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AN AMERICAN KING.

THAT wickedness sometimes prospers is evinced by the rather romantic career within the last few months of Charles W. Banks, formerly of Albany, N. Y., later of San Francisco, and now elevated by the power of love to the throne of king of Cook's island in the South Pacific ocean. A history of Mr. Bank's life in Albany would add so little interest to his later life that it is unnecessary to refer to it now, except to state that in that town he married a very interesting young lady, for whom, according to his latest letters to friends, he still entertains the most touching affection. It is also hardly necessary to say that the lady in question places so little faith in these assurances of unbounded love that she has begun a divorce suit, and charges his kingship with desertion and infidelity.

Soon after the marriage of the couple they journeyed to San Francisco, where Mr. Banks, being intelligent and bright, as well as a handsome young man, obtained employment in the office of Wells, Fargo & Co. There he prospered—prospered too well for his personal good, for, having obtained a position of trust and gained the entire confidence of his employers, he suddenly disappeared six months ago, carrying with him over \$50,000 belonging to the company. His many friends at the Golden Gate mourned his departure, for he was a good talker, and a good story-teller, while his little suppers at home and at his club were the talk of society for days after each event. Mrs. Banks, too, mourned his loss, but the reasons were widely different, and she went to New York after gathering enough evidence in San Francisco to prove that her husband had not been all that she expected. Consulting a law firm there the papers of a divorce were properly drawn up, but pending information as to the whereabouts of her recreant husband she withheld proceedings.

Meanwhile Wells, Fargo & Co. had sent detectives after the defaulter, who tracked him to Tahiti, Sandwich Islands, but the wily young man fled in a schooner a few hours before the sleuth-hounds of the law reached there. From this point the gay defaulter's movements much resembled those of Billy Kid, the illustrious hero whom Rosina Vokes sings about in her clever song, "His Art Was True to Poll." Like Billy Kid, Mr. Banks landed on a strange shore and looked out for an inn. When a noble savage lady, of a color rather shady, came along and accosted him.

"Oh, stay with me, and the king you'll be, And in a prince poll, Or I'll eat you like a fillet;" so he gave his hand, did Billy. But his art was true to Poll.

Mr. Banks was certainly in luck. He had sailed away from Tahiti for a point anywhere out of the grasp of the law, and favoring gales had directed his craft to the shores of Rarotonga, Cook's Island, in the South Pacific, where the beautiful but dusky queen Ulakea (Ulakea in English but something else in her own picturesque language) reigned quietly and kindly over her loving tribe. She is a widow, but ceased abruptly to grieve for her departed lord when the handsome face and manly bearing and figure of Mr. Banks loomed up before her in her quiet, luxurious home. He was a wanderer, weary and forlorn, and she a widow, sad and lonely, but with lots of this world's goods and a large heart, which she unhesitatingly threw at his feet. Her kindness won him, coupled with his own Yankee ingenuity, which told him that he had struck it rich, and he availed himself of the fortunate opportunity equally as unhesitatingly as it had been opened to him.

There at Rarotonga, safe from the law's strong grasp, where the climate is glorious and warm all the year round, Banks is now living, duly domesticated and acknowledged as king, and receiving the homage of the people, who adore him, because their beloved queen has set them the example. The detectives who found him there say he expresses no desire to return to his native country, but seems satisfied to continue his life of idleness and power.

THE United States treasury to-day is a vast bank in metallic money and money metals. Probably it has the greatest hoard of the precious metals, coined and uncoined, anywhere on the face of the earth—and this is not all gathered in one place. On the 1st of July the treasury of the United States had \$278,000,000 in gold, \$85,000,000 being in bars, and \$215,000,000 of silver, of which less than \$4,000,000 was uncoined. The amount of treasury notes on hand was less than \$30,000,000. The secretary of the treasury has been able by carrying gold bars to keep down the

amount of cash taken from the monetary circulation to the lowest limit. It is amazing when we think of the monetary condition of this country forty years ago, when the supply of both metals was very small; thirty years ago, when money as good as gold was unknown between Pennsylvania and California; and twenty years ago, when this side of the Rocky mountains not a silver piece was visible, and gold was the center of a vast daily speculation, in which the treasury notes passed current at 50 cents on the dollar more or less. It is amazing in view of the past that to-day our national treasury is a vast bullion bank.

The sending to Cabool of the heads of two hundred Afghans and Talakis slain by the troops of the ameer is a striking evidence of the savagery of the customs of war that still exist in Afghanistan. It appears that after the first fight, in which they were victorious, the government troops were defeated by the Jaghuri and Hazarahs and that the ameer is now sending reinforcements to his army. The consequence of this petty warfare to the civilized world depends altogether on how much English and Russian intrigues have to do with the result.

There is a great deal of force in the statement made in Dunn's *Commercial Review* that a half year during which we have invested \$100,000,000 in new railroads, \$400,000,000 in buildings and another \$100,000,000 more in mines and manufactures, cannot be expected to be a very lively time for speculation. The money that goes into solid business is not at hand to put in margins or to engineer corners.

At Ross' Opera House To-night. (San Francisco Chronicle.)

With a flourish of trumpets the mammoth spectacular, "The Devil's Auction," arrived from the east Saturday, and immediately took possession of the Bush street theater, where people were turned away, unable to gain standing room after 7:45 P. M., last evening. "The Devil's Auction" is the largest show of its kind ever brought to the coast, and the pluck of its proprietor, Mr. Gilmore, should be rewarded with the same business as tested the theater last evening on its initial production. The piece is a conglomeration of all the good things imaginable, and can be thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by people of every temperament. Such scenery, costumes, ballets, premiers, specialties and other things have never been produced on such an elaborate scale of grandeur as that given by this company. That it will become popular there is no doubt. The company is a perfect army of men and women—nearly 75 people forming the roster. One thing of note is that everything was given as trumpeted in the advance notices.

Reserved seats at the New York Novelty Store.

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