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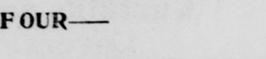
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First-class steamer Noxy will leave Seattle December 26, 1897, for above points. Accommodations for a limited number of passengers.

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TO GIVE WARNING AGAINST THE GRAB.

England Is Offended at Seizures in China.

WILL JOIN WITH JAPAN.

Intends Soon to Make an Invasion on Her Own Account.

Russia Is Reported to Have Offered China a Loan to Pay the Indemnity of the War With Japan—Occupation of Kiaochow to Be Made Permanent—Another German Warship Ordered to the Orient—Two New Japanese Cruisers Ready for Launching, One in Philadelphia, the Other in San Francisco.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—According to a special dispatch from Shanghai, the British squadron will make a demonstration at Chefoo, on the north coast of the Shantung promontory, as a warning, it is supposed that Great Britain intends to oppose the division of China without consulting her.

It is rumored in Shanghai that the British intend to occupy Taitienwan, south of Port Arthur, in order to guard the gulf of

JAPANESE MUST EXPLAIN.

State Department Investigating the Murder of Two American Sailors in the Orient.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The department of state has undertaken an investigation of two very disagreeable incidents that may contain in themselves the grounds of serious trouble in the near future. They are the killing by Japanese of two sailors attached to the United States fleet on the Asiatic station.

The exact conditions under which the killing occurred are not now known here and the state department is trying to learn through the United States minister to Tokyo and the United States consuls in Japan, preliminary to determining what steps shall be taken to secure reparation, if it shall be found that the killing was, as is expected, unjustifiable. The first killing was of a sailor named Montgomery, formerly attached to the Yorktown, while she was on the Adair's station, and the last was that of Frank Epps, a sailor, a native of New York, and an apprentice on the flagship Olympia. He was killed at Nagasaki.

The officials here have been advised of the bare facts only, but following so closely on the terrible assault at Kobe last September of a Japanese mob upon the sailors of the Yorktown, these killings have aroused them to a determination to secure protection for our sailors in Japanese ports.

TURKEY FIRES ON THE BANCFORT. Prompt Apology and Punishment of Offending Officers Follows.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 21.—It appears that when the United States steamer Bancfort arrived at Smyrna on the night of December 2 she was greeted with blank cannon shot and rifle bullets from the fort of Venik. Boats sent from the warship and forced to return. Thereupon the American admiral lodged a protest with the Turkish minister here, Dr. Anrell, who demanded the punishment of the Turkish parties and an apology from the Turkish government, which was given Sunday. In addition two Turkish officers were dismissed and sentenced to a week's arrest.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The navy department received news of the firing on the Bancfort today from the state department, which had been informed through

KLONDIKE GOLD EXHIBIT AT ST. PAUL.

Consignment From the Seattle Chamber of Commerce Already Attracting Attention.

ST. PAUL, Dec. 21.—The general passenger department of the Great Northern railroad received today a consignment of gold dust and nuggets from the Seattle Chamber of Commerce, the total weight being twenty-seven pounds eleven ounces, having a value of \$4,364. The precious stuff ranges from a nugget of one pound six ounces down to coarse grains of pin-head size. It comes from Bonanza creek, in the Klondike district, and Munook creek, in the Tanana district.

The gold will be displayed here for a few days, and then go East to the general agencies of the road for exhibition.

It is the largest quantity of the yellow metal from Alaska yet handled outside of the banks and mints.

RELIEF PARTY SELECTED.

Fifty Men From the Fourteenth Infantry Will Take the Supplies Into Dawson.

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., Dec. 21.—Maj. L. H. Rucker, Fourth cavalry, who leaves here December 23 for Dyea on a preliminary investigation, will

be accompanied by Lieut. R. Field, of the Fourteenth Infantry. They will be followed later on by Capt. B. Eldridge, Assistant Surgeon F. N. Kemp and fifty enlisted men of Company B, Fourteenth infantry, who will take charge of the relief stores and take them over the trail to the destitute Yukon miners. Lieut. Field will also form one of the party. The company will leave here as soon as the supplies are ready for shipment.

Gold and Snow Killing Sheep. DENVER, Dec. 21.—A special to the Rocky Mountain News from Rawlins, Wyo., says: The long continued cold spell and heavy snows of the past month has begun to have a serious effect upon sheep, and it is feared that unless there is a break in the weather soon the loss will be very heavy. Sheep men report that a number have already perished. The thermometer in the southern part of the county ranges from zero to 40 below.

ARMOUR TO DELIVER ALL THE WHEAT.

Is Prepared for Settling Day, December 31.

CLOSE OF GIGANTIC DEAL.

Young Letter Declares He Will Sell Out at an Advance.

His Total Holdings Estimated at From 5,000,000 to 15,000,000 Bushels—Armour Forced to Pay Heavy Charges in Order to Save His Honor—Six Million Bushels Hurried Into Chicago—It Is Thought He May Lose a Clear \$1,000,000—Bull Clique Reaps Immense Profits from Operations.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—"A little incident, I assure you. We are now practically out of the whole matter. We have a little wheat yet to deliver; the necessary bushels are ready for delivery when the proper time approaches for the filling of these comparatively small outstanding contracts, and there's an end to the affair so far as we are concerned."

Thus, with characteristic terseness, does P. D. Armour define his position in these closing days of one of the biggest wheat deals that has marked the history of the Board of Trade.

Joseph Letter, his youthful opponent, is just as calm and confident in his expressions as the big provision man.

"Mr. Armour sold wheat," he declared, "and I bought of him. That is all. There was no battle. It was a common, almost elementary business transaction. I shall sell the wheat which I have purchased when the need of the foreign market demands it. I shall sell at a profit, and that's the closing chapter of my part of the story."

These statements, coming from the principals in the December wheat deal, have caused much comment in Board of Trade circles. Will Joseph Letter make a profit on the round 4,000,000 bushels of real wheat which has been placed in his hands by the provision man? is now the question.

The report is going the rounds that the whole affair was productive of results indicating a big Armour-Letter combine. In many minds this rumor was given credence. The manipulation of the local market by Letter against the wires from the Liverpool end was recited over and over. This idea, however, is ridiculed by the majority of traders.

Some members of the board say that Letter has secured 5,000,000 bushels of the cereal. Other places the figures as high as 15,000,000, while the more conservative are willing to admit that half the latter amount is nearer the correct estimate.

Mr. Letter asserts that just as much of this will go abroad as the foreign market calls for if "they pay him his price."

"Some folks on the board think I can't transport grain eastward by rail without a loss, do they?" asked Mr. Letter. "Well, possibly they can't, but I'm willing to play out my end of the game along my own lines, and I may differ with these prophets considerably."

The Post prints the following concerning the present situation: December 21, "settlement day" on the Board of Trade, will witness the culmination of the gigantic Letter-Armour deal. The trade will not be surprised to learn that Armour will lose

clique sold out its stock of July and transferred a portion of it to September, pocketing by the transaction the premium which at that time existed between July and September wheat.

When September came around, the clique repeated its bullish tactics, and accumulated at 87 cents a large amount of September wheat estimated as high as 11,000,000 bushels. It was during this month that the foreign situation was brought out more boldly September sky-rockets in but a short time up to 90 cents. A large part of the holdings were transferred to December, with another handsome premium to put away, and a considerable bulk was sold outright for big profits.

The present line of 4,000,000 bushels of December wheat, which the Letter clique is carrying for, was bought from the elevator people at from 77 to 83 cents a bushel. At one time the clique had an opportunity to sell this immense holding at a profit of nearly 20 cents.

Armour, Stevens, Peavey and the Central Elevator Company were the people who sold wheat to the Letter clique. Armour's shortage was only guessed at until the great shipments of wheat from Duluth by vessel and rail showed the sensational amount of contracts in store. The amount said to have been brought here is nearly 5,000,000 bushels, and that is regarded as the amount of Armour's shortage. The other shorts did the same that Mr. Armour has accomplished, although not upon so large a scale. Before Mr. Armour sent out his people to bring in wheat sufficient to satisfy his contracts for delivery he was face to face with a tough problem. Had he been unable to secure the wheat which he is now credited with having brought here, he would have been compelled to pay to Letter the difference between the price at which he sold the wheat to Letter and the market price upon the day of delivery.

Inasmuch as Mr. French, of the Letter crowd, insists that the December wheat in the clique's hands did not cost, on an average, more than 50 cents a bushel, and assuming that the market price would be \$1 a bushel on the final day of the month when it is necessary for Mr. Armour to deliver what he sold to Letter, he would have been compelled to pay the latter 50 cents on every bushel he could not actually deliver. The rules of the board are ironclad on this subject, and there is no recourse.

Now that Armour has secured fully as much cash wheat as he sold for delivery this morning there will be no such contingency to face. It was in bringing the wheat to this city when it was scarce, when hardly any was to be had, that the

retirement of national bank notes reaches \$2,000,000 in December.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Mr. Coffin, the acting comptroller of the currency, today called attention to the fact that the retirement of national bank notes during the first twenty days of this month reached the sum of \$3,000,000. This is said to be the first time during the last ten years that the voluntary retirement has reached this amount in any one month. Under the national bank act the United States treasurer is not allowed to receive for the retirement

of a single cent of national bank notes unless accompanied by gold or silver. This is a very important feature of the law, and it is always supposed the disease there was danger that suicidal tendencies would develop.

"For this reason, nurses were provided to maintain the closest watchfulness. No suicidal tendency developed, however, until yesterday, when for the first time, Miss Herbert made an attempt to get out of the window. But was restrained by the nurse. This led to additional caution, and two nurses alternated in constant watchfulness. She was at all times rational, quiet and gentle, and it was supposed the disease would yield to treatment."

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"In this momentary withdrawal from the bedside Miss Herbert leaped out and sprang from the window. The plunge was made head foremost, so that she lighted on the top of her head on the pavement. This alone was sufficient to have caused her death from concussion of the brain, and it was doubtless the immediate cause. A cursory examination showed that the skull was fractured. The severing of the artery also would have resulted fatally. When the physician reached her, Miss Herbert was still breathing, but died about an hour after her leap."

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Sad Suicide of an Aged Man, Who Once Held Prominent Place.

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The suicide was about 65 years of age. He came to the hotel December 14 and registered from Santa Monica, Cal. He attempted recently to kill himself in Los Angeles, Cal.

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LEILA HERBERT LEADS TO DEATH.

Social Queen Sacrifices Her Own Life.

ACT DUE TO LONG ILLNESS

Oldest Daughter of the ex-Secretary of the Navy.

Ending the Watchfulness of a Nurse, She Quickly Springs From a Third Story Window in Her Home at Washington, Falling Head First to the Pavement—Skull Is Fractured—She Soon Ceases to Breathe—Previous Attempt to End Existence by Opening an Artery—Her Mind Clouded by Melancholia.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Miss Leila Herbert, daughter of Hon. Hilary A. Herbert, ex-secretary of the navy, died at her home in this city this morning as the result of a fall from a third story of her home on New Hampshire avenue, in the most fashionable part of the city. Her sudden death and the tragic features surrounding it were a great shock to the large circle of friends she had made in Washington. Her death was traceable indirectly

to a recent accident last September while horseback riding in Virginia.

This morning she was unusually bright and cheerful. Shortly before 10 o'clock she dressed to go down stairs, but instead of descending went to a rear room of the third story, from which she sprang, sustaining injuries which caused her death. Her death was reported to police headquarters as a case of suicide, due to melancholia and temporary aberration of mind as a result of long illness.

Miss Herbert was the oldest of ex-Secretary Herbert's children, due to melancholia and temporary aberration of mind as a result of long illness.

Her social triumphs here were repeated in Europe, where she went to attend the great naval demonstration at Kiel. With the past year she has not enjoyed robust health, but this only induced her to redouble her devotion to out-of-door sports and exercises, and it was while retaining her health by out-door airing that she met the accident that indirectly resulted in her death.

The coroner returned a verdict of suicide through temporary insanity. As the facts were clear, he decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

This afternoon the following authorized statement was made by a gentleman familiar with the case: "The young lady, Miss Herbert, at the time of the occurrence, was suffering from acute melancholia. It developed several weeks ago as the result of being thrown from her horse last September."

"The melancholia was not insanity in the sense of being accompanied by delusions. At the time there was profound depression. As is always the case in this disease, there was danger that suicidal tendencies would develop."

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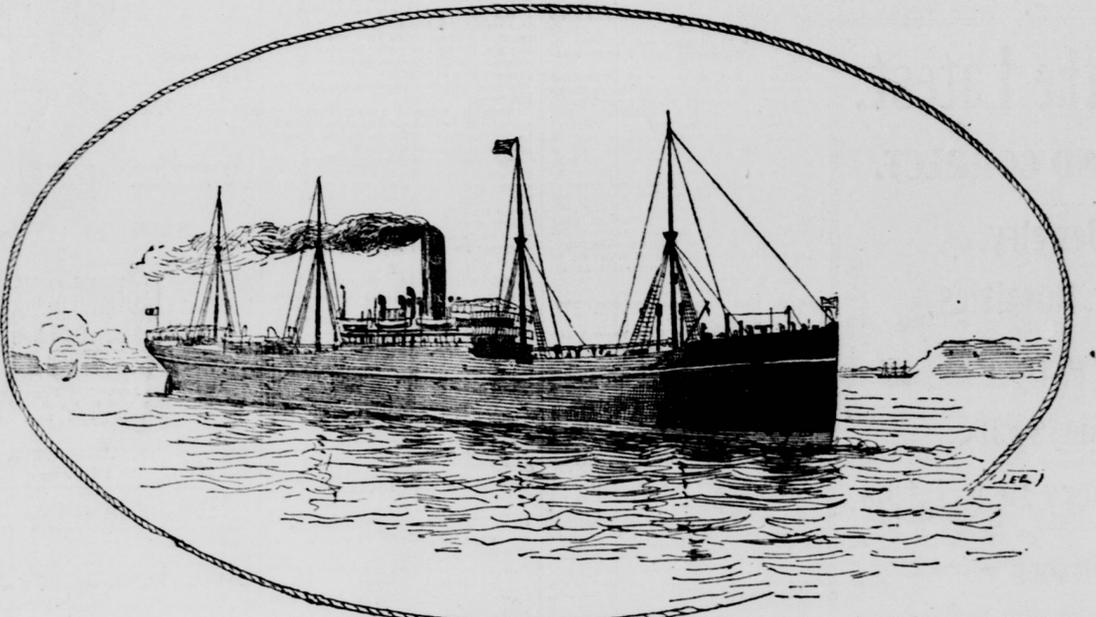
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THE BIG STEAMSHIP KAMAKURA MARU, OF THE N. Y. K. LINE.

man, in christening the new German cruiser Vineta today, said: "This ship should fill a seriously perceptible gap in the imperial navy. The name awakens the memory of the vanished glory of past powers, but both of these, which have been long and sorely missed, have arisen afresh with the new empire. The Vineta will powerfully serve the emperor and the empire, either for offense or defense."

Two New Japanese Cruisers. WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The Japanese leatation has been informed that the two new cruisers which Japan is having built in this country are so well along toward completion that they will both be launched within the next few weeks. The cruiser at the Cramp's ship yard at Philadelphia has been christened the Kasai-Khan, and the launching has been set for January 20. The cruiser at the Union Iron Works at San Francisco, has been named the Chitose. The launching will occur some time in February. The cruisers are alike in all respects, having a tonnage of about 1,500

and a clear \$1,000,000 on the December. True, he has performed the marvelous feat of bringing 4,000,000 bushels of high grade cash wheat to this city in defiance of all settled rules of commerce, but that net gain of nothing more substantial than glory. It is a growing belief on "change that Armour had to pay dearly for bringing the big volume of wheat to this city, and that his short selling will cost him about 15 or 20 cents a bushel. By settlement day, the deal will have been fought to a finish and only the formalities will remain to be observed. The present status of the case is about as follows:

In July the Letter clique began its operations in a formidable manner by gobbling up wheat at 60 cents. The amount in its possession was variously estimated from 5,000,000 to 10,000,000. No matter what the actual amount of its holdings was, it was large enough to boost the price and emphasize the growing foreign demand. The price of July wheat rose to 75 cents, and between 70 and 75 cents the Letter

of circulation more than \$3,000,000 in any one month, and hence all deposits to retire notes during the last ten days of this month must be refused.

This exceptional condition, Mr. Coffin says, is due to the prevailing low rates of interest, arising from a superabundance of money for investment, which has advanced the price of United States bonds. Mr. Coffin expressed the opinion that the law should be amended in this particular, as it interferes with the elasticity of the currency and general laws of trade.

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