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As a matter of Education, it becomes the duty of everyone who can possibly do so to attend the World's Fair, but if this is not possible, it is easily within the reach of every man, woman and child to secure the superb series of "Forest City" World's Fair Art Portfolios...

Panama Canal Hurts Europe

The Panama Canal will be open to commerce in about ten years, says a leading German paper, the Frankfurter Zeitung, and it proceeds to show that the canal will be detrimental to Europe as far as commerce with the Far East is concerned...

The exchange of goods with the countries to which the lessening of distance is the greatest, namely, western Mexico and California, is of only moderate importance. The saving of nautical miles between Hamburg and San Francisco and all harbors on the western coast north of Panama is 6,652; south of Panama the saving constantly decreases...

This saving is very much larger for the eastern ports of the United States, namely, 9,531 nautical miles between New York and San Francisco, so that New York on this route gains 2,889 nautical miles more than Hamburg. But this is not all. The main fact is that this saving is so large on the route from New York to eastern Asia and Australia that it changes the present disadvantage of New York into an advantage...

Distance is, of course, not the only decisive factor; if it were Trieste would be of greater importance in the Far East than Liverpool and London. It is, however, of great weight. The Panama Canal will favor the chances of the eastern ports of North America in an extraordinary degree.

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These are the facts. It is for those who can to explain them. Haggard's explanation is: "The dog Bob, between whom and myself there existed a mutual attachment, either at the moment of his death, if his existence can conceivably have been prolonged till after 1 in the morning, or, as seems more probable, about three hours after that event, did succeed in calling my attention to its actual or recent plight by placing whatever portion of my being is capable of receiving such impulses when enchained by sleep, into its own terrible position..."

"I recognize, further, that, if its dissolution took place at the moment when I dreamt, this communication must have been a form of that telepathy which is now very generally acknowledged to occur between human beings from time to time and under special circumstances, but which I have never heard of as occurring between a human being and one of the lower animals. If, on the other hand, that dissolution happened, as I believe, over three hours previously—what am I to say? Then it would seem that it must have been some non-bodily but surviving part of the life or of the spirit of the dog which, so soon as my deep sleep gave it an opportunity, reproduced those things in my mind, as they had already occurred, I presume, to advise me of the manner of its end or to bid me farewell."

This is an interesting contribution to the literature on whether animals have souls. Haggard's statements and his explanation have naturally caused considerable discussion. Who can offer a better explanation than the remarkable one given by the novelist?

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Bishop Potter is being roundly denounced for taking part in the opening of a saloon which he was pleased to call a poor man's club. It is hard to see wherein the bishop's saloon differs from thousands of others and it is no wonder that his actions produce a shock in the religious world...

What has happened to the corner in which General Stalkeburg was supposed some days ago to be fastened?

Nothing seems to be going on except at Port Arthur, a condition of affairs which lends color to the statement that other operations have been suspended in order to devote all possible energies to taking that fortress. Still it is not likely that any operations would be suspended, which would mean practically abandoned, if there was a chance of cutting off and capturing Stalkeburg's army.

It would be well for the government to come to the aid of the anti-mosquito committee.

The matter is one to be studied by prospective members of the next legislature, for there are regulations which might properly be enacted as laws, which would materially assist the work of freeing the city from the pest. The committee has done very valuable work, first in demonstrating the possibility of success, and second in very materially reducing the number of mosquitoes and adding to the public comfort.

A work that depends so absolutely on universal co-operation as does the mosquito campaign, however, can scarcely be kept up to the proper standard without the aid of law.

Even the most energetic stirring of public spirit leaves some citizens in a state of indifference, and numerous there are still many who do not believe that mosquitoes can be prevented from breeding, just as there

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are people who do not believe that they carry malaria, or yellow fever, or dengue, and people who do not think vaccination prevents small-pox, or that the earth is round. The obstinate skeptics in most cases do not matter, but when it comes to dealing with mosquitoes, a single householder, by ignoring the work, can infect a whole district with pests. Whoever does so maintains a nuisance just as much as if he kept an open cesspool, and the law should deal with his case.

The practicability of the plan is generally recognized by the public. If the legislature will take hold and adopt some general rules, without going into too much detail, and give some authority to the men in charge of the work, the latter will be able to do even more for the community than they have done now.

Hamilton Wright, whose modest request of the Merchants' Association is for all the data necessary for him to prepare a series of articles for Eastern papers on Hawaii under American rule, furnishes a fair sample of Eastern ignorance of these islands. Wright is secretary of the California Promotion Committee, an organization which has no interest whatever in the welfare of Hawaii, but the Eastern papers he refers to probably thought that Hawaii was somewhere near the Farallones and that San Francisco was the nearest point to apply for information.

The Paraguay revolutionists are not fighting fairly. How is the other side going to carry on the contest when they make the Minister of War a prisoner?

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