forth his hand and touched the package. Drawing his hand back he proclaimed loudly:

"It's blood!" There was a reddish purple stain on his fingers. Smith's first thought was that there must have been a pin concealed in the bundle upon which the fat German had punctured himself when he landed so inopportunely. This was swallowed up in wrath at the action and tone of the man who had made the announcement.

"What business is it of yours?" he demanded, turning upon the man so savagely that that individual almost fell out of the floor.

At this point the German, who had been absorbed in a German paper at the further end of the car, took a hand in the proceedings. He looked at the package again and his eyes grew large and round.

"He has der man!" he cried excitedly. "I set about him in der paper here. Find der Kopf der head, says Captain Price, and you got der murderer. You haf der head in dot paper unwrapped."

"A head in the paper, have I?" said Smith. "Well, that's more than any man in this car has got on his shoulders."

"Don't you are the murderer," shouted the German.

"If I was a murderer," replied Smith intensely, "I could do some useful and congenial work right here."

"Save me! Same me!" shrieked the elderly woman, bursting out of the door and clasping the conductor in a grip that caused his ribs to rattle audibly.

"Where's a policeman," asked several of the men.

"What the devil is the matter with you fools?" demanded Smith, in utter bewilderment. "Somebody who can talk English and common sense explain this to me."

The answer came to him in bits. "Seventeenth street murder." "Head in a paper." "Blood stains on the wrapper." "Mamma paper tied up with cord."

"Right here like I haf road vor Captain Price say." "Italian newspaper and all." "Looks like coal dust on this end." "Don't let him throw it into the river."

Illumination came to Smith. Tearing open the end of the bag he exhibited the crushed grapes. Then he swept the car with a glance of concentrated disgust and scorn and retired behind his newspaper.

Nobody said anything, but the elderly lady released the conductor, who gave a gasp of mingled relief and thankfulness, and came inside the car. Then a policeman who had in some mysterious way divined that something was going on jumped on the platform.

"What's the matter here?" he asked after the manner of his kind.

Smith emerged from his paper. "It's all right, officer," he said calmly. "This is a party from the imbecile asylum that I took out on a trolley ride. They're perfectly harmless, but the conductor didn't understand, and there was a little riotous. That's all."

nearly all their military undertakings famous. A survivor of Majuba tells of the courage of Corporal J. T. Farmer of the British army hospital corps. A small force, about 400 of all ranks, had been got to the summit of Majuba in the night by the unfortunate General Colley. When day broke the Boers, in overwhelming force, stormed the heights, and, surrounding the defenders on three sides, proceeded to annihilate them. The British ammunition was exhausted, there was no bayonet work and nothing was left but flight for the general, many other officers and nearly 100 men were lying dead, and there was a sorry lot of wounded.

Farmer was with the wounded on a plateau when the flight began. He could have got away like the rest, but, in spite of the bullets which were raining around him, he stuck to his charge. He raised a white handkerchief to show that he associated with the Red Cross. The hand that waved the little flag was shot through, and the linen fell to the ground.

Despite his pain the valiant soldier stooped down, picked up the handkerchief, and waved it with his uninjured limb. Again a bullet struck him, and he could hold up the flag no more. But his life was spared, and though he had to undergo amputation and was discharged on pension, he was able to take the Victoria Cross with him, for in recognition of his valor on Majuba Hill that first of distinctions was conferred on him. "I have seen some plucky things in war," said the narrator, "but never such a show of pluck as Farmer's."

At Laing's Nek, reverse though it was to the English, there were embryo V. C. men. The Fifty-eighth Foot, now the Second Battalion Northamptonshire regiment, suffered heavy loss. When the British were repulsed Lieutenant A. R. Hill, of the Fifty-eighth (now major), saw a wounded comrade lying helpless. He seized the prostrate officer and began to hurry to shelter with him. As he struggled a bullet struck his burden and the comrade died in the lieutenant's arms. In spite of this terrible shock Hill rushed back to succor his unfortunate brethren, and brought two of the wounded people safely into shelter. For these three acts of valor he received the cross.

Other Transvaal heroes were Lance Corporal James Murray and Private John Danaher, of the Second battalion, Connaught Rangers; Private James Osborne, of the same corps as Lieutenant Hill, and Private J. Doogan, of the First (King's) Dragoon Guards.

Murray and Danaher, on January 14, 1881, during an affair with the Boers, saw two Scots fusiliers, and Byrne and Davis, lying wounded on the plain, shot by the Boers in the neighboring hills. Both Murray and Danaher were mounted, and they rode to the rescue. Murray's horse was shot under him, but he hurried on foot to the wounded, reaching them at the same time as Danaher. While stopping to raise Byrne, Murray was shot through the body and badly wounded. Believing that all was lost, he ordered Danaher to look to himself. Poor Byrne died almost immediately, and Murray and Davis were captured by the Boers, who also took the dead man. Davis, too, died speedily, so that the rescuers' valor was almost in vain, but to each of them the cross was given, for Danaher had made wonderfully courageous efforts at salvation.

Osborne's reward was given for a similar act on February 22, near Majuba, and Doogan was decorated for valor at Laing's Nek. We see, therefore, that while Majuba and Laing's Nek are among the most sorrowful of English military memories, they afford also examples of valor which are among the brightest in the records of the Cross.

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