

GAUSS IS HOME FROM ANTARCTIC

Expedition Brings Good Tidings From Extreme South.

Trip Was Without Incident and Party Is in Good Health.

KIEL, Nov. 25.—The German Antarctic expedition steamer Gauss, which Commander Perry may purchase for his north pole expedition, arrived here today. Prince Henry of Prussia was among those present at the welcoming ceremonies aboard the vessel. The Secretary of the Interior greeted the members of the expedition on behalf of the Government. Professor Drygalski, leader of the expedition, gave a short description of the work accomplished as already known.

All the participants in the expedition returned with increased weight, and declared they were ready to undertake another journey immediately. The ship brought back a full year's provisions.

Prince Henry talked interestedly with Professor Drygalski and various members of the expedition and convinced himself that all were satisfied with the ship and their treatment.

Professor Drygalski declared the expedition succeeded in exploring an extensive line of coast to determine the east and west course thereof. The professor said he regarded the meteorological studies as extremely important, disclosing among other points, that easterly winds prevail. The expedition carried on deep-sea studies continually during the journey to and from the Antarctic regions, showing that shallow seas prevail generally around the south pole.

An ice barrier which threatened to permanently inclose the Gauss broke February 9. The return journey from the newly-discovered Gauseberg, on which lies eternal snow, to Kiel, lasted 299 days. The machinery of the Gauss and her structure proved excellently adapted to the polar ice and she returned uninjured. One propeller alone was broken, but the ship carried duplicate parts.

The expedition found the temperature, ranging from 60 degrees below zero, to be without inconvenience. The relations of all the members with one another were perfectly harmonious. A tremendous amount of scientific material was secured; but years will be required to develop the results fully.

STEAMER MOANA BARELY ESCAPES BAD ACCIDENT

Breaks Her Rudder Against Rocks at William Head Quarantine Station.

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 25.—The steamer Moana, which arrived this morning from Australia via Honolulu, met with an accident at William Head quarantine station last night, as the result of which she may have to go into drydock.

The steamer was avoiding the steamer Umattila on entering the station, and Captain Carey says the flashing of the searchlight of that vessel dazzled the officers of the Moana, who failed as a result to notice the proximity of the rocks. The Moana struck by the stern on the rocks, breaking her rudder. Captain Carey after several hours of backing and filling the steamer, being without steering gear, managed to bring the vessel to Victoria.

OF INTEREST TO PEOPLE OF THE PACIFIC COAST

Orders Affecting Postal and Army Service in West Are Issued in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—The following departmental orders were issued today: Postmasters commission—California—Leslie C. Stephens, Lake City; James Le Fevre, Quartz.

Fourth-class postmasters appointed: California—Robert K. Johnson, San Gabriel, Los Angeles County, vice John A. Myers, resigned.

Oregon—Edwin E. McKinney, Sublimity, Marion County, vice Augusta H. Lavroix, resigned.

Army orders—First Lieutenant Herbert G. Shaw, assistant surgeon, goes from Fort Riley, Cal., to San Francisco, thence to the Philippines.

Would Protect Pearl Harbor.

HONOLULU, Nov. 25.—Major General MacArthur, who has arrived here to study the military situation in the Hawaiian Islands, says that the main feature of the defenses of the Territory is the protection of the naval station at Pearl Harbor. He advocates a reduction of the forces at Honolulu and declares that the occupation of the other islands is not an important matter from a military standpoint, while Pearl Harbor is maintained as a strong defensive position.

Outlaw O'Day in Jail.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Nov. 25.—Sheriff Webb and deputies have arrived at Casper with Tom O'Day, one of the prisoners lay in waiting for the posse, intending to deliver him, but were not successful. They succeeded, however, in getting away with the bunch of stolen horses found in O'Day's possession when he was arrested. O'Day is carefully guarded by a large posse of armed men on account of threats to lynch him and also for fear his friends may try to rescue him.

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 25.—The United States Quartermaster's Department here has called for proposals on what is said to be the largest order for forage ever placed on the Pacific Coast. The call is for 4320 tons of oats and 445 tons of hay, all to go to the Philippines.

"CAPTAIN SHARKEY."

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NEXT SUNDAY CALL.

Kaiser to Study VOICE CULTURE

Emperor's Vocal Chords to Be Given Scientific Treatment.

With Proper Training His Majesty Will Speak With Greater Ease.

BERLIN, Nov. 25.—Emperor William has changed his voice, modulating it so as to reduce the pressure on the vocal chords. He now speaks in a somewhat lower pitch, his utterances resonating against the cavities of the mouth. He has not trained himself fully and he may take the services of a teacher so that he can apply correctly the method taught in voice culture. His throat specialists have explained to him the theory of voice production, which he has practiced with considerable success. The Emperor heretofore has been using his larynx in the ordinary fashion; that is, expelling the air against the chords without counter pressure produced by a rebound from the resonating cavities.

It will be possible, when the Emperor's voice is trained completely, for him to speak easily, more clearly and longer without the slightest injurious strain. The chords will be able to carry quite as far or even farther. The Emperor's advisers have accepted the theory of Dr. H. Holbrook Curtis of New York, which has been made familiar to the German physicians by Professor H. Krause, the throat specialist, who attended the late Emperor Frederick. Professor Krause believes that several throat diseases can be obviated and in some instances cured by using the voice scientifically.

JOLO ISLANDS IN A BAD WAY

Colonel Scott Says Natives Submit Only to Force.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—A strong picture of conditions in the Jolo group of the Philippine archipelago is contained in a letter from Colonel H. L. Scott, Governor of that group, to Colonel Clarence Edwards, chief of the Insular Bureau of the War Department. The letter, which is dated September 23, is made public as an explanation of the campaign now waging in the Jolo group. In it the writer says:

I find that the condition is one of peace so long as the big Moro chiefs are allowed to have their own way untrammelledly to rob and steal and enslave. The Sultan is a man of no power of his own and must depend on the chiefs, who may or may not do what he wishes. They are all surrounded by gangs of ruffians who do no useful work but who live through robbery and by lining both sides in a case, irrespective of who may be guilty, the full amount of their ability to pay. If the victim refuses to pay he is enslaved. No peace or order can be maintained in the Philippine islands so long as these conditions exist. Movable property is always on the move without the desire of the owner, men say they will not work and accumulate property which they will not be permitted to enjoy, and there are constant murders, kidnappings and enslavements going on.

No one is allowed to go beyond the outskirts here without an armed guard and it is even advisable to go about the streets here armed on account of Juramentados, one of whom got through the post a sentinel about four days ago with his arms, ran through the barracks yard, slashed a soldier across the back and fell dead on the main plaza and in front of the commissary office, shot seven times by a fusillade from our soldiers, which killed also a trumpeter who was getting ready for guard duty. This makes the sixth or seventh Juramentado, who has appeared since last spring. One engineer soldier who was snatched up last spring by one of them after he had come back because of an arm stroke of his barong. All during the spring the Juramentados have practically been in the state of siege. When Captain Elting's troops went out they surrounded it, branding their barongs and spears and he had to come back because his orders were by no means to have a conflict. You will see by this how peace has been kept heretofore and at what a sacrifice. Now the Moro government contemplates changes, among others the abolishment of slavery, a very serious point with them. It contemplates trials of offenders by district courts, and these things will surely bring on conflicts.

COMPANY MAY ABANDON WHARF BUILDING PROJECT

Term of Franchise Suggested by San Diego Harbor Commission Is Not Satisfactory.

SAN DIEGO, Nov. 25.—It is among the possibilities that the franchise asked for by the San Diego Union Railway and Steamship Company may not be accepted. The reason for the declination on the part of the petitioners is found in the fact that the Harbor Commission does not propose to give a wharf franchise for a longer period than the length of time that the present franchise has to run. The youngest franchise lasts for five years more and as new applicants come in the franchise are made to expire at the same time. The terminal company proposes to expend several thousand dollars in the construction of its wharves and its officers say they cannot afford to put in the wharf if assured of its use for only five years.

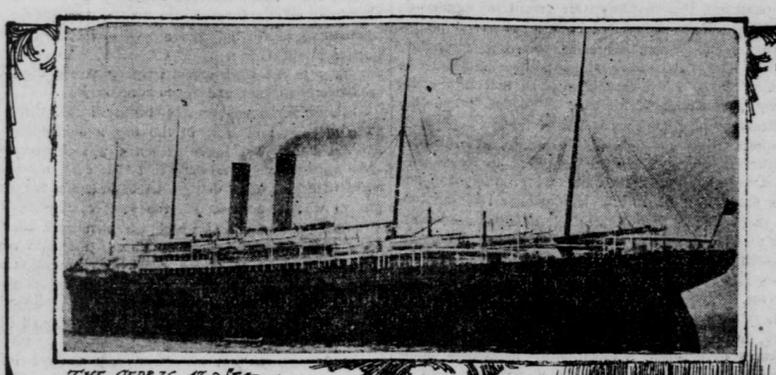
Consumptive Commits Suicide.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 25.—Charles Holmes, a laborer 35 years of age, locked himself in his room Saturday night and after removing his clothing cut his throat with a razor. The body was not discovered until late last night. Holmes was a consumptive and brooding over his ill-health is supposed to have caused him to take his life. Although he was known as Holmes, a bankbook found among his effects bore the name of C. J. Hollis.

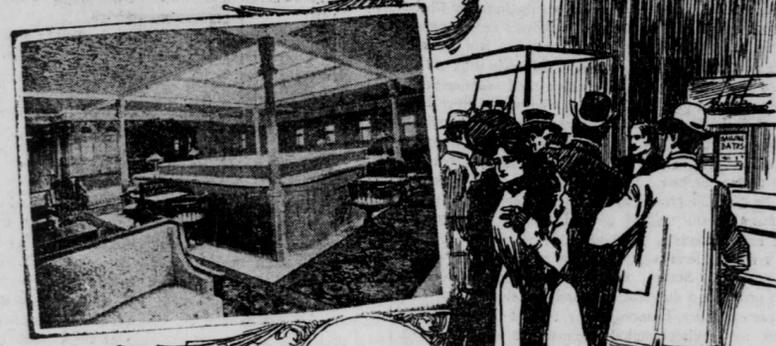
An article on California in December Four-Track News, a beautifully illustrated and extremely interesting magazine. For sale at news dealers.

GROUNDLESS RUMOR OF LINER'S LOSS EXCITES RELATIVES OF PASSENGERS

London News Agency's Report That the Giant Cedric Had Sunk After a Collision With the Titian Is Disproved by the Latter Vessel's Arrival at Her Destination After Uneventful Voyage



THE CEDRIC AT SEA



RELATIVES OF PASSENGERS MAKING INQUIRIES AT THE STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S OFFICES

LIVERPOOL, Nov. 25.—A rumor was circulated in this city on Sunday last to the effect that the White Star steamer Cedric had been sunk in mid-ocean in collision with the Lamport-Holt steamship Titian. As a careful investigation showed that the report could not be traced to any responsible source, little heed was paid to it.

The steamship Titian arrived in due course of time off the Irish coast yesterday. She was reported at the Head of Kinsale and gave no signal to indicate any important experience during her voyage. This morning she arrived in the Mersey and proceeded through the Manchester Canal to Manchester, her destination. Her owners, as well as the White Star steamship officials, all ridicule the story of the rumored collision. They denounce it as the invention of an irresponsible news agency.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—The report that the Cedric had been lost created the wildest excitement in this city and hardly had it gone abroad before the White Star officials were besieged by anxious inquirers. There are in all 290 saloon, 160 second cabin and 540 steerage passengers on board the liner, and friends and relatives of these who heard the report that the vessel had been sunk in mid-ocean every else to make agitated inquiries as to the safety of the ship and her many voyagers.

Manager Lee of the White Star line did all he could to reassure anxious callers and pointed out how well impossible it was that there could be any truth in the report. But it was not until the cables brought positive news to the Maritime Exchange that the Titian had arrived out and that not only had she not been in collision with the Cedric, but had not seen her at all, that the tension was relieved.

A glance at the plan of the steamship's hull, showing the numerous water-tight compartments, is enough to reassure any one, particularly as one cannot find there any section where an injury would not be locally confined. Under ordinary circumstances the Cedric should reach port some time tomorrow, but as the weather has been stormy the agents will not be concerned if she does not arrive until Friday.

KIDNAPED CHINESE GIRL BEING HELD FOR RANSOM

Highbinder at Gilroy Promises to Return Her to Salinas Upon Receipt of \$250.

SALINAS, Nov. 25.—From news received here this morning it now looks as if little 13-year-old Gut Har, the Chinese girl reported having been abducted by a Japanese named Tanaka, was taken by Chinese instead and is being held for ransom. Quong Tee, who is stated by the local Chinese merchants to be the leader of the highbinders at Gilroy, has telephoned from there that for \$250 he will produce the missing girl, but if the money is not paid he will have her sent to San Francisco. The Chinese merchants notified the Sheriff of Santa Clara County and asked his aid in getting the child back.

Says the Police Are Mistaken.

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 25.—L. Connors, arrested here several days ago on suspicion that he was the leader of a band of robbers and highwaymen, denies his guilt. He stated today that he was for three years in the employ of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company as its superintendent and that he came to this city to go into business.

Court Dissolves Receivership.

TACOMA, Nov. 25.—Judge Hanford of the Federal Court today dissolved the receivership of Frank D. Cole in the case of James Hamilton Lewis against the Washington Match Company for the reason that the amount involved is not sufficient to bring it within the jurisdiction of the court.

Thanksgiving Day Trips.

Best short trip is via Sausalito Ferry and the new third rail electric system to MILL VALLEY, LARKSPUR, ROSS VALLEY, FAIRFAX or SAN RAFAEL and return. Fare 25c to 50c round trip. Ferry leaves at 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 a. m.; 12:20, 1:45, 3:15, 4:15, 5:15, 6:15, 7:00, 8:45, 10:20 and 11:45 p. m. Return on any of the fifteen trains and boats during the day.

MAMMOTH OCEAN LINER WHICH WAS FALSELY REPORTED TO HAVE SUNK WITH ALL ON BOARD AFTER A COLLISION WITH ANOTHER VESSEL ON THE ATLANTIC.

CUBAN TREATY IN FIRST PLACE

Reciprocity Bill Given Right of Way in Senate.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—The Senate today completed the appointment of committees for the Fifty-eighth Congress, adopted the motion providing for the reconsideration of the vote by which the Newlands joint resolution for the annexation of Cuba was referred to committee and made the Cuban reciprocity bill the unfinished business.

The first speech on the merits of the Cuban bill was made by Cramack (D.) of Tennessee, who opposed the bill and said that nothing less than general tariff revision would give the relief needed. There was further debate between Hale (R.) of Maine, Teller (D.) of Colorado and Newlands on the Newlands resolution, in which Newlands further outlined his views, and Hale deprecated all agitation on the subject. Teller declared that Cuba was in no sense a dependency of the United States.

Newlands, in defending his resolution for Cuban statehood, said that Cuba was to be invited to become a State of the American republic on terms of equality with other States and that the question was to be decided by the people of Cuba by popular vote. He suggested that the question of statehood, becoming a military dependency or an independent sovereign government could be submitted to the people.

Concerning the financial arrangements for the island which could be made if the island entered the republic as a State, Newlands said that the proposed bond issue of \$35,000,000 for the payment of Cuba's army of freedom should be reduced in interest from 5 to 3 per cent and guaranteed by the United States. This plan would enable the sale of the bonds at par, thus saving in interest of \$700,000 annually, amounting in forty years, the life of the bonds, to \$28,000,000.

Newlands said that union would mean free trade, without the payment of the American duty now paid on Cuban sugar, and Cuba would annually receive \$35,000,000 more for her sugar than at present. All of this, he claimed, would mean unexampled prosperity for Cuba, as well as the unparalleled dignity and liberty of a State.

LANSING, Mich., Nov. 25.—The jury that tried ex-Senator John Holbrook for attempted bribery of a salesman in the interest of E. R. Sutton brought in a verdict of not guilty today.

SAYS OFFICERS ARE UNSEASONED

Gen. Randolph Points to Weakness in Military Service.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—Brigadier General Wallace Randolph, chief of artillery, in his annual report made public to-night, calls attention to the fact that only about 34 per cent of the total number of artillery officers present for duty have had more than five years' experience in the artillery.

"The gravity of this situation," he says, "will be readily appreciated when it is recalled that at the present time the duties and responsibilities of an artillery officer are greater than ever before."

The report states that the regular establishment coast artillery consists of 125 companies of an aggregate maximum strength of 525 officers and 13,734 men. General Randolph believes it to be essential to efficiency in war times that the regular coast artillery establishment be ultimately increased to 751 officers and about 22,000 enlisted men for existing armament. General Randolph says it is a problem how to secure efficient support by the militia in the mobilization of the coast defenses.

Morris and Case Tire of Exile. SAN RAFAEL, Nov. 25.—Antone Morris and Eugene Case, the two youths who were accused of having started about fourteen incendiary fires in San Rafael a year ago, are making efforts through their relatives to be allowed to return to Marin County. Case and Morris were arrested, but the charge was not pressed owing to their youth. Their relatives promised to keep them away from Marin County. Both boys probably will be allowed to return.

Reports Great Excitement at Suva.

VICTORIA, B. C., Nov. 25.—The steamer Moana, which arrived today from Australia, brought news of excitement at Suva over the reported hauling down of the British flag at Tonga, it being said at Suva that the Friendly Islands were to be handed over to Germany by Great Britain in exchange for some German islands in the Solomon group known as the German Solomon Islands.

SEATTLE, Nov. 25.—D. T. Denny, Seattle's oldest pioneer, died this morning after a long illness. He was 72 years of age.

CURZON TALKS TO ARAB CHIEFS

Viceroy Gives Advice to Subjects and Urges Loyalty.

Englishman Declares Britain Must Be Supreme in the Persian Gulf.

BUNDER ABBAS, Persia, Nov. 25.—While on his way here the Viceroy of India, Lord Curzon, held a durbar at Shargah, which was attended by many prominent Arab chiefs of that coast. He made a significant speech, reaffirming the intention of Great Britain to maintain her supremacy in the Persian Gulf, and declared the Government adhered to its policy of guardianship and protection of the chiefs. The Viceroy reminded the chiefs of their engagements not to enter into agreements or correspondence with any other power than Great Britain, not to admit agents of any other government and not to alienate any part of their territory. If the chiefs adhered to these engagements, as they had done in the past, no one would be allowed to tamper with their rights and liberties. The Viceroy concluded with emphasizing that the influence of the British Government, which maintained the independence of the chiefs and made the gulf secure to the ships of all nations, must remain supreme.

The speech of the Viceroy to the British Indian traders who have arrived here similarly asserted British ascendancy in trade and other interests in the Persian Gulf, which had been won in competition with other nations who held or aspired to hold ports on the India seas.

Mrs. Clara Foltz, attorney at law, has removed to the Mills building. Phone, Front 98.

Prisoner Lewis Is Declared Insane.

SAN JOSE, Nov. 25.—A. W. Lewis, former manager of the Wiley B. Allen Company in this city, who was recently arrested for alleged embezzlement of the company's money, was tried in the Superior Court before a jury today on the issue of insanity. Four physicians testified that Lewis is insane. The verdict was in accordance with this testimony and Lewis was ordered committed to the insane asylum at Agnews.

Believe Sheep Herder Is Drowned.

WOODLAND, Nov. 25.—A hunter who returned from Grand Island this evening reports that Portuguese Joe, a sheep herder, is missing. Searchers found a dog, his constant companion, keeping vigil on the bank of the Sacramento River. It is suspected that the missing man committed suicide. He was apparently mentally troubled when last seen.

PARIS, Nov. 25.—The Patrie says former Premier Waldeck-Rousseau, angered at his recent reversal in the religious discussion in the Senate, will shortly retire from public life.

DENIES CHARGES OF MRS. VLASTO

Attorney Speaks for Senator Clark's Daughter.

Half Million Dollar Alienation Suit to Be Fought Bitterly.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—That the suit brought against Mrs. Everett Mallory Curver, daughter of Senator Clark of Montana, by Mrs. Solon J. Vlasto, wife of a prominent Greek resident of New York, in which Mrs. Curver is alleged to have alienated Vlasto's affections and to have damaged Mrs. Vlasto to the extent of \$500,000, will be fought bitterly and that Mrs. Curver will do more than merely take a defensive attitude was made plain today by her attorney, who represents her in her action for divorce against Dr. Curver and has for a long time been Senator Clark's counsel in this city.

Atwater, attorney for Mrs. Curver, said he was not at all interested in the further complication which was added today when Vlasto was served with the complaint in an action brought by his wife, who seeks legal separation from him. She makes various allegations against her husband in affidavits accompanying the complaint, but neither her attorneys nor her husband's counsel would discuss them. They probably will be made public when argument is made in the special term of the Supreme Court.

Attorney Atwater said today that Vlasto was many years older than Mrs. Curver and was a friend of her entire family. Senator Clark, Mrs. Curver, her brothers and her husband all call him "Uncle Solon," or "Uncle Vlasto," and he is on terms of friendship and intimacy with all of them.

There was not the remotest ground for suspicion as to the relations between Mrs. Curver and Vlasto, said Atwater. She and other members of her family found Vlasto an agreeable man to have at dinner and Vlasto was willing to accept their hospitality. He is a man who is willing to fetch and carry and make himself generally useful and agreeable and he helped Mrs. Curver to entertain her friends. He knew he was welcome in Mrs. Curver's home on this account and he doubtless was glad of the opportunity to meet some well-known people there. He was so well known to Senator Clark and so well liked by him that he was a guest of the family on their private car on a trip through the West. He also was on such intimate terms with the family that when he was passing through Paris last summer and learned that Mrs. Curver was there, and he called upon her, and, as a matter of course, dined with her.

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—Harriet Hubbard Mayer, the well-known writer for the New York World, died today of pneumonia, after four days' illness.

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