Olhe deaily Astorian.

 FTOUR! accept the terms, but south Aus-
traliar refuses to contribute, and so the plan of an Australian empire
hangs fire.
In default of annexation it has been proposed to secure practical
control of the coveted archipelago through private enterprise. It
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this plan that if the Australasia this plan that if the Australasia
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quarter or half a million po sterling, the money could easily
be raised, the German interests Samoa and Tonga parchased, th
home government induced to turn over to the company the ad
ministration of New Guinea affair, the company guaranteeing th
protection of native interests, an such relations, with other island
groups established, that they would naturally and inevitably fall under the dominance
Australasian confederation.
The scheme would seem. withe sthe strength of the Unite colonies, but might arouse Germa opposition. That empire is plant
ing its colors all around the south ing its colors all around the soun
Pacific, and the colonial enterprise Pacific, and the colonial enterprise
would tend to create frietion which might strike fire. In that
case the outcome as a whole might be uncertain, although Englan and her enterprising Australasia Germany at the antipodes.
Suatl fly-wheels cast hollow and loaded with lead, is a foreign able, and, as was said long since itell is no trifle."
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