MINNEAPOLIS NEWS

LIGHT COMES HIGH

BIDS FOR STREET LIGHTING ARE REFERRED TO GAS COMMITTEE

CITY MAY BUILD ITS PLANT

Special Committee on Municipal Electric Light Plant Bond Issue Did Not Report at the Meeting.

Bids for street lighting during the year 1902, were opened at the meeting of the city council last evening. The Minneapolis General Electric company and the Minneapolis Gas Light company were the only bidders. Additional bids were not expected. The proposals of both companies showed no decrease in the prices the city is paying this year for its street lighting. If they are accepted the city will continue to pay $108.50 a year for each arc light in operation all night, and every light, and $82 a year for each arc in operation for 2,000 hours, on the moonlight schedule. It will also pay $1 for each 1,000 cubic feet of gas consumed and $4 a year for the maintenance of every gas lamp post.

The bids were referred to the committee on gas.

The Minneapolis General Electric company also submitted proposals for arc lights operated on schedules of 2,200 and 2,500 hours. The bids on arc lights operated all night and every night which means 3,500 hours a year, is 3 1-10 cents per arc per hour, or $108.50 a year, those operated for only 2,000 hours will cost as they do now, 4 1-10 cents apiece per hour. Should the city desire electric lights to do duty for 2,500 hours they can be had at the rate of 3 8-10 cents an hour, or $95 a year, which arcs in operation for 2,200 hours will cost 4 cents an hour, or $88 per arc per year.

Not a word was heard from the special committee of one alderman from each ward which, during the afternoon, had turned down Ald. Leighton's municipal electric light plant bond issue proposition. That was because a majority of the committee could not be induced to sign a majority report.

The committee comprises thirteen aldermen. Of the ten present yesterday afternoon, only six voted against the proposition. A majority report required the signature of seven members. The three absentees were Ald. S. E. Adams, Dwyer and McCune, the last named being out of the city.

When Ald. Adams and Dwyer were asked at the meeting last night to sign the majority report, they declined to do so, thereby indicating that they were in favor of submitting the question of a bond issue to the vote of the people. Their refusal left the matter in the air, where it will remain until Ald. McCune returns to break the tie. It is understood that Ald. McCune will support Ald. Leighton, and will vote to recommend the adoption of the latter's resolution to submit the question to the vote of the people.

THEY NEEDED THE MONEY.

A Wealthy New Yorker Was Relieved of His Roll.

The confidence men of Minneapolis are certainly up to date, or should be more properly classed as "up to the day after tomorrow." A couple of them enticed a wealthy New Yorker into an alley yesterday morning and when they got through with him he was minus $350, a gold watch and locket.

The robbery was reported to the police a couple of hours later, but as yet they have been unable to locate any of the stolen goods or the thugs.

The victim does not seem to care anything about the loss of the money, but would like to get the watch and locket back.

GET RICH QUICK.

How the Unsuspecting Grocer Is Being Worked.

A smooth swindler is said to be operating among the grocerymen of Minneapolis.

His plan is to go into the store and represent himself as an employe of some railroad company, having just recently moved into the city. He orders a bill of goods and asks to have them sent up to the house, and his wife will pay for them, as he has no money with him.

During his conversation he tells the grocer what his salary is and intimates that he is in pretty good circumstances.

After ordering his goods he leaves the store, but returns in a few minutes with the excuse that he wishes to make a small purchase on the way home, but he does not happen to have the ready money with him to do so, and asks the grocer to lend him a dollar, adding it to his bill, and tells the grocer that his wife will pay everything when the goods are delivered.

In several cases he has been given the dollar, and when the goods were taken to the address given it was found to be fictitious.

DENIES THE CHARGE.

Nelson Claims Jackson Was Properly Cared for by Attendants.

City Physician Henry S. Nelson denies the claim of George F. Jackson that he was cruelly treated at the city hospital. Mr. Jackson is a victim of locomotor ataxia, and while walking through Central park Wednesday night fell unconscious, and was taken to the city hospital.

Mr. Jackson says that at the hospital he was pinched and needles inserted into tender parts of his body, the physicians evidently supposing that he was shamming illness. He also claims that a heavy pressure was put on the lower part of the abdomen, and that he has suffered from pain in that region ever since.

Dr. Nelson claims that nothing was done that a physician would not resort to under the circumstances. He maintains that Mr. Jackson has no grievance. No pins were used, he says, but as in all cases of this kind, an effort was made to produce pain. Dr. Nelson further admits that a heavy pressure was put on the abdomen, but that the method adopted in cases of this kind is recognized by medical science.

BOND ISSUE NOT IN FAVOR.

Special Committee Opposes Leighton's Proposition by 6 to 4.

By a vote of six to four the special council committee of one alderman from each ward turned down yesterday Ald. Leighton's resolution submitting to the vote of the people a proposition to issue $300,000 worth of bonds to establish a municipal electric lighting plant. But this action does not by any means signify the death of the resolution, as the council will vote upon it probably at its next meeting.

The aldermen voting against the resolution were Foell, Lane, Holmes, Peterson, Castle and Sutherland. Those supporting it were Leighton, Main, McCoy and Rand. But as six aldermen do not constitute a majority of the committee, no majority report could be presented to the council last night, and the resolution is still in the hands of the committee.

EXPRESSMEN ARE COMBATIVE.

Engage in Unique Encounter and Are Run In.

J. C. Proctor and Peter Roths, two expressmen with stands at the Milwaukee depot, hereafter will probably be of the opinion that "peace at any price" is preferable to war.

The two got into an altercation this morning, and carried their differences so far that a monkey wrench, a wagon and a policeman were drawn into the trouble, with the result that the belligerent jehus were landed in the central station, and will be given an opportunity to tell their troubles to Judge Dickinson this morning.

A REWARD OFFERED.

Parents of Steward Are Very Anxious to Recover His Body.

The body of William A. Steward, who drowned himself in the river a week ago last Thursday, has not been discovered.

His father, C. W. Steward, residing at 10 East Lake street, has offered a reward for the recovery. If it is found by diving, dragging or explosives, he will pay $100; if found floating on the surface the reward will be $50 for the return.

The parents are very anxious to have the body found, and this reward is offered to stimulate the search.

DWYER WILL MAKE TROUBLE.

Claimed Fire Committee Contract for Horses Is Illegal.

The fire department committee of Minneapolis is in trouble. Ald. Dwyer, one of the members, claims that the contract made, by a minority of that committee, for the purchase of eighteen horses at $200 apiece, was illegal, and the only course to pursue was to return the horses and start all over again, giving the full committee a chance to have a say in the matter.

He also claimed that he had not been officially notified as to the time the committee would meet to purchase the horses, and it was his belief that he was purposely ignored.

He will oppose the payment of the money, and promises to show up fully the fire department committee's methods.

Would Preserve Minnehaha Falls.

C. M. Loring will appear before the board of health at its next meeting and propose a plan to preserve Minnehaha Falls.

The prposition is to secure land surrounding Lake Amelia and make the lake a reservoir. The outlet of the lake could be dammed, thus retaining the water, and gates would be supplied with which they could regulate the flow of the water when they wished to supply the falls.

Escaped From Workhouse.

Dan R. Brown, who escaped from the workhouse yesterday, has not been caught. Officers were sent out through the neighboring country yesterday, but no trace of the man could be found. Brown was serving a forty days' sentence, having been found guilty of petty larceny.

Will Try to Locate Him.

An effort will be made to find the heirs of E. B. Grunett, who died recently at St. Barnabas hospital. He owned considerable property, but at the time of his death nothing was known of his relatives. Friends have applied at the probate court, and letters of administration will be issued to some one in the city.

From Soldier to Fruit Grower.

Gen. C. McC. Reeve has just purchased a country place in New Jersey, within a few hours' ride of New York, and intends to spend most of his time there during the summer. He has a large fruit ranch in California, where he will spend his winters.

Held to the Grand Jury.

Street Car Conductor Roberts, who assaulted Mail Carrier E. J. Forbes on Oct. 23, was taken up yesterday before United States Commissioner Spencer. He was held to the grand jury and bail was fixed at $250. The case against Motorman Bodine was dismissed.

CONVICTS SHOT

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there. The convicts chose the most favorable moment of the day, while many of the guards, acting as foremen of construction of the new cell house, were unarmed.

Since last night the old prison has presented an air of activity that it has not known for years. As soon as the alarms were given the guards were formed in marching order and mounted men, armed to the teeth, were drawn up in front of the main entrance. Most of the guards were old plainsmen, and the diversion of hunting down criminals stirred their blood as nothing else could have done. The escaped convicts were counted the most desperate criminals in the Southwest, and the guards started out on their hunt in full realization of this fact.

It is believed that all the convicts will ultimately be captured if not overtaken by the guards and shot. Each prisoner has undergone an examination under the Bertillon system, and today these descriptions were mailed to every chief of police in the country.

The reports show that the convicts are securing farmers' horses and running them at a high speed until the animals give out, and then pressing in fresh ones whenever found. By making these relays they are trying to outride the officers to the territory. No one but guards and civil officers out for the reward are now in the chase. The soldiers are keeping watch over the reservation. No prisoners were sent today to the new penitentiary, where all work is suspended, and the convicts held in cells so the guards can take up the hunt. Warden McClaughrey, with a force of trustees, is running off pictures of the convicts at large. Two hundred sets will be mailed out tonight to different sheriffs and police.

Two escaped convicts were caught in Topeka tonight. At midnight only fifteen of the fugitives were free.

Change of Time

On the Chicago Great Western Railway. See time tables in this issue.

FATAL FIT OF ANGER

VIOLENT DISPUTE WITH LESSAR IMMEDIATE CAUSE OF EARL LI'S DEATH

YUAN SHI KAI SUCCEEDS

Successor of the Latter, a Provincial Grain Commissioner, Credited With Having Peace of China in His Hands.

PEKIN, Nov. 8.—A special edict has arrived her appointing Yuan Shi Kai (governor of Shan Tung province) to be governor of the province of Chi Li, and appointing Wang Wen Shao, who is vice president of the foreign office and a member of the cabinet, to succeed Li Hung Chang as plenipotentiary. They are both ordered to Pekin forthwith.

Another edict creates Li Hung Chang a marquis and bestows on him the new name of Li Wen Chung, by which he will be known in history.

A violent dispute with M. Paul Lessar, Russian minister to China, over the Manchurian treaty, appears to have been the immediate cause of the death of Li Hung Chang.

The diplomatic events preceding this tragic climax have enabled Japan for a moment to frustrate the designs of Russia. A fortnight ago the Japanese legation secured a reliable outline of the terms of the treaty, and thereupon demanded that the Chinese plenipotentiaries officially lay before them the text, basing this demand upon the allegation that Japanese interests were involved in any change of the status of Manchuria.

The Chinese plenipotentiaries refused to comply with the demand. Thereupon the Japanese government from Tokio communicated with the southern viceroys and induced them to use their influence with the empress dowager against the treaty. In the meantime the empress dowager instructed Li Hung Chang to communicate the treaty, after certain modifications, to the ministers of the powers, and, if they did not object, to summon the same.

Li Hung Chang visited M. Lessar and explained to him the instructions. The Russian minister strongly objected to revealing the text of the treaty to the ministers of the other powers and another stormy interview ensued.

Li Was Violently Angry.

Li Hung Chang went home in a violent passion and had a hemorrhage, which the doctors attribute to the overexertion of a weakened system.

While these things were happening in Pekin, the southern viceroys sent to the empress dowager a memorial against the treaty. On receiving it she telegraphed to Li Hung Chang countermanding the order to sign. When M. Lessar endeavored to have Li Hung Chang's seal affixed to the treaty, Chou Fu, provincial treasurer, had arrived from Pao Ting Fu, and taken charge of the seals as the temporary successor to Earl Li.

The flag of the United States legation was the only one half-masted in Pekin today. The mourners and the family of Li Hung Chang will burn paper offerings tomorrow, in accordance with custom, for the use of his spirit in the other world. The street is hung with mourning emblems. All the attendants at the Yamen are richly attired and many of them gaudily dressed. Today musicians beat drums about the house.

Li Hung Chang's estate will remain intact for the use of his eldest son, who will provide for the other members of the family.

Yuan Shi Kai's successor in the governorship of the province of Shan Tung is Chang Yen Chun, who has been holding an unimportant though lucrative position as grain commissioner of the inland town of Tsing Kiang Fu. He will be watched with the deepest solicitude, as the peace of China will largely depend upon his course.

Wang Wen Shao, who is seventy-four years of age and deaf, was never rated as a statesman or a diplomatist. His appointment is probably temporary.

Telegraphic communication with Prince Ching was obtained today. He is hastening to meet the court. After consultation he will return with Wang Wen Shao, who is accompanying the court, which is now five days' journey from Kai Fong Ku.

Emperor Kwang Su, report says, is assuming his lead of the imperial court on horseback. Native papers declare that he proposes to inaugurate a revival of the military spirit, assuming the honorary position of commander-in-chief and wearing a uniform. They also assert that he will compel the nobles to follow his example, to take military positions and to study military science.

A private letter from a European now in Tai Yuen Fu says that two British officers, with a party of Indian soldiers encountered the imperial procession, were suspected of unfriendly motives and were detained as prisoners by the emperor's bodyguard for a few days. Apparently this was an exploring party, commanded by Maj. Manifold and Capt. Hunter, who have been operating in that region for some time.

EDWARD BESTOWS HONORS.

Oculist to the King Gets a Patent of Knighthood.

LONDON, Nov. 8.—Among the honors bestowed on the occasion of King Edward's birthday, which occurs tomorrow, are a baronetcy upon the retiring lord mayor of London, Frank Green, and knighthood for Chief Justices Little, of Newfoundland, and Gray, of Bermuda; G. A. Critchett, oculist to the king, and George Hussey, mayor of Southampton. Sir Francis Plunkitt is made a knight grand cross of the Bath, and Clinton Dawkins (formerly financial member of the council of the governor general of India, and now a member of the firm of J. S. Morgan & Co.) is made a companion of the Bath.

M'GUIRE GIVES BAIL.

Suspended Secretary-Treasurer of the Carpenters Appears in Court.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 8.—P. J. McGuire, of Camden, former secretary treasurer of the Brotherhood of Carpenters, who is charged with being short $6,000 in his accounts, and for whom a warrant was issued yesterday, appeared before a Philadelphia magistrate today and waived a hearing. He was released on $5,000 bail.

McGuire was recently suspended from office of secretary treasurer by the general executive board, and a vote is now being taken by all local unions of the brotherhood on the proposition to make the suspension permanent.

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TO FIGHT THE CANAL

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in preparing its report. In order that the court may absolutely control such assistants, it is probable recourse may be had to men in the naval service, such as yeomen who are subject to naval discipline.

CARTER'S CLAIM TO WEALTH

Is the Only Question Really Involved in Rehearing.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—The cabinet meeting today developed the fact that there exists an entire misapprehension regarding the legal proceedings which are to take place in Chicago in the case of Oberlin M. Carter, who was convicted by military court-martial of embezzlement and sentenced to a term in the penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan.

Attorney General Knox explained to the president and cabinet today that Capt. Carter was not to be given a new trial before Judge Kohlsaat, as has been erroneously reported. The government has about $100,000 of the property belonging to Capt. Carter and the question which will be tried before Judge Kohlsaat relates only to the title to that property. Incidentally, of course, the question of Capt. Carter's conviction by military court will be raised, but Attorney General Knox told the cabinet that it was in no rense a new trial of Capt. Carter's case before a civil tribunal.

Attorney General Knox said that with the $150,000 which the government soon will recover, the total amount restored to the government will foot up over half a million dollars.

GERMANS MUST PAY MORE.

Wages Do Not Go Up as Cost of Living Increases.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—Consul Kehl, at Stettin, has added an interesting chapter to the reports furnished by our consular officers in Germany touching the effect of the proposed new German tariff. The first effect of an increase over the present import duty on foodstuffs coming into the empire, Mr. Kehle says, will be an advance in the price of these articles. The cost of living in Germany, he says, at present is from 10 to 50 per cent higher than in the United States, while wages are about one-third those paid in America. To balance the increased cost of living wages must be increased, which again will enhance the cost of production and the selling price, thus placing the burden of higher import duty on the people in general.

Germany, the consul says, has not the material resources to supply her people's demand for meats and agricultural products, and with a constant increase in population and the evolution from an agricultural to an industrial country, it is quite natural, he says, that the demand for food would advance as the production decreases.

GETTING INTO WEST POINT.

Applicants Hereafter Will Have More Liberal Treatment.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—Secretary Root has issued an order changing the regulations relative to admissions to West Point so that the academic board may accept candidates who are graduates of high schools or students of universities, without requiring them to pass the mental examination prescribed by the department. The important paragraphs added are:

The academic board will consider, and may accept, in lieu of the regular mental entrance examination, the properly attested examination papers of an appointee who receives his appointment to a public competitive examination, or the properly attested certificates of graduation from a public high school, in which the course of study covers the range of subjects heretofore prescribed for candidates; or a properly attested certificate that the candidate is a regular student of any incorporated college or university.

APPOINTMENTS HELD UP.

President Roosevelt Desires to Nominate When Senate Is in Session.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—President Roosevelt has decided not to make any more appointments of importance until congress meets. All recess appointments must be retained until the assembling of congress, and the president thinks that all the larger appointments should be held up until he can send the names directly to the senate. Such action as has been taken has not been determined definitely, but if the present inclination of the president prevails both Appraiser Wakeman and Collector Bidwell, of New York, will be succeeded by other appointees.

Military Appointments.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—The president today made the following appointments:

War—Majors of infantry, William A. Nichols, Colville P. Gerrett, Nat P. Physter, Alexis R. Piston, R. Abercrombie; Montgomery M. Macomb, major artillary corps; Carroll F. Armistead, captain artillery corps; Earl W. Taylor, first lieutenant artillery corps; Frank H. Titus, Matthew Leepere, surgeons of volunteers, rank of major; Luke B. Peck, assistant surgeon of volunteers, rank of captain; Walter Clifford Chidester, Reuben Boyd Miller, assistant surgeons, rank of first lieutenant.

NOW SETTLING DETAILS

OFFICIAL STATEMENT STILL WANTING IN BIG RAILROAD DEAL.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—It is said today that so much progress has been made in the details of the settlement of the Northern Pacific and Burlington situation that it will not be necessary to hold many more joint conferences. It is believed at the Union Pacific railroad directors' meeting, to be held in this city this week, the whole plan, as it affects the company's interests, will be laid before the meeting, although it could not be learned today whether any official statement will be made.

It is believed that the agreement reached includes the transfer of all the Northern Pacific shareholdings of the Union Pacific interests to the new company, to be organized by President J. J. Hill, of the Great Northern, and which will hold the control of that company and the Northern Pacific. Mr. Hill will be the nominating influence in this new corporation, and thus of the two Northwestern railways.

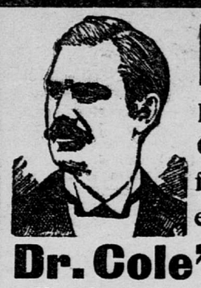
The plan embraces the retirement of the Northern Pacific preferred shares, this plan being now practicable through the turning over of the Northern Pacific holdings of the Union Pacific. It is believed that the Northern Pacific preferred shares will be retired by the issue of bonds, although this is a detail in the new organization of the Hill financial company which remains to be settled.

RIO GRANDE TRAINS MOVING.

Railway Trainmen Ordered to Carry Out Their Agreement.

DENVER, Col., Nov. 8.—Manager Herbert, of the Denver & Rio Grande, reports that notwithstanding the strike of switchmen the company's trains have been moving today with very little delay. He says that 85 per cent of the places made vacant by the strike have already been filled. The strikers, on the other hand, assert that the switching has been done today by yardmasters and other officials of the road and that the service has been very seriously crippled.

W. G. Lee, vice grand master of the Brotherhood of Trainmen, has issued an order to the members of the Brotherhood to carry out the agreement existing between the organization and the Rio Grande company regardless of the strike order of the Switchmen's union. This agreement, he declares, covers yard service.



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OUR SHIPPING GROWS

MAXIMUM OF 1861 REACHED DURING THE PAST YEAR

American Vessels Are Shown, However, to Carry but a Small Percentage of the World's Commerce.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8.—The report of Mr. Chamberlain, the United States commissioner of navigation, says that the past fiscal year has been the third successive year of notable prosperity and growth in American shipping, exceeding the two previous years. The extent and nature of work under way or projected in shipyards promises an even greater growth for the current fiscal year.

American tonnage now has attained practically the former maximum of 1861. The figures of 1901, compared with 1861, show an increase in coasting trade vessels from 2,704,544 tons to 4,582,685 tons (two-thirds of this increase being on the great lakes) a decrease in foreign trade vessels from 2,496,894 tons to 879,895 tons and a decrease in whaling and fishing vessels from 388,256 tons to 61,940 tons.

Of our total tonnage 3,623,201 tons are wooden vessels and only 1,901,017 tons are iron or steel. In 1900 Great Britain launched 1,440,000 tons of steel vessels.

Small Percentage of American Carriers.

Although registered American vessels increased 62,435 tons during the year, American vessels carried only 8.2 per cent of our exports and imports, the smallest percentage in our history.

Our fleet of ocean steamers in foreign trade, the report says, is too small to be compared with that of foreign nations. The fleets of each of the four large British and German steamship corporations exceeds the American fleet in tonnage, mileage and business.

The tonnage built and documented in the United States during the past fiscal year comprises 1,580 vessels of 483,469 gross tons. The steel vessels under construction or under contract during the current fiscal year will much exceed similar tonnage built in any previous year. The bureau is advised of 89 such merchant vessels of 355,645 gross tons, to be valued at about $36,000,000. Besides these, 71 naval vessels of 281,148 tons displacement are building. In this work 41 plants, with a capital of about $68,000,000, employing about 46,000 men, are engaged.

The building of 10 trans-Atlantic steamers presumably rests on anticipated legislation by congress. The American cost of a steamer of the "Minnehaha" type will be $1,846,800, the British cost $1,419,200. The American cost of smaller transatlantic cargo steamers will be $729,000, for which the British price ranges from $534,000 to $486,000.

The difference in wages on American and foreign vessels is considered in detail. In illustration, the payroll (excluding master) of 380 men on the steamship St. Louis, is $11,300; of 427 men on the British Oceanic, is $9,900, and of 500 men on the German Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, $7,715. The German is the fastest steamship, the American is the smallest.

ELECTRIC LINE COMBINE

LINES TO BE CONSOLIDATED TO COVER POPULOUS PARTS OF OHIO.

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Representative Corliss and Col. J. Hutchins, of Detroit, are in the city in the interest of the Everett-Moore railway syndicate. W. E. Moore, of the syndicate, also is in town. One story is to the effect that they are here to arrange for a mortgage for $26,000,000 on all the Detroit and Michigan lines in the syndicate and to form a new company consolidating all those lines.

According to the New York Press, in addition to the Detroit scheme, a trolley deal more gigantic than any yet attempted is under way. It contemplates the absorption of roads which will place under one control a line from Cleveland to Columbus and Cincinnati, a line from Cincinnati to Toledo and possibly a line from Toledo to Columbus. It will include about 450 miles of road. The syndicate may abandon the idea of extending the Northern Ohio Traction line to Canton and deviate it to Massillon.

200,000 ARE SHUT OUT

ONLY FIFTY-THOUSAND PUPILS IN PORTO RICO SCHOOLS.

SAN JUAN DE PORTO RICO, Nov. 8.—Gov. Hunt has returned from his tour of the island. He expressed himself as delighted with the spirit of co-operation which he found throughout the various sections of the country, and the increased hopefulness of the people. He reports that the crops indicate a heavy sugar production and a large yield of coffee. Improvements in municipal arrangements are also noticeable, and intense interest was shown in education wherever he went. There was a demand for more schools. Fifty thousand pupils are attending schools and 200,000 are unable to obtain tuition.

OCEAN LINERS.

Antwerp—Arrived: Zeeland, New York.

New York—Arrived: Canadian, Liverpool; La Savoie, Havre; Mongolian Glasgow.

Liverpool—Sailed: Celtic, New York, via Queenstown. Arrived: Germanic, New York.

Brisbane—Arrived: Aorangi, Vancouver, via Honolulu, for Sydney, N. S. W.

Yokohama—Arrived: Duke of Fife, Tacoma and Victoria, B. C., for Kobe, Shanghai and Hongkong.

Brisbane—Sailed: Miowera (from Sydney, N. S. W.), Honolulu, Victoria and Vancouver.

Boston—Arrived: Ultonia, Liverpool.

Hamburg—Arrived: Deutschland, New York, via Plymout hand Cherbourg; Pafatia, New York.

St. Vincent, C. V.—Arrived: Cymbeline, San Francisco, via Montevideo.

London—Arrived: Menominee, New York. Sailed: Minnehaha, New York.

Cherbourg—Sailed: Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse (from Bremen and Southampton), New York (was detained by fog).

An Excellent Combination.

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