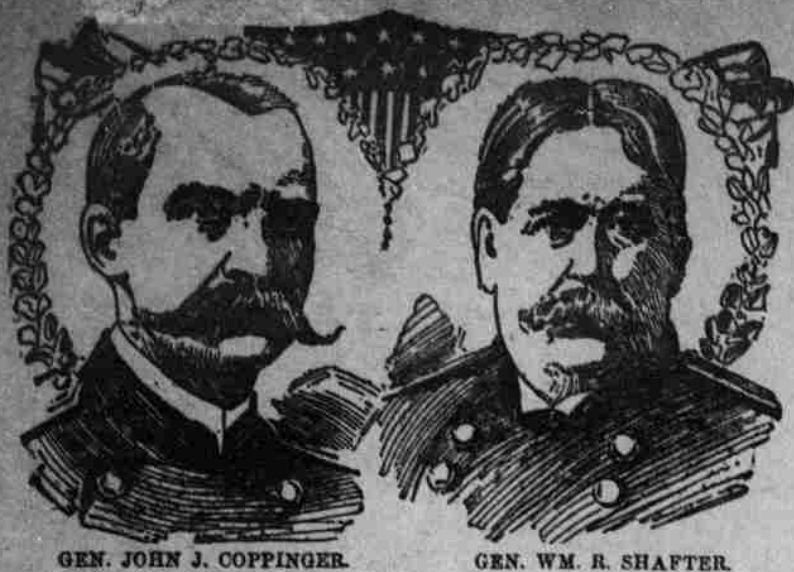




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WERE SWEEPED TO THEIR DOOM

Water Submerged a Stage Which Was Crowded—Hundreds of People Immersed—Thirty-Four Bodies Have Been Recovered.

London, June 23.—During the launching of the British first-class battleship Albion, at Blackwell, today, by the Duchess of York, at which ceremony the United States ambassador, Colonel John Hay, and Mrs. Hay, and Lieutenant-Commander Wells, United States naval attaché, assisted, the displacement of water caused an immense mass of water to rise on all sides, completely submerging one of the lower stages of the yard, and immersing hundreds of people. It is estimated that 50 persons were drowned.

The Duchess of York, Colonel and Mrs. Hay and the remainder of the distinguished guests, did not see the accident, which occurred at the moment when three cheers were given for the successful launching, and the cries and screams of the victims were drowned by the hurrahs.

The bodies of five men, 18 women and 11 children have been recovered.

The Duke and Duchess of York have telegraphed assurances of their profound regret and sympathy.

Thousands who witnessed the launching left the scene ignorant of the disaster.

The staging that was destroyed had been erected for workmen near the stern of a Japanese cruiser in course of construction. It was a light struc-

ture, about 50 feet long, and notices had been posted warning the public that it was dangerous.

Despite the efforts of the police, some 200, mostly working people on a holiday, invaded the staging, which commanded a good view of the launching. Two great waves completely demolished it, and on receding, carried most of its occupants into deep water.

The water was alive with struggling people and floating debris. It was a scene of terrible confusion. The shrieks of the unfortunate people, mingled with the cheers of enthusiasm over the launching. Fortunately, there was plenty of help near in the shape of police boats and other craft. The shipbuilders, with drags, and the firemen, who participated, were all prompt in affording succor. A number of nurses who had come to witness the launching were among those engulfed. Some of these and many others were revived by artificial respiration. Some were injured by colliding with the debris. About 60 of the spectators were injured and had to receive surgical treatment.

Many plucky rescues of drowning persons were made by onlookers.

Heartrending scenes were witnessed when the bodies of children and other relatives of those who escaped the disaster were recovered and brought to land.

The Albion is a first-class steel battleship, of 12,960 tons, 390 feet long, 74 feet broad, and draws 25 feet 5 inches of water. She is to have 13,500 indicated horsepower, has two propellers and cost about \$4,000,000.

A municipal council in France has ordered its proceedings to be reported by phonograph.

The End of the Remarkable Letter

Wheat Deal.

[Reported by Downing, Hopkins & Co., Inc., Board of Trade Brokers, 711 to 713 Chamber of Commerce building, Portland, Oregon.]

The letter wheat deal, so-called, which was certainly one of the most remarkable business enterprises of modern times, has come to an end. Liquidation is now the order of the day, and many millions of money which were at one time profits on one side of the ledger have been wiped out by losses on the other side of that same truth-telling book.

It is the old story over again of Prometheus challenging the gods. The forces of nature are too strong for any man, and work and contrive as he may, he cannot maintain himself against that eternal decree that seed time and harvest shall not fail.

The outlook in 1897 for the purchase of wheat justified all that Mr. Leiter did. There were short crops everywhere abroad, and the United States alone possessed the grain the whole world needed and must have. As the year advanced and it became more and more apparent that the shortage was certain, the big deal began to look more and more promising, and after the December deliveries were provided for it seemed easy enough sailing for the young merchant.

Mr. Armour, who is no mean judge of such undertakings, and who has fought many a great commercial battle on the board of trade, in speaking of this splendid deal, said: "The pluck and wisdom manifested by him in the remarkable deal which he all but successfully consummated, challenged the admiration of men everywhere. I fully expected that he would carry the deal through safely, as there was merit in his position."

This is testimony from one who had felt the prowess of the youthful commercial athlete, and who, in a measure, had been put to his trumps to meet that antagonist on his own ground, and it is therefore all the more trustworthy as evidence that Mr. Leiter had a strong position to begin with.

But time and tide wait for no man, and ever-teeming mother earth gladly responds to the husbandman's toll. Unprecedented prices were responded to by an unprecedented crop, and bountiful nature offered to pour into Mr. Leiter's lap a much greater profit than he cared to possess. He wisely closed the bins.

Seattle Markets.

Vegetables—Potatoes—Yakimas, \$11 @12 per ton; natives, \$8 @10; California potatoes, \$1.50 @2 per 100 pounds. Beets, per sack, \$1.25; turnips, \$1.25; carrots, \$1.25; hot-house lettuce, 45c; radishes, 12 1/2c.

Fruit—California lemons, fancy, \$3; choice, \$2 @2.50; seedling oranges, \$1.50 @1.75; California navel, fancy, \$3 @3.25; choice, \$2.50 @2.75; bananas, shipping, \$2.25 @2.75 per bunch; strawberries, 90c @1.00 per crate.

Butter—Fancy native creamery, brick, 15c; ranch, 7 @12c; dairy, 12 1/2 @15c; Iowa, fancy creamery, 15c.

Cheese—Native Washington, 11 @12c; Eastern cheese, 12 @13 1/2c.

Meats—Choice dressed beef steers, prime, 7 1/2c; cows, prime, 7c; mutton, 7 1/2c; pork, 7 1/2c; live, 8c.

Poultry—Chickens, live, per pound, 14c; dressed, 16c; spring chickens, 12c @13 1/2c.

Fresh Fish—Halibut, 3 @4c; steelheads, 7 @8c; salmon trout, 9 @10c; flounders and sole, 8 @9c; herring, 4c.

Oysters—Olympia oysters, per sack, \$3.50; per gallon, solid, \$1.50.

Wheat—Choice, per ton, \$28.

Oats—Choice, per ton, \$25.

Corn—Whole, \$25; cracked, \$25; feed meal, \$25.

Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, \$25; whole, \$24.

Flour—Patent, \$4.50, bbl; straight, \$4.25; California brands, \$5.75; buckwheat flour, \$6.50; graham, per bbl, \$4.25; whole wheat flour, \$4.50; rye flour, \$4.50.

Millet—Bran, per ton, \$15; shorts, per ton, \$18.

Feed—Chopped feed, \$21 @22 per ton; middlings, per ton, \$18 @19; oil cake meal, per ton, \$35.

Hay—Puget Sound mixed, \$10 @11; choice Eastern Washington timothy, \$15 @16.

Portland Market.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 60c; Valley and Bluestem, 63c per bushel.

Flour—Best grades, \$4.00; graham, \$5.50; superfine, \$2.25 per barrel.

Oats—Choice white, 42c; choice gray, 38c @39c per bushel.

Barley—Feed barley, \$22; brewing, \$24 per ton.

Millet—Bran, \$16 per ton; middlings, \$22; shorts, \$16.

Hay—Timothy, \$11 @12; clover, \$10 @11; Oregon wild hay, \$9 @10 per ton.

Eggs—Oregon, 12 1/2 @14c per dozen.

Butter—Fancy creamery, 32 1/2 @35c; fair to good, 25 @30c; dairy, 25 @30c per roll.

Cheese—Oregon full cream, 12c; Young American, 12 1/2c.

Poultry—Chickens, mixed, \$3.50 per dozen; hens, \$4.00; spring, \$2.00 @4c; geese, \$8.00 @7.00; ducks, young, \$4 @6.00 per dozen; turkeys, live, 11 @12c per pound.

Potatoes—Oregon Burbanks, 25 @26c per sack; sweets, \$1.75 @2 per cental.

Onions—California red, \$1.25 per sack.

Hops—5 @12 1/2c per pound for new crop; 1896 crop, 4 @6c.

Wool—Valley, 14 @15c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 5 @12c; mohair, 25c per pound.

Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 4c; dressed mutton, 6 1/2c; spring lambs, 10c per lb.

DRAGGING FOR MINES.

Narrow Escape of Warships in Guantanamo Bay.

Playa del Este Cable Station, Guantanamo Bay, Province of Santiago de Cuba, June 24.—The cable at this point, on which Colonel Allen, with the cable-boat Adria, has been working for several days under difficulties, was opened for operation today. Communication with Washington was established and several official messages have been received.

Matters in the harbor have been quiet for two days, but stirring events are expected soon.

The launches of the Marblehead and the Dolphin today, by command of Commander McCalla, dragged the channel leading to the town of Caimanera and turned up seven contact mines, each containing 112 pounds of gun-cotton.

The mines were exactly similar to those found some days since by the Texas and Marblehead, and everyone had been hit by one of our boats on the occasion of the bombardment. Commander McCalla said the escape of the American warships was little short of providential.

TELL HARD LUCK STORIES.

Fifty Prospectors Who Tried the Copper River Route Return.

Seattle, June 24.—Fifty prospectors, who left here last spring for Alaska, by way of Copper River, arrived here today, on their way to their Eastern homes, with hard luck stories and no gold. A. H. Hoetter, of La Grange, Ind., was with 200 men who crossed the Tasmuna lake and reached the Komsinu river. He said:

"Of the many hundreds that landed at foot of the Valdes glacier, only one party had been in further than the Komsinu, and they returned half-starved, having lost their outfit in the rapids. It was reported that seven lives had been lost in the rapids, but the report had been confirmed."

The most discouraging story is told by A. C. Johnson, of St. Louis. He said:

"About 800 men have turned back and are awaiting at Valdes for some means of getting out of the country. Some have no money and will have to remain there until the government sends help. They will not starve, for tons of provisions have been abandoned. It is impossible to sell outfit."

UP THE COAST.

Camara May Sit, Around Cape Horn and Attack Pacific Cities.

Washington, June 24.—News has reached here that 12,000 tons of coal is being loaded at Valparaiso, Chile. As coal is worth about \$18 a ton there, the purchase excited great curiosity here, and it has been suspected that it was being made on Spanish account.

If this proves to be true—and the fact will soon become known—it would seem to indicate a purpose on the part of the Spanish naval commander, Camara, to carry that celebrated Cadiz fleet around into the Pacific, and to use coilers to supply the fleet with coal.

In this case, the object of attack would probably be the west coast of the United States, instead of the Philippines, but, after all, the whole thing is still a matter of mere conjecture.

The Sentiment in France.

London, June 24.—In an interview today Chauncey M. Depew said:

"The sentiment in France is about what it would be in the United States if England and France were fighting and every paper in the United States were daily abusing the French, denouncing the injustice of their going to war, picturing them as a race of robbers, shopkeepers and pigs, declaring that England was poor and was the under dog, and holding up France, as actuated by nothing but a pure brute desire to tear England's property. That's just what all the papers are doing in France. There is no doubt that had Manila been a Spanish victory there would have been an illumination in Paris."

Hobson Might Have Seen Too Much.

London, June 22.—The Madrid correspondent of the Times says: Spain's refusal to exchange Lieutenant Hobson and his companions of the Merrimac is easily explained and justified. Without any intention of acting as spies, they must have seen many things in or around Santiago about which the American naval and military authorities would gladly have information.

The idea that Germany will intervene to prevent the storming of Manila is now abandoned, but speculation is active as to her political designs. El Epoca suggests that Germany may negotiate with the Philippine republic and lease a portion of the province of Cayanag, including the part of Aparri, in the island of Luzon. It forgets, however, that this would require the sanction of the United States as the suzerain. In the opinion of tolerably well-informed people, the idea of creating a semi-independent Philippine republic is an absurdity.

Prisoners of War.

Washington, June 24.—The attorney-general has decided to surrender to the ambassadors of France and Austria as the diplomatic representatives of Spain, the non-combatants and crews of the prize merchant vessels captured by ships of the navy since the declaration of war. The department of justice, having no means of feeding these prisoners, turned them over to the war department, but Secretary Alger has now declined to continue the arrangement. The representatives of Spain here were communicated with and their consent secured to receive the prisoners and ship them back to Spain.

Force of Habit.

The Rev. Mr. Scorch—Ah, my boy, I knew your father for years and the best I can wish you is that you may follow in his wheelmarks.—New York Evening Journal.

Caused by Manner Bullets.

Washington, June 24.—Surgeon-General Van Rensselaer, of the navy, has received reports from the surgeon with Admiral Sampson's fleet, who cared for the dead and wounded participants in the Goataname fight. The important feature is a definite statement that the corpses were not mutilated, but that the severe wounds attributed to mutilation were the result of Manner bullet.

Chocolate is still used in the interior of South America for a currency, as

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Safes in Bulgaria.

As yet attempts have only been made in Plevna to produce safes. A trial order for a few safes induced the government to order 85 safes. However, the firm in question will be unable to compete with Germany and England. The annual imports amounted in 1897 to 100,000 francs, of which 60,000 francs fell to England, 50,000 to Germany and 40,000 to Austria-Hungary. All the Levantine countries offer good markets for safes.

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Patriotism Awakened.

The patriotic cyclist has a new way of showing his colors; since his poor legs haven't the burden of his body to bear he has decided they shall stand for his patriotism. Therefore, he draws over these unoffending members blue-black stockings with tops which dot in red and white stripes, the center stripe being of blue, dotted with a thriving (if not life size) row of white stars. All of which goes to show that patriotism, like love, will find a way.

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The great barrier reef along the coast of Australia is about 1,500 miles long, the work of coral insects.

Scale Newspaper Edges.

The free edges of newspapers are sealed to prevent reuse or reading without buying, by a new machine which has a paste receptacle, which feeds onto a roller mounted on levers in such a manner that it is brought in contact with the edge of a partially folded paper, after which the last fold is made and the edges pressed together.

Clamps for Bicycle Saddles.

Bicycle saddles are rigidly held in place by a new clamp which can be instantly released by touching a lever under the seat, two piano-convex wedges being formed of the saddle post and a piece of steel, the latter being mounted on the lever, with its greatest width at the bottom, so that the greater the pressure on the saddle-post the tighter it grips the tubing.

The peach was originally a poisoned almond. Transplantation and cultivation have not only removed its poisonous qualities but turned it into the delicious fruit we now enjoy.

Robert Taylor, the postmaster of Scarvos, county Down, Ireland, who has just reached the age of 114 years, has received from Queen Victoria a beautifully framed portrait of herself.

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Mrs. T. A. WALDEN, Olney, Ga., writes: "DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Before taking your medicine, life was a burden to me. I never saw a well day. At my monthly period I suffered untold misery, and a great deal of the time I was troubled with a severe pain in my side. Before finishing the first bottle of your Vegetable Compound I could tell it was doing me good. I continued its use, also used the Liver Pills and Sanative Wash, and have been greatly helped. I would like to have you use my letter for the benefit of others."

Mrs. FLORENCE A. WOLFE, 215 Hubbard St., Lancaster, Ohio, writes:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—For two years I was troubled with what the local physicians told me was inflammation of the womb. Every month I suffered terribly. I had taken enough medicine from the doctors to cure anyone, but obtained relief for a short time only. At last I concluded to write to you in regard to my case, and can say that by following your advice I am now perfectly well."

Mrs. W. R. BATES, Mansfield, La., writes:

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Ensign Willard's Luck. Ensign Arthur L. Willard earned one hundred dollars when he planted the Stars and Stripes over a shattered blockhouse at Diana Cay, Cuba. William R. Grata wrote to the New York Herald on April 23 enclosing a check for \$100, which he said was for the man who first planted an American flag on Cuban soil. He said that he sent the money as the nucleus for a fund, for he thought such a patriotic action should be well rewarded.

While the Winslow, the Wilmington and the Hudson were firing on the batteries at Cardenas the Machias was making a wreck of the barracks at Diana Bay. While the Spaniards had scamped away Ensign Willard and three men went ashore and planted the American flag upon the ruins.

Ensign Willard is from Missouri. He was made a cadet in 1893. He was formerly on the Monterey.

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