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That the proposed Nicaraguan canal is vital to the interests of the United States was emphatically demonstrated during the recent war with Spain when our battleship Oregon was compelled to make her long voyage down around the Horn to reach the scene of naval operations.

The apprehension of the American people during the long detour was painfully and justly excited, while the Government was deprived of several weeks' service of its finest man-of-war during the time it required to sail down the west coast of South America and up on the eastern side.

Then, again, the commercial benefits to be derived by the completion of the proposed short-cut waterway are incalculable. A most comprehensive article on the subject of the Nicaraguan canal has been written by Henry I. Sheldon, a Chicagoan.

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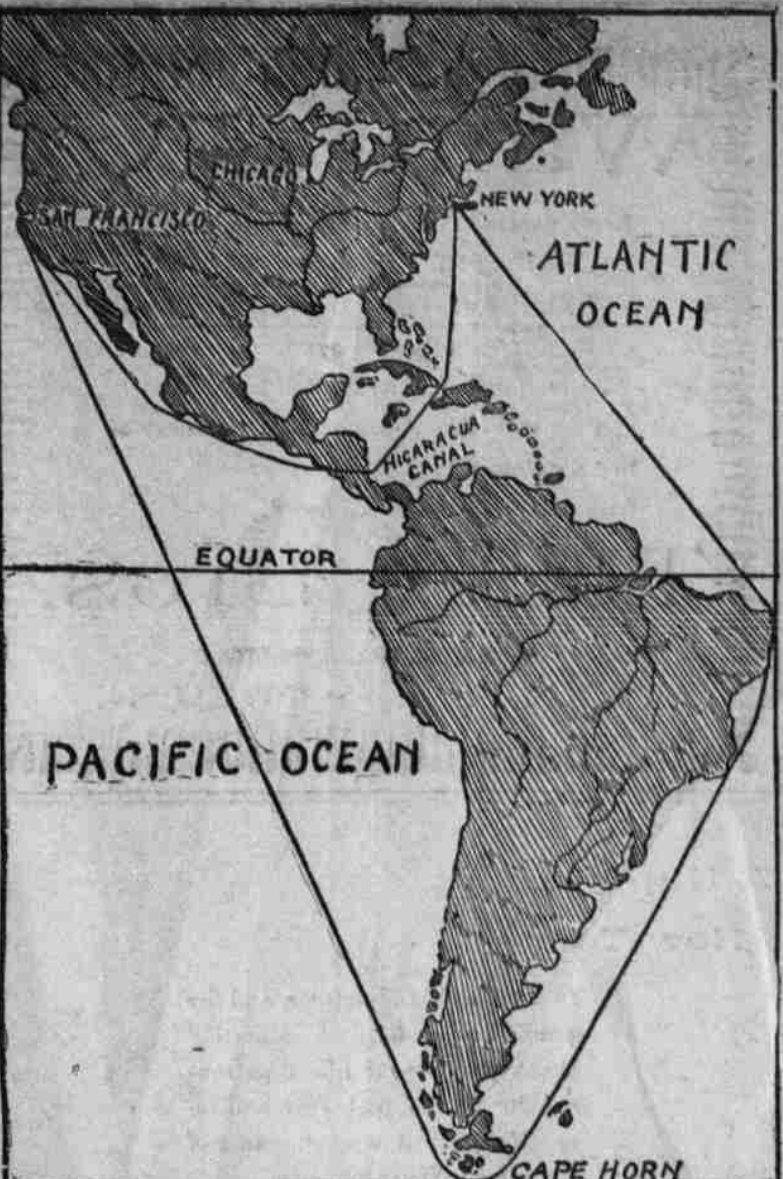
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MAP SHOWING PRESENT ROUTE AROUND THE HORN AND THE SHORT-CUT MADE BY THE PROPOSED CANAL.

as an aid in building up our carrying trade, could be made by the same authority. If any European complications as to the use of the canal arose, our Government would not be hampered by the existence of a canal company, nor by being obliged to obtain the current action of Nicaragua and Costa Rica, but would be in a position to decide for itself what course to take.

The principal authorities on transportation statistics have made estimates that the Nicaragua route should divert from 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 tons of low-rate freight, such as flour, dry goods, machinery, coal, etc., from the overland traffic.

Estimates of Probable Revenue. Mr. Sheldon's estimates of the probable revenue to be derived from the canal are encouraging. "As the conditions are so similar, it is necessary, in taking a broad view of probable earnings, to consider the results shown by the Suez canal."

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The Pacific to Greytown on the Atlantic. The first half mile from Brito is at sea level. Then in two miles the canal rises 110 feet, through three locks to the summit level, 351 miles long, then in 1/4 miles it descends, through three locks, to sea level again, and then continues at sea level 9 1/2 miles to Greytown.

History of the Canal Scheme. In December, 1881, Senator Miller of California introduced a bill in Congress to incorporate "The Marine Canal Company of Nicaragua," with the purpose of constructing the canal.

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Deafness cannot be cured by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies.

A Missouri woman has designed an ice creeper to slip on the sole of the shoe, a steel plate, with curved ends, to grip the edges of the sole having teeth to engage the ice as the wearer walks.

Senator Chandler's Opinion. The following letter from Senator George Chandler speaks volumes for Dr. Darrin:

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