

RONKONKOMA LEGENDS.

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In almost the exact geographical centre of Long Island, hidden away by circles of low hills covered with scrubby trees, lies Lake Ronkonkoma...

Like an ocean beach, in all save the rise and fall of the tide, is the shore of Ronkonkoma, and yet it has a tide, for at long intervals the lake rises from nine to thirteen feet, flooding the shores back to the hill bottoms.

A suspicion that something or other is wrong with the lake, however, still lurks in the minds of those who live in the centre of the island...

At the time of the first white settlements on the island there were thirteen Indian tribes, of which the most important were the Shinnecocks, the Cananues and the royal tribe of the Montauks.

Ronkonkoma, the sacred lake, had always attracted their attention and called forth their respect through its wonderful power to rise and fall in a mysterious manner.

It was for the purpose of finding these bodies that they ascended on the shore of Great South Bay just before the autumn full moon.

Most of them had seen sacrifices in the past, and each knew just what her part would be in the selection of the chiefs fell upon her.

There was one maiden, however, who shuddered when she thought of the murky depths of the sacred lake. She was the most beautiful of them.

With a glad cry and a smile on her face she left the ranks and took her station apart from the other girls, who continued their march around the fire.

She obeyed his command, and soon the party started for their homes they witnessed the ceremony which gave Woonant forever to the keeping of the greatest chieftain who ever ranged over Long Island.

THE MADONNA OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA.



THE FAMOUS RAPHAEL RECENTLY BOUGHT BY J. P. MORGAN FOR \$500,000.

MR. MORGAN'S MADONNA.

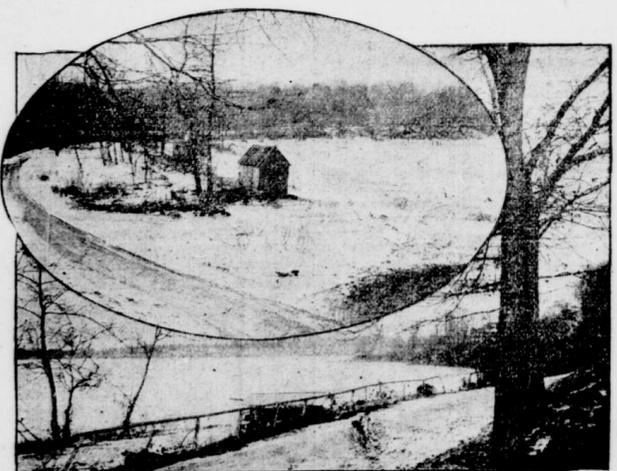
WILL PROBABLY NOT COME TO THIS COUNTRY SOON.

The Raphael Madonna of St. Anthony of Padua, which J. Pierpont Morgan purchased from Mr. Sedelmeyer for \$1,000,000, will probably remain in Mr. Morgan's London house for the present.

The picture was painted in 1505 for the nuns of the convent of St. Anthony of Padua, at Perugia, and subsequently passed into the hands of the Colonna family at Rome.

THE REMARKABLE BEACH AT RONKONKOMA.

The road shown is overflowed when the lake rises.



Lake Ronkonkoma from the southeast.

The assembled Indians thought that the world was coming to an end, and between their prayers they cursed Wyandanch. Suddenly the storm ceased and the waters were stilled.

When a whale was cast up on the seashore they thought that relief was in sight. The Powwaws came and cut off the tail, which was roasted as the most savory sacrifice to their good spirit.

At last a spirit appeared to one of the oldest medicine men in a dream. "You desire fresh water?" said the spirit. "Go on the morrow to Mantou Hill and shoot an arrow forth into the hillside. Sparkling water will spring forth into the lake."

ON THE PACIFIC SLOPE.

WORK OF SAN FRANCISCO'S NEW MAYOR - BLYTHE LITIGATION RENEWED - CENTRAL PACIFIC REBUILDING.

San Francisco, Jan. 23.—Mayor Schmitz, who took office only two weeks ago, has created great excitement already among the professional politicians who fill most of the places in the city government.

The old Blythe litigation was resumed this week by the trial of Alice Edith Dickason's claim against the estate for the widow's portion.

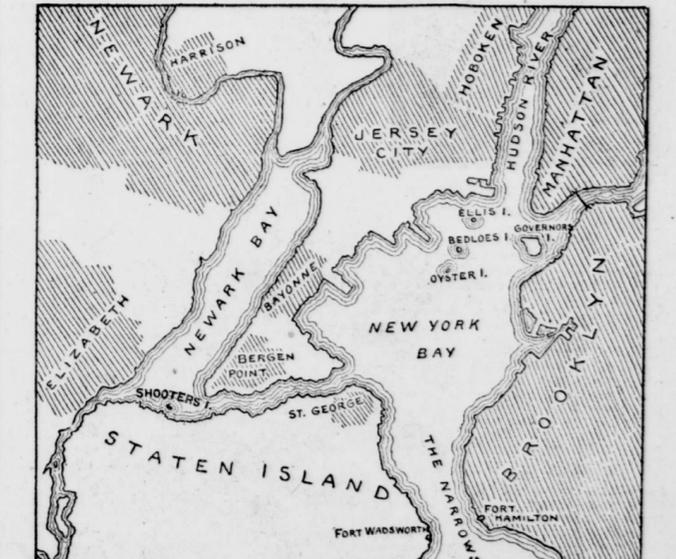
Claus Spreckels, the sugar man, has bought twenty-five feet adjoining the Union Trust Company, in Montgomery-st., near Market-st., for \$100,000.

The Santa Fe Railroad Company will soon begin handling Oriental business through San Francisco, as the Southern and Union Pacific railroads are doing.

Rain has fallen this week in nearly all parts of the State, but thus far the rainfall has not been heavy enough in the south to remove the effects of the drought.

More room is needed at the Golden Gate Park Museum, which is now badly crowded, with no space for many good exhibits that have not yet been unpacked.

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MAP SHOWING LOCATION OF SHOOTER'S ISLAND, WHERE THE KAISER'S YACHT IS BUILDING.

Shooter's Island, N. C., Jan. 23 (Special).—Pinehurst is a model village in the long leaf pine region of North Carolina, and has constantly grown in favor with Northern tourists.

Recent arrivals from New-York include Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Stenson, Miss Mary Pell, Miss Helen Campbell, Mrs. J. Weston Myers, Miss Ruth Cole, John Whalen, F. B. Pelton, Mr. and Mrs. William Duryea, Miss Lillian Duryea, A. J. Hanscom, Miss Hanscom, Miss France, Mr. and Mrs. William Knight, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Orth.

new eighty pound rails laid. This part of the old Ogden Line of the Central Pacific was built in a great hurry, and the pioneer contractors were racing with the Union Pacific builders.

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visit Santa Barbara on their way north from Los Angeles by the new coast scenic road.

One of the largest box contracts ever let on the Pacific Coast was secured this week by the Anacortes (Wash.) factory.

Foreign Resorts.

LONDON HOTELS.

SAVOY HOTEL, LONDON. HOTEL DE LUXE OF THE WORLD. The rooms are bright, fresh and airy, and delightfully quiet.

CLARIDGE'S HOTEL, The Centre of Fashionable London. "The Last Word" of Modern Hotel Luxury.

CARLTON HOTEL, LONDON. The perfection of Modern Hotels, with the finest location in London.

FRANCE AND BELGIUM. Hotel Chatham, PARIS. GRAND HOTEL de l'ATHENEE, 15 RUE SCRIBE.

BRUSSELS. LE GRAND HOTEL. ITALY AND SOUTH OF FRANCE. Rome, Italy. Grand Hotel.

Rome, Italy. Gd Hotel Quirinal. Highly reputed and fashionable First-class Hotel in the healthiest and finest part of Rome.

GAP MARTIN HOTEL. MENTONE. Its Now Open. Those who intend making a stay on the Riviera this winter will find every modern comfort at this Hotel.

"COSMOPOLITAN," Nice. AMERICAN HOTEL. KRAFTS GRAND HOTEL DE NICE.

HOTEL BEAU SITE, Cannes. LOVELY GARDENS. FULL SOUTH EXPOSURE.

GENOA. Savoy Hotel. Opposite Railway Station. The Only Modern Hotel in Genoa.

"EDEN PALACE," Genoa. STANDING IN BEAUTIFUL PRIVATE PARK. FLORENCE Grand Hotel.

THE SAVOY HOTEL. THE ONLY MODERN HOTEL IN FLORENCE. Florence, Hotel de la Ville.

HOTEL DE LA VILLE. Milan. Railway Tickets. Luggage Registered. Lift. Electric Light.

HOTELS IN GERMANY. Frankfurter Hof, Frankfurt A/Main. Gd Hotel de Rome BERLIN.

AUSTRIA AND SWITZERLAND. HOTEL BRISTOL Vienna. The Finest Hotel in Austria.