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### ASTORIA'S NEW STEAMER LINE

Ships Now Being Built to Connect With Railroad.

### PACIFIC MAIL IS INTERESTED

Boats Will Run Via San Francisco—Floor Mill to Be Built to Supply Them With Traffic.

The latest telegraphic information from San Francisco states that the Pacific Mail Steamship company is building two modern, 10,000-ton twin screw steamships of the Atlantic liner type. These steamers, the superintendent of the line says, will be put on the run between San Francisco and the Orient, with Honolulu as a port of call. These ships will be far superior in point of speed and comfort, to any now on the Pacific coast. The Pacific Mail is C. P. Huntington. It is well known that Huntington is building two large steamers at Newport News.

In discussing the telegram yesterday afternoon Astoria property owner said: "A year and a half ago Mr. A. B. Hammond sold to me, 'There are building two modern, 10,000-ton steamships to ply between the Orient and Astoria in connection with our railroad. In fact, he said that the steamship line was the prime reason for building the railroad, and that he was only afraid the road would not be finished before the first steamer arrived. He told me that the steamers would run via San Francisco until enough business was established here to keep them in cargoes from the Columbia. The ships will be docked at Flavel where the interchange is made. It will be made with the road. They will not go to Portland. As May these statements were reiterated. Again in Portland the other day Mr. Hammond confirmed these statements to a friend of mine. Putting two and two together the Pacific Mail ships now building must be ours."

The principal traffic for these ships at the beginning will be flour. Flour can be furnished cheaper and of the same grades, from the Columbia river, than from San Francisco. I am assured by Mr. Hammond that a large mill company has arranged to erect a plant here, to supply these ships. To do this they will have to turn out 200 barrels a day. The mills will be running in time to grind the wheat crop of 1898."

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### VOYAGE OF A BOTTLE

San Francisco, October 23.—A bottle has been received by the branch hydrographic office from Martin Kleis, of the Island of Nui, in the Ellice group, containing a paper thrown overboard by Captain Harland of the British bark Villalpa on August 24, 1886, in latitude 30 north, longitude 161.20 west. It was picked up on May 20 last on the shore of Nui, having drifted in that time 280 miles.

### MURDERED AND BURNED.

Ilioi, Miss., October 22.—J. L. Parkhurst and wife were murdered last night and their residence fired and the bodies consumed in the flames. They lived three miles from Ilioi city.

### BREACH OF PROMISE

Danville, Ill., October 22.—Mrs. Carrie Corbett, a widow, has been awarded \$4,333.33 damages for breach of promise, John Gerard, aged 21, a retired capitalist, being the defendant.

### PERILS OF THE GREAT DEEP

### TERRIBLE TALE OF SHIPWRECK IN THE SOUTH SEAS.

### Fate of the Norwegian Bark Selodon as Told by the Survivors—Without Food or Water.

London, October 23.—Second Mate Olsen of the Norwegian bark Selodon, Captain Jaeger, from Newcastle, N. S. W., on July 11, 1885, for Honolulu, which was wrecked in the South Seas in August, 1885, has arrived in London with a dozen of the survivors and tells a terrible story of their experiences. The Selodon struck the reefs off Starbuck Island on August 7.—The crew was obliged to take to the boats and the vessel filled so rapidly that there was no time to save clothing, while they barely got a few provisions, the ship's compass and a chart. They forgot the sextant. Eleven men manned each of the two boats and made for Maiden Island, as there was no refuge at Starbuck Island. Failing to find Maiden they tried to find Christmas Island. After eleven days the first mate's boat capsized and the mate drowned. The companions entered the other boat, which was already disabled.

The heat of the sun pecked their faces and bodies, their lips blackened and swelled from want of water. The only food they had in addition to the small quantity of provisions carried from the vessel was a small flying fish. Captain Jaeger finally died. Exhausted and alone, most famished they landed on Sofala Island September 6. Here they lived ten months on turtles, birds and bananas, the carpenter dying soon after they landed. Finally they put off in a small boat and halted a steamer which took them to Suva, and from there they traveled to Sydney.

### COSTLY DIVORCE.

Butte, Mont., October 23.—Adam Faraday, an old-time miner here, was granted a divorce from his wife, Ida Faraday, who is at present in Denver. This is the seventh action for divorce between the parties and they have dissipated a fortune of \$100,000 in litigation over the matter.

### KILLED BY DANCING.

American Fork, Utah, October 23.—While engaged in the merry whirl of a waltz at a ball given at the opera house last night, Miss Margie Rushton, one of the belles of the town, aged 17 years, dropped dead on the floor from heart failure.

Cowboy Hats, \$6. Ladies' heavy outing Banned Night Gowns, all colors, \$1.25 each. All-wood Biberdown, 25 yard. Full width Sheeting, 15 1/2 yard. Ladies' all-wood Stockings, 10 pair. Umbrellas, \$6. All our Ladies' Caps and Coats at half price. Full size Bed Spreads, The Double Blankets, 60 pair. Apron Gingham, 50 yard. Best Calico, 50 yard. This week at.....

### ENGLISH GOSSIP OF THE WEEK

### Winter Season Opens With Presence of Prince of Wales.

### THE NEW YORK ELECTION

### Source of Much Interest—Fakes and Other Fakes—Ability Opening Shops—Mrs. Langtry

London, October 23.—(Copyrighted by the Associated Press.)—There was a sudden influx in town during the past week and most of the large London residences are opened for the winter season, while the hotels and restaurants are crowded nightly. The Prince of Wales and her daughter, Princess Victoria, arrived from Denmark on Wednesday and the Prince of Wales returned to town from shooting in Norfolk on Thursday. They will remain at Marlborough house for several days. The Prince of Wales is building a large riding school at Sandringham, and its extreme circumference is a cycling track.

The Greater New York election amenities are followed with considerable interest, especially the representation of Mr. Richard Croker as a proxy of the Prince of Wales. The London Figaro on the subject says: "The impudence of the New York politicians is laughable to those who know the extent of the Prince of Wales' acquaintance with the Tammany chief. When Croker brought his racehorses here he was introduced to Wales in the character of a great supporter of the turf. Immediately, however, the running of the American horses fell under suspicion, and Croker was dropped like a hot potato. As it was, Croker never progressed further in intimacy with the Prince of Wales than on one occasion to offer him a light for his cigar."

The annual Kennel Club show opened on Tuesday, at the Crystal Palace with 20 series, breaking the record. The exhibitors include the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duchess of Newcastle and the Marchioness of Cunningham. The principal attraction was the eighteen dogs used by Jackson the explorer in his recent Arctic expedition, and a Schipperke with a set of false teeth.

Another exhibit which attracts many people is the dairy show at Islington. Among the exhibitors there are the Duchess of Newcastle and Marlborough, the Countesses of Craven, Delaware and Louisa, Baroness Burdett-Goutts and Sir Thomas Hoskoth, who married a daughter of Senator Sharon of Nevada.

There has been one more case explicated of foolish persons in the United States who were made to believe fairy tales of wealth awaiting heirs in England. Mrs. Nolan and Mrs. Rafferty of 30 East Seventeenth street, New York, arrived here a fortnight ago and called at the office of Mr. Charles Russell, son of the lord chief justice, saying they wanted to collect \$400,000 (\$2,000,000) belonging to the heirs of the O'Neal estate, adding that they wanted the money the same week so as to be able to return to New York on the steamer which brought them here. Mr. Russell examined the documents, which showed no evidence of being of slightest value, at the same time informing his visitors that no such sum was unclaimed in chancery. The two women having spent all their money on the voyage from New York to England, Mr. Russell paid their passage back to the United States and they sailed on Wednesday.

During a number of years past members of the nobility have opened shops in London and have been selling anything from bonnets to milk or potatoes. The latest addition to the list has just blossomed out in an advertisement in a leading church paper in which the enterprising noble man says: "A lord will supply, post free, chickens at 3s 3d, ducks 2s 6d, rabbits at 2s 3d per pair, turkeys from 5s and geese from 4s 6d trussed for the table." Lieutenant Winston Churchill of the Fourth Hussars, son of Lady Randolph

Churchill, is acting as war correspondent for the Daily Telegraph in India.

Mrs. Langtry benefits to the extent of £300 yearly by the death of her husband. The Hon. Ella Scarlett, oldest daughter of Baroness Abinger, widow of the third Baron Abinger, and daughter of the late Commodore Magraddern, U. S. N., is completing a course of medical studies at Dublin.

Gossip of Paris is divided between the reconciliation of the Prince and Princess de Sagan and the visit of Mlle. Lucy Faure, daughter of the president, to the Duchess d'Uzes, who attained considerable notoriety by giving a very large sum of money to the Boulangist campaign fund. Mlle. Faure visited the duchess because the grand duke and grand duchess Vladimir of Russia had accepted the invitation of the Duchess d'Uzes to a hunting party, which is tantamount to a full political absolution for the Boulangist escapade of the duchess.

### OLD SOLDIER DEAD.

Valparaiso, Indiana, October 23.—Uncle Charles Decker, the oldest man in Portico, and probably the oldest soldier of the late war, is dead. He was 99 years old. During the war, at that time being 41 years old, he enlisted in company I, Nineteenth Indiana cavalry, serving one year when he was discharged for disability.

### SPAIN'S NEW CUBAN POLICY

### TO GAIN AMERICAN SYMPATHY AND CONCILIATE THE REBELS

### Belief in Court and Official Circles at Madrid That the United States Shows a Friendly Disposition.

New York, Oct. 23.—A World special from Madrid says: "A high diplomatic personage who has special means of accurately judging of Spain's motives, claims that the queen regent and the Sagasta government are sincere, both in their wish to obtain the sympathy of the American government and to conciliate the majority of the Cubans, especially the whites, whom the new policy seems to detach from the insurrection."

Many obstacles may retard the realization of the liberal government, the diplomat continued. "First, the condition of the island makes the execution of reforms and the taking of elections very difficult; secondly, the division in the autonomist party makes its support unreliable just when the government wants it to be the corner-stone of the new regime. Thirdly, the ambiguous attitude of the so-called Spanish party—the constitutional union, makes mischief as its proffered support is conditional on the government making no large extension of the electoral franchise, as that would deprive it of the control of the municipal and provincial councils and the consular assembly. Fourthly, the creating of a local assembly with a responsible executive is exceedingly unpopular in Spain, and is combated even by influential liberals and newspapers, like the Herald and Imperial. Fifthly, military men share the opinion of General Blanco and Parado, that rigid military occupation of the four western provinces of Cuba and very active operations in the two eastern provinces are indispensable to complete pacification, and can only produce results in a few months if the United States stop entirely sending expeditions, and all other assistance to the insurgents. Sixthly, the prolongation of the struggle with its terrible drain on Spanish finances and embarrassments impending to the tune of \$8,000,000 a month, on top of the \$400,000,000 already spent early this winter, will force Spain to pledge the resources of the peninsula revenue to raise money to go the pace in Cuba."

Hence the anxiety of the court and government to secure the goodwill of the United States which is shown in the adoption of a new colonial policy in making promises to settle the American claims after pacification and in holding out a prospect of advantages for American trade and American capital in the West Indies. Views on these delicate matters are being exchanged between the two governments with great reserve. Privately none of them will be placed officially on record. The prevailing opinion in court and official circles in Madrid is that the American government shows a temporizing and friendly disposition.

### SENATOR WOLCOTT "AMUSES" ENGLAND

### The Press Applauds the Government's Rejection of His Proposals.

### THE SILVER GHOST IS LAID

### Dimetallite Agitation Regarded as Virtually Killed—No More Financial Advice Wanted From America.

London, October 23.—Commenting on the international monetary negotiations, the Times says:

When the extent and significance of the American proposals come to be generally understood we shall be surprised if even the dimetallite's venture to contend that they could have been accepted as the basis of any serious international agreement. Sir James Westland's dispatch is an admirably reasoned state paper, as to the American proposals. Aside from the reopening of the Indian mints it is difficult to understand how they could have been treated with gravity by the British statesmen. It is really amusing—we do not like to use the word amusing—we do not like to use so harsh a word as impudent—that some gentlemen from the United States should come here to tell us how to improve our currency and banking. The counsels of the Fox that lost his tail are discounted by the common sense of mankind.

The Daily Chronicle says the public will read the story of the negotiations with not a little surprise. It calls the senator's European proposal "cool" and asks, "What of Mr. Balfour and his promise in the house of commons in March of last year, that the government would reopen the Indian mints?"

The Morning Post, the Daily Telegraph, the Standard and the Daily News all comment upon the sweeping nature of Senator Wolcott's proposals.

The Daily Telegraph admits that it was very "adroit to take advantage of India's difficulties." The Daily News says: "Had the proposals been known, public opinion would have killed them in a single day, but a cabinet containing Mr. Balfour has had three months to give them their quietus."

The Standard says: "Senator Wolcott's exposition of his proposals shows that President McKinley knows how to choose a man of talent when a difficult, if not hopeless piece of work is to be done outside of the United States. Lord Elin and his colleagues have never done a finer work than in their dispatch which has laid the silver ghost in India for a long time to come. Its facts are convincing and its logic irresistible."

The whole press applauds the government's decision and agrees that the dimetallite agitation is virtually killed.

### WEYLER MUST GO.

New York, October 23.—A special to the Herald from Madrid says: At the ministerial council a dispatch was read from Havana stating that General Weyler would refuse to relinquish power before October 29. Your correspondent was requested to say on behalf of the administration that no evidence can be placed in the dispatch, since according to advices received by the government the ministry anticipates nothing but obedience to its orders. This statement is all the more generous and all the more worthy of belief from the fact that General Weyler is by no means a persons grata with the administration. The press continues to harp on the filibustering expeditions. El Imperial demands that a memorandum be sent to the United States.

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